

The Museum at The Creamery

THE SKANEATELES HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The history of the farm that became Hobbit Hollow

Before it was a B&B, Hobbit Hollow farm was home to “cow stampedes,” the area’s first tractor, indoor tennis courts and even an airstrip!

Join Diane Pierce Maguire as she walks us through a history of the property, beginning from 1870. Great niece of George Barnes Hiscock, who farmed and lived on the land between 1912 and 1975, Diane weaves historic photos and census data with family stories and personal reflections of the property.

Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind evening on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm at The Museum at The Creamery.

In memory of Nina Pittard

Nina was a valued gift shop volunteer for many years. She was always cheery and excited about helping people, and about learning new things. We’ll miss her, and are grateful to her friends and family who have chosen to remember her with a donation to the SHS in her memory.

**Have you signed up for our
September bus trip to the 1000
Islands?**

**See our brochure on pages 5-6 in this
newsletter, and call or stop in to reserve
your seat before they’re gone!**

OCTOBER PROGRAM**Port Byron's Old Erie Park Restoration Project**

We are lucky to have Thomas X. Grasso bringing his expertise to the Skaneateles Historical Society on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 7:30 pm, to share the story of the newly completed Old Erie Park at Port Byron, NY. Tom has a long history with the Canal Society of NYS, having served as its President for 40 years and becoming President Emeritus in April, 2016. He has published books on both canals and geology. He has acted as President for Waterways International and is considered an expert on these important waterways. If you visit the Greece Canal Park in Greece, NY, you can visit a lovely lodge named in his honor. Tom's talk on the Old Erie Park will be a richly illustrated presentation that will focus on the history and development of a unique Canal restoration project. The project at nearby Port Byron includes access from both the Thruway and NY Route 31. It is the first of its kind, and includes a Visitors Center, Port Byron's Lock 52 built in 1853, and authentic side-buildings built by Italian Immigrants— The Erie House Saloon, Mule Barn, and Blacksmith Shop. Please come and share some of our rich heritage. See you there!

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Do you shop at Amazon? If so, they have a program that donates a percentage of all eligible sales to a charity of your choice. The Skaneateles Historical Society is now participating, so all you have to do is go to:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7339639>

Research Assistance

Do you know that we have a researcher every Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. who is available to help the public with their searches for local history, information on houses, genealogy research, and much more? We have one of the most extensive research collections in the area, and we are always happy to help anyone who has a question that relates to Skaneateles history. If you can't come on Fridays, you can email us at skaneateleshistoricalsociety@verizon.net or send us a letter.

BOARD MEMBERS: President, David Bates; V-P, Bill Stinson; Secretary, Mona Smalley; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Lengyel; Treasurer, Betsy Foote; Town Historian, Beth Battle; Village Historian, Jorge Battle; Members-at-large, Dan Bangs, Julie DiBagio, Doug Hamlin, David Miller, Karlene Miller, Barbara Patrick, Joseph Spalding, Susan Spalding, Lewis Wellington, Richard Whalen
MUSEUM DIRECTOR: Laurie Winship

CREAMERY HOURS

Sept-Thanksgiving, Fri-Sat, 1-4 p.m.

Or by appointment



Providing website support

Early Skaneateles Newspapers

The Historical Society now has additional early newspapers that were given to us by the Skaneateles Library, as they clear out space to make more room for their staff. Most of the newspapers are on microfilm; a few are not. Some of the earliest papers, from the early 1800s, are too fragile to handle, but we're excited that we were able to find room to archive them. Do you know all the newspapers Skaneateles has published? Some publications overlapped; some bought others out.

Telegraph, 1829-1831

Columbian, 1831-1853

Democrat, 1840-1926; significant gaps in publication between 1880-1897

Free Press, 1874-1926

Mirror, 1926-1971

Press, 1926-present

Journal, 2007-present

Recent Acquisitions

Glass butter package, patented by J.P. Sinclair

Mottville and Sinclair chairs

Clothing circa 1890-1900, adult and children's, from descendants of the Cuddeback family

Lion's Club memorabilia

2016 Comet Yearbook

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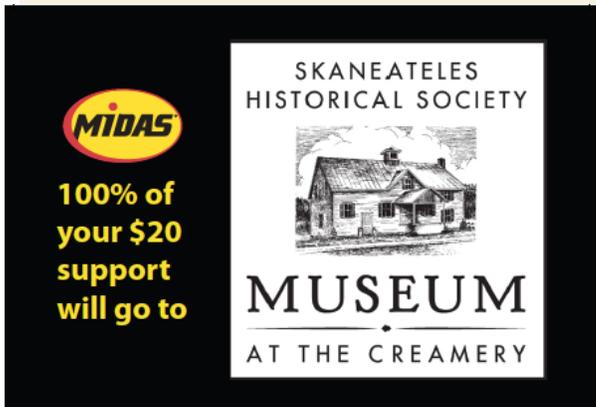
Does your car need an oil change?

