

**Town of Horicon  
Historical Society  
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Dear Members and Friends,

We wish you a Happy Healthy New Year!

Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining the museum buildings, protecting, and preserving our precious artifacts.

It is that time again for membership renewals.

Town of Horicon Historical Society had another successful Year!

The Gore Mountain Community Fund awarded us with a \$1750 grant which was used to purchase archival materials to protect and preserve our precious historical artifacts.

We hosted six events this season: “Tom Johansen’s celebration of life”, “The Bustling Days of Early Brant Lake” presented by Historian Colleen Murtagh, “Remembering Jimmy VanHusen and his Music” as told by Laurence Meltzer, “Brant Lake Association Founders’ Day” chaired by John Caruso, “Adirondack Through the Eyes of an Early Photographer” by Colleen Murtagh, and “The History of Adirondack Fire Towers” by Marty Podskoch co-sponsored with Horicon Directors of the Library. We participated in the Town of Horicon Trunk or Treat event, dressed in costume, with a decorative display and treats for the children.

A highlight at the museum was having thirty-four (34) North Warren Fourth Graders visit for their yearly educational tour. Besides the in-depth tour, they learned about quilting and designed their own quilt piece. They also were able to experience washing clothes “the old-fashioned way.”

We were open two days a week in our museum buildings (Adirondack and Brant Lake) and did conduct private tours. With that we were still able to host nearly 600 visitors in 2024, which is a record. This summer, we were present at each Food Truck Friday with a display table of Historic Albums. Twenty-four (24) new members were added to our organization.

To end the season, 30 volunteers and members enjoyed a celebration dinner at the Historic 1860 Sunