

CLINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HISTORY OF BLACK RIVER CANAL SET FOR 11/8

Although Clinton had the Chenango Canal between 1836 and 1877, many other canals existed in New York State as lateral canals to the big one, the Erie. The Black River Canal went from Rome to Carthage and used the Black River for the northern part of that route.

We are fortunate to have Edward P. Fynmore speak to us on Thursday, November 8 starting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Fynmore heads a group dedicated to building a Black River Canal Museum in Boonville. A lifelong resident of Boonville, Mr. Fynmore owns an art gallery and frame shop and has written, in 2005 with Harney J. Corwin, one of the Arcadia books, *Black River Canal*, from the Images of America series

This is our annual joint meeting with the New Hartford Historical Society which always begins at 7:00 not our regular starting time of 7:30. **Please make note of this time change for this meeting only.**



Shown at left is one of the new signs erected at four abandoned Town of Kirkland cemeteries by the Society. Designed by President Frank Cittadino these attractive signs now identify the cemeteries on Barker Road, Kellogg Street(Chuckery), Brimfield Street, and

Manchester(in Kirkland). A brief dedication ceremony was held September 27 at the Brimfield Street cemetery pictured above. Special thanks go to Highway Superintendent Jon Scott who oversaw the installation of the new signs.

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SOCIETY**

Founded in 1962

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SHOPPERS' STROLL

Plans are being made for the November 23rd SHOPPERS' STROLL, the annual daylong pre-Christmas festival in Clinton.

A model of the Park Gazebo owned by Tom and Sue Dressel will be on display along with some antique music boxes. Other exhibits are being planned, and a musical group is being sought.

The building will be open from 12 noon to 8 PM that day, Plan on bringing any Thanksgiving visitors to view the Christmas decorations and the other interesting displays. Refreshments will be served.

MANNEQUIN NEEDED

To display properly a recent donation of a Victorian lady's formal gown the Society needs a full-length mannequin. Please call Faye or Frank Cittadino if willing to donate the mannequin.

JUNIOR HISTORIANS TO BEGIN

The Directors have authorized the beginning of a Junior Historian group of middle and high school students to meet about once a month after school. Faye and Frank Cittadino will lead this group and call upon others to contribute.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TO START

In today's world plans, goals, and objectives for any organizations are important to provide a roadmap for the future. What will the Society look like in 15 to 20 years? What programs should be offered? What will the demographics of the membership look like? What new initiatives should be launched? Is the building adequate or should some changes be made? What funds will be needed in 15 to 20 years to replace building infrastructure? Should the Society hire an employee to administer daily operations?

In general what will the future hold for non-profit groups like the Society in the greater Kirkland area? What plans should be made now to meet these challenges and to march into the 21st century fully ready and able to thrive and meet the Society's mission?

On October 17 the directors met to begin this process which will be expanded to include other members of the Society and the community. Possibly a consultant will be engaged to coordinate the process.

Stay tuned as the Society, in its 45th year, starts to look towards the 50th anniversary in 2012 and what changes, if any, should occur.

