



Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

Broome County Historical Society Annual Picnic

Please attend the Broome County Historical Society annual picnic, which will be held at our museum side yard on June 20. It will be our Historical Society's picnic too. Come for 6:00 sit down to eat.

There will be a demonstration of the kind of tours which we offer Spring and Fall for groups of school children. They include parts of life as lived during the time our house museum building was first in use. Children get to try their hand at washing clothes on a scrub board and hanging clothes on a line to get them dry before it rains. They see the parlor which contains nothing that is absolutely necessary for life on a farm. Upstairs they will see the basic structure of the building, things made in the home for use in the home and a casket. And they will hear how people who had a parlor could have a loved one layed out there and have mourners come to call.

There is an "attic" where people can try-on exciting clothes in front of a big mirror. Almost life size photographs show activities and chores that kids did at home. Clothes sewed for the family from fabric woven from yarn spun from fiber grown on the farm teaches a lot.

In the men's exhibit on the first floor, they see displays of the labor in cutting trees, converting wood into houses and furniture, or into the necessities for tanning hides. And they get to see some early baseball bats and big pictures of some of the many early teams in our area. They also hear about the growing and harvesting of grain and the conversion of grain into animal feed and flour for themselves. When they get to the mill, they see a mill still full of apparatus that worked with a mill-wheel turned by water.

Outdoors there is the chance to walk on stilts and roll a hoop, before they go into the one room school building to hear about how teaching was done in the early days and look through real books that were used by real children as they learned in school, over the 100 years, during which that school building was actually in use.

Many of you have never seen one of these tours. You will be pleased when you do.

We will all eat the food we brought. **Everyone is to bring a dish to pass and their own drink and what is needed to eat it. Our guests will too.**

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Maine Memorial Grade School Tour

On June 13 Maine Memorial kids will be walking up for a tour and activities at the museum. The kids always say they wish they had more time to look at things, and we always tell them to come back on a Summer Sunday Afternoon and bring the whole family, when they can spend as long as they need.

Summer Museum Buildings Open

Beginning July 8, the museum buildings will be open every Sunday afternoon, through September 23. Bring folks to see them, and come work them so others can visit them. Call Carla Sullivan with any questions.

Scranton Steamtown Bus Tour

The **Vestal Historical Society** is sponsoring a Bus trip to the Steamtown/Coal mine Historical Museums District in Scranton on Friday, September 28th, 2012. The trip, which is open to the public, will allow participants to visit *any or all* of the many local Historical attractions as they may want to,...or just spend some leisurely shopping time visiting the Steamtown Mall. The bus will provide us with *free shuttle services* all day between the Steamtown Mall, museums, and tours, which include:

Steam Town Mall / Steam town rail yard / Steam town Museum / Trolley museum-Trolley ride / Coal mine Tour / Coal mine museum /Iron Furnaces,... and Souvenir Shoppes at most locations. All this within 10 minutes of each other.

As well as visiting the many Historical museums, short tours on the Steamtown railroad or the Steamtown Trolley can be purchased. An informative underground tour of an actual Anthracite coalmine is one of the highlights of the visit. Visitors to the coal mine will travel on underground rail cars to the mines below, for a walking tour where the temperature is a steady 52 degrees, so bring a jacket.

There is a food court inside the Steamtown Mall, including many tables for those who may want to bring their own lunch along. Typical food-court food,... (Chinese/Pizza/burgers/hot dogs/sandwiches/salads/ice cream/drinks)... are available.

The bus will leave the Vestal Library parking lot at 8:30 am. After a fun day of museums and tours, we will head back home, stopping at the well known Bingham's Restaurant in Lenox , Pa for dinner at 6 pm. We plan to return to Vestal by 8 pm. All this for only \$25 per person.

All meals and entrance fees , etc. will be the individuals own expense.

To join us, or for more info, contact the Vestal Museum at 748-1432, Tues – Sat 10 am – 3 pm, or Jack McQuiston, tour organizer, at 754-4173 , 9 am – 9 pm.

Seating on the restroom equipped Shafer Bus will be limited to the first 40 people who sign up. Come join us for a fun day.

Other Happenings of Interest

Local author Bambi Lobdell will be discussing and signing her new book, *A Strange Sort of Being*, at the River Read Books in Binghamton at 3:00 Saturday and at Barnes and Nobel Booksellers in Town Square Mall, July 28 at 2:00. It tells the story of a distant relative of hers, who began life as Lucy Lobdell in 1829 and spent the last 60 years of life as Joe Lobdell dieing in Binghamton in 1912.

The Maine Firemen's Ice Cream Social will be Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 in the Town Park

Please come and eat ice cream and listen to the Maine Community Band. For a schedule of the Band's summer performances go to: www.maineband.com/newschedule

The Tioga County Council on the Arts has been presenting ROUND and SQUARE DANCES in Tioga County for fourteen years. There are two remaining in this year's series. For more information about the series, call 607-687-0785

July 18th Doug's Fish Fry will be at the Country Wagon.

OWLs program fall term classes will begin right after Memorial Day. The site for the Local History Class given by Gerry Smith will be the First Ward Senior Center. Call there to see about signing up. The code for the class is HIS 175, section 175-01.



The **ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes** announces the release of **Tales from Agnes: 1972 Flooding in the Chemung Valley**, a podcast series presenting the Flood stories of local residents in their own voices. When the Chemung River overwhelmed the regional floodwalls, it took 18 lives, swept away whole homes and destroyed millions of dollars of property. Despite the tragedy it caused, the Flood was also a turning point for the area. **Tales from Agnes** allows the community to tell their stories directly. The first episode of the series, **Premonitions and Propaganda**, will be released on Monday, June 4, 2012 on The ARTS Council's website: www.eARTS.org/agnes. Each episode will also be available at a listening booth in the Reading Room at the **Southeast Steuben County Library**.

To listen to the podcast, go to www.eARTS.org/agnes and click on **Tales from Agnes**. To add your story to the collection call **1-866-598-7273**. Your story will be archived along with the others at the local libraries and historical societies.

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation for South Central New York is accepting proposals for two grant opportunities in 2012 -

Deadline: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 4:00 PM in Foundation offices.

In celebration of their tenth anniversary, The Women's Fund will be awarding one grant of \$10,000 to a qualified organization in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, or Tioga County. Proposals must be for projects (including capital projects) or programs that use innovative approaches to create positive change and that demonstrate the potential to improve the well-being of women and/or girls.

The Women's fund will also award grants of up to \$3,500 for a total of \$8,000 in the above categories, excluding capital projects.

See complete application guidelines in the "Grant Seekers" section of the Community Foundation's web site for more details: www.donorswhocare.org "2012 Women's Fund Grant Guidelines"

Potential applicants must call Robert Jensen, Program Officer, at (607) 772-6773 prior to preparing a proposal.

The Community Foundation for South Central New York
520 Columbia Drive - Suite 100, Johnson City, NY 13790

In time for "Christmas Presents" will be the book of historical pictures of the Nanticoke Valley Area that Sue Lisk has been slaving over for months. It is at the publisher's now

Good Places to Look At

1. nysLandmarks.com - Religious Structures of Broome County

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Temples, Synagogues and other. Religious Structures compiled by the. **Broome County Historical Society**, Binghamton, New York. Select a Location: ...

2. **Broome County Cemetery Records, New York | Genealogy**

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www.cvcfc.org will get you lots of information on the Cherry Valley Central School Building which has been converted to a community center now housing the Post Office, a gym used for sports and concerts and big parties, a smaller party room, polling site, large child day care facility, and other useful spaces.

A group has a reservation for Monday, July 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. to visit the Merrill collection, which is a private museum in Waverly, NY.

The Merrills are avid collectors, and although the emphasis is on cars and license plates, the buildings are also filled with a wide array of other memorabilia including toy sewing machines; artifacts from the local soda fountain; advertising signs; lamps, etc. that would be fascinating to both men and women.

Don Merrill said he could handle a group (he gives a guided tour) of 15-20 with no problem so you can recruit more from the NVHS.

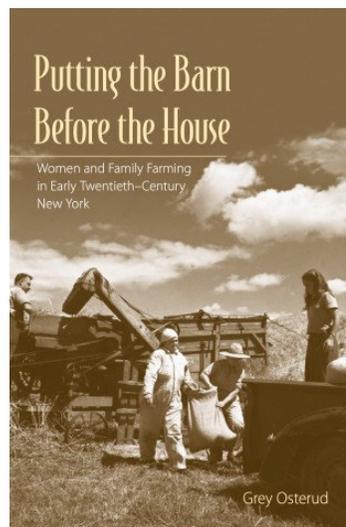
Judith and Burt Whiteman visited this museum on a tour organized by the Tioga County Historical Society a couple of years ago, and they say it was really amazing.

Call Sandy Rozek if you can go.

New York State's Heritage Weekend 2012



Regan Clark sits in a school desk during her tour of the museum and the School No.4. She lives very close to where the little building stood for the hundred years that it was in use as a school. Had she had been born many years earlier, she probably would have been a student there.



Grey Osterud sits in the museum signing books and chatting with folks. Her book, "Putting the Barn Before the House" had just come out. It will continue to be available for sale during times the museum building is open, and a commission will go to the Historical Society.

The Board of Trustees for the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

- Each voting board position has a three year term. Three board positions are to be refilled each year, providing an ever changing but on-going board coverage.
- Board members Stan Lisk, Yancy Moore, and Diane Chianis will serve through 2012.
- Board members Chris Underwood, Janice McKittrick, and Pat Krzyzewski will serve through 2013.
- Board members Alice Hopkins, Clark Gardner, and Dottie Winans will serve through 2014.

Officers

President: Sandy Rozek
 Vice President: Nancy Berry
 Secretary: Carla Sullivan
 Treasurer: Sandy Halliday

Museum Curator

Sue Lisk

Mill Curator

Tom Kotasek

2012 Dues Are now due.

Check the address label to verify that your dues are up to date.

Note: If you are receiving this newsletter via E-mail please check your records to verify that your dues are up to date. Your yearly dues help the Historical Society pay its bills.

**The Newsletter E-mail address is:
 nvhistoric@verizon.net**

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2011 and 2012. Your dues may either be mailed to the Treasurer at the address on the Slip or given to the Treasurer at meetings (in an envelope with your name on it and the dues slip enclosed).

Dues Return Slip - Please Circle Year(s) 2011 2012

Note: See Address label for your Dues Paid status.

Please mail returns to: Nanticoke Valley Historic Society
 Attn: Treasurer
 PO Box 75
 Maine, NY 13802

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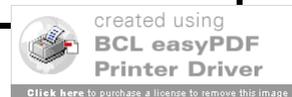
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Phone: (Home) _____ **(Work)** _____

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Dues: ___ \$15.00 Single ___ \$20.00 Family ___ \$50.00 Patron ___ \$100.00 Business



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