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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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Holiday Open House at Museum Stop by Sunday, December 13th

The Schuyler County Historical Society will host a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 13th from 2-4 pm.

Come and enjoy our festively decorated parlor and Christmas tree and see our display case featuring homemade Christmas related gifts and items.

There will be light re-

freshments and tours of the museum.

Richard Owlett will be



The Brick Tavern Parlor, circa 1900 (SCHS photo collection).

on hand to discuss his NYSCA grant-funded project of Schuyler County "then and

now." He will share historic photos he has collected of buildings and locations around the county and current photos of those locations.

All books available for sale at the museum will be on sale at the Open House. It will be a great time to come by and stock up on holiday gifts!

Please contact the Museum at (607) 535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org for further info.

Thank You Society Members!

Thanks to all of you who donated baked goods for our Harvest Festival Book and Bake sale! We really appreciate the dedication and kindness of our members.

The Harvest Festival

took place on October 10 in Montour Falls on West Main Street. As usual, the baked goods sold at a brisk pace. By late afternoon we had none left to sell and had to rely on selling some of

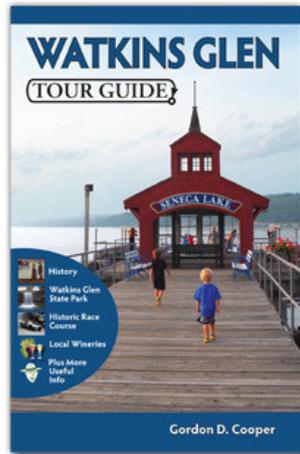
our wonderful local history books. We still have many in stock and a few are highlighted in this issue. These books make wonderful holiday gifts so call or come by to purchase them!

Watkins Glen Tour Guide

By Gordon D. Cooper

If you think you know about Watkins Glen- think again! You probably have not known about the history of many places in the village until you have read Gordon Cooper's "Watkins Glen Tour Guide."

Gordon's book is not the usual tour guide—besides mentioning many historical facts about



the buildings and streets, he also includes the geological history and the former Native Americans of the area.

Tours include a walking tour of downtown Watkins Glen, tour of the Watkins Glen Gorge, and the Upper Glen Finger

Lakes Trail walk. The book covers motor racing around the Glen and the south Seneca Lake wineries. The book also tells outsiders how to get to Watkins Glen, when to visit, things to do, and places to stay.

This is an indispensable book, not only for the visitor, but for local residents as well. Many colored photos, published in 2009, 320 pages, \$32.50.

New Membership Year 2010

After careful consideration the Society Board has passed new dues rates for 2010. The Society relies on its membership dues to keep our museum running and we thank all of you for your continued support.

Our membership year is now on the calendar year and many of your memberships will come due January 1st. We have enclosed a membership renewal form reflecting the new dues rates with this mailing for your convenience.

If you have any questions, or are wondering when your membership lapses, please contact us at (607)535-9741 or info@schuylerhistory.org.

Thank you very much!

Seneca Dawn

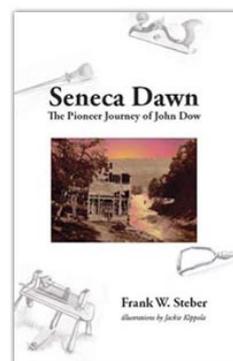
By Frank W. Steber

"Seneca Dawn" relates the pioneer journey of John Dow, the first settler of Reading township and a Schuyler County judge.

It follows Dow's horseback

journey in the late 1700s from Connecticut to the head of Seneca Lake at the age of nineteen.

This is a story of the



hardships of life in those early days.

With black and white pictures, published in 2008, 114 pages, \$16.25.

Schuyler County New York: History & Families, edited by John Potter

A history and overview of the places and - people of Schuyler County can be found in "Schuyler County New York: History and Families," edited by John Potter, former museum director.

The book includes many of the places and events that make Schuyler so

special. There are many black and white photos throughout.

Edited in 2004, the section on families includes the history of many early and present day Schuyler families.

Regular edition is now \$21.50 and the leather-bound edition is \$32.50.

Other Books Available at the Museum

Seneca Sunrise by Frank W. Steber (16.25)

A Walk Through Watkins Glen: Water's Sculpture in Stone by Tony Ingraham (\$23)

Beaver Dams Homestead edited by Patricia Beecher (\$11)

Around Watkins Glen by Charles Mitchell & Kirk House (\$21.50)

1874 Atlas, Schuyler County (\$59.50)

The Journal on CD-Rom (\$21.50 members, \$32.50 non-members)

The Montour Falls Business District

"The Montour Falls Business District: West Main Street's Proud Past and Hopeful Future" is an interesting pictorial history of Montour Falls' West Main Street throughout the years.

Put together by Society vol-

unteer Ginny Bruckner, the book contains dates and previous owners of all businesses and residences along West Main Street.

The many black and white photos, maps, and images allow you to get a true under-

standing of how Montour Falls' business district faced floods, fires, decline, and re-growth through the years.

174 pages, 2008, \$21.50.

A Link in the Great Chain

"A Link in the Great Chain: A History of the Chemung Canal" by Gary Emerson is exactly what it reads- a history of the idea, development, and eventual decline of the Chemung Canal and the many people involved in

the enterprise.

The book is wonderfully written and carefully researched. Gary Emerson is a teacher at Newfield High School.

94 pages, \$13.50.

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events!

December 13—Holiday Open House at the Brick Tavern Museum, 2-4 pm.

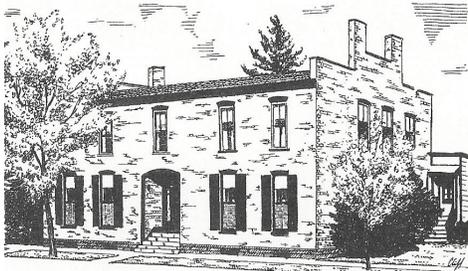
December 18 to April 5—Museum closed to the public for winter

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Schuyler County Days Bygone

By Barbara Bell, Schuyler County Historian

Take an interesting historical journey around Schuyler County by reading "Schuyler County Days Bygone" by Barbara Bell, Schuyler County Historian.

Most enticing are separate sections on each of the eight townships. Then enjoy reading about early life, how holidays were spent, and the many occupations carried on around the county.

The author also tells about waterfalls and gorges, the canals and streams, Seneca Lake, and the forests. This is a book needed in your library of local history.

With black and white pictures, published in 2008, 338 pages, \$26.

