



NOVEMBER 1998

Artifacts

Garfield Visiting Hours - Wednesday 12 - 2, Saturday 10 - 3

✧ A Very Pleasant Evening ✧

And a good time was had by All!! Our October Dinner at Sterup Square on October 23rd was very successful. We had a record number of over 140 members and guests, the dinner was excellent, and our Honoree, **Warren Rymiller**, was suitably congratulated.

Harry McIsaac entertained us throughout the dinner with his guitar and songs, and **Father Thomas Phelan**, our guest speaker, pointed out many bits of local history that somehow never get taught in school. Too bad.

Betsy Durivage and **Betty Dixon** are to be congratulated. It was a very happy and pleasant evening and we even sold some Garfield tiles and "Brunswick" books!

✧ A Fair Business ✧

On Saturday, November 21, at 1:30 PM, our regular meeting will review the events of the Fall and other business. The meeting will be followed by our Speaker for the day, **Mr. Gilbert Wright**, one of the Directors of the Schaghticoke Fair and Chairman of the Farm Museum there.

Mr. Wright has been involved with the fair for over fifteen years, and along with a history of the fair, he will explain its effects on the community and show that it is truly a year-round business.

Refreshments will follow the discussion period.

Phyllis Harrison
Program Chairperson

History Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 11 1:00 PM - Garfield School



All local history buffs are encouraged to participate in the BHS History Committee! Over the past few years this group assisted in the acquisition of material for our publication. Now that the publication has gone to press, we will explore new projects! Two possible projects are compiling the histories of the old Brunswick schools and compiling more information about many of the photographs in the Society's collection. Please come out and join us!

If you are not available for daytime meetings but would like to work with the History Committee, please give me a call. Daytime and evening meetings are both possible!

Sharon Zankel 279-9714

~ President's Letter ~

This month's letter is written in the spirit of Thanksgiving. It is nice to have 262 members, a cooperative Board of Trustees, conscientious committee chairpersons, and volunteers who serve in many capacities. To all I say "Thank You!"

The Recognition Dinner Committee: **Betsy Durivage, Betty Dixon, Don Farrell, and Bob Spencer** deserve a round of applause for planning and executing a most pleasant occasion – a full house!

Program Chairperson **Phyllis Harrison** has engaged **Gilbert Wright**, who will speak on the History of Community Fairs, for the November 21 Program meeting. On Saturday, December 12, from 12-3, **Sharon Zankel** will be our "Guest" at a "book signing day." Exhibit Chairperson **Peg Davis** will have a Christmas exhibit in place and there will be refreshments. We hope that you will plan on attending these two activities.

Please send in as many (prepaid) "BRUNSWICK" book orders as possible because the more we sell the more our profit improves percentage-wise. Let's not let bookstores reap what could be the Society's profit.

Your support is appreciated and is necessary for a successful fund-raising project; a project that has reached fruition through the talent and dedication of our History Chairperson/Town Historian **Sharon Zankel**.

We welcome your interest, attendance and input for all occasions and "projects."

Happy Thanksgiving!
Eleanor Hill

~ Antique Show Update ~

The final figures are in regarding our Antique Show. A net profit of \$3,389.61 was realized.

The quilt raffle made a profit of \$987.00, space rental to dealers realized a profit of \$1,285.00. Profit from the kitchen was in the amount of \$567.54. Sale of items at the Information Table netted \$785.20 and the Bake Table brought in \$858.40.

Again, thanks to everyone who took part in this event.

Claire Steiner
Co-Chair

Footnote: The October 28 edition of the Albany "Times Union" had a very nice article about our new book, "BRUNSWICK," including an interview with author **Sharon Zankel**, and our President, **Eleanor Hill**. There were good photos and good word pictures, and directions on how to order copies. Hope you read it!

❧ Volunteer Information Meeting ❧

Peg Quinlan, Volunteer Coordinator, has announced a Volunteer orientation and information meeting for Saturday, November 14, at the Garfield School, beginning at 10 AM.

