2016 Fall Foliage Trail Focuses in Canandaigua and Bristol Hills

A year in the planning, the Fall Foliage Trail Committee is pleased to present our schedule of events for this season’s fun. Every weekend in October, the Historical Society will hold an event that will bring you out into the crisp autumn air to enjoy the season of color. The “Fall Foliage Trail” is our signature fundraiser that supports the operation of the Museum and its educational programs. Board Member, Marty Potter, is the Committee Chair. This year we are focusing on Canandaigua and have several family friendly events planned.

Sunday, October 2nd – Bristol Mountain Fall Foliage 5K Run – 9 am
The kick off will be our 3rd “Annual 5K Fun Run”. This year, it will again be at the summit of Bristol Mountain and will feature a run along the cross country ski trails and several activities for children. The event starts at 9 am with registration at 8 am. Special thanks to Dan Fuller and his staff for rolling out the welcome mat for the event. Runners can get more information and register at www.raceroster.com.

Saturday, October 8th – Jake Repard Memorial Tour of Barns and Agricultural Fair – 9 am – 4 pm
Long time Tour of Barns Director, Ray Henry, presents this event in honor and in the memory of his friend and local barn aficionado, Jake Repard of Canandaigua. What better focus for this memorial than barns in Canandaigua? The day begins with a free agricultural fair that includes several of Jake’s barn models at Canandaigua Outhouse Park where tickets – $10 each – will be available for the tour. The keepsake booklet – which is the ticket – provides a map with locations for seven stops on the tour. The barns represent a variety of styles and uses. Plan to spend the day and to bring the kids. Children 16 and under tour free with an adult.

Saturday, October 15th – Downtown Canandaigua Heritage Day – 11 am – 3 pm
Working with Denise Chappel, Director of the Canandaigua Business Improvement District and several of the downtown merchants, we have a delightful day in store (no pun intended) for Historic Downtown Canandaigua. The Fall Foliage Committee will offer a store-to-store scavenger hunt and include a guided walking tour of lower South Main Street, all for $5. Bring the family. Win gift baskets on the “Scavenger Hunt”. Admission free for children under 16 when accompanied by an adult.

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Researching Our Architectural Past

*by Nancy Hayden, Member of the Board of Trustees*

An interesting research project began with a phone call from a Charlotte Street resident regarding the origin of four homes in his neighborhood. Having always been curious about these same homes; I looked forward to delving into this question. Surely Canandaiguans and visitors to Sonnenberg Gardens have noticed the quartet of French Cottage cement-block houses near the entrance to the gardens on both Howell and Charlotte Streets. Our caller heard that Lisk built these homes for their executives. Did we know if this was the case?

In part, our caller was correct. These homes were built for the executives of a local manufacturing firm. However, it was not Lisk, but a manufacturing firm that produced velocipedes, primarily tricycles, and was aptly named Velo-King! The Velo-King plant opened in 1947 in the building that housed the Miller Corset Factory at 10 Chapin Street in Canandaigua. Although empty and boarded up, the 96-year-old building still stands today. The Labelon Corporation most recently occupied it. In researching the history of the Velo-King homes, I found the Velo-King story itself to be an intriguing one and worthy of its own article in a future *Chronicles*!

The founders of Velo-King had great expectations for the success of their company. According to the September 29th, 1947 *Daily Messenger* article, Monroe Ordnance, a local manufacturer of shell and mortar casings during World War II and forerunner of Velo-King, purchased 250 feet of land on Howell Street and 466 feet on Charlotte Street to construct four homes of either stone or concrete. The price tag for each home was $15,000. Construction was to begin immediately!

At that time, Clifford Murphy owned the land. Florence M. Trickey, also of Charlotte Street, was the real estate agent involved in the transaction. Using museum maps and photos as research tools, I discovered that the F.F. Thompsons were the owners prior to Murphy. Additional photos and a map not included here show the area in much greater detail and I have placed them in a folder at the Museum’s reception desk. If you wish to take a closer look please stop by and our Receptionist, Maureen Baker, will gladly help you. They are lovely photos of Charlotte Street.

