Salamanca Historical Society & Museum Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2011

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The unfortunate financial "Situation" which has caused the museum to lay off staff and reduce hours remains unresolved as of this time. We continue to hope that a solution will be found in the near future.

Update: New Hours
With tourist season beginning to heat up along with the weather the staff and our wonderful and growing group of volunteers are pitching in to make sure the museum can be open at least two days per week. Our current schedule is:
Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to

Welcome Aboard !

DJ Biscup
Marjorie and Gary Krantz
Dave and Eileen Andrews
David Wrzosek

UPDATE OF UPDATED HOURS!

For the months of July and August ONLY

The museum will be open on **Tuesdays** 10-4pm in addition to Thursdays and Saturdays!!

Don't blink- things change around here faster than the weather! If in doubt- call us……..(716) 945-2946

Summer Speaker Series at the Museum

Mark Your Calendars

All Presentations begin at 6:30 pm.

Monday July 11th - Dennis Wymer
The Civil War

Monday August 8th - "Albuquerque Red" AKA Chris Hutchison
Cowboy Action Shooting

Monday September 12th - Bob Byledbal
The Limestone Ruins

Monday October 10th - Mike Johnson
The Art of Soap Making

First Speaker of the Summer Series

Nick Bocharski got the summer series off to a grand start with an informative talk on The Life and Times of a German WWII Soldier. Nick was a re-enactor for 15 years portraying a German soldier. Also a history buff, Nick has collected many artifacts which he brought along to share with his many stories of life in the German Army. The audience also shared stories including a woman who remembered German POW's working on her parents farm in Maine harvesting potatoes.

Wishin' and Hopin' For…

*Power strips
*Portable video -DVD player
*Portable CD player
Stamps!
*Plastic Storage Bins
Card Stock-8.5x11
*Slide show photo frame
Post-It memo pads
*Plastic milk crates
AA batteries
*Hand held scanner
*3- step step stool
Febreeze
General Office Supplies

*Items need not be new- if you are upgrading- think of us!

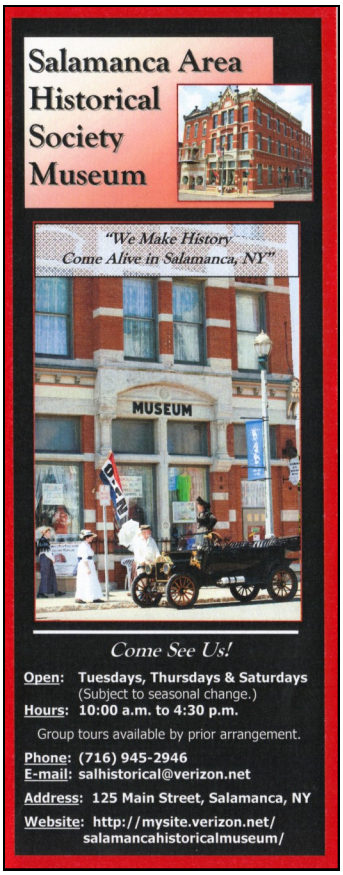
You Are The Reason For Our Existence and The Reason We Persevere
We THANK YOU For Your Support

Neal Casey - Olean Historical Society - Dr. George Goldstein - Marjorie and Gary Krantz - Gary Granger - Joe Stennett - Lynda Jennings - David Kamens - Sylvia Davis - The Biscup Family - Salamanca Fire Dept. - Claude Halsaver - Crystal Abers, Cattaraugus Co. Dept. of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism - Lynne & Dick Yehl - Dona Keis - DJ Biscup - Robert Irwin - Fred Winsor - Veronica Sayeske/Kathy Dechenne - Elisabeth Saradin - Nan Livak - Lions Club - Albert Edwards Jr. - Chuck & Maryann Chamberlain - Candy Brown - Esther Dolecki - Ron Shadden - Betty Prebis - Rosemary McClune - Gary Brown - David Hornberg - Ann Frank - Mike Zaprowski - Rita Wymer - Nan Miller - Kathy Riddle - Isabelle Prebis - Patti Yehl - Mike Kobinski - Helen Babcock - Roger Lord - Alan Robison - Dale Wymer - Hairmaxx - Pat Reed - DPW - American Legion - Thelma Zaprowski - Sue Tremos - Salamanca High School - Bob Crandall - Jim & Dottie Fredrickson

A Special Thank You goes out to the Womens' Christian Fellowship of the United Congregational Methodist Church.

Also to Willis Robison for the many beautiful handcrafted items for our fundraising efforts.

It has been our policy and desire in the past to send individual Thank You's to all of our generous supporters. Unfortunately, this practice is one of the many things that has had to be curtailed in our current economic situation. This in no way means that we appreciate your donations any less. We look forward to being able to resume the practice as soon as Happy Days Are Here Again!



Our Brochure Has Been Updated!

With the third floor newly completed our 3 year old brochure needed an update. In addition to the new information we wanted a new cover photo; one that would again reflect our slogan of "We Make History Come Alive" and the fun that is the Salamanca Historical Society and Museum. So one fine Saturday members dressed up in costume, Jim and Dottie Fredrickson brought their beautifully restored 1914 Model T to the museum and a photo shoot with photographer Bob Crandall was underway on Main St. - much to the delight of passers-by.

