Autumn and the Holidays, 1914: A Somber Time

by Preston Pierce, Museum Educator

As I sat down to write for this issue of The Chronicles, we were winding up October. November was just around the corner, and then the holidays. I was reminded that this essay would be published at holiday time. I did think of writing about holiday traditions; about turkey and “Black Friday”, holiday parties, cookie exchanges, traffic jams, beautiful lighting displays and familiar holiday music. Yes — and special games of the NFL/NHL variety as well as those we play around the family table. There is a history behind all of that. But this time of this particular year, there are some other things to think about.

This past July, we passed an important milestone. It didn’t seem too important in Ontario County at the time. Just another member of the European nobility assassinated in a far-off city most students had a hard time finding on a map; Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Before the Labor Day festivities were over in 1914, however, nearly half of the western world had taken sides in a war that became a cataclysm. While Americans were determined to stay out of it at first, the local impact of the war was felt immediately.

Thomas H. Fearley, vacationing in Norway, sent a letter published in the Ontario County Times (Aug. 26), telling how the war declarations cut short his travels and frightened his companions.

In the September 2nd issue of the Ontario County Times, Rev. Livingston Taylor (Canandaigua Congregational Church) reported on the tension he encountered as he returned from vacation in Europe.

On September 16th, the local papers informed their readers that President Wilson had called upon all Americans to pray for peace. Sunday, October 4th was declared a national “day of prayer and supplication” when all God-fearing persons would “repair on that day to their places of worship, there to unite their petitions.”

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As we approach the end of another calendar year, it is always a good idea to reflect on the past year’s events and look forward to another exciting year at the Historical Society.

2014 was the 100th birthday of the museum. With the help of the membership and Kathy Nevin, we had several new events that improved our connection to the Ontario County Community. “Love Your History Day”, “Mother’s Day”, “Family Day” and our July birthday bash all attracted new members to the museum and helped to promote our mission.

We established a new fundraiser this year, too. A 5K run aptly named, “A Run for the Past” will become a spring event that will bring attention to the museum and help bring some additional dollars into the coffers. Our “Tour of Barns and Agricultural Fair” attracted families from all over the region. It was a joy to see childrens’ (and adults’) fascination with bee keeping, barn building, blacksmithing and other agricultural skills that we can’t afford to lose. It was a financial success that members of the Barn Tour Committee can all be proud of.

As an educational institution chartered by the New York State Education Department, our learning programs are an important part of our programming. This year we experienced a change in museum educators. Ray Shedrick put together several programs including the popular, “Clash of Empires” and the talk on the “Sullivan Clinton Campaign” by Robert Spiegelman. Ray took a position with the county and resigned in June. He was followed by Preston Pierce. Preston set to work completing some of Ray’s programs and took on the project of expanding participation in the “National History Day” competition. Our fall event, “A Walk Into the Past” was championed by our cemetery committee. We took on a blustery, September Saturday and entertained a nice gathering in Canandaigua’s West Avenue Cemetery.

Wilma Townsend’s exhibit displaying and interpreting our collection of wedding dresses was a real hit! The donation box benefitted from the great number of visitors who came to see what bridal parties wore over the past 200 years. We continue to receive donations of artifacts that are important to our collection that continues to fill space we do not have in the museum. Each item is processed, numbered, placed in its special location. Wilma and her volunteers continue to identify and scan images into the system. We have increased our number of followers on social media to nearly 2000 this year by posting images, monitoring discussions and seeking feedback on what people want to see. Our online donations are also up this year.

We also completed the redesign of our internet site www.ochs.org. It is receiving great reviews with the new family roots research system we developed. Now genealogy research can be purchased on line through PayPal. It is a nice innovation and a service that is growing in popularity.

We met a lot of new people this year and welcomed several new businesses into our fold. When I have the opportunity to meet new visitors to the museum I like to ask them why they came in. Locals often reply that they passed by many times and wondered “what went on in there.” Visitors tell us that they found us on the internet or talked to the concierge and like to bring their families to a community history museum. They are always amazed with what they see and learn here. They are always invited back, handed a copy of The Chronicles and thanked for their contribution to our donation box. Anyone who has ever spent time behind the scenes at the Historical Society will tell you it is a busy place with a pleasant environment. It comes from people being purposeful, dedicated and happy to preserve our community’s history. We like being here.

