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CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



July 2011

CALENDAR AHEAD

May 4, 2011- annual meeting and socializer 7-8:30 at the Society

May 12, 2011- Clarence Aldridge will tell all about the fraternities at Hamilton College, 7:30 at the Society

June 11, 2011- Storytelling Festival- all day

June 27- July 4- Fortieth **Annual Historic Clinton Week**—details to follow

May 1, 2012- 50th anniversary of the founding of the Clinton Historical Society

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIALIZER MAY 4TH

Your Society will hold its 49th annual business meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2010 from 7-8:30 at 1 Fountain Street. It's important to attend to hear financial reports, secretary's minutes, and the president's report.

The agenda will also include adoption of revised By-Laws, and election of directors and officers as follows:

Directors for three year terms: Marjorie Bakos, Frank Cittadino, Paul Frey, and Robert Tegart.

Officers for one-year term: Paul Frey, president; Robert Tegart, vice-president; Christopher Fox, secretary; and Patricia Fox, treasurer. If unable to attend, please return the enclosed **proxy statement**.

Members can enjoy wine, beer, soft drinks, snacks, and cookies and engage in social time with old friends and meet new members, too.

NEW BOOK ON ORISKANY CREEK

The Society's editor and past president Richard Williams has written a book which is now available. It is called Along Oriskany and Big Creeks and tells the story of the Oriskany from its source to the Mohawk River. Included are sections on the geology, the history, the economy, the fishing, the flowers and trees, and the wild animals.

It's available for \$24.00, tax included, at the Society, Town Library, Clinton Shoe Center, Meelan's Market, Harris Brothers Jewelers, village clerk's office, town clerk's office, and Oneida County Historical Society's book store at 1608 Genesee Street in Utica.

Clinton Historical Society
Founded in 1962

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Editor

Richard Williams

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The latest **Life** members are David and Lisa Burns. The directors appreciate this commitment by David and Lisa. Dues from life memberships are placed with other invested funds of the Society and are not used for operating expenses.

RECENT DONATIONS

Phil Munson's daughter Mary Lynn Gras and her husband Paul have donated two large boards filled with letterheads and invoices from Clinton businessmen about 110 year ago.

John Burdick has given us a picture of the NYO& W railroad freight house which used to be next to Kirkland Avenue where the Clinton House Apartments are today.

Mrs. Paul Jacobs has presented the Society with a real find: the wooden collection plates used by the Clinton Baptists in our building in the early 20th century.

Gordon M. Hayes, Sr. has given the Society several journals from Hayes & Co. and Hayes National Bank. NBT had turned them over to Mr. Hayes.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

The year has passed quickly, and we will be starting another year at the Clinton Historical Society. Don't forget Cabaret Night on May 4, our annual meeting, and elections! It will be a fun time- good food, good friends, while completing the society's business. Enclosed you will find a summary of updated bylaws passed unanimously by your Board of Directors. Thank you to Christopher Fox, Frank Cittadino, and Paul Frey for working on our new bylaws. These updated bylaws make the society more effective and in compliance with recent state laws governing non-profit organizations.

We accomplished all of our important goals this year. Thank you to the members who returned their surveys to help us continue the activities you like and create new ones in the future.

I want to thank everyone for making this a successful year. I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many wonderful people. Thanks to you all!! If you have not renewed your membership, please do so soon! Our society depends on YOU!

I want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful spring and summer.

Regards,

Faye Cittadino, President

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

"ALONG THE ORISKANY"

The Clinton Historical Society invites you to submit your original paintings, drawings and photographs inspired by images along the Oriskany Creek from its start in Madison County through Oneida County to the Mohawk River.

All works must be matted and/or framed for hanging. Works may be delivered to the Clinton Historical Society on Wednesday, June 22nd from 1-3 pm; 6-8 pm, and again on Saturday, June 25th from 11 am-2 pm. The public Reception will be Sunday, July 3rd from 2-4 at the Society building, No.1 Fountain Street.

Please contact Frank Cittadino for further Information regarding categories and awards at it-alyartist70@hotmail.com or at CHS P.O. Box 42, Clinton, NY 13323.

