

Otsego County Historical Society Newsletter



 October 2005 



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ah, summer has come and gone and yet the visitors still are coming in to the Museum!

Our wonderful group of Greeters at the Museum have done a beautiful job and we truly are grateful to all of you!

We have had some new artifacts given to us for display (*look for them to be named elsewhere in the newsletter*).

The next important happening here at our Museum is the drawing on October 22nd at 3:00 p.m. for the Quilt (1st Prize) and the Bird Feeder (2nd Prize).

Now, you don't have to be here to win but why not come in to enjoy the refreshments and excitement of the drawing! Our Board Members are donating their homemade pies and we will serve coffee to go with your slice of pie!

See you then.

Ginny

RAFFLE DRAWING AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 22nd, will be the last day the Museum is open for the year. At that time we will have the Raffle drawing for the beautiful Log Cabin Quilt and an Open House for all Greeters and Members.



OPEN HOUSE 1:00—4:00 P.M.
DRAWING 3:00 P.M.

Refreshments will be served. Books, Calendars and Publications will be available at discounted rates.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Check out our special prices on the next page for gift ideas! For an additional fee for mailing costs, we will ship any of these items for you!

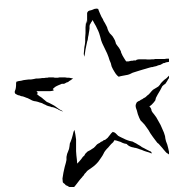
MAKE A DONATION, please!

Have you thought about donations to the Museum in honor of your spouse, children, parents, friends? This makes a wonderful Christmas, Birthday or "just because" gift to your loved ones. When you make a donation to the Museum in their honor, we will send a card to the honoree so they will know of your thoughtfulness! These donations can be in any amount and if the donation is \$100. or more, their name/names will be added to our Honorarium Board.

Memorial donations may also be made in memory of someone of your choosing and that name will be added to the Memorial Board.

DONORS

Our thanks to the following people for donating some of their family heirlooms and personal collection with us.



Marleen Everett -	<i>Tobacco Jar</i>
John Dye -	<i>Indian Spearheads</i>
Marge Kunisch -	<i>Telephone, Ice Skates</i>
Gertrude Sowers -	<i>Framed Holy Communion Remembrance, Framed Marriage Certificate</i>
Don & Judy Krieger -	<i>Ice Tree Print</i>
Ray Kucharek -	<i>Books</i>
Dr. Roy Boyer -	<i>Exam Table, Dresses</i>
Norman Glasser -	<i>Pharmacists Case</i>
Walter Harvey -	<i>Pipes, Hair Trimmers, Razor</i>
Esther Nelson -	<i>Red Schoolhouse Replica</i>
Robert Delany -	<i>Pinnacle Bottle</i>
Geri David -	<i>St. Mary's Uniform, Pictures</i>
Donations to be described in next newsletter from	
Maureen Ballenger	Sue Theisen
Rhoda Kelso	Dr. & Mrs. Burau
Harry Andrews	

CHRISTMAS SALES

OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 30

Books and Calendars are excellent gift items for the person who enjoys history. As a member of the Historical Society you are invited to take advantage of pre-Christmas sales. For the months of October and November the following items are offered at a discounted price to members.



To take advantage of this special Member's offer you must buy the items at the Museum on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Please use the back door.

What is included?

PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK	regular price	\$44.95,	now	\$35.00
STEP BACK IN TIME VOL. III	regular price	\$20.00,	now	\$16.00
STEP BACK IN TIME VOL. II	regular price	\$10.00,	now	\$8.00
STEP BACK IN TIME VOL. I	regular price	\$4.00,	now	\$3.00.
CALENDARS 1990- 2004	regular price	\$3.00,	now	\$2.00

At a 10% discount :

2006 ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE CALENDAR	\$5.40
2005 BARN CALENDAR, <i>recently reprinted</i>	\$5.40

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS GOAL!

Thanks to each and every one of you who have renewed your membership for 2005-06 or joined as a new member! We have 199 memberships, nearly a 25% increase, with a total income of \$4360, exceeding our projected income of \$3500.

RENEWALS

Eleanor Blanzly	Don & Helen Crandall
Lambert Chard	Mike & Therese Cooper
Dorothy Cherry	John Deming Family
Carol Buxton	Bill & Delores Fullmer
Mary Fain	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Estelle
Bob & Adaleen Harden	Doris Pavey
John & Margaret Jenkins	Don & Bonnie Karlake
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Madden	Dianne Newman
Ray & Elinor Renner	George & Joyce Ross
Leo & Jeanette Schuch	David & Susan Smethurst
Joyce McKinley Spalding	Edward & Edith Steinman
Athel Eugene & Helen Williams	

NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Sandra Allison	Sue Ballentyne
George & Eleanor Barker	Larry & Joyce Bowers
Marian Glassley	Roseann Kujawa
James & Roberta Lawnichak	Stephen & Charlotte Qua
Robert & Elsa Thompson	Tom & Ann Wagar
James Davis & Elizabeth Waggoner	



RENOVATIONS STARTING...