Please have a happy and safe holiday season and don’t forget to renew your membership on time. We will see you next year with more great programming.
From the Curator’s Loft

by Wilma Townsend

With Christmas coming soon (as we are all over-reminded in stores, commercials and the media), I thought we’d take a glimpse at past Christmases in Ontario County through entries made in local diaries from the 19th and 20th centuries. Our collection holds over 300 diaries written by farmers, housewives, business people, teachers, etc. – most just jotted down a few quick lines each day. Not surprisingly, our earliest diaries make no mention of Christmas, as the holiday was not celebrated by most Protestants until later in the 19th century. However, the later diary excerpts do emphasize the importance of family gatherings, dinners, and of course, presents.

Diary of J. Allen Throop (1827-1897), Port Gibson, December 25, 1852
“Went to Port Gibson . . . built three sheep troughs in the a.m. Visited at Uncle A. L. Van Dusen’s in the p.m. and evening in company with Will and Gus, Newt, Frank, Matilda Trout, Uncle Wm and wife Lile Van Dusen, Mellissa Howell, “Lina” and “Juddy”. We partook of a Christmas supper at about 4pm. On sitting down to the table we were furnished with oysters, roast turkey etc. in abundance. Spent the evening in singing and lively conversation. On the whole we had a Merry Christmas.”

Diary of Sheffield Winslow Peabody (1830-1914), Springwater, December 25, 1854
Arch and I cleaned up 40 bushels of oats and drawed a jagg of hay. We killed a turkey, dressed it for supper. It weighed 17 pounds when plucked.

Diary of Daniel Arnold (1800-1892), Farmington, December 25, 1857
“At tended the funeral of Henry L. Howland, Sermon by Eld. G. Moore from James 4th, 14th. The weather was pleasant and a large congregation present.”

Diary of Caroline Cowles Richards (1842-1913), Canandaigua, December 25, 1857
“Grandfather and Grandmother do not care much about making Christmas presents. They say, when they were young no one observed Christmas or New Years, but they always kept Thanksgiving Day. Our cousins, the Fields and the Carrs, gave us several presents and Uncle Edward sent us a basket full from New York by express.”

Diary of Louisa Coleman Hayes (1833-1884), Canandaigua, December 25, 1863
“A beautiful day and very pleasantly spent. Received a number of very nice presents – knives from Mother Hayes, beautiful silver plate. Casters from Mother and butter knife. Cushion from Grandmother. Bell from Sister Mary. Cologne from Gus. Potato knife from Uncle Robert. Fancy pockets from Clara. Pen Wiper from Kittie Antis. And a beautiful vase from Byron. Robert Antis took Eddy and me to Mother’s – first time Eddy has been out. Eddy had a great many presents.”

Diary of Florence Grant Stillman (1851-1933), Canadice, December 25, 1876
“Christmas Morning! Upon turning my plate at breakfast I was quite surprised to find a seal brown tie under it. Ell got his gown, and Minnie a stocking full of candy. In the afternoon Ell got a nice double livery rig and we all took a ride going up by Wales Adam’s where Ell used to live. It snowed most of the time we were gone.”

Diary of Myron Holley Clark (1806-1892), Canandaigua, December 25, 1878
“Christmas. Very cold there. Down to 6 degrees at 7 am. We heard from St. Nicholas in the Drawing Room at 9 am. Abbie, George, the 2 children, Miss Woodman, Lottie, Cinda and the two servants, Maggie and William. All at our Christmas Dinner. Stayed till 8½ pm.”

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There was a great deal of divided opinion as local people approached the 1914 holiday season. Ella and Caroline Crane were traveling in England, Holland, and Germany during the summer. When war broke out they were in Vienna and then they traveled to Italy and home — in steerage on an old wooden emigrant schooner. The Cranes volunteered their services to the American consul in Vienna and found that their American Express checks were heavily discounted.

