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Annual Tag and Bake Sale



Sponsored by: BRUNSWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
605 Brunswick Road (Eagle Mills) Troy, NY
Saturday, September 12, 2015- 9:00-3:00 pm
RAIN OR SHINE

Dealer Space Available. Call 279-4024 for contract

The Society will be holding their annual Tag, Bake Sale on September 12. All spaces for tag sale are outside (8'x10'). Cost per space is \$20.00. All vendors should bring a tent. This event is rain or shine. The Antique Quilt Raffle will be held again this year. This year's quilt is a beautiful c. 1930. Eight-Point Star, queen size quilt. It will be on display at the Society and the Brunswick Town Hall. Second prize will be a lottery basket and third prize a basket of cheer.

We are also looking for people who have a special talent that would like to come and display/show how their craft is done. The spaces for this will be inside. Please call the Society at 279-4024

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Willie Bradley

Jeb and Willie have lived in Brunswick for 41 years. She owned and operated a gift shop (Occasional Flowers) in Camelot Village Bennington, Vt. for 28 years. They have a son and daughter both graduates of Tamarac. Willie is currently Vice President of the Van Rensselaer Garden Club.

Nancy Iannucci

Nancy Iannucci has lived in Rensselaer County for the past 15 years; she is originally from Long Island, NY. She teaches history and is the school archivist at Emma Willard. She enjoys reading, writing poetry and photography. One of her photographs of Creek Road in Troy was just accepted by Faerie Magazine putting a piece of Brunswick on the map.

Bill Prout

Bill grew up in Brunswick and graduated from Tamarac High School. He then went on to earn a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Buffalo State College. Bill is starting his third three-year term on the Brunswick Historical Society board and serves on the Building & Grounds, Nominating, and Newsletter Committees. He also served on the Building Expansion Committee when BHS took over the other half of the Garfield School after the Library moved. He currently serves as Executive Vice President of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway Board, and on the Properties and Personnel Committees at St. John's Episcopal Church in Troy. His interests include history, historic preservation, and building renovation projects. He is the third-generation owner of The Prout Printers, Inc. in Troy, where he has worked for 28 years.

BHS STUDENT AWARD

Every year the Brunswick Historical Society gives an award to a Tamarac Secondary School student for Excellence in History. We are proud to announce that this year's award recipient is 8th grade student Francesca DiScanio.

Brunswick Historical Society

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Saturday 10am - 3pm

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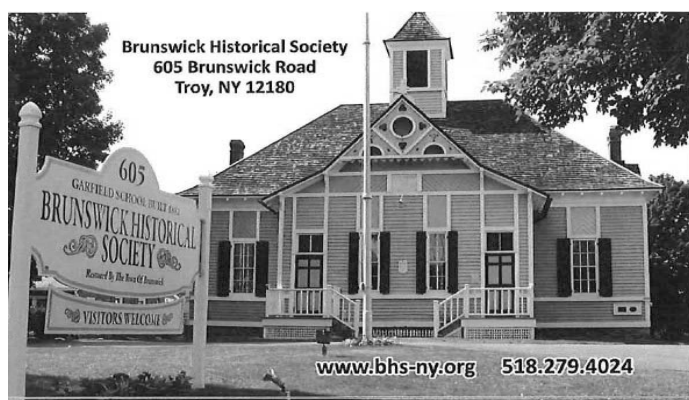
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tracy Broderick

We have been busy planning our upcoming fall programs. In September, we will be having our annual Tag, bake and quilt raffle. This fundraiser has always been very successful. It's a great time to come out and support our organization. This year we are having a few demonstrators inside the building. If you have a special skill, or craft that you would like to share, please call our society at 279-4024.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathy to the families of Ed Dodge, Helen Bryce and our President, Tracy Broderick and her family on the passing of her father, Harold Dunham



BHS presents a new product - a magnet (pictured above). New members will receive one free with their membership. Cost is \$3 each.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

June, July August- Town Concerts at Community Center on Keyes Lane. Concerts are held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget to stop by our table. Also watch for the nights we will be selling 50/50 tickets to benefit the Society. See page 5 for list of concerts.

September 12 - Tag and Bake Sale, and Quilt Raffle will be held at the Society's Headquarters, Garfield School Route 2 in Eagle Mills on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00-3:00

October 5 - "Victory Turned Into Mourning" Farewell to Lincoln and Grant at the New York State Capital presentation by Stuart Lehman, Assistant Curator for the NY State Capital. Program at 7:00 followed by refreshments.

Out of Our Past—Eliza Smith's Cookie Recipes

By Sharon Zankel, Town Historian

Over 20 years ago the late Mildred McChesney offered me a stained paper billhead bearing the printed name of Paul J. Smith, operator of a Cropseyville general store, on one side and two hand-written cookie recipes on the other. The signature of Eliza Smith appeared below the recipes. "Who was Eliza?" I asked. Mildred hadn't noticed the signature, studied it briefly, and concluded Eliza was one of her mother's ancestors, an older cousin. "I don't remember her," Mildred said. I took the aged paper and later checked census records and determined Eliza had been the wife of James L. Smith, a wagon maker, and was a resident of Cropseyville in the late 1800s through 1910. Her children were Fanny and Percy. I found Eliza's photograph in the Society's 1978 publication *Brunswick...A Pictorial History*, and additional research revealed Eliza was the daughter of Jane Morrison and David L. Cropsey and a granddaughter of Henry Morrison. Her husband James, an Irish immigrant, served with the 125th Regiment, NYS Volunteers during the Civil War.

