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Benefits of SCHS Membership:

- Subscription to the 16-page Journal and our new newsletter *The Vista*.
- Free use of our Research Library.
- Invitation to special Society programs and events.
- Full voting privileges to help shape our Society's future.
- The opportunity to help preserve Schuyler County history!

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Annual Society Meeting April 26th Presentation by Board Member Richard Owlett

The Historical Society's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26th at 6pm at the Human Services Complex, 323 Owego Street, in Montour Falls.

Agenda for the annual meeting will be the election of new Board members and officers, an update on the capital campaign, and a presentation by Board member Richard Owlett.

Many of you have seen Richard's computer photo project *Schuyler County:*



Then and Now. It has been on display at such venues such as Schuyler Hospital, the Falls Home, the Harvest Café, Tompkins Trust Company, and the County Clerk's office.

At the annual meeting Richard will focus

in on business and commerce of Schuyler County, roughly 1880 to 1920. His presentation will include many old photos and advertisements from various collections and sources, including the Historical Society.

Richard has been active in photography since his high school years and has a history degree from Ithaca College.

The meeting is open and free to the public. We hope to see many of you there!

Benefit Breakfast at the Moose! All-You-Can-Eat March 20th

The Montour Falls Moose Club, located at 2096 State Route 14, will be hosting a benefit breakfast for the Historical Society on Sunday, March 20th from 8-11am.

Adults are \$6 per person, kids ages 5-10 are \$3, and under 5 eat for free.

Tickets are available at the Museum or can be bought at the door.

For more info call (607) 535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org.

Please come on by and support us and get a great breakfast in return. Thank you!

The Historical Society at Work

Keuka College Intern Darron Hall and the Capital Campaign Status

The month of January the Society was fortunate to have Keuka College senior Darron Hall work at the museum during his field period internship program. Darron is a history major and would like to eventually work in the museum field. Originally from Owego, Darron has friends from Montour Falls so he was familiar with the Brick Tavern Museum.

Darron helped Museum Director and Keuka College alum-

nus Andrew Tompkins clear storage space, assemble storage shelving, write an article for the Journal, assist with a new photo exhibit, and plan an exhibit on the cartoonist Jim Whiting. Be sure to stop by to see the Whiting exhibit when the Museum reopens April 5th.

Capital Campaign Status

The Schuyler County Historical Society is extremely proud to report that we have just surpassed \$97,000 in donations and pledges to our

50th Anniversary Capital Campaign!

The campaign's goal is \$150,000 and we will be continuing to seek donations and pledges until mid-September.

The campaign was launched last September to raise funds for refurbishment of the Brick Tavern Museum and the former Wedgwood Schoolhouse.

A list of contributors to date is available on our website, www.schuylerhistory.org.

Area Seniors Invited to Museum Open House

May 11th from 1 to 3pm

The Brick Tavern Museum will be hosting an Open House for Schuyler County Seniors on Wednesday, May 11th from 1 to 3pm.

Many of our volunteers, members, and friends are seniors and the Society would like to show our appreciation and in-

vite all area seniors to tour the Museum.

The Open House is free and light refreshments will be served. The Museum is handicapped accessible.

There are many items of interest at the Museum that seniors

are sure to identify and reminisce about. The Museum welcomes all to come and have fun!

For more information contact the Museum at (607)535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org.

Annual Victorian Tea to be held May 7th

Seatings Available at 11:30am and 1:30pm

The annual Victorian Tea will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Brick Tavern Museum.

Seatings will be at 11:30am & 1:30pm, with only 40 seats available at each seating, so make sure



Victorian Tea at the Brick Tavern Museum.

to RSVP with cash or check early.

Cost will be \$15 per person and \$8 for ages 5 to 10, under 5 free.

Light refreshments will be served along with such

tasty tea flavors as Sencha, Darjeeling, Irish Breakfast, and Mango.

Please contact the Museum to make your reservations, (607)535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org.

We hope to see you there!

Freeman Family Foundation Middle School Competition

The Freeman Family Foundation has partnered with the Schuyler County Historical Society to hold the 2011 Regional History Competition open to all Watkins Glen Middle School students.

The competition will offer cash rewards for first and second places in the 5th and 6th grade categories and the 7th and 8th grade categories.

For each category first place will be awarded \$150 and second place \$75. There will also be honorable mentions. The classroom of the first place winner in each category will also receive \$25.

The purpose of the competition is to promote learning, enhance awareness of, and instill pride in, our regional

heritage by providing a competition where individual students compete by creating a presentation (project display) based on local and regional history themes.

The presentation can consist of a chart, display, graph, photo collage, computer-based project (website or Power-Point presentation), or a project agreed upon with the student's teacher.

Deadline for the project is April 20. Competition winners will be announced at the Middle School Awards Ceremony on June 20, 2011.

The winning projects will also be exhibited at the Museum through July.

Books Available at the Museum

Watkins Glen Tour Guide by Gordon Cooper (\$32.50)

Schuyler County Days Bygone by Barbara H. Bell (\$26)

The Montour Falls Business District: West Main Street's Proud Past and Hopeful Future by Virginia Steil Bruckner (\$21.50)

Schuyler County New York: History and Families edited by John Potter (\$21.50)

A Walk Through Watkins Glen: Water's Sculpture in Stone by Tony Ingraham (\$26)

Visit www.schuylerhistory.org for a complete list of books available for sale.

Museum Seeking Contractor Bids

The Schuyler County Historical Society is currently seeking bids for the exterior refurbishment of their Brick Tavern Museum located at 108 N. Catharine Street (Rt. 14) in Montour Falls.

Contact Museum Director

Andrew Tompkins at (607) 535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org for a list of what needs to be done.

If interested, bid must be in writing and submitted no later than *March 21, 2011*. Thank you!



Williamsburg Week Winner!

The winner of the week's stay in Williamsburg, VA was picked at the Holiday Open House held in December.

Board of Trustees member Shirley Craver and husband Roy had generously donated a 7 night stay in a two bedroom, two bath condo in Williamsburg, Virginia for 2011. Proceeds are to benefit the capital

campaign.

The winner of the week's stay is John Viglione of Tully, NY. His family have deep Watkins Glen roots and have been active at the historical society.

John has chosen his week in Williamsburg and we wish him and his family much fun!

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events!

March 20—Benefit Breakfast at the Montour Falls Moose Club, 8-11am

April 5—Museum reopens to the public

April 26—Annual Society Meeting, 6pm

May 7—Annual Victorian Tea

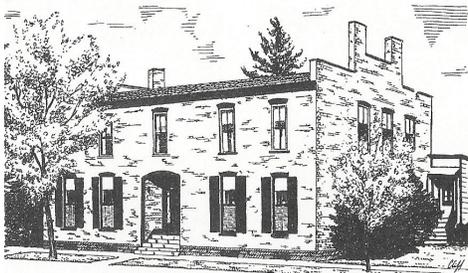
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Thank You for Your Membership In the Schuyler County Historical Society!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 now is the time. Your membership expiration date is noted on your address label above.

If you are not a member, won't you consider joining us? Your dues are an important source of income to cover our operating expenses and are very much appreciated.

We have included a membership renewal form insert with this month's newsletter for your convenience. The second half of the form is to be filled out if you would like to donate to our ongoing capital campaign.

Thank you very much for joining as a new member or for your continued support!



The Sagoyewatha Inn and Resort in Valois. Built in the early 1900s and was closed shortly after 1918. It was located on Valois Point and has since served as a Girl Scout camp and a trailer court (photo circa 1905).