Anna Hudson and Anne Davidson of the Academy faculty were quoted in the September 9th issue of the Times as having a sympathetic understanding of the German viewpoint. They were detained for 18 days by German authorities, and spent some time sewing for the Red Cross in Dresden, Germany. They returned by a German ship whose radio was disabled by British authorities and began the new school year.

Americans became concerned with their own “preparedness.” For that reason, the Canandaigua Chapter of the American Red Cross was chartered on October 19, 1914. The annual charity collection to fight tuberculosis, supported by Red Cross Christmas Seals began shortly afterward.

In late October, the Sunday school of the Canandaigua Methodist Church cancelled its annual Christmas party and organized a collection of gifts for European children caught up in the war. They were delivered to a “Christmas Ship,” the USS Jason, chartered by the Chicago Herald whose editor wrote an open letter to the children of America encouraging the collection.

In mid-November, reports were published about the Red Cross members knitting socks for hospitals over-seas and for Belgians and refugee women and children.

At the holiday season in 1914, no one could have predicted how the war would end, or what its legacy would be. But we are still living with the results of World War I. The first special day of the holiday season now is Veterans Day on November 11th.

It began with a Presidential Proclamation in 1919; became a legal holiday in 1938; and was known as Armistice Day until 1954. It originally commemorated the day that the fighting finally stopped in 1918. (Of course, in Canandaigua it is also Treaty Day in honor of the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua signed on that date.)

Now we have recently learned that after a century of service, the renamed West Ontario County Chapter of the American Red Cross has closed its doors nearly 100 years to the day they opened.

Two generations of Americans have become all too familiar with the troubles that continue to center on Sarajevo, modern Bosnia, and its Slavic neighbors. A few years from now, as we observe the centennial of the Treaty of Versailles (1919), we will be reminded that Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the British mandate of Palestine, Syria, and Iraq were all created as a result of the war that began in the autumn of 1914.

Autumn and the holiday season a century ago were a somber time. Young men and women, in particular, could not possibly have imagined what lay ahead in the final weeks of 1914. Now it is time for us to consider the lessons of the past. Come in to the museum this holiday season. Look over the old newspapers, examine the pictures, and consider the artifacts — and the stories — preserved here. For teachers and parents working with home-schooled students, check out these websites. As the centennial of World War I begins in earnest, there will be even more resources available.

History.com, a partner of National History Day, is offering many classroom resources: http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i

The US World War I Centennial Commission website offers many resources and sources of information: http://www.worldwar-1centennial.org/

The National World War I Museum in Kansas City has a wide variety of documents and images for those interested in the Centennial: https://www.theworldwar.org/

This “global commemoration” site includes a wide variety of multi-media documents and images, many contemporary, related to the centennial of the conflict world-wide: http://www.1914.org/

National History Day has a special page focused on the 2015 theme of “Leadership and Legacy in History” as it relates to World War I: http://www.nhd.org/WWI.htm
Museum Educator’s Post

by Preston Pierce

New Tricks for a Dog That’s Been Around a While

There is an old saying that you can’t teach an experienced dog new tricks. (I refuse to be “old.”) I am here to tell you that that is not true! You really don’t learn something until you actually do it yourself and teach it to others, no matter what your level of experience. The same can be said for taking a refresher course on a few tricks learned long ago. It can be a great learning experience to go back to school; assume the role of a student; and really have to “walk the walk” as they say.

This semester, I’ve had the opportunity to participate in a graduate course on project-based learning offered by the “National History Day” organization through the University of San Diego. Each week, I’ve faced a variety of professional readings on best practices in the field. There have even been quizzes on everything from image analysis techniques at the Library of Congress to the various proposals for commemorating, and teaching about the centennial of World War I. There was an entire test on the “National History Day” rule book, revised for 2014-15.

What has proved most enlightening, however, is the requirement that members of the class actually produce student guides to research in primary and secondary sources, work up annotated bibliographies, and step-by-step create an actual “National History Day” project. After many years leading students through that experience, I’m spending some time each week being one of those students. I’ve learned a lot. I’ve also learned that I’ve forgotten a lot. And the semester is only half over. I recommend the experience!