The executives moved into their new homes in the summer of 1948. The photo on page 6 identifies each Velo-King executive and the position/s they held within the company. Sadly, due to bankruptcy, Velo-King stopped production at the end of 1949. President, Harry Hill, remained at the helm until the company closed its doors and then moved to Florida. Roy Spearen resigned in April 1949 to accept a position with a similar company but remained in Canandaigua moving to 35 Granger Street. I found no information on Mr. Ischinger. Mr. Meade also resigned in April 1949 because of ill health and died at age 45 of a heart attack the following September.

By 1950/1951, all the homes were occupied by other families, many of whom lived there for decades.

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What’s in the Collection?

by Wilma Townsend, Curator

Although the wedding exhibit ended two years ago, we continue to receive locally significant items connected to weddings and marriage. Recently, Katherine Czasonis of Granby, Connecticut donated her great-great grandmother’s wedding dress, veil, and stockings. (2016.93)

In c. 1840, Sybil Simmons (1821-1890) daughter of Constant and Lovina Pettis Simmons, married Franklin Fitch (1814-1891) in Bristol, NY. Sybil was born and lived her entire life in Bristol; her parents and other family members came to Bristol in about 1798 from Dighton, Massachusetts. Her father, Constant, was a very successful farmer who by 1850 had over $14,800 in real estate (US Census 1850). Her husband, Franklin Fitch, was born in Cayuga County and probably moved to Ontario County as a child. Prior to that his family had come from Litchfield, Connecticut. Records are not clear as to where the family lived in Ontario County, although his parents are buried in French Cemetery in Rushville suggesting that they lived in Gorham. Sybil and Franklin had five daughters that survived to adulthood. Franklin also was a successful farmer. The wedding dress was passed down through their daughter, Viola Fitch Wales, then to her daughter Nettie, and eventually to the present donor.

The wedding dress is made of a lightweight, cream colored wool-silk fabric with a fine woven stripe and a small, repeating motif of oak leaves and acorns. Green silk piping is used to accentuate the very full sleeves, the wide neckline and bodice. Also included in the donation are the wedding veil made of fine mull, and the stockings. The actual date of the wedding is not known but based upon the style of the dress and the delightful oak leaf and acorn pattern, it is probable that wedding was held in early fall in about 1840. The fine quality of the fabric and the dress also reflect the economic success of her father, Constant Simmons.

We are very pleased to add this wedding dress to our collection as part of the history of the town of Bristol, and we thank Katherine Czasonis for making the trek from Connecticut to bring the dress here.

From the Director’s Desk

by Edward Varno

As summer slows, we wait in anticipation for the coming of our October “Fall Foliage Trail” events.

I am told that our space in this issue of The Chronicles is tight so I will simply ask our members, visitors and lovers of history to participate in our upcoming fun-filled family friendly events. The revenue we raise will help to keep our budget balanced.

Our building condition study, the production of our upcoming history video series and the county community study of our women’s suffrage history will keep us busy for the next several months. So, please renew your membership on time and let us know how we are doing. See you on the “Fall Foliage Trail” in October.
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The Educator’s Post

by Preston Pierce, Museum Educator

Taking a Stand in History — National History Day 2016-17

The new theme for “National History Day 2016-17” has just been announced. “Taking a Stand in History” is perfectly suited to Ontario County and the Finger Lakes Region. There is probably no other place in America that has seen more people take a stand for some issue than this corner of the lakes country. Students entering “National History Day” this year will have more possible regional subjects than any time in the past ten years. And there is a wealth of primary source material on just about any of them.

As we plan for the celebration of the centennial of women’s suffrage in New York (1917), think about those who took a stand in the national debate: Susan B. Anthony; Elizabeth Cady Stanton; Lucretia Mott. They are all regional names as well as national figures. What about the lesser known names? Along with Rochester’s Frederick Douglass, male supporters of woman suffrage included Nathan Milliken and his son, Charles, who founded our Historical Society. Think about the local women who stood up to support women on school boards in 1907 and on juries in 1937. Ontario County was the first to have a woman juror in New York. Dawn Seymour, one of the first women to fly military aircraft with the WASP organization during World War II still lives in Ontario County. They all took a stand against conventional wisdom.