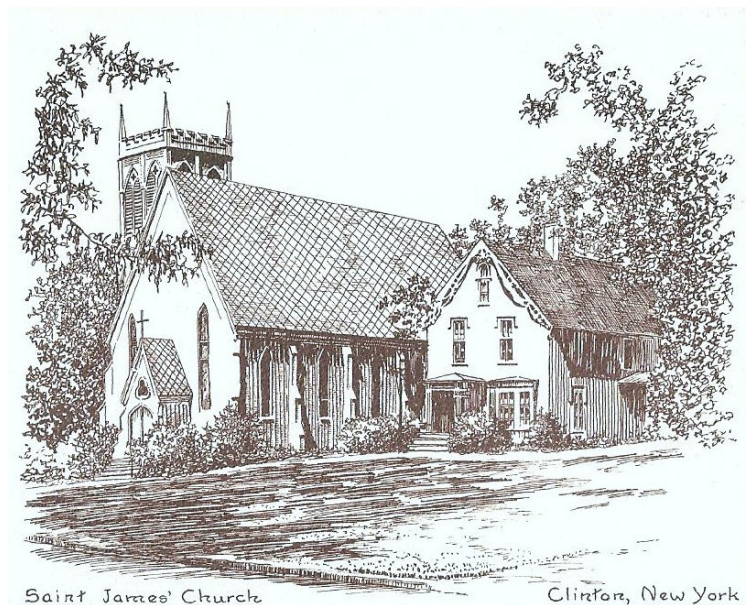
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

Clinton's Episcopalians have held forth on Williams Street since 1865. The church, shown at right, was completed in March 1865 as the Civil War was winding down. Previously the members met at the Clinton Baptist Church (now the CHS) and at the Universalist Church at 8 Utica Street.

Bishop DeLancey gave his consent for the new parish in May 1862. The rectory was built about ten years after the church.

A handsome steeple was felled during a violent windstorm in March 1893 causing much damage. The parish hall was built before 1900 and enlarged in the 1960s.

Rev. Timothy Reger is the 18th installed rector.



MONDAY CLUB HISTORY

The Monday Club began in 1892 when three village ladies Mrs. S.W. Raymond, Miss Sarah Morris, and Miss Ida Owen, all great readers along lines that made for intellectual improvement, had the pleasant idea of meeting one day a week at each other's home with one reading aloud while others sewed. A great occasion during the late Victorian era before television and movies.

Several wives of Hamilton College professors joined Clinton women and in the 1897-98 year chose as its subject "Holland." A Dutch tea was held to end the season at the home of Mrs. H.C.G. Brandt on College Hill. The New York State Department of State certified the group as a study club, no. 244 in 1898, and the Monday Club wrote By-Laws and a Constitution.

The topics over the years have ranged from art to zoology. For example, in 1976 the topic was "Colonial and Revolutionary America," a fitting celebration for the nation's bicentennial.

While no complete record exists of the hundreds of topics and meetings over the years, that's a lot of meetings and a lot of tea!

Outside of the Skenandoa Club which dates from 1890 we don't know of any other social organization which can claim a longer, uninterrupted existence. Membership stood at 26 in the 1990s, and about 20 ladies belong to the Monday Club in 2011.

Now the Monday Club keeps on with its traditions and will have its annual luncheon in May. The annual meeting was held in March. The topic for 2011-12 will be "composers."

Catherine Westlake is the outgoing president, and Libby Beardsell will take the president's chair in May. The Society salutes this club for its longevity and contributions to Clinton's social scene these 119 years.

Clinton was 224 years old March 3, 2011.

DUES ARE DUE- In the March 2011 Newsletter dues notices went out for the April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 fiscal year of the Society. Many thanks for the 300+ members who have renewed already.

For those who have not taken the time, please spend a couple of moments and use the envelope enclosed in March to send in your dues of

\$10.00 individual \$15.00 Family/business \$25.00 Friend

\$50.00 Contributing \$500.00 Life (one time)

This is a good time to give the **Gift Of Membership** to a family member, friend, neighbor or for a birthday or anniversary present. The gift of local history can't be beat!!!

Dues constitute the major part of the Society's income and are really needed to maintain the 1832 building, pay utilities and insurance, printing, and mailing costs.

Treasurer Patricia Fox will be delighted to receive and record your dues. Remember the option of using PayPal by going to our web site www.clintonhistory.org.