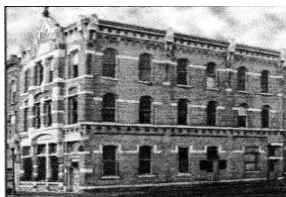


SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2007



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Historical Museum
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Big News

- We've Got E-mail !!
- The Historical Society Has Population Explosion
- Cattaraugus County Gets Ready to Celebrate Bicentennial
- Ellicottville Historical Society Visits Museum
- Donations are pouring in to the museum

Coming Soon ~~~ Happy Birthday Cattaraugus County....

200 Years of Adventures- Past, Present and Future (1808-2008)

Above is the slogan adopted by the Cattaraugus County Bicentennial Advisory Committee.

Recently, several members of the Historical Society attended a meeting of this committee. We were made to feel very welcome and learned that plans are already well underway for a huge birthday celebration for the 200th birthday of Cattaraugus County next year (2008). The celebrations will take place county wide with each community to be showcased during the year. The committee hopes that each community will plan and host special bicentennial events to be held during that time.

The Salamanca Area Historical Society gave over it's June meeting to a planning session to begin discussing possible bicentennial events. Representatives of groups

from around Salamanca attended. We hope that in the coming weeks and months we will have even more interest and participation in planning the events to be held in Salamanca. The first session dealt primarily with discussion of what had already been decided by the County Advisory Committee and it was unanimously voted that the Salamanca events would be held in conjunction with the Falling Leaves Festival.

The Centennial Celebrations took place in Salamanca in 1908 with 3 days of parades and festivities. The group discussed the possibility of attempting to recreate as many aspects of the Centennial Celebration as possible. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 11th at 1 pm at the museum.

WOW !!!

IT'S AN EXPLOSION....

Of New
Members

Debbi Maroney
Learn

Stan Grochowina

Juanita

June Harter

Ruth Studd

Donna Rail

Robert M. Hawkey

Judith Marafino

Mary E. Keller

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Granger Jr

James Povlock Sr.

James F.

Sue Grey

Cathy Lacy

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Shown Above: The Arch which graced Main St. during the 1908 Centennial Celebration. It stood at the North corner of the Dudley Hotel, just before the underpass. In this picture you are looking South down Main St. It is hoped that the arch can be recreated for the Bicentennial Celebration next year.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**Isabelle Prebis
Virginia Banner**

For always thinking of us when they run across an interesting item.

Also to **Mike Zaprowski** for the yearbooks and many other wonderful items donated over the past few months.

Dorothy Flading for giving us custody of her grandfather clock.

Linda Wilbur for the original Penny Saver Proofs, photos and other items.

**Cathy Lacy
Eleanor Oakes**

For all the great photos and postcards.

Wayne Frank for the framed baby clothing, photos and business memorabilia

Dick Smith for the table from the Torge Hotel.

SFD, SPD and EMS for the items for our June window display.

We've Got E-Mail!!!!!!

The Salamanca Historical Society and museum is proud to announce our new e-mail address.

salamancahistoricalmuseum@verizon.net

For those of you who would prefer to receive our newsletter via e-mail just drop us a note at the above address.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ellicottville Historical Society Visits Museum

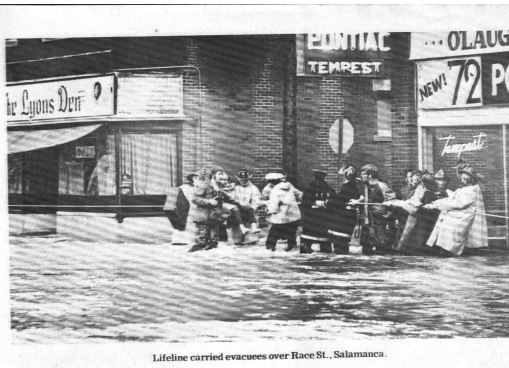
We were very happy to host the Ellicottville Historical Society in June. The members toured the museum and then held their regular Society meeting. Refreshments were served. A 1933 trophy from the Ellicottville Calumet Club was presented to the group from the Salamanca Historical Society.



