

# Fall 2011 Newsletter 2

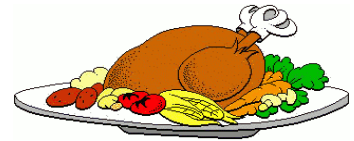
## Nanticoke Valley Historical Society



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**November 3** will be a lovely Harvest Dinner, to take place at the Friends' Diner. Tickets will be sold before hand and can be for either to eat in or to eat out. See Sandy Rozek for tickets to buy and to sell. This is a time when the restaurant generally is closed, so only this dinner will be going on. It will be from 5 to 7. Come when you can during that time, and bring your neighbors. \$20.00 a head covers turkey, dressing, potato, vegetables, cranberry sauce, beverage, dessert, and gratuity. Proceeds will be for the furnace fund.




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The drive through tours of candle lit graves of Civil War Veterans will be **November 5**, with an alternate in case of bad weather on Nov. 12. All of the sites will be open between 6 and 10, so people who want to go see all of them, may want to start right at 6:00

- Chenango Valley Cemetery on Nolan road in Hillcrest
- Spring Forest Cemetery on Mygatt St. in Binghamton
- Floral Park Cemetery on Burbank Ave. in Johnson City

There will be someone to greet each car at each cemetery and give directions, and there will be people along the way also. People who went last year, for the trial run, were almost overcome by the civil war uniformed guys rising out of the mist to signal turns. Really quite moving.

A contact person for more information is Robert Blakeslee 724-4165

## What Other folks are Doing That You Might Like

Luminaries lighting graves of Civil War soldiers in cemeteries, after dark Nov 5 drive through. See front page or more information.

### The Tech Works Prototype Workshop Free

This is the museum beginning to form around the project that Sue Sherwood has been telling us about for some time now, 321 Water St. Binghamton

Nov 12 11:00-3:00, Nov.26 11:00 – 3:00, Dec.17 11:00 – 3:00

Fly a WWII flight trainer, meet the team that taught a 49 yr. old IBM computer to do 5<sup>th</sup> grade math. See the U-E electric car that won the 2003 Tour de Sol. Make a giant paperclip

There is a CD of Charlie Hallinan's Scrap Book available from the Chapter 1, Society of Broadcast Engineers. It has all kinds of Binghamton Radio and TV clippings that engineer Charlie Hallinan collected over the years. Send a check for \$12.00 (\$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping) to the SBE Chapter1 in care of Scott's TV, 368 Clinton St. Binghamton, NY 13905 Proceeds will go to assist young engineers

Some good pictures from the recent floods:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkRWO7Wx7FQ&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkRWO7Wx7FQ&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

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<https://picasaweb.google.com/108769912864173754411/Flooding982011>

On **Veterans' Day, November 11**, the local American Legion will do a Disposal of no longer usable American flags, at 6:30 PM. Flags can be dropped off ahead of time at the Legion building, any evening. Anyone is invited to come for the ceremony, as well.

There will be a second pick up of Christmas wrapping materials and Christmas decorations at Anita Shipway's house on November 9. Please take anything you have to 1020 Forest Rd, Endwell before that. This will be for the Rehab section of the Bath Veterans' Hospital via the American Legion Auxiliary.

## Upcoming Fundraisers

Here are some fund raising activities having been organized to help pay for the replacement to the flooded furnace (over \$2000.00) and some other clean up. They also replace the activities that were scheduled before but canceled because of flood affects.

November 3 is a Harvest dinner to be held at the Friends' Diner in Maine 5-7.

