

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **FRANCIS LALLIER AND HIS HEIRLOOM VEGETABLES**

### **September 11**

Help the Society kick-off its 47<sup>th</sup> season of fine programs by attending this session by Francis Lallier. He has won prizes for his vegetables at Sturbridge Village where Gwen and he have been members for 35 years. He will tell us about them, show samples of some vegetables and some seed pods, too.

Fran has been gardening since a young boy on Snowden Hill Road. Fran has been a long-time Society member and formerly managed the Clinton Agway. His wife Gwen has served on the Society's Board of Directors.

Join us at our first Thursday evening program at 7:30 on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will follow the program as usual.

## **MANY SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

The 38<sup>th</sup> **Historic Clinton Week** had a walking tour with 30 people, a Car Cruise-In for the third year, Clinton school alumni exhibit, a rural art exhibit, and a farm display of hand implements. In addition the Society released its latest book, *Farms and Barns in Kirkland, New York*. This year was the all-class reunion on July 4 and 5.

All in all it was a busy week and well patronized by members and the public alike. Several people joined the Society, and many books were sold.

Ongoing through early August was the work on the Society's artifacts by summer helpers Alex Jansing and Vincent Whitney. New metal shelving, courtesy of the Burke Library at Hamilton College, was installed in the loft allowing us to sort out and arrange better our smaller artifacts. Consultant on this project, which was a first for the Society, was Brian Howard, executive director of the Oneida County Historical Society in Utica.

The Society's collection is in much better shape now than previously although more work is still needed to bring us up to the latest archival and curatorial best practices.

Frank and Faye Cittadino also ran the 3<sup>rd</sup> HISTORY CAMP in August with 10 students.

## DUES PAST DUE

Members should check carefully the date on the envelope label to see if they are current in dues. A red circle around the date indicates that dues are due.

If the date is "3/31/09" or later, dues are current. If the date is less than that, please send the dues in soon or your membership will be suspended. Dues are 10.00 individual, \$15.00 family/business, \$25.00 friend, \$50.00 contributing, and \$500.00 life.

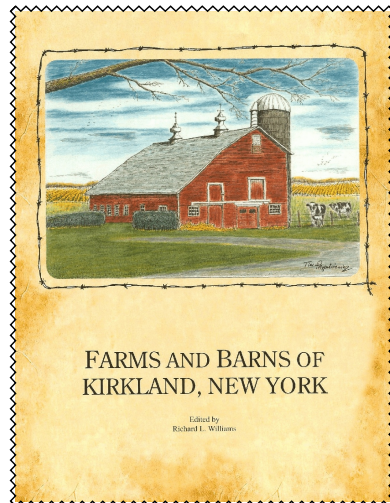
Dues constitute the largest part of the Society's income and are necessary to pay increasingly expensive utilities and insurance costs.

## FALL HOURS FOR THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

After having open hours Wednesday and Thursday for the summer, the Society will resume just Wednesday hours from 1 to 3 and restart Saturday hours from 11 to 2 in September.

This will be a good time to come in and check the history and age of your home or business or to research your family here.

The summer art and farm displays were taken down in August.



Society's new farm book is at left and the farm display is above

SEPTEMBER BROCHURE IS ENCLOSED WITH  
2008-09 PROGRAMS.

## TOWN OF KIRKLAND FACT SHEET 2008

- 1- organized by act of the New York State Legislature on April 13, 1827
- 2- formed from the Town of Paris
- 3- before Paris Kirkland was in the Town of Whitestown
- 4- named for missionary to the Oneida Indians Rev. Samuel Kirkland
- 5- land in the Bristol, Foote, Washington, Indianfield road areas was owned in the 1780s and 1790s by George Washington and Governor George Clinton
- 6- hamlets today are Kirkland on Route 5, Clark Mills in the northern section, Chuckery on route 12, and Franklin Springs on route 12-B
- 7- the only incorporated village in the Town of Kirkland is Clinton which was formed in April 1843
- 8- settlement of Kirkland began on March 3, 1787, led by Capt. Moses Foote from Plymouth, Connecticut
- 9- New York's third oldest liberal arts college, Hamilton College, was chartered in May 1812 and will be 200 years old in May 2012
- 10- the hamlet of Kirkland was called Manchester in the early 1800s
- 11- churches in 2008 are the Church of the Annunciation, St. Mark's Episcopal, Clark Mills United Methodist, Clinton United Methodist, St. James Episcopal, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Stone Presbyterian, Society of Friends, and Resurrection Assembly of God, and Life in Christ Family
- 12- previously Clinton had a Universalist and a Baptist church, Kirkland had a Presbyterian Church, and Clark Mills had a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church
- 13- iron ore mining with two blast furnaces and a paint mill lasted from 1797 to 1963 in the town
- 14- numerous private secondary schools operated here in the 1800s
- 15- public schools or common schools date from the 1790s, and Clinton centralized 15 districts in 1931 to form Clinton Central School
- 16- dairy farming, fruit orchards, hops, and various field crops such as peas and beans occupied Kirkland's farm sector for many years
- 17- ice hockey came to Clinton in 1917 when A.I. Prettyman became athletic director at Hamilton College
- 18- Hayes National Bank started in 1878 and is now NBT; M & T, 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara, and Access FCU now provide banking services to residents
- 19- TOPS market opened in a new store at 55 Meadow Street August 21, 2002 and closed in February 2006. Hannaford opened in June 2006
- 20- both Clinton and Clark Mills American Legion posts date from the end of World War I
- 21- Kirkland College lasted ten years: 1968-1978 when it merged with Hamilton College
- 22- Jolly Butcher Shop and Cawley's Mercury Sales closed in April 2000
- 23- Elihu Root, Secretary of State, was born on the Hamilton College in 1845
- 24- the Clinton Arena was built in 1948, burned in 1953; current one built '53-'54