Educators Roundtable

Starting in November, there will be an informal “Educators Roundtable” at the museum on the second Wednesday evening of each month. Teachers and mentors of home-schooled students are invited to stop by, enjoy some pizza, and ask questions, offer suggestions, and participate in wide-ranging discussions about history education and how the museum can best support it. There is no apostrophe in the title. It isn’t my roundtable. The second Wednesday evening will be for everyone interested in history education. We’ll talk about the collection, what’s in it and how we use it to learn. Join us at the museum on November 12th at 7:00 p.m.

What’s in the Collection?

by Wilma Townsend, Curator

Recently, former Town of Farmington Historian, Margaret Hartsough, donated numerous artifacts, photos and archival items from her family. These included some fine examples of late 19th and early 20th century clothing, a family history, and family photos. Of particular interest is a woman’s Naval uniform worn by her aunt, Margaret Allen Baker, who served as a WAVE in the US Navy during World War II. The navy blue dress uniform includes jacket, skirt, blouse, tie, hat, gloves and purse – all in near perfect condition. Also included are photos of her in the uniform and her service records. This is the only woman’s military uniform in our collection.

Born in Farmington in 1912, Margaret H. Allen was the youngest of Lewis and Marian Hoag Allen’s nine children. As a young adult, she went to live in St. Louis with her widowed brother to help care for his young daughter. She eventually returned to Farmington and in 1944 enlisted in the Navy during World War II. As a WAVE, she trained at the Naval Training School in Bronx, N.Y., and served as a postal clerk at the US Naval Barracks in Washington D.C. for over 18 months. She was honorably discharged in 1946 as a Seaman First Class. Margaret later took courses at the Rochester Business Institute and worked for the Red Cross for 20 years. In 1951, she married Roy A. Baker, also of Farmington. Margaret died in 1995 and is buried in the North Farmington Friends Cemetery.
Dairy of Anna Carpenter (1864-1921), Bristol, December 25, 1883
“This is Christmas and a still Christmas it has been. I stayed in the store some. The trade was not very heavy. It has been a lovely day and the sleighing was good.”

Diary of Corey Bugh (1875-1958), Canadice, December 24, 1887
“All went to Nett’s to spend Xmas. Went to the Xmas tree in the eve. I received a watch, a chatterbox, Modern History, bottle of perfumery, a silk handkerchief, a cotton handkerchief, an orange, a Xmas card, a lead pencil, pair of stockings, three toothpicks in the form of a knife, candy.”

Diary of F. C. Batchellor (1847-aft. 1910), Canandaigua, NY, December 25, 1905
“A very quiet day for Christmas with us. We will have Roast Pork and Plum Pudding [Pudding] for Dinner”

Diary of C. A. Rugg (1852-1910), Victor, December 25, 1908
“This is Christmas, George is down from the city and Louis is here with Ethel and Lizzie had a nice time. Big dinner for us. Then we had our presents, all had something nice and the most substantial was a couch to Lizzie and a $100 check to me from my company, and we all have lots to be thankful for.”

Diary of Anna McKechnie (1891-1977), Canandaigua, December 25, 1910
“Sun. Early church at 8. Didn’t go to morning service as we had too much to do. Howes all here to dinner and all afternoon. Uncle Fred and little Freddie here for a little while. Also, lots of lovely presents. Emily M. and I [to] church in eve.”

Diary of Melville Montanye (1892-1970), Cheshire, December 25, 1928
“Certainly some fine Christmas weather, there. Between 34 and 38 degrees all day, cloudy and a little S.W. breeze but certainly grand outdoors. We were up at daybreak and we excited to see what Santa brought. He sure was pleased with air rifle, pool table, books, games, etc. Did chores and puttered around in the p.m. John went up to Will’s. Dad came to dinner and he and K. went to picture show in p.m. Gerald and Charlie Niles’ girl came in p.m. We started night chores early. Barbara called up and wanted us to come down in eve – played cards.