The purpose is to acquaint new volunteers with all the facilities available for our visitors and as a refresher for our present volunteers.

The meeting is open to all who are volunteers or would like to be.

❧ In Memory Of ❧

We want to express our sincere sympathies to the families of members **David Stevens** and **Patricia Marshall** who recently passed away. Pat Marshall was one of the Charter Members of our Society and had been living in Florida. We also would like to include **Leslie Pollock**, a brother of **Helen Clickner**.

❧ Garfield Tiles ❧

If you would like one or more of our new Garfield Tiles, they are on sale at our room at Garfield School or at the Brunswick Town Hall. The price is \$6.48, including tax. A very pleasant portrait of our history.



❧ Holiday Cheer ❧

Since this is the last ARTIFACTS for the year we want to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season – with or without snow – whichever you wish!

And we want to thank **Charlie Carmody** for all his good works during the year and **Eamon O'Brien** for taking good care of the lawn at the Memorial Park, and I want to thank my daughter, **Kathleen**, for using her computer skills to help ARTIFACTS put up a good appearance all year.

I would also like to add a special Holiday message to **Don and Dorothy McChesney** at their new home in Moriah, New York. We hope you have a Very Merry Christmas and we know you will have a Busy New Year!

See you in January!
Don Farrell

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Saturday, November 21,
Membership Meeting, 1:30 PM,
Speaker Gilbert Wright,
History of Schaghticoke Fair
and effects on the local
community.
Refreshments

President - Eleanor Hill
Vice President - Carl Clemente
Secretary - Dee Kronau
Treasurer - Shirley Madsen

Trustees: Michael Barrett, Betsy Durivage,
Don Farrell, Phyllis Harrison, Harry McIsaac,
Dr. Thomas Pemrick, William Smith, Robert
Spencer, and Sharon Zankel

Editor: Don Farrell

October Volunteers

Our Garfield staff for October included, Anne Hakeem, Alice Lavery, Betsy Durivage, Sandy Laviolette, Kathleen McGrath, Betty Dixon, Iva Riordan, Betty Film, Cindy Beiser, Maurice and Margaret Berthiaume, Jeanne Jarrett, Joanne Snover, Marian Eddy, and Warren Rymiller.

We want to thank one and all for their time and to mention that if anyone is interested in volunteering, please call me. If you haven't done so before, it is a good way to pick up some knowledge about some old facts about Brunswick.

Peg Quinlan, (279-9264)
Volunteer Coordinator

In celebration of the publication of

BRUNSWICK

the Brunswick Historical Society will host
an author's reception and book signing on

Saturday, December 12

Noon - 3:00 P. M.

Garfield School, Eagle Mills.



Come out and share the spirit of the holidays,
enjoy the Garfield School in its festive decor, and
meet Sharon Zankel, author of
our new pictorial history!
Refreshments will be served!
Books will be available for purchase!

It's not too late to reserve a copy of *BRUNSWICK*!

The advance sale of our new pictorial history, *BRUNSWICK*, had generated many book orders and enables the Society to purchase a supply of the book! While we can not promise mail orders received after November 1 can be processed before the holidays, we do expect to have a supply of books available for purchase at our headquarters at the Garfield School for those who did not yet submit a book order with payment. We can order more books from the publisher as the supply exhausts. For those who want to reserve a copy for pickup before the holidays or to order a copy at a future time, we are again providing a book order form. While it is expected the book will be available at bookstores throughout the Capital District, your purchase of the book from the Brunswick Historical Society greatly benefits the work of our organization!

Book Order Form

Mail to Brunswick Historical Society Att: BOOK P. O. Box 1776 Cropseyville, New York 12052

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Cost of book *BRUNSWICK* \$18.99 + \$1.52 sales tax = \$20.51 x no. of copies ____ = \$ ____

____ Mail the book(s) to me. (Enclose \$3 for one copy and \$2 for each additional) = \$ ____

____ I will pick up the book(s) at the Historical Society. Total enclosed = \$ ____

(Even though we are a not-for-profit organization, we are required to collect sales tax.)