It never ends here at the Museum as we try to keep our displays and artifacts interesting to the public!

The bathroom remodeling is all done, thanks to Tim & Roberta and Ann. They've done a beautiful job of bringing our bathroom up-to-date! Check it out!

Sometime before the Museum is closed for the year, we will be doing some rearranging in the back room to give us more working space and to change the displays. Please bear with us as we close off the area to visitors and get busy with our plan!

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL FUND RAISER

Our first, and we hope annual, antique appraisal event on Saturday, September 10th was a great success! Joseph McGee of Joseph's World in Petoskey, did 37 appraisals which generated \$390. He was continually busy from 9 until 12:30 and fortunately we didn't have to turn anyone away. Treasures ranged from china, glassware, antique toys, clocks and artwork to a harpsicord made by Henry Ford's craftsmen. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank 101.5 and the Gaylord Herald Times for publicity, the First United Methodist Church for use of their Fellowship Hall and, of course, Joseph McGee. Special thanks to our members who helped hostess and/or provide refreshments – Bea Axford, Ginny Brozowski, Sherry Johnson, Judy Kucharek, Jane Mead, Jan Pearson, Doris Schulz, Susan Smethurst, Jane Wolschon and Ann Wright. Maureen Ballenger, Chair

SALLING SCHOOL

District No. 2 Bagley Township

This school was located at corner of Highway 27 and West Otsego Lake Road. As the town of Salling grew, a second school house was added in 1901. One school building was for the first through third grades, the other for the fourth through eight grades. Mrs. Ethel Colbeck taught the upper grades

Originally the town consisted of a row of clapboard and tarpaper shacks strung along the railroad line and the north end of Otsego Lake. The families that made up the town were mainly English, Irish, Scots, Danish, Dutch, Polish and French Canadian. Most of these families followed the lumber industry north from Saginaw as the mills moved further north to harvest timber. The majority of the school children had parents that worked at the Salling Mill.

By 1915 all the desirable timber was harvested, the mills closed and the town ceased to be.

There had been a saw mill at Salling owned by the Bagley Lumber Company. At that time, the village had been called Bagley. This is the reason that the Salling School was formerly called the Bagley School.



1905-1906

TEACHER ~ ETHEL COLBECK

Pupils

Grade 4

Loratta Deichelbor
Florence Moss
Mamie Wright
George Waldie
Clarence Bergy
Frankie Wright
John Smiley
Edward Carter

Lusella Cross
Bertha Deichelbor
Floyd Cook
Susannah Dishew
Lottie Monroe
Cora Cook
Herman Monroe
Hattie Rusow

Grade 5

Blanch Lynch
Ellen Johnson
Martin Graham
Mason Wilson

Ella Boyer
Fred MacMillian
Floyd Wilson
Ida Rusaw

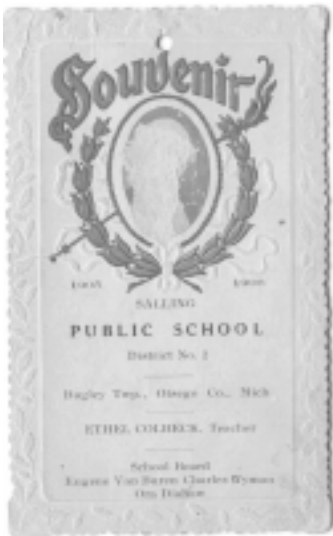
Grade 6

Tillie Deichelbor
Alton Wright
Phillip Waldie
Arthur Coutts

Sophia MacMillian
Earl Wright
Henry Wilson

Grade 7

Edna Cross
Clarence Cross
Frank Carter



Picture and souvenir from the files of the Otsego County Historical Society

CEMETERY PROJECT

Sue Smethurst and a group of volunteers will be surveying the Bagley Cemetery on Old 27 and Wisconsin St. in Gaylord to match graves with plot numbers and to make headstone rubbings, taking pictures, etc. What a neat project! The information on plot numbers and people's names will be shared with the city so their records can be updated to include this information.

Diane Newman will work with Otsego Lake Township to assemble the records for the Otsego Lake Cemetery to be put into one data base. This information will be included in our files and put on computer disk for the township.

Thank you Sue, Diane and all the volunteers!

MUSEUM STAFF

President-Ginny Brozowski
Vice-President-Doris Schulz
Secretary-Dianne Newman
Treasurer-Maureen Ballenger
Coordinator-Ann Wright
Deed of Gifts-Roberta Hudson
Memorials-Rhoda Kelso

1932 GAYLORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION COMPOSITE

We are missing this year in our picture collection. Do you have this picture? We would love to make a copy of it! Please call if you do.
Thank you!

TB SANATORIUM...ALPINE CENTER

Watch for the November issues of the Gaylord Herald Times. There will be a feature on the TB Sanatorium and a personal story of how this illness affected lives in the 40's and 50's.

MUSEUM HOURS

September 5 - October 22, 2005
10:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday

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