Diary of Mrs. Clara E. Case (1855-1940), Bristol, December 25, 1931
“Cold ground, covered with snow. Ruth hear [sic] early with Christmas presents. Brought Shirley’s picture, me pink bloomers and pink apron and set of basins. Father necktie. Helen Bailey in with candy.”

Diary of Betty Beutelspar Feenaughty (1893-1976), Canandaigua, December 25, 1943
“Christmas Day. We stayed home and enjoyed the day very much. Carl’s father came, and Helen (mother) came and brought with them presents of all kinds.”

Diary of Eva Carter (1912-?), Canandaigua, December 25, 1949
“Lovely! Mary called about 9 a.m. Elaine and I went to church. Carters, Greggs, and Aunt Ad here for dinner. Folks stayed til ten. We went to Legion. Warm.”

Diary of George McG. Hayes (1893-1980), Canandaigua, December 25, 1965
“Rain all night and all morning. Lovely presents. Betty phoned from Florida. It was so good to hear her and to know she is having a good time. She gave me a dozen golf balls and a monkey trick! Kitty gave me an Electric Sunbeam Shavemaster. Tibbie gave me lovely socks and pajamas. We all had lots of presents.”
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Your Historical Society

Four young barn experts at the Barn Tour 2014

A boy fascinated by cider making at the Barn Tour 2014

Historical Society mini exhibit at Sonnenberg Mansion

Three barn experts from L-R Earl Coleates, Walt Baker and Gene Rogers at the Barn Tour 2014

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Rob and Carol Lillis gave a talk on their US20 trip to a capacity crowd at Wood Library on October 15th
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News and Announcements

• We would note the untimely passing of long time Historical Society supporter, Grant Kennedy. His family owned and operated the Kennedy Funeral Home and Kennedy Furniture since the 1800s. He was loved and will be missed.

• We would like to acknowledge past OCHS Treasurer, John Paul, for securing a donation of a wonderful full color, coffee table book on the artistic works and life of Canandaigua native, Frank Townsend Hutchens. The book was compiled, written and donated to the Historical Society by the artist’s nephew, William D. Hutchens and dedicated to John Paul. It is a wonderful addition to our library.

• The holiday gift this year is the latest publication by the Historical Society, Saving A Masterpiece: The Untold Story of Sonnenberg Gardens. It is a memoir on the restoration of the F.F. and Mary Clark Thompson Mansion in Canandaigua written by Wes Gifford before his death in 2013. Historical Society members received a pre-publication discount flier earlier this month. See the Book Shoppe Corner for more information.

• Our bi-annual “Tour of Barns” held in Hopewell Center was a success this year. Special thanks goes out to Ray Henry, Event Chairman and his great committee. The financial success was due to our event patrons and all the families and agricultural enthusiasts who had faith in the weather and attended. Four calves were birthed at Spring Hope Dairy to the delight of the visitors.

• In social media news…. our Facebook page that posts museum news and historic photos nearly every day now has well over 1800 “likes”.

• The Genealogy Research element of our new web page (ochs.org) is quite popular. It permits online research of surnames located in the museum’s records and reports where the information is located. Of course, the user can purchase research services through PayPal at the click of the mouse….. and that is starting to happen, too.

• We want to publically thank the Canandaigua Rotary Club for sponsoring a grant which enabled us to replace some aging computers. We were also to purchase a document scanner and a projector. Please support their community events. Everyone benefits.

• Our “Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event” was held on Saturday, November 15th. This was a bit of a change from past years because the DAR organization that brings so many volunteers to the museum was holding an event on the Wednesday evening on which we traditionally hold the event. Special thanks to Sherry and Marc Sulkes who so generously fund the event in honor of their dear friend, the late Jim Ingalls.

• We are looking to March when, for the 15th year, the Ontario County Historical Society will serve as the Finger Lakes Regional Coordinator for “National History Day”. This year’s theme is “Leadership and Legacy in History”. Preston Pierce, our Museum Educator, has been recruiting new schools and we hope to expand our numbers this year. The support of our membership and the community makes this great event fun for all the students.

