

Salamanca Area Historical Society and Museum Newsletter

**Winter Hours: January 1st through April 1st
Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.**

Reflections 2012

The past year at the museum has been a challenging one for sure. While we celebrated the grand opening of our third floor and continued our popular speaker series we also expanded our footprint as a destination location with over 1500 visitors from around the world. However, we are still without the funding (since August of 2010) provided through the city from casino revenue. New York State and the Seneca Nation of Indians have entered arbitration but that process could take many months. At the beginning of 2012 we were discussing the possibility of having to close our doors by the end of this year. But because all of you have been so awesomely generous with your donations, and the staff, board and museum volunteers have continued to donate their time and efforts, we have made it all the way through 2012. **Hooray!** But once again we are facing cutbacks in hours over the winter as fundraising income did not exceed outgoing cash. Our long term future is still somewhat uncertain but we know that we have many friends throughout the community and indeed the country. With your continued support we know that the museum will continue to be an integral part of Salamanca throughout the coming year.

Going Forward 2013

We are not just looking for your cash. We also need your help. If you live in the area. You can volunteer for an event...Bake cookies...Take flyers around to area businesses...Write thank-you notes... Attend monthly meetings (The second Thursday of the month at 1 pm) We would like to place our brochure in as many places as we can. Could you help us place them in a chamber of commerce, shop or other tourist attraction within a 100 mile radius of Salamanca?

You don't even have to live in the area..... A non-profit organization by its very name and nature will never be able to operate in the black solely on its own without outside funding. Could you help us to research grants and foundations that we can apply to for funding assistance? Send ideas for unique fundraisers? And please remember to recommend us as a place to visit when in the Salamanca area. We are always acquiring new items, holding special exhibits and changing displays.

We have something for everyone to see and enjoy!

4th Annual Reindeer Day

It is hard to believe we are celebrating our 4th year of having Santa and Dancer visit the museum. We truly appreciate Mike Morton of Sundance Kid's Farm being a part of our annual fundraiser.

Each year the event has grown. This year was no exception. We estimate a couple of hundred people turned out this year! We would like to especially thank Mike Wilson for volunteering to "assist" Santa with his appearance here. You're the best! Thanks to our carolers, you made the day more festive. Also, thanks go to all our goodie bakers and volunteer help. These events would never get off the ground without you!

We are very proud to be a participating member of the new program of Veteran Friendly Businesses initiated by the Joint Veterans Council of Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. Veterans sign up with the JVC and when they visit the museum they will receive a thank you bag of "goodies" including a coupon for our gift shop and a chance to earn memberships. We are pleased to be able to honor all our veterans with a special military display room on the third floor of the museum. We en-



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New Members

Shirley Fluent

Barbara Duggan

Pat Quattrone

Clara Wagner

Don & Becky Black

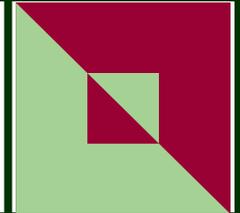
Note: Next year we will be bulk mailing our newsletters. Look for some minor changes in format.



**Today is Tomorrows
History**

Salamanca Press December 5, 1907

An advertisement placed by Krieger's Drug Store states: "Too many useless presents are bought at Christmas. Few would think of giving such a thing as a hot water bottle, but isn't there someone at your house who would appreciate one every night from now until next may?"



IF EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY OVER-LOOKED SOMETHING



**September Speaker -
Author Sally Costik**

Mrs. Costik gave an interesting and informative talk on the era of prohibition in the Salamanca/Bradford area. But the evening turned really lively when older audience members began to reminisce about their own memories of that time including recollections of meeting at least one of the gangsters discussed in Mrs. Costik's book!

Signed copies of *Bootleggers, Bullets and Blood* are on sale in our gift shop



**John Baronich Closes Out 2012
Speaker Series in October**

The underground railroad was the topic and John Baronich set the scene for the 50+ audience members taking them on the journey of a slave heading for freedom in the pre-Civil War era. Using a quilt he made himself Mr. Baronich described the symbols that it is believed the slaves sought to find the next "safe" house on their trek north. Each square of this quilt gives directions based on the name of the quilt pattern

Four 4th Grade Classes Take Field Trip Into History



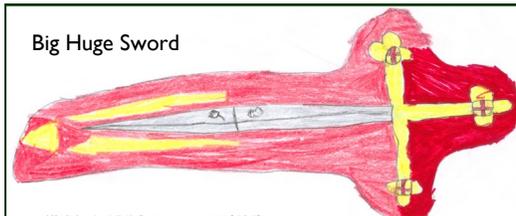
New York State History is part of the 4th grade curriculum and what better way to learn about and connect with the rich heritage and history of their home town than to tour the Historical Museum. The children were given a brief introduction and



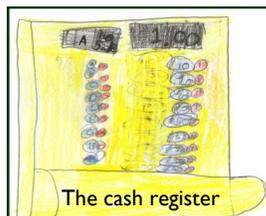
outline of Salamanca's early days and the history of our building before touring all three floors. The staff and volunteers were very impressed with how well behaved and attentive the kids were. It was fun to see the excitement and sometimes puzzled looks on their faces as they were introduced to new items such as the icebox, a chamber pot, and old Norge wringer/washer. In the military display area many kids told of family members who have served or are currently serving in the military.

The staff received some wonderful

thank you notes from the children



Big Huge Sword



The cash register



Door of a bathroom from the plane crash in Bucktooth

Here is a **CHRISTMAS CONUNDRUM.....**

When hanging a stocking should the toe point to the left or the right ?



Much like the issue of the toilet paper roll, this could cause some serious arguments!

Salamanca Press- 1908

Officer Dinter requests the Press to state that he intends to enforce the anti-snowballing ordinance that the youth of the town may have due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly....