Tickets must be bought ahead of time. See Sandy Rozek for tickets to buy and tickets to sell. \$20.00

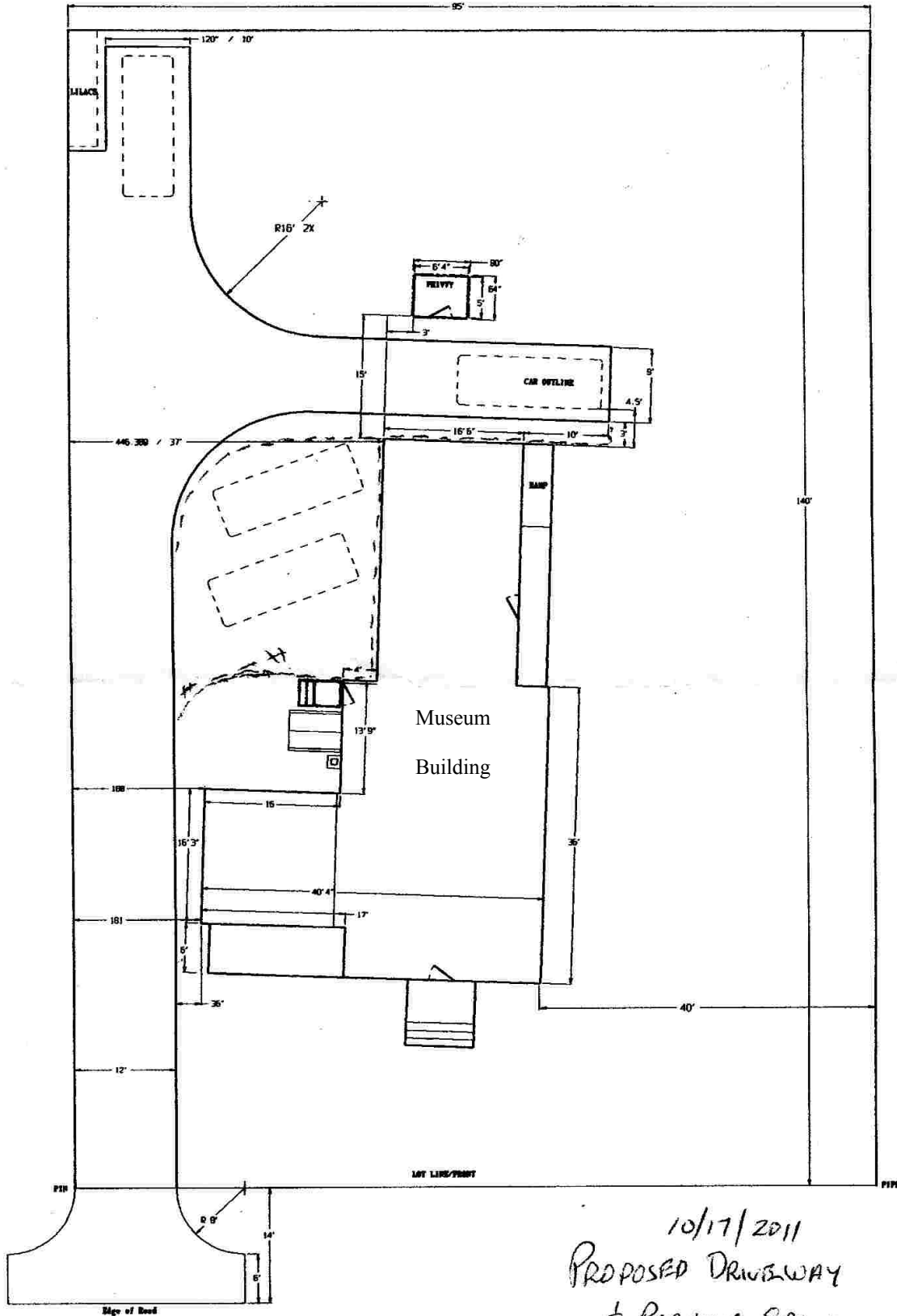
Arrangements have been made to buy a shipment of 61/2 in potted poinsettias through Lowes. They will be sold in place of the order lost in the flood, at our usual supplier's green house.

Plans for a crushed stone driveway around the back of the museum for parking extra cars when necessary and giving access to the ramp of the museum are on hold until more pressing work is done. See the diagram on the following page.

A sweatshirt etc. sale will be available soon, for delivery before Christmas. Shirts will include a ladies  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve scoop neck knit shirt in a variety of winter colors as well as the usual choices in the common shirts. All will be pre-order. Kim Hayden is developing the design.