• “A Christmas Carol” a one-person play staring Kim Tenreiro will be held at the Canandaigua Congregational Church on North Main Street the afternoon of Sunday, November 16th. Tickets are available from the Historical Society and proceeds benefit our education programs.

• Please plan to attend our museum “Holiday Open House” on Saturday, December 6th from 4-6 p.m.

• On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Historical Society, we want to wish you and your family the best for a joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas.
Just in time for the holidays — our newest bookstore arrival… *The Workers of Sonnenberg*, by Barbara Stahl.

When Frederick Ferris and Mary Clark Thompson bought the original farm house and land from Wakeman Holberton in 1863, the Sonnenberg estate began to be developed by hundreds of workers. Employment by the Thompsons provided the means for workers to contribute to the economy and culture of Canandaigua. The businesses who supplied goods and services also benefited. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were prone to continually updating and changing things on the estate. In the 1880s they decided to take down the original farmhouse and build a mansion on the same site. This provided an employment opportunity for stone masons, contractors, builders, and laborers. After Mr. Thompson’s death in 1899, the design and development of the gardens commenced and the amount of money expended found its way into the pockets of Canandaiguans.

Barbara Stahl, and her dedicated Archives Project Team, have compiled an awesome view into the lives of one of Canandaigua’s most notable families. *The Workers of Sonnenberg* gives the reader an in-depth look at all the “workings” inside the iconic stone wall as well as information about their other residences. Included are budget and expense reports, personal diaries, a list of workers names, shared memories from the descendents of some of those workers, holiday gifts from Mrs. Thompson, several rarely seen images, and much, much more. A perfect holiday stocking stuffer, *The Workers of Sonnenberg* is available in CD format and retails for $10. Shipping is available for an additional cost of $3.50.

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**2014 Tour of Barns Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the following winners:

- **Jude Laney Family** – *OCHS Family Membership*
- **Andrea Yudichak** – *White’s Farm Market*
- **Margaret Cosh** – *Runnings*
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- **Rob Lillis** – *Monroe Tractor Supply, Toy Tractor*

A special thank you to our local business’ who donated gifts for our raffle.

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*Saving a Masterpiece: The Untold Story of Sonnenberg Gardens*, Memoir by Wesley A. Gifford, $25.95

If you are interested in the history of Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion, Canandaigua’s renown visitor destination, then you will be interested in the memoir written by the first President and founder of Sonnenberg Gardens, Wes Gifford.

It is the latest book published by the Ontario County Historical Society. The 120 page, soft cover, full color book was written by the Sonnenberg founder, Wes Gifford, before his death in 2013. It chronicles the estate from its deepest darkest days to its opening as a tourist attraction. This is an essential book for anyone who wants to know the inside scoop on the transition from the vandalized, aging mansion garden that was ravaged by neglect to the delightful garden retreat that it is today. Gifford tells the story of the events and people that made the dream of saving the Thompson’s summer retreat a reality.

It is available for holiday giving. Call the museum today to order yours.
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From the Desk of the Treasurer

Director’s Note:

Sherry Sulkes has served as Treasurer of the Historical Society for the past five years. She announced her retirement from the position earlier this year and decided not seek a third, 3-year term on the Board. Her knowledge of investments, attention to detail and dedication to the Mission of the Society should not go without recognition.

Sherry will not become a stranger to the walls of the museum and has promised to help out where needed. In her last official message to the membership, Sherry urged continued donations to the Oliver Phelps Fund that she established for unsolicited donations.

Sherry’s retirement will leave a big void at the Society.

We welcome our new Treasurer, John Zappia and look forward to his contribution to The Chronicles.

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General Membership Support:

Sr. Citizen $30; Individual $35; Family $50; Friend $75

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<td>12 p.m. – 2 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the museum</td>
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<td>7 p.m. Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Nov. 15, 4 p.m. Nov. 16 – “A Christmas Carol” with Kim Tenreiro at the Canandaigua Congregational Church – tickets available at the museum</td>
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<td>December 6:</td>
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<td>Dec. 24 – Jan. 1:</td>
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<td>March 13:</td>
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**Or Current Resident**

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