

TOWN OF HORICON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



January 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year!

It's that time again for Horicon Historical Society annual membership dues renewal. Enclosed is your membership envelope.

What a difficult year behind us with the COVID pandemic and shortage of Museum staff. Brant Lake Museum and the Adirondack Annex were able to open two days a week in 2022. However, we did experience a visitation success rate which surpassed previous years. Folks from as far away as the Netherlands and a student group from Glens Falls enjoyed learning about the Town's History. We received many positive comments throughout the season!

We acquired numerous artifacts this past August. Among these, the Pebloe Hotel registry, furniture, portraits and photos (circa late 1800's plus), were donated by John Watson III in memory of Caro Smith (last owner) and Haru Watson.



The Carriage House in the Brant Lake Museum will have the full display featured this summer.



A scrapbook dedicated to Jerry Meader is being designed for our Military Section. Mr. Meader served as a pilot in WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

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The revised Society By-Laws were adopted at the December 12th Annual Meeting and 2023 officers were elected.

President - Sylvia Smith

Vice President - Barbara Jones LaFond

Secretary - Kathy Hill

Treasurer - Mary Geraci

Trustees - John Caruso, MaryAnn Hill and Diane Bolton Loika



Our thanks go out to Gore Mountain Community Fund for presentation of two grants to the Society. We continue to digitize artifacts and provide labels and signage for items in our four buildings. We are also enhancing communication with the public through newsletters and we are in the process of updating our website.



The Heintzelman Library, on the National Registry of Historic Buildings(Town of Horicon), was also a recipient of a Gore Mountain Community Fund Grant. The original wood floors have been refurbished and look amazing! Re-opening should take place this summer. We will house an Adirondack Book Collection for public use, donated by Dr. Randolph Ellsworth. The collection was previously in the North Warren Central School Library. The Historian's office will remain in a portion of the Heintzelman and will be open two afternoons a week as in the past as well as Fridays during The Town of Horicon's Food Truck Fridays on the Pond this summer!

We look forward to having you visit the Town of Horicon's Historical Buildings this new year! Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining, protecting and preserving our precious artifacts and beautiful buildings.

Warm Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Smith".

Sylvia Smith

President, Town of Horicon Historical Society