Everyone needs an oil change sooner or later.

If you buy this coupon for \$20, you get an oil change plus 1/2 off your next one at the Midas location in Auburn (or other participating locations) and The Historical Society gets to keep the \$20.

This is the Midas shop owner's way of supporting their community and we think it's a great idea!

Please stop by our gift shop, or call us at 315-685-1360, and we will make arrangements to get your coupon to you as soon as possible. This is also a great gift idea —the holidays are fast approaching.



Annual Fund Drive

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our annual fund drive. We have raised \$11, 717.50 toward our goal of \$30,00.00. Please consider making a donation if you haven't already done so. This money is used for day-to-day operations of the museum, and we rely on your continuing support.

Julie Sharpe Legacy

The Skaneateles Historical Society is one of several organizations that Julie Sharpe chose to support as part of a charitable legacy being administered by the CNY Community Foundation. We received our first check from her fund this past June. We're very grateful that Julie thought of us in this way, and plan to use her money to start renovating our older exhibits.

Join us on the Bus to



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Sept. 16
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Explore Boldt Castle 'till 4:10 or 4:40 for bus boarding at 5:15 for 8:00 arrival home after a 45 min. stop

Cost per person is just \$145
(includes a small donation to The Creamery)

Friday
Sept. 16, 2016
Call 685-1360 for ticket info.

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Here's the deal:

Reserve your seat on our deluxe coach for \$45.00

Pay the additional \$100 (\$145 total) by Sept. 10

No refunds allowed after 9/10 but you may find a replacement

We will meet at Austin Park at 6:45 and depart at 7:00 on 9/16

Fill out the form below, detach it, and make your check out to
Skaneateles Historical Society.

Mail it to us at 28 Hannum St. Skaneateles, NY 13152

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

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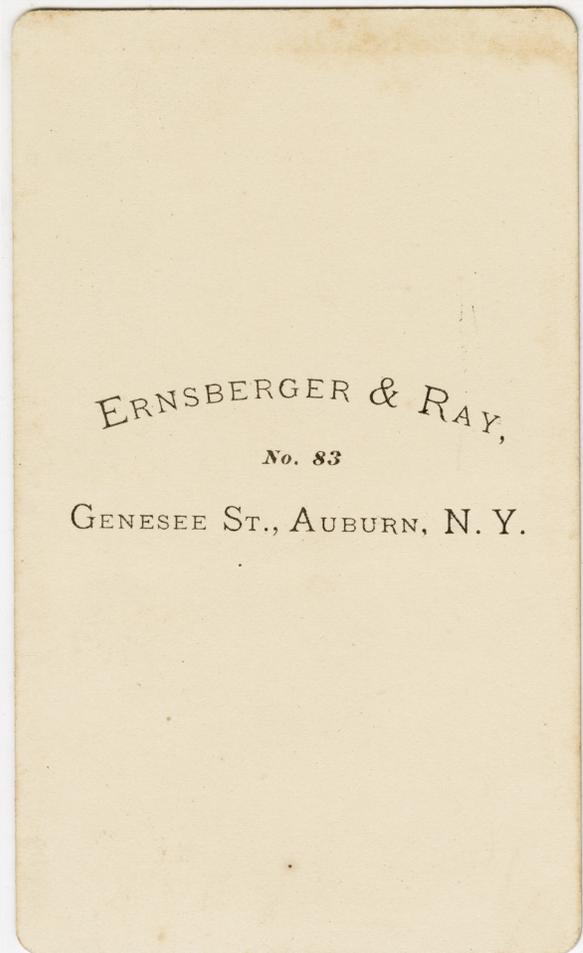
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Miss Flora Bowdish

Bill Hecht is scanning old photo albums for us to preserve the images in a digital format. This is from a Bowdish photo album. Flora Bowdish was the daughter of Nelson Bowdish, who was a painter as well as a boat builder. We're grateful to Bill Hecht for volunteering his expertise.

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Genesee Street looking west, circa 1890s. Photo from the M. Lindsay poor scrapbook, scanned by Bill Hecht.