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## SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brunswick Historical Society will be held Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Community Center on Keyes Lane (off R. 7) in Center Brunswick. A buffet luncheon will be served at 12:00. Please arrive at 11:30 a.m. A reservation notice will be sent shortly.

Speaker for the meeting will be Robert Arnold who will present a program titled "Life Speeds Up...Robert Fulton and the Industrial Revolution".

Installation of new officers/trustees will follow the program. All members attending the meeting must have paid their dues by the annual meeting in order to be eligible to vote. If you have any questions, please call the Society at 279-4024.

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## MORRISON CEMETERY UPDATE

In the near future, a plaque will be installed on the fence at Morrison Cemetery. located just off Rt. 2 in Cropseyville.

In October of 2014 the Society contracted with Joe Ferrannini of Grave Stone Matters for the preservation of this small family cemetery. Funding for this project was made possible in part, by the Irene B. Miller Foundation, Stewart's Shops and the Brunswick Historical Society.

Please stop by the Society and take a look at the before and after pictures.

## HISTORIC MARKER PRESENTED

Submitted by Claire Steiner

On Sunday, November 29 a bronze historic building marker was presented to Bob and Becky Cipperly.

Their home located on Moonlawn Road was the site of the "Former Brunswick Creamery" and dates back to approximately 1900. We thank Bob and Becky for documenting and sharing the history of their home.

With this addition the historical society has presented more than 20 historic building markers to residents in the Town of Brunswick.

If you have a home, barn, out house, that has retained 75% of its original architecture and is over 100 years old, you may be eligible for the our Historic Marker Program which was started in 1989. We would love to have some of the churches in Brunswick participate as well. For further information, please call the Society at 279-4024.



## Brunswick Historical Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tracy Broderick

The Society has an opportunity to receive help from Emma Willard School. We have 5 girls who will be helping the Society get some things done. You have heard me talk about our file program. It's been a very daunting task for us. That will be the main objective for the girls. They will also be transcribing old diaries along with working on our Military books.

This upcoming year should be an exciting one. We have a few different things planned including new fundraisers.

The Historical Society is in the process of updating our By-laws for the Society, the Board is proposing changing the number of board members from 12-15 to 9-12. It's been very difficult these past years trying to find someone who is interested in filling those positions. I know I say this often but we need your help. It seems no one has time to help anymore. It's not just our organization it's everywhere. People are just very busy with their lives. It would be nice if some of our members could find a few hours in their schedule to help. I hate to think where we will be in the future if we don't get volunteers to help us now.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016

**March:** The Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 19th at the Brunswick Community Center on Keyes Lane. Speaker for the meeting will be Robert Arnold who will present a Program titled "Life Speeds Up...Robert Fulton and the Industrial Revolution".

**May:** New Exhibit Opening on Thursday, May 12

**June:** Antique Appraisal Day at Brunswick Community Center, Keyes Lane on Saturday, June 11. More details to follow.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

**Diane McGuirk, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Betsy Durivage, Eleanor Hill, Nancy Iannucci, and Diane McGuirk.

Newspaper articles relating to the Town of Brunswick are clipped from The Troy Record and The Advertiser then sorted, copied and filed. This arduous task was completed this past year by Betsy Durivage, Warren Rymiller, and Shirley Madsen who collectively spent over 450 hours volunteering their time. Typical clippings included articles relating to vital statistics, education, local news, organizations, town government, religion, and new businesses.

The Collection Committee also puts in many volunteer hours accessioning items donated to the Society. In the past year they worked 104 hours accessioning 66 items. Included in this year's items were 41 genealogical reference books and pamphlets that had been acquired through the years, but had not been classified.

The following people generously donated items to the Brunswick Historical Society this past year; Dianna Cioffi, John Danish, Betsy Durivage, Eleanor Hill, Ann Poletto, Warren Rymiller, Marie Stasiak, Nancy Webster, and Mary Ann Willetts. Items that were donated included:

Ladies Apparel:	Half Slips Chemise Nightgown Bloomers
Toys:	Child's play money and change purse Doll's 3 piece bathroom set, cookware set, and glass dishes

Photos:	1938 Brunswick Schools- All Districts 1946 Brunswick Schools- All Districts 1939 NY World's Fair - Beech-Nut Exhibit Wager Farm in Eagle Mills
Misc:	Child's lunch box Egg separator Milk bottle Ice scraper Business advertising cards, pencils, key ring and coffee mug Political advertising letter opener Garfield School library catalog index cards Wooden advertising signs

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

**Betsy Durivage, Chairperson**

### THANK YOU.....

To the following volunteers who staffed the Society building in calendar year 2015.