Tom Brown for the kitchen gadgets, early light bulbs, stereoscope, postcards, and clothing.

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

To all the generous people who donate items to the museum. There simply isn't enough room in the newsletter to list all the donations that we receive and our apologies to anyone who has been left out. However, you can be assured that every single item is greatly appreciated and treasured.



Lifeline carried evacuees over Race St., Salamanca.

Trivia Time..

What was the name of the Hurricane that caused so much damage in the Northeast in 1972?

- A. Andrea
- B. Allison
- C. Arthur
- D. Agnes

It wasn't considered a major hurricane when it came ashore in Florida. But the tropical system stalled out in the Northeast causing days and days of unrelenting rain and by June 24th 1972 it was being called one of the most destructive storms in the history of the Eastern Seaboard.

If you were here in Salamanca that June you will have your own flood story to tell.... Residents began to get a sense that disaster was looming when officials closed the Main St. bridge around noon Thursday, June 22. It continued to rain and the river continued to rise. By 4 a.m.

Friday the water began spilling over the brand new dikes and by 5:30 a.m. Main St. bridge began to flood. And still the waters rose. In the end, for the first time ever, all 3 bridges in the city were closed; effectively stranding city residents on 3 isolated islands. The Salamanca Republican-Press newspaper missed publishing a paper on June 23rd, a first in its 106 year history as water poured into its offices. Water reached the second floor windows of the fire station located on Sycamore Ave and rose to stage level in the Seneca Theater. Emergency plans were put into effect and evacuation centers opened. But despite the devastation and property loss Salamanca was

fortunate that there were no deaths here and the only reported injury came when Fr. Charles Zadora was climbing from a police car to view the rising waters and the car door was slammed on his hand fracturing his right thumb.



Salamanca's Main St. after the Allegheny River receded.

Does anyone know the story behind round bot-tomed bottles?

We have a couple of these bottles at the museum. We are unsure of their origin and use. If you know what the intent of the rounded bottom was or if you would just like to venture a guess drop us an e-mail at our new address:

salamancahistoricalmuseum
@verizon.net

Volunteering is Fun

Thank you to everyone who attended or assisted us with our volunteer get together.

It is not too late to come in and sign up. We are always happy to see new faces. There are many fun things to do and things to learn at the museum.

Thanks to Debbi Maroney for sharing her computer savvy.

Dick McClure, Eleanor Oakes and Fran and Roger Lord for manning our sidewalk sales.

Progress

Work has begun on the new Victorian Park on Main St.

Workmen shored up the foundations of buildings on both sides of the park and at the present time are applying the new brick facing to the walls.

Remember:
No job is so simple that it cannot be done wrong

OUR WISH LIST:

WIRE MOULDING
VACUUM CLEANER
ANY 1908 CENTENNIAL
MEMORABILIA

AND AS ALWAYS
OLD PHOTOGRAPHS-ESPECIALLY
MAIN ST.

BE A PART OF HISTORY – JOIN US AS A MEMBER OF THE SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
**JOIN IN THE FUN & PLEASURE OF LEARNING, PARTICIPATING & CONTRIBUTING IN PRESERVING
 THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIQUE CITY OF SALAMANCA, N. Y. AND THE SURROUNDING AREA!**

1. **FILL IN THE FORM.**
2. **ATTACH A CHECK FOR \$7 FOR A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP DUES.**
3. **[FOR A SPECIAL DEAL – IN ADDITION TO YOUR YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP RECEIVE A COPY OF "ALLEGANY HELLBENDER TALES" (BOOK LISTS FOR \$16) BY ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR \$20 THIS INCLUDES \$2 S&H FOR THE BOOK.]**
4. **RETURN TO: SALAMANCA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 125 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 23
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 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 10:00am-4:30 pm
 125 Main St.
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Group Tours any day or time by appointment.
 Please call ahead to make arrangements.

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