Plenty of regional people have taken historic stands on issues like “fracking;” water quality; landfills; banking reforms; religious freedom; aviation development; charitable work; abolition of slavery; Native American rights; industrial development; and youth activities. There is no need to focus on famous national figures who took a stand in history when there are worthy subjects like Austin Steward; Jemima Wilkinson; Joseph Smith; Charles Williamson; Glenn Curtiss; Dr. Konstantin Frank; John North Willys; Zadock Hunn; Blanche Stuart Scott; Birton Babcock; Red Jacket; Marcus Whitman; Frank Gannett; and so many, many others. Learning about regional people is interesting, fun, and always impresses the judges.

“National History Day” is much more than a day. It is a highly regarded framework for learning that fits well with almost any subject and nearly every curriculum. Started 40 years ago, the NHD program received the National Humanities Medal in 2013. It can serve as a special project or a regular part of classroom or home-centered learning. Every year, a new theme is used and students from across this region, the state, and the nation take part, challenging themselves to do their personal best measured against national standards. If you have a subject you would love to research for NHD, but aren’t sure how it would fit, just ask the Educator.

The “Finger Lakes Regional Competition” is held in Canandaigua in March. Those who place well here move on to state competition in Cooperstown in April. The winners there go to national competition in Washington, D.C., in June. The “National History Day Competition” is open to students in grades 6-12 (Junior and Senior Divisions) and to home schoolers as well. It does not have to be done as a school project, or have school sponsorship. Students and parents who would like more information should contact the Museum Educator (educator@ochs.org) for theme sheets with suggestions and more information. Entries can be in one of five areas: research paper; table-top exhibit; website creation; documentary production; or an original one-act play. While many individual students enter each category, group entries (up to five) are accepted for all but the research paper. I look forward to seeing great entries this year!

Putting Things into Perspective

There are many reasons for studying and enjoying local history. One of them is that past activities; old things; even old news gives us perspective on our present time. What we find; what we see; what we read may give us a chuckle.

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It may get us thinking that there are similarities with today — and that we should change, or not change course as we interpret past experiences. The article below appeared in the Shortsville Enterprise, Jan. 17, 1919. The tone is somber and the story reminds us of the ongoing problems in that part of the world. However, the article serves to remind us that problems we face today are no different from those our ancestors faced. It can also remind us that in the wake of World War I, just then ended, the stage was inadvertently set for similar problems down the road.

MANCHESTER RESIDENTS LOSE RELATIVES IN MASSACRE

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hessney, well-known Syrian residents of Manchester, are grief stricken over news lately reaching them, to the effect that a number—of—their relatives in Syria have been massacred by the blood-thirsty Turks. Mr. Hessney's brother, wife and two children, and Mrs. Hessney's brother, wife and seven children have all been murdered.

Both families were well-to-do, and before the Turks killed these victims they ruined them financially. First demands were made for money, then cattle and stock were requisitioned. After obtaining practically all of the property of the families, they cruelly killed every member, a total of thirteen persons.

Next year, we celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage in New York. We also begin the centennial remembrance of the war many thought would end all wars. Here is a little perspective on the aftermath of that war, perhaps one of its causes, and how events half a world away can be an integral part of the fabric of local history.

Viral Leanings

by Maureen O’Connell Baker, Social Media Coordinator

Our Historical Museum is home to thousands of photographs that preserve our past, bringing to life over two centuries of memories. One of the perks of my job is to aid in identifying a certain location, building, or person in a photo that has minimal or no information attached to it.

Recently, I was asked the location of a 1977 image of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Proudly, I knew right where it was. In fact, I remember going to it being a big step in becoming a “grown-up”. I couldn’t wait until I was 16 so I could get my license, and was certain that others felt the same way. So, I posted the image on our Facebook page and asked the question - did your quest for "ultimate freedom" begin at this location? The rapid response that ensued over the next 24 hours was viral and a total surprise to me. This post had a reach of over 12,000 people breaking our old record of 11,000 views. It was clear to me that obtaining a driver’s license was a huge part of people’s lives. The comments that flooded our page were very entertaining to everyone. Whether it was a good or perhaps a not so good experience, our followers were more than willing to share their memories. Here is a sample of the comments that were posted:

“Jack remember when we went here in Canandaigua and we laughed till we cried?”