Tracy Broderick	Wallace Renfrew
Becky Cipperly	Warren Rymiller
Bob Cipperly	Stephanie Silvernail
Anne Clemente	Marie Stasiak
Ann Marie Hakeem	Claire Steiner
Phyllis Harrison	Phil Steiner
Shirley Madsen	Sheila Sullivan
Michelle Mavigliano	Bob Ward
Sherry Perpetua	Linda Ward
Pamela Reese Finch	Mary Ann Willetts

Many of these volunteers served more than once. They worked over 200 hours and received approximately 170 visitors. The Garfield School building is open to the public on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and requires a Society member to be present. New volunteers are welcome. Please contact **Betsy Durivage at 283-5915** if you are interested in volunteering.

## PAST DAYS IN BRUNSWICK

It was my birthplace – the place of kindly mountains and slow-running streams, of far stretching fields and clusters of horses. It was winters of high boots, of chill-blains and tingling fingers, of playing fox and geese in the school-yard snow, of oil lamps and long evenings.

It was lunch boxes of chicken sandwiches and mother's home-make cake – enjoyed in the shade of trees in the school's backyard. As spring came there were pussy willows to be found and moth eggs to be gathered – and boys brought pollywogs to school in glass jars.

It was early rising to be ready for a shopping day in the city and the unconquerable fear of new surroundings, the cluttered rows of stores and the pounding of wagon wheels on stone-paved streets. It was waiting at the Gifford House for the horses to be hitched for the return trip home after shopping. It was the rumble of great trains through the Congress Street tunnel – trains that sped southward into a nowhere of unexperienced journeys and fascinating sights.

And suddenly it was summer! We knew its signs – hot days that beckoned our thoughts to the swimming pool at the dam on the Quackenkil – to the bathing gear of sateen suits and thigh-high stockings, to be drawn from winter storage – and the hired man taking “mooning” under the pear tree that sheltered the side of the house, in the place where the south wind carried the scent of new-mown clover and fanned sweaty brows, witness to the labor of a morning of storing hay in neighboring barns – cavernous and heavy with heat.

It was the quiet of early autumn days, of harvesting gardens – and of barrels filled with potatoes ready to be trucked to Troy

markets, before daylight – a time consuming journey – and waiting the return of the tired driver.

It was one special day of the autumn when a grandmother, preparing a meal for the return of her son, slipped quietly to the kitchen floor, and death called for the first time in the life of a little girl. As she mourned on the front steps of the old house, dusk closed in and an owl hooted from the loneliness of the woods across the Quackenkil. So it was that she came to know that life brings changes as do the seasons.

A Brunswicker

## SOCIETY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Our Christmas Open House was a big success this year. There was food, fun, the tree lighting and a very special guest.



Santa, Phil Herrington and Bob Cipperly enjoying eggnog.



Santa and his elves - Phyllis Harrison and Betsy Durivage.

## A THANK YOU IS EXTENDED

To Supervisor Herrington and the Town Board for their approval to have the exterior of the Garfield School painted before the winter weather set in.

The school was in desperate need of painting and repair of several sections of the exterior clap boards.

The Society appreciates their dedication to keeping this historical building in great shape and a place the community can be proud of.



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

### Please Support our Corporate Members

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## RECIPES

The following are recipes that were printed in a cook book titled "Brunswick Cooking Heritage" which was produced by the Society in 1976. These recipes were submitted by long-time members who are no longer with us.

### TOP OF STOVE BREAD PUDDING

Florence Grabo

2 slices bread (cubed)  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 3 eggs  
 1 pint milk  
 1/2 cup raisins  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 nutmeg

Put in double boiler. Sprinkle with nutmeg and 4 pieces of butter and 1/2 cup raisins. Cook over boiling water until silver knife comes out clean.

Serve with any kind of sauce...lemon is delicious.

### CARROT BREAD

Agnes Winsor

2 cups grated carrot  
 1 1/2 cups sugar  
 4 eggs beaten  
 1 cup cooking oil  
 3 cups flour  
 2 tsp. baking powder  
 2 tsp. baking soda  
 2 tsp. cinnamon  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1 cup chopped nuts

Makes two 5x9" loaves

Bake at 325 degrees for 50-60 minutes

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### **Mission Statement**

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.