What we would like to find under our tree this year.....

A winning Lotto jackpot ticket...Just Kidding....Well sort of..

Digital camera- need not be new, Salamanca Post cards- any year, Christmas decorations, strings of clear Christmas lights picture frames- any size, folding tables 4',5',6',8' size or card tables, stamps, extension cords and power strips.

A small safe or lock box.

**Used printer ink cartridges- We recycle them for credit on office supplies!
Please help us and the environment too!**



We've been good



The Greek-American Fruit Co. advertises "Fresh Candies, made everyday- special this week; Chocolate almond Caramels, only 12 Cents a pound." **Walrath Bros.** ad offers " strictly high grade 35 Cent coffee at 25 Cents per pound.



How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world....
William Shakespeare

Thank You!

Beverly Zoccali	Frank Pascarella
Janice Bachman	John & Maureen Malone
Diane Crater	Esther Dolecki
Greg Banner	Deb Maroney
Robert Wood	Bill Hunt
Doris Davis Fritsch	Clara Wagner
Joel Skudlarek	Pat Quattrone
Carolyn Merow	Janet Schmick
Diann & John Yonker	Milton McNicholas
Ariel Loftus	Rita Wymer
Salamanca Rail Museum	Pat Ward
Joanne & Jerry Ackley	Paul Walker
Dick & Ann Smith	Dottie Fredrickson
James Biscup	David Hornburg
Virginia Banner	Krieger Family
Stanley Ross	Shirley Smith
Fred Winsor	Rosetta Quattrone
Larry Goldstein	Bud Huber
Donald Toennies	Jack Searles
Abram Stanczykowski	Robert Thompson
June Woodin	Darryl Whitcomb
David Wrzosek	Robin Carlson
Ann Frank	Sandy Sharp
Edith Foreman	Judy Jones
Esther Stone	James Granger
Lions Club	

WHISKEY BOTTLE FOUND IN WALL OF POST OFFICE....

City Club Whiskey was a local product of J. W. Mulcay.



Donated by Paul Walker this whiskey bottle, a recent addition to the museum's collection, was found in a wall at the Salamanca Post Office when it was being renovated about 15 years ago. We have been told, but cannot independently confirm, that brick layer John Subulski left a bottle inside every project that he worked on. Could this be one of his?



The 1908 Salamanca Businessmen's Directory reports:

In commercial, fraternal and social circles of Salamanca as well as in public life, there is no one more widely or more popularly known than Mr. J. W. Mulcay, the largest wholesale dealer in wines and liquors in this section and one of the representative and substantial merchants of the city. He established his business in 1898 and has a fine store at No. 122 Main Street, with a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 100 feet. (By 1913 the business had moved to 25-27 Atlantic St.) He is not only a large dealer, but is also an extensive importer and jobber his stock being received by him direct from the manufacturers abroad and in this country. He handles the choicest of wines, the finest of brandies and liquors, and the most famous whiskeys, pure and old, the celebrated "City Club" pure rye being his leader, one of the most popular brands made, of which he is the proprietor. His trade is largely local and is wholesale exclusively. Mr. Mulcay is a director of the Salamanca Trust Company has served as Town Clerk, Tax Collector and in other offices. He is a present a member of the School Board. He is also a trustee of St. Patrick's Church.



Please know that we make every effort to thank each and every person who is kind enough to help us out. If you donated time, talent or treasure to us and your name does not appear please know that it is totally inadvertent and that your donation is much appreciated none-the-less.

We would like to thank the following businesses for providing baskets or gift certificates for our basket raffle.

Goobers....Hampshire Mills...Park Pharmacy...The Dudley...Parkview...Tim Hortons Swan St. Florist...The Essentials Salon...

Also. Salamanca Mall Antiques and the Salamanca Chamber of Commerce

MEMORIALS

Deceased members of the class of 1957 by their classmates

Keith Reed Jr. by Jim and Dolly Leary

Keith Reed Jr. by Caroline Carbone

Richard DeBoy by Caroline Carbone

Keith Reed Jr. by Carol Ellis and Jim Johnston

Deacon Donald Radlinski by Julie Radlinski Fusiara

Ann Marie Radlinski Skrobacz by Julie Radlinski Fusiara

Anne Marie Skrobacz by Esther Dolecki

Keith Reed Jr. By Joan Budzinski

Dorothy Oliverio by Riccardo & Diane Bertolacinni and Ken & Nancy Pierce

James D. Swartz by Ken and Nancy Pierce

Betty Elsen by Caroline Carbone

Betty Elsen by Elisabeth Saradin

Gene Bean by The Saradin Family

Elizabeth Elsen by Salamanca High School Alumni Association



We Make History
Come Alive!

http://mysite.verizon.net/salamancahistoricalmuseum/
OR: http://mysite.verizon.net/bizxl4k



Fun at the Museum



Putting our best foot forward



Unpacking the new male mannequin was too much for Fran's Victorian sensibilities.



They should have taken the train!

Salamanca Press 11-12-1907 Harry Witherell, Howard Stem, Leonard Swan and George Sander walked to Olean yesterday afternoon making the trip in four hours and 20 minutes.

OUR SPEAKER SERIES ALWAYS EVOKES DEEP THOUGHTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Some say the glass is half full...Some say the glass is half empty...I say "Are you gonna drink"



Top Row: President Cathy Lacy - Vice President Fran Lord- Secretary April Vecchiarella- Treasurer Rosalyn Hoag.

Bottom Row: Museum Curator Nancy Sedlak-Museum Staff Rosemary Shadden-



Award Winning Float

Congratulations!
Diana Sturdevant
Our Room Make-Over



Members: When it is time to renew your membership you will receive a renewal notice with your newsletter.

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