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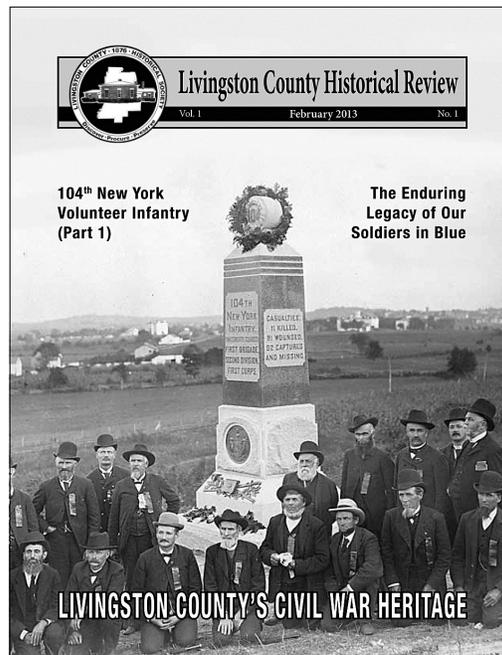
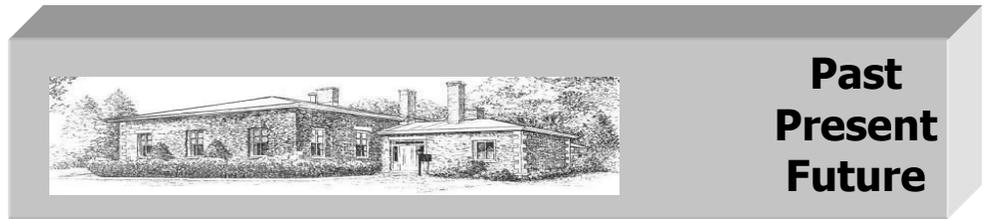
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The Livingston County Historical Review

By now you should have received your first issue of "The Livingston County Historical Review." Members will receive this publication twice a year as an added perk, at no increase in membership cost. LCHS is thankful for the mastermind behind this publication, Jim McNally, and for the editorial associates of Judy Bushnell and Jim DeCamp. The publication features articles by two noted Civil War scholars in Livingston County, Wayne Mahood and Tom Roffe. Howard Appell of the Livingston County News recently referred to the authors in the following way.

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Trunk Full of Treasures

The "Trunk Full of Treasures" is on the road. Look for this beautiful 20th century trunk in featured windows displays throughout Livingston County until December 2013. Tickets of chance are now on sale to win the "Trunk Full of Treasures" filled with items donated by merchants, businesses, and friends. Winner takes all, including the featured prize of a balloon ride for two!

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SUNY Geneseo graduate and AmeriCorps Worker, Kala DeStefano

At the start of my Fall 2011 semester I walked into the LCHS Museum, as an intern from SUNY Geneseo, with no idea that one semester would completely change my future extra-curricular activities. I became hooked on the Museum by the end of that semester and since September 2012 I have been working here as an employee through AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps gave me the opportunity to contribute to the community that I have grown to love over the past four years. The past seven months have been an adventure: inventorying the Toys and Dolls Collection, working with the Collections Committee, helping at various Museum events and now, in my last month, finishing the Shaker Exhibit. I have learned to be innovative and find solutions to problems, such as exactly who donated that set of kitchen toys that is not labeled, and have had a lot of laughs along the way. I'm not sure what the future has in hold for me, but museums will always have a place in my history loving heart. From inventorying artifacts to researching local history I know all of the things I've learned over the past year will be invaluable resources for my future career.

Kala DeStefano

2013 Programs at the Museum

Sunday, May 5, 2:30 pm

*Genesee Valley Conservancy &
Semi-Annual Meeting*

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Attic Treasures Sale

Saturday, July 20, Dusk

Movie on the Green (rain date Aug. 3)

Saturday, August 17

Croquet Tournament (rain date Aug. 24)

Sunday, November 3, 2:30 pm

*Photographic Tour of Livingston County School-
houses & Semi-Annual Meeting*

Friday, December 6, 6:30-8:30 pm

*Members and Donors Holiday Reception
Trunk Full of Treasures Winner Announced*

Trunk Full of Treasures

Raffle tickets for chances to win the trunk and gifts inside are for sale at area locations. The trunk has already visited Nunda and Lima. Here's where you can visit next.

April- Fingerlakes Flooring-23 Main St., Livonia.

May-One29 Main, 129 Main St., Dansville

June-Mt. Morris Shopper, 85 Main St., Mt Morris

July -Geneseo Chiropractic, 60 Main St., Geneseo

**August 1-15-Avon Historical Society, 27 Genesee
St., Avon**

**August 15-September-Smith's Lumber, 5833 Big
Tree Rd., Lakeville**

**October-The Cozy Kitchen, 3102 Main St.,
Caledonia**

**November-Good Spirits Discount Wine & Liquor,
4275 Genesee Valley Plaza, Geneseo**

**December 6-Winner announced at Members &
Donors Holiday Reception
(one need not be present to win)**

In Memory...