Our Society's recent restoration of the Morrison Cemetery on the hill behind the Cropseyville farm founded by Henry Morrison about 1789 revealed Eliza Cropsey Smith was one of those buried there. I scanned the paper with the recipes and it was included among the images Joe Ferrannini used in his presentation at our 2015 annual meeting. As several meeting attendees indicated an interest in the recipes, we offer transcriptions of Eliza Smith's recipes below. Perhaps our readers will be enticed to fill their kitchens with the scent of freshly baked cookies as the cooler days of fall approach!

Eliza's Sugar Cookies

1 egg broken into a cup filler with butter

2 cups of sugar

1 teaspoon of soda into 1/2 cup of sweet milk

1 teaspoons lemon

Mix as soft as you can roll

Eliza's Molasses Cookies

1 tea cup of sour cream

1 tea cup of sugar

1 tea cup of molasses

1/2 tea cup of butter

1 small teaspoons of soda in the cream

Note: in days gone by it was not unusual for cooks to omit listing obvious ingredients in the recipe - in this instance the flour. "Soda" meant baking soda.



Eliza Cropsey Smith

(1841-1913)

“Meet Me At Duncan’s”

On May 19th, 65 people attended the opening of our exhibit "Meet Me At Duncan's". It is a tribute to the restaurant that so many people attended the reception.

The date for the opening was chosen because it was the anniversary of Duncan's opening in 1939 and also the 25th wedding anniversary of John and Julie Squadrito who manage Duncan's now. John is the grandson of the original owners Ruth and John Duncan.

It is a tradition at Duncan's Dairy Bar for children to receive "Goody Bags" at the end of their meal. As part of the exhibit's opening, the Hospitality Committee set up a "Make Your Own Goody Bag" station complete with muffins, Dum Dum lollipops and brown paper bags. The refreshments for the evening were silver frosted cupcakes in celebration of John and Julie's 25th wedding anniversary. Thank you to Diane McGuirk, Anne Poletto and Sylvia Rooney for providing the homemade muffins.



Julie Squadrito



VOLUNTEERS

In 2014 we had just over 330 visitors that came through our doors. Our sincere thanks to those members who donated their time to staff the Society during visiting hours. Remember additional volunteers are always welcome! The job is not difficult or hard to learn. You will be paired up with a volunteer that will help you to familiarize yourself with the Society.

We are open on Wednesdays from 1-3 and Saturday's 10-3.



Check out our Facebook page. There are always interesting articles and items from our collection. Don't forget to like us.

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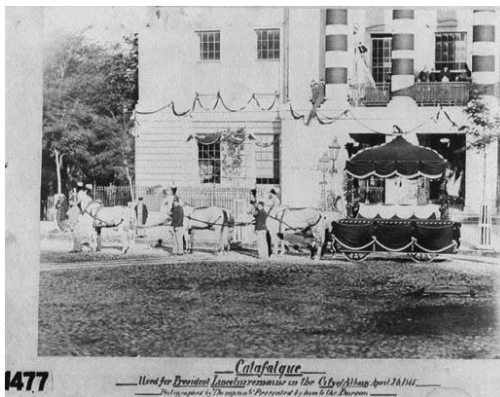
On July 10th members of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County 4-H came out to volunteer for a painting project at the Morrison Cemetery an ongoing project of the Society.

Our thanks is extended to Kandis Freer - 4-H Senior Resource Educator-Teen Council Advisor; and Leland Bunting - 4-H Community Educator. Members of the Teen Council who also participated were Jennifer Rem, Rebecca Rem, Alison Puglisi and Olivia Weidman.

The Society hopes to have the painting of the entire fence at the Morrison Cemetery completed shortly.

October 5th Program Meeting

**“Victory Turned into Mourning”
Farewell to Lincoln and Grant at the New
York State Capitol**



One hundred and fifty years ago as the nation mourned its martyred president, a special funeral train journeyed from Washington D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. Albany, New York was one of the major stops on its route. On April 26th, Lincoln's body lay in state in the old State Capitol building while 50,000 people filed by to pay their respects. At the exact same time, over 400 miles to the south, assassin John

Wilkes Booth was cornered in a tobacco barn, shot by a New York cavalryman, and died of his wounds.

Twenty years later the New York State Capitol was once again the scene of a somber farewell as President Ulysses S. Grant lay in state in the new Capitol Building.

This program will explore these solemn events and their connection to the New York State Capitol.

Biography: Stuart W. Lehman works with the New York State Office of General Services as an Assistant Curator for the New York State Capitol. He develops Capitol education programs, and tours, including “living history” programs. He also conducts research into the history of the Capitol Building. Previously he worked with the New York State Bureau of Historic Sites at Senate House, Herkimer Home, and Schuyler Mansion. On weekends he participates in Revolutionary War re-enactments as a Colonial Doctor. He lives in Guilderland New York.

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Brunswick Summer Concerts

Come join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy the music and local food vendors at the Keyes Lane Community Center. Don't forget to stop by our table!!

- 8/11/2015 The Tichy Boys (Rockabilly)
- 8/18/2015 Get Up Jack (Irish Folk) **
- 8/25/2015 Stray Dogs (Acoustic Rock)
- 9/1/2015 Donny Elvis Romines (Elvis)

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The Brunswick Historical Society shall bring together those persons interested in the discovery, collection and preservation of historical materials as they relate to the Town of Brunswick and Rensselaer County, N.Y. The Society shall encourage and promote the preservation of historical buildings, cemeteries, monuments and markers of local importance.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c) (3) educational organization, chartered by the New York State Board of Regents since 1981. In accord with the Society's Absolute Charter the Society continually meets the requirements of the Board of Regents, including research, collections management and providing programs and interpretive activities for the education benefit of the public.