Can you fit in . . . ?

Each summer your SHS Board of Directors enters into the exercise of nominating and ultimately electing new Directors. Some are re-elected to a second or a final term, and others are simply elected into board vacancies.

In the Board’s recruitment efforts we try to find volunteer candidates willing to consider Board Membership, for today or in the future.

As numerous voices have succinctly pointed out in recent years, finding d to serve not-for-profit organizations has become a serious challenge.

Today’s Skaneateles Historical Society is no exception.

However, this being said, I remain optimistic that some of our faithful, dues-paying members might see their way clear to say, “Sure, put me down, I’ll give it a try!” This would be pure music to your Society’s collective ears!

Serving on our board isn’t complex, it isn’t demanding, it isn’t mundane or very time-consuming. On the contrary, we engage in fun, exciting and very worthwhile projects each year. To just name a few: the Dickens Holiday efforts we partner with; the Antique Classic Boat Show; this year’s 80th Lightning Regatta; there are so many community and museum-related efforts that need you!

And please remember, volunteers do not necessarily have to actually “sit on the Board.” Look over the list below and see if you, or someone you know, might make a valuable addition to our volunteer team.

[Footnote: Another volunteer opportunity arena we recently heard of is within the National Honor Society and various youth Scouting programs. Both have requirements for accumulating public (community) service hours in order to reach specific goals. If you know of any students looking to serve in such capacities please ask us about opportunity availabilities.]

Your Society needs you!
Thank you for listening,
David Bates, Board President

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In this digital age: Photographs, Grants and great Volunteers

The Creamery Recently received a grant from the Central New York Library Resources Council in order to move forward with a project that will allow our photograph collection to be preserved digitally. Didn't realize we had a photograph collection? Come down and take a peek! There are many wonderful photographs of Skaneateles from over the years. Our dedicated volunteer Bill Hecht has been busy scanning all these images and now with the help of CLRC we will be able to share our collection through New York Heritage Digital Collections.

https://nyheritage.org/

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2018 Annual Fund Drive

Thanks to all your support we have made it to $18,000 but we aren't there yet!
The regatta for the 80th Anniversary of the Lightning was held at the Skaneateles Country Club and an Open House for the participants was held at The Creamery on Friday evening. Refreshments were served and a special “2 for 1” evening was offered by the Finger Lakes On Tap Pub across the street.

There were 72 Lightning sailboats including crews from the Northeast, Midwest and the local area and we had at least 130 of those sailors show up for the Open House.

Many participants praised the organizers of the Regatta (Mike and Vanessa Yates plus a great crew of volunteers) for a well coordinated event and some said a highlight of the weekend was the Open House at The Creamery.

As we all know, Skaneateles is the home of the Lightning and all of the attendees got to pay homage to Lightning #1 on display in our boat display area. There was also a door prize drawing with 2 sets of Lightning engraved cocktail glasses and one bottle of Lightning Whiskey from the Last Shot Distillery awarded to 3 lucky winners.

Many thanks to Julie DiBagio, Dan & Miki Bangs, Barb Patrick & Tessi Spearing for organizing the Open House logistics.

Cake thanks to Beth Batlle

Door prize tickets courtesy Karen Lewis
The boat that started it all - Lightning #1

Nearly perfect weather for sailing  

Photo by Jill Newton
MONTHLY PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER

Of Art, Poetry and the Poet
Please join us Tuesday, September 25, 2018

We heard you and we are bringing Mary back! Due to a busy Spring schedule many missed this wonderful presentation earlier this year. We hope you will be able to join us this month.

In a region rich with pockets of cultural gems we are pleased to present the poet Mary Gardner, of Skaneateles. The presentation will include readings of her poetry along with the poetry of other regional writers in association with, and inspired by, images of our beautiful region. The work of John Francis McCarthy, photographer, and John D. Barrow, painter, will set the stage for Gardner’s reading. A local journey into the world of poetry and the world that inspires.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: OCTOBER

An evening with Nicole Abrams, Director of the Great Law of Peace Center
Please join us Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Do you know these Native American facts indigenous to this area? Indigenous people arrived here 15,000 years ago, crossing the land bridge between Asia and North America, as the glaciers melted and retreated forming the Finger Lakes. Haudenosaunee, “people of the long house,” is the preferred name of the six nation confederacy referred to as the Iroquois Confederacy by the French. The original five nations formed the confederacy under the Great Law of Peace over 1000 years ago. Onondaga means “People of the Hills.”

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy became the greatest Native American power in Colonial America. The Onondaga nation was the predominant force of the confederacy.

These facts and more are a part of the story of the Haudenosaunee people that is told in a new exhibit at the museum. Also telling a broader story on October 23, 7:30 at the museum is Nicole Abrams, director of the Great Law of Peace Center in Liverpool. She will speak on the Haudenosaunee culture, values, history and attributes. All are invited. Bring a guest. It will be an informative evening!
Researchers are available every Friday from 1 - 4 PM

The Society, through the efforts of many dedicated volunteers, has created and collected extensive archives for historical and genealogical research: an amazing resource which serves the community and visitors alike.

Our researchers, who include our Town & Village Historian along with other experienced volunteers, help a variety of visitors just like you! Members and non-members come in to research the history of their homes, their families, or other subjects of interest. Some are working on a personal project and many are completing projects for their work life. We look forward to seeing you in our research room sometime soon!

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FALL MEMBER GATHERING!

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

EVENING OPEN HOUSE FROM 7 - 8

Stop in and see some of our newest exhibits, chat with your fellow members and enjoy the museum under the moon light.