The Livingston County Historical Society and Museum Board of Directors are saddened by the loss of **Jeanne Guthrie**, who has been a warm, wonderful friend and professional support for many years. LCHS also extends sympathy to the family of **Ted Kinsey**, who was always on-hand and willing to advise and support the museum's efforts. We shall miss his amazing expertise. Additionally, we will miss the energetic spirit of **Ethel Rost**, museum docent and volunteer.

Toys & Dolls Collection Inventoried & Catalogued

What does it mean when we say a collection is inventoried and catalogued? An inventory simply means creating a listing of objects known in a given category. For instance, our Toys and Dolls Collection inventory lists and briefly names 325 items. When an object enters our collection, it is assigned a number. This "accession" number tracks the year of the donation (or the year that it was actually assigned a number), whether the object was donated along with other items, and how many separate components make up the object. Using this identifying number, the object can then be catalogued. When an object is catalogued, it is measured, described, photographed, labeled, and entered into the Past Perfect museum software. The object can then be stored or exhibited and its whereabouts can be easily tracked.



Pictured is AmeriCorps worker, Kala DeStefano, on the left working with Lila Chambers to sew labels on objects.)

Thank You Volunteers!



Volunteers Lucille Kane, Ruth Briggs, and Tria Dove carefully sew tags into cloth/ fabric items from the Toys and Dolls Collection.

Email Addresses

LCHS continues to reach out to our constituents electronically to share news of programs and events. If you have an email address and have not as yet received an email from us, please contact us at lchistory@frontier.com to add your address to the e-list. The last email reminding our supporters about the Croquet Program was sent on April 12, 2013. If you did not receive it, and would have liked to, please check your spam or contact us with your email address.



LCHS will not share email lists with other organizations.

Museum Field Trips

The LCHS Board of Council recently took two field trips to better understand behind-the-scenes museum operations at other institutions. First, LCHS visited the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Sarah LeCount of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, *pictured right*, showed LCHS board president, Liz Porter, *pictured left*, and Board of Council members appropriate museum storage options. Second, LCHS connected with Genesee Country Village and Museum staff, Patricia Tice, Brian Nagle, Peter Wisbey, and Chuck LeCount, who provided the LCHS board and staff a tour of GVC & M's brand new storage facility. Knowledge gained on these trips helps to inform LCHS's 2014-2016 strategic planning which is underway with consultant Anne Ackerson.



The Livingston County Historical Review (con't from p. 1)

"Wayne Mahood weighs in with "The Wadsworth Guards." This first in a two-part series describes the recruitment and early training of the 104th New York Volunteers under Col. John Rorbach. Mahood is a Distinguished Service Professor at SUNY Geneseo and the author of seven books on Civil War subjects.

Tom Roffe offers "The Enduring Legacy of Our Soldiers in Blue." Roffe takes note of the various Civil War regiments recruited from Livingston County and discusses the creation of the Grand Army of the Republic to carry the banner of veterans' interests after the war. The flowering of GAR posts and soldiers' memorials throughout Livingston County is consequently inventoried. Roffe

is the Leicester town historian and a dedicated Civil War scholar."

Costs relating to production of the first two issues are being gifted to the Historical Society by an anonymous donor. Thereafter, the Society will take responsibility for publication.

The board is encouraging submissions to be considered for inclusion in future issues of the Review. Send in hard copy format to The Livingston County Historical Society & Museum, 30 Center Street, Geneseo, NY 14454 or electronically to lchistory@frontier.com. Membership checks may be sent to the same address.

CROQUET CLUB BEGINS

Perhaps you've played in one of the LCHS summer croquet tournaments or maybe you've played a backyard game of family croquet. The game of croquet is one that can span the generations and skill levels. Regardless of your croquet proficiency, John Perkins and Liz Porter, croquet club coordinators, invite you to join the croquet club. John Perkins, last year's champion, describes the club this way, "The idea behind the croquet club is develop and improve everybody's croquet skills so that by the time the tournament comes round, in August, they are ready to turn the tables on the same folks who always seem to carry off the prizes."

May 1st at 5:30pm.

Rain or Shine.

Meet at the museum. Future meetings will be dependent upon the weather and meeting frequency will be determined by the group. Timing of the meeting can be adjusted as the days lengthen.



Questions? Contact jon@fd-usa.com or 243-2231 or just show up!

ATTIC TREASURES SALE –SATURDAY, JUNE 15 10AM-3PM

The annual **Attic Treasure's Sale** awaits your fine "attic treasures." LCHS accepts quality donations, including antique, vintage, and unique items, and then sells these items on the grounds of the Livingston County Museum as a fundraiser. Please remember, we do not wish to promote clothing, appliances, and toys; although VP Bill would like to feature a vintage teddy bear or two as a specialty category this year. Please deliver your items to the museum on the days/ times listed or call 243-9147 or email lchistory@frontier.com to make alternate arrangements. The sale on Saturday, June 15th runs from 10am-3pm.

No early birds please.



Back by popular demand, the **Big Tree Inn will cater a BBQ** at the event from 11:00am until gone. Half of the proceeds from the barbeque will go towards continued conservation of the Wadsworth Coach. Eat, shop, or do both!

Collection times:

Sunday June 2-	2-5pm
Thurs. June 6-	2-5pm
Sunday June 9-	2-5pm
Monday June 10-	9am-noon
Wed. June 12-	9am-noon
Thurs. June 13-	9am-5pm