“Skipped East Rochester and went straight to Canandaigua.”

“Yup, there's where my freedom began!!”

“I'm sorry. You are missing one crucial middle initial on one of the twenty documents you filled out for your license renewal. Please fix it and go to the back of the end of three-hour line.” (mimicking a DMV employee)

“Sweet Freedom!! Bought my first car THEN took the test!”

“Oh yes! Had my license less than two months later. I didn't mess around!”

“Yes, took and FAILED my first driver’s test here.”

“OMG, I hated this place. They failed me on my first M/C endorsement. Brought a smile to my face to see it again though.”

Pass or fail, taking a driver’s test is a rite of passage that ultimately becomes a great personal memory. Preserving our past... and invoking memories, it’s why we are here. Like our Facebook Page. Go to www.facebook.com and search Ontario County Historical Museum and become part of our cyber audience.

We Welcome These New Members

Chester D. Freeman, Jr.
Carol A. Jensen
Elisabeth Taussig
William Vivian
Donald E. Webster
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- **231 Howell Street**: The Linehan family
- **152 Charlotte Street**: W.F. Golden was listed as the first resident in 1950 followed by A.J. Gage in 1951. The Clawson family bought the home in 1957.
- **196 Charlotte Street**: The Cramer family
- **138 Charlotte Street**: According to the city directory, Mrs. Meade remained in the home until 1950. The subsequent directory listing was for the So. Biscuit Company. I have been unable to clarify this atypical residential listing! Bullock, Keeney, Warner, Busch and Snyder were other families that owned 138.

Much has been researched and published about the beautiful homes along Canandaigua’s Main Street and the notable families that lived in them. I’ve learned as a result of this inquiry that there are captivating stories to be told about the homes that sit on the quieter side streets as well. OCHS has rich, numerous and accessible resources with staff that will guide you in their use. Stop in and be transported into the past by the photographs, maps, directories, architectural surveys and old newspapers that are just waiting to help you learn about your home or neighborhood.

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The 1-1/2 hour walking tour was developed by Museum Educator, Preston Pierce, who will lead and docent the two sessions starting at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Come to the Commons Park to sign up for all our day’s activities. It is located across from the new historic mural on the Crown Jewelers Coach Street wall.

**Saturday, October 22nd – Community Open House Day – 11 am – 3 pm**
This is a totally free event! Join us in touring several locations that you always wanted to see. In Canandaigua, take a hard-hat tour of the new Pinnacle North project on Lake Shore Drive. Celebrate Fire Prevention month with a full tour of the Canandaigua Fire Station on South Main Street and, get a behind the scenes tour of the archives of the Ontario County Historical Museum. Then take a drive into the Bristol Hills and take a stroll into the Burning Springs on Case Road. The Parsons Pipe Organ Company is having an Open House and giving tours of its facilities. Don’t forget to bring your cell phone or camera and capture fall images to enter into our “Photo-Op Contest” at www.ochs.org.

**Saturday, October 29th – Architectural Scavenger Hunt – 11 am – 3 pm**
Complete the month by taking your family on our “Architectural Scavenger Hunt”. Gable ends, capitals, copulas they are all on the hunt. This event will begin at the Historical Society and walk you through Canandaigua’s historic streets while you match pictures in your booklet with elements of the homes. Write down the matching addresses and return your answer sheet to the Historical Society. All will be entered into a drawing for gift baskets. Simple and fun. Again, don’t forget to bring your cell phone or camera and capture fall images to enter into our “Photo-Op Contest” at www.ochs.org.

Well, that is it. October will be a month of historic adventure. Free maps with all the above information and more will be available at the Historical Society and other locations around town. For postage we will mail one to you, too. Special thank you to Committee Chairman, Marty Potter, our corporate sponsors, Canandaigua National Bank, Potter HVAC, Pinnacle North, LNB and the Canandaigua Community Credit Union. We want to acknowledge the Historical Society staff and our Fall Foliage patrons who have made this project possible.
From the Curator’s Loft

by Wilma Townsend, Curator

Although the Museum is short on space, we continue to receive many wonderful and interesting donations that help to tell the history of Ontario County. Our collection includes objects, photos, archival items that were made, owned or used in Ontario County through the present. So if you have something that you think might help tell our county’s story, please give me a call at 394-4975 or email curator@ochs.org. Below is a list of some of our recent acquisitions:

- **Letter** – from Myron H. Clark to Mr. H.W. Angell, Nov. 9, 1865, while Governor of New York State; gift of Preston Pierce. (2016.8)
- **Stereoviews of Canandaigua Lake** – Greig Place Album; gift of Tarry Shipley. (2016.11)
- **Book** – “Saving a Masterpiece: the Untold Story of Sonnenberg Gardens” by Wesley Gifford; gift of Karon Morgan. (2016.16)
- **Book** – “Public Universal Friend: Jemima Wilkinson and Religious Enthusiasm in Revolutionary America” by Paul B. Moyer; gift of the author. (2016.18)
- **Digital photos** – the Parmele family of Shortsville; gift of Douglas Parmele. (2016.19)
- **Two German hymnals** – from St. John’s Lutheran Church, Victor; transfer from Victor Town Historian. (2016.27)
- **Milk bottle 1 pint** – Lesterdale Farm Dairy, Canandaigua; gift of Shane Dillingham. (2016.28)
- **Photos** – taken for the *Daily Messenger* in the 1970s-80s by Kathie Meredith; gift of Kathie Meredith. (2016.33)
- **Painting** – “Vision Quest” by Phelps native, James Sawdey Smith; gift of Marion Donnelly. (2016.34)
- **Books and hand-carved bookshelf** – from the John Raines family, Canandaigua; gift of Robert Fish. (2016.38)
- **Photo albums, photos and other items** – from the Allen and Johnson families, Canandaigua; gift of Alyce and Bernard Allen. (2016.45)
- **Red and white signature quilt** – Canandaigua, 1905; OCHS purchase. (2016.48)
- **US army field jacket** – worn by LTC George E. Herron of Canandaigua; gift of George Herron. (2016.49)
- **Red Cross uniform** – worn by Lois Cavanaugh Hanover, Canandaigua; gift of Jean Bucher. (2016.58)
- **Clothing and accessories** – owned by Marion Cowan Kennedy and Mary Sanders Cowan of Canandaigua; gift of Margaret Kennedy White. (2016.91)
- **Photo albums** – from the Gillette family, Clifton Springs; gift of William J. Gillette III. (2016.94)
- **Article** – “Jeffrey by Finley” by Nicholas Graver, published in *The Daguerreian Annual* 2015; gift of the author. (2016.95)

Mail Box

Dear Mr. Varno:

Thank you for copying and sending the copy of the Baggerly family history. You saved us another trip and again we thank you.

John and Ruth Baggerly

To Betty McMahon:

Thank you for your letter and the photos of the Billsboro School House. That’s the place, all right! (But I didn’t recognize anyone) … I will try stop by and say hello someday – my sister still works for Kodak in Rochester. Enclosed is a check for the Society.

Thanks again,
Ted Hill, Los Osos, CA
Announcements

• We are on our way to the second printing of “Saving a Masterpiece, the Untold Story of Sonnenberg Gardens”. The memoir is of Wes Gifford one of the original people who championed the restoration. The books are sale at several locations in Canandaigua, including Sonnenberg Gardens, the Historical Society, Wegmans and American Made. The second edition will be ready for fall purchase. It is available at www.ochs.org.

• We are seeking members for our Board of Trustees. With some members retiring, we will be looking for a few individuals that would like to help the Historical Society advance. Members serve 3-year terms and enjoy comradery with other board members. The board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have an interest, please contact President, Chris Hubler, at cthubler@insurecig.com for details.

• It is a very busy time here at the Historical Society. Work continues on three projects:
  • Under a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, the “New York State Suffrage Centennial Project” is studying the people and events in Ontario County that defined the local effort to bring the vote to women. Historians from across the county are participating. A publication and an online report is planned. Release should be in the Spring of 2017.
  • Our work on a new video series has begun. Funded with a grant from the Kyrius Foundation the project will produce 5 videos on historic subjects that will be placed online for all to enjoy. The subjects are “The Bemis Block”, “The Naples Memorial Town Hall”, “The Clifton Springs Sanitarium”, “Abolitionist, Austin Steward” and “The Quaker Meeting House” project in Farmington. A spring release is planned.
  • Our Building Condition Report will be studying the various things that are needed to be done to our 114-year old museum building. DeWolff Partnership will be studying our building and preparing the report. The document will identify, prioritize and provide cost estimates for the needed work. The building was designed by famed architect, Claude Bragdon.

• Save the date. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday evening November 4th. Place, time speaker and menu to be announced. Watch your mail in September for the annual mailing that includes reservation forms and our Board of Trustees ballot.

• A call out to the Canandaigua Garden Club for their work on the Museum this summer. The place looks great for our many visitors. Receptionist, Maureen Baker, kept the flowers green by daily watering and maintenance despite our torrid summer.

• Speaking of maintenance, we want to thank Gene Rogers and Potter HVAC who together figured out and corrected the issues with the Museum’s air conditioning system in June.

• Mr. Technology (Ed Varno) is looking for wire recordings and a working reel to reel tape recorder that will play 6” reels of recorded tape. The items will be used along with our Edison record players to teach our young visitors about the history of sound reproduction technology.

• Back by popular demand…. rumor has it that the “Polar Express Model Railroad” display will once again be at the Museum this holiday season. Watch for announcements. The children love this.

• Finally, we are mourning the death of long time OCHS Member and historian, John Purdy. He and his wife Mary were regular attendees at Historical Society events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
Your Historical Society

VP Barb Fuge accepts Chamber Tourism Award for the Historical Society

Board volunteers at Lakefront Arts Festival July 30th — Tom Albanese with Bill and Barb Fuge

Scientific Association met at the Historical Society in May

Sonnenberg Research Team’s work continues every Tuesday at the Museum

Director Ed Varno visited Steamtown National Historic site as part of the Museum's 2016 Education Theme, "20th Century Transportation"

A new mural in Canandaigua being placed on the side of the Crown Jewelers Building on the corner of Coach Street and South Main Street — it faces Commons Park
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We wish to thank the business members listed below for their continued support. Please consider them when purchasing goods and services. In addition to these business members, we also appreciate the small donations we receive from dozens of local businesses in Ontario County each year.

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A Gift for the Future
by Tom Walter, Past President OCHS Board of Trustees

You know what OCHS does for the community. Keeping our history alive is so important for the education and well-being of future generations. So often these days we see the same mistakes made over and over again. One wonders if people were more aware of their history would the same mistakes be made again and again? What can you do for OCHS and for future generations?

You can consider making a gift. Of course, cash contributions are always welcome and OCHS is most appreciative. But consider a gift other than cash that will benefit OCHS in the future. Consider planned giving which includes gifts of appreciated securities, a charitable remainder trust, a gift annuity or a bequest through your will. Gifting appreciated securities allows you to receive a charitable contribution deduction equal to the fair market value* of the securities which maybe much more than your cost basis. Gifting appreciated securities can also shield you from the recognition of capital gains and can reduce your estate. Charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities are mechanisms that provide you a stream of income, a charitable contribution deduction and a benefit to OCHS now and in the future.

If you would like to discuss the various planned giving options that may be available to you, please contact the OCHS office and we will arrange an appointment. Thanks for considering OCHS in your charitable plans.

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Receive Regular Museum Mailings — Keep Up-to Date on all Society Activities
Reduced Admission to Society Events and Fund Raising, including the Tour of Homes
(admission to the museum is always free)
Free assistance in the Museum’s Rare Documents/Genealogy Library

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