The musical is organizing and will be presented on December 11. It will be more of a variety show than other musicals have been. It will have a component of audience participation in the telling of memorable stories, from living through the flood in Maine.

### Museum Proposed Driveway



10/17/2011  
PROPOSED DRIVEWAY  
& PARKING SPACE

## Local Ghost Stories

Here are some ghostly stories from the files of the Town of Maine Historian. If you have stories about any ghosts you know, tell us about them, please. You can e-mail them to [nvhistoric@verizon.net](mailto:nvhistoric@verizon.net) or give them to the Shipways.

Bruce Pomeroy's parents, Ed and Eleanore Pomeroy, lived in the old Marean house a mile or so north of Maine on RT 26( now 2902 NYS Rt. 26). It is the large white house that juts out toward the road making the road turn right - then left - to go around it. The story goes that the two old ladies that lived in the home years ago would be sitting in the front room reading and listening to radio (no TV then) - and they would hear footsteps at the top of the stairs – and then slowly coming down the stairs. At the foot of the stairs was a closed door. The footsteps stop, the little metal latch, that has to be lifted about a quarter of an inch, would raise up - and the door would slowly open. But, no one is there!!! Probably the ghost of person that lived in the home earlier.

Another story is about the ghost of an old man, that is seen working in the garden of Dr. Bowers' old home, up Nanticoke Road across from Cross Road - that big old white house called the Taylor home. People that have seen the ghost when driving by, have recognized him later, upon seeing the grandfather (or great-grandfather?) of Dr. Bowers, in the painting hanging in the front room of Dr. Bowers' old home, where his daughter Janet Bothwell lived.

Two ghosts walk the bedroom hall in the old house Shirley and Gordon Woodward lived in down in Union Center. This house was built in the 1820's and in late years had a large carport on the south side. Hanan Moores of the Maine family bought the house in the early 1820's, and he and his wife lived there until they both died, he sometime in the late 1800's and he just after 1900. Gordon's mother told how he would sit in a chair in the front room window (a very old man) and wave to people that walked by.

After the Woodwards moved in, Shirley would wake up in the night and see an old lady standing at the foot of her bed. She thought it was her own grandmother - so she would just wave to her and go back to sleep. One night when she was there - there was a man standing next to her. This scared Shirley, and she grabbed her pillow and threw it at him. She was reaching for a weapon - when she realized the pillow went right thru him and hit the wall. WOW She never saw either of them again, but her son-in-law said he did. He would see the old lady walking the hall in the night. They are sure it was old Hanan and his wife.



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**[nvhistoric@verizon.net](mailto:nvhistoric@verizon.net)**

## 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 Nancy Berry, Betty Welch, and Sue Hoskins will serve through 2011.
- Board members Stan Lisk, Yancy Moore, and Diane Chianis will serve through 2012.
- Board members Chris Underwood, Janice McKitrick, and Pat Krzyzewski will serve through 2013.

### Officers

President: Sandy Rozek  
 Vice President: Alice Hopkins  
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### 2011 Dues Are now due.

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

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2009 and 2010. 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). **Please note that the dues have increased effective January 2009.**

2011 Committees	
Membership	Dottie Winans, Sandy Halliday
Finance	Dottie Winans, Sandy Halliday
Buildings & Grounds	Tom Kotasek, Stan Lisk
Ways & Means	Nancy Berry, Todd Rose, Sue Lisk
Curator - Museum & School-house #4	Sue Lisk
Curator - Mill & Norton Wagon Shops	Tom Kotasek
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Town Historian	Nancy Rutkowski
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Newsletter Editors	Anita & Dick Shipway

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 Attn: Treasurer  
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 Maine, New York 13802

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

A Blue Ribbon was awarded at the Texas State Fair this year to a jar of bread and butter pickles, made from the recipe in our COOKING Up the Creek cook book.

The pickle maker is Chris Berry Horner formerly of Maine New York, and the cook book is that beautiful one done by Janet Whitney Bowers and Roseanne S. Barrows. Recipes from a Rural New York Valley, it says on the cover, and the Nanticoke Valley of which we are the historical society, is the one in question.

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