THE PAST IS BEHIND, LEARN FROM IT. THE FUTURE IS AHEAD, PREPARE FOR IT. THE PRESENT IS HERE, LIVE IT.

Memorials

Edward Krieger

By:

Ralph & Linda Riggs-New Directions Youth & Family Services-Carol Ellis-Anne Marie Ferrara-Sandy Davis-Ron & Nan Miller Randolph Academy Staff-Mary-Louise Krieger Clark-Susan Krieger Markel-Todd, Kathy (Krieger), Taro, & Adam Searle-James & Judy Toner-Eileen Hull-Jean Wadsworth-Vaughn Wilson-Barbara Bunce- Robert & Joann Biggie- Pete & Linda Mairs- Ed & Rose Mohr-Kathryn Green-

Mary Kay Forness By:- Edward & Clara Wagner, Fritz & Barbara Ahrens, Helen Babcock and Rita Wymer

Eugene (Jack) Frost By; Rosemary & Ron Shadden

Disaster in the Basement

As anyone across these United States can attest ...the weather outside has been frightful. In mid May vicious thunderstorms rumbled across Western NY causing much damage, not least of which was in our own basement. The torrential downpours overwhelmed the storm sewers causing a cap on a 130 year old clean-out pipe to pop off and pour between 6-8 inches of water into our basement. Fortunately, this occurred on a Friday night and was discovered Saturday morning upon opening the museum. Thanks to our terrific volunteers, who came running when the panicked call went out for reinforcements, we were able to salvage many of the soaked items. Only a very few items of historical value were unable to be saved and some were slightly damaged; but all in all it could have been much worse…..

Bessie & Genny Pritz- Main St. Bridge - mid 1920's

Maybe they were headed to one of these fine nearby businesses.

First National Bank-103 Main St.
Style Store- 90 Main St. (Clothing)
Alphia Sweets- 121 Main St.
McCabe Bros.-64 Main St. (Dry Goods)
FW Woolworth -58-60 Main (5 &10)
Central Pharmacy - 26 Main St.
Greek American Fruit Co.- 98 Main St
Farquharson Furniture - 9-11 River St.
Walrath-Stevens-84 Main St. (grocers)
McCann Hardware-107 Main St.
Burbank & Swan-18 Broad St (harness)
South Side Market-20 Broad St. (meat)
Bushnell & Dye-79 Main St. (milliner)
Perry Bros. -24 Main St. (shoes)

Remembering 1929

Rodney Clifford and C. Leslie Halford returned Wednesday evening from a hunting trip to Canada. They took 10 reels of moving pictures and brought back the heads of two moose.

Even the stillness of the night in the Big Red House valley has been invaded by the clang and clamor of operations on the dam. Flood lights have been installed so as to permit the working of a night shift.

In **1922**, Bill Boza (left) with the help of Frank Budzinski (right) and Flora (the horse) delivered milk right to your doorstep. Flora, being a very smart horse knew the route by heart. When Mr. Boza went up the walk of a house to drop off that days delivery Flora would, without prompting, continue on to the next stop.

SALAMANCA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

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Hours: 10:00 -4:00
Thursdays and Saturdays
July and August- Tues. Thurs. and Sat.

Our Staff

Cathy Lacy, Rosemary Shadden, Nancy Sedlak

Our Board

Ron Yehl - President
Fran Lord - Vice President
Rosalyn Hoag - Treasurer
April Vecchiarella - Secretary

We Make History Come Alive!

BE A PART OF HISTORY – JOIN US AS A MEMBER OF THE SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

1. FILL IN THE FORM.
2. ATTACH A CHECK FOR $7 FOR A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP DUES. [FOR A SPECIAL DEAL – IN ADDITION TO YOUR YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP RECEIVE A COPY OF ALLEGANY HELLBENDER TALES OR ALLEGANY OXBOW (GIFT SHOP PRICE-$16) BY ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR $21 (THIS INCLUDES $3 S&H FOR THE BOOK.]
3. RETURN TO: SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 125 MAIN STREET PO BOX 23 , SALAMANCA, NY 14779

Salamanca Area Historical Society, 125 Main Street, PO Box 23, Salamanca, New York, 14779 **(Please print)**

Name _____Date_____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____Phone _( )_____-_____

e-mail address_____

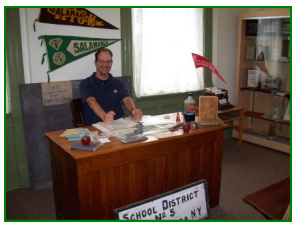
o $ 7 Annual Membership o $21 Membership & Choice of Book [Membership Month/Year _____]

o $ _____ Donation (tax deductible – receipt by return mail) Amount Enclosed $_____

Check Out Our Website

http://mysite.verizon.net/salamancahistoricalmuseum/

David Wrzosek Says:
Volunteering is Fun & Educational



Why Not Join Us!

The staff would like to acknowledge Fran & Roger Lord for their steadfast support of the museum and staff. No matter what we need- help with filling hours, cleaning, repairing, baking, events, work on displays, delivering flyers, assisting with museum visitors -you name it- they are there and will do it ***cheerfully***!

We Couldn't Do It Without You Guys!