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SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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10:00 am- 4:30 pm



OUR TOP STORY

After years of planning and fund raising renovations are well under way on the 3rd floor of the Historical Museum. The rapid transformation of the “top story” of the museum over the past couple of months is the work of carpenter, new member, and volunteer extraordinaire! Alan Robison. Alan has been working tirelessly to turn derelict into dynamite for our new display area. He has done it all- repaired floors, lowered ceilings, opened up doorways, laid subflooring, placed electrical outlets and lighting boxes, hung drywall, scraped, primed, insulated.... and he even cleans up after himself.

But with much more still needing to be done there is plenty of work for anyone who would like to lend a hand. Like those who have volunteered for the “adopt a window” program. These hardy souls, like Ed Krieger and Nick Bocharski, have signed on to scrape and paint windows.

As with any project of this magnitude, things arise that require calling in the “big guns”. Like the day it became apparent that the long base molding was simply *not* going to fit into the elevator and that hauling the debris, including an old bathtub, down from upstairs was going to be a major headache. A call to the “cavalry” brought the BPU in their bucket truck and the always helpful guys from DPW to handle the job.



Alan At Work



Spending time at the
Historical Museum is
ALWAYS FUN!

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W Our Newest Members
E Alan Robison
L Kathleen Frank Brown
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Another Great Volunteer Effort



The stove at left was dumped on the third floor and forgotten after the second floor renovations. Rusty, sad and neglected, it was nearly thrown out until Bill Skoken volunteered to take it home and “see what I can do to fix it up”. Bill worked an entire weekend on the project and the photo at right shows what a wonderful job he did. The stove will reside on the third floor in a unique display area showing a section of the building as it was.



WHERE TO START?



THE CLEANUP



PROGRESS.....



We are still in need of people to volunteer to scrape and paint. As the work progresses there will be other jobs available for anyone who wishes to volunteer. Please contact us at 945-2946 if you are interested in helping out

Excerpted From the Salamanca Republican Press January 24 1933

637 ATTEND FIRST SESSION OF COOKING SCHOOL

Edna M. Ferguson delights big Audience of Women- Stage at Andrews Theatre set as Handsomely furnished Apartment- Scores ask Questions.

...Such was the answer to the question, "Are Salamanca women interested in cooking?" ...So large an attendance at the opening session was something of a surprise, as several sessions usually are required before the womenfolk of a community discover the value of the institution... It was a representative audience of Salamanca women that greeted Edna M. Ferguson, nationally known food authority, demonstrator and lecturer. Young women and matrons, prominent women and those with careers yet ahead of them, women widely known as fine cooks and girls with much yet to learn, women from all walks of life, were in the audience. And a few men- principally those who went to the theatre on business matters connected with the school, and found it all so interesting that they remained.

Handsome Apartment on Stage - The stage presented the appearance of a handsomely furnished apartment. Salamanca merchants co-operated generously in supplying furniture, furnishings and appliances... Mrs. Ella M. Finch introduced Miss Ferguson, in this connection speaking briefly of the increasing responsibilities of women. The problem of feeding their families so that they might be able to put forth their best efforts, she said, was especially worthy of women's best endeavors in difficult times when "we need to know how to use little and make much."... "The work of the home today is the work of the world," said Miss Ferguson in stressing the importance of woman's job of home-making. ...Miss Ferguson is a lucid and easy speaker, and a woman of charm and poise, and her demonstration of recipes was accompanied by a wealth of information regarding foods and methods of preparing them. Miss Ferguson's first recipe was a cabbage, apple and raisin salad....

Presentations... The dishes prepared, together with donations of market baskets or bags made by local merchants, were distributed as follow: **Bags of groceries-** Mrs. R.E. Maher, Mrs. Mrs. W.C. Schultz, Mrs. A.T. Wood. Mrs. J. Mohr, Mrs. F.J. Beattie, Mrs. A. Burlew **One pound butter-** Mrs. A. Sullivan, Mrs. D.M. Arrowsmith, **Salad-** Mrs. C.G. Vreeland **Cakes-** Mrs. E. Whalen

Rice- Mrs. M. G. Flagg **Crisp-** Mrs. J. J. Hememan **Flowers-** Mrs. J. Van Vessum, Mrs. P.J. Ambuske, Mrs. Zalewski **Buttermilk, one quart-** Mrs. M. Rau, Mrs. J. Meiss

FIRST ANNUAL EASTER BONNET PARADE A "HOPPING" SUCCESS

Easter finery was the name of the game as the Historical Society hosted the first annual Easter Bonnet Parade. Toddlers, kids and adults, dogs and a rabbit all paraded on Main St. in balmy 85 degree sunshine sporting a variety of wonderful hats. Prizes of Easter Baskets filled with goodies donated by area merchants were awarded. Our thanks to:

Hampshire Mills, Park Pharmacy
Rite Aid, Parkview
Wal-Mart Watson's Chocolates

Each child also went home with a special gift courtesy of Parkview Supermarket. A big round of thanks go to new manager **Joe Talbot** and assistant manager **Adam Terhune** for their generosity.

We would also like to thank our fine judges for a job well done.

Beverly Pond,
da Freaney,

Grabowski

Lin-
Amanda

Dottie Fredrickson, Mary Pietrylo, Ron Shadden, Rita Wymer, Pat Ward, Dolly Leary, Ann Frank, Fran Lord, Roger Lord, Laura Riley, Patti Yehl, Ron Yehl, Norm Lacy, Tom Brady, Ron Leder



Also a round of applause and thanks go to our many helpers and supporters who helped us launch this brand new event.

It was a morning like any other at the Historical Museum when suddenly the peace was shattered by the screeching of the fire alarm. Staff immediately began

searching the building and just like on TV the fire alarm company called to ask if everything was all right. It was discovered that the alarm box in an exit stairwell had been accidentally set off just as the fire truck made its dramatic way down Main Street and pulled up out front. With cheerful professionalism, firefighters Nick Bocharski and Ed Fredrickson soon had the alarm fixed and quiet restored. They are no strangers to the museum as they have responded to other calls in recent months when a glitch necessitated having the fire alarm panel reset and when an odor of gas was detected in that same stairwell and we consider them good friends.

We wish to thank all the members of the **Salamanca Fire Department** for their always rapid response and care. We truly appreciate the job that you do.



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Remembrance Book

Walter Shadden by Ethel Fries
 Mary Ann and Scott Dunne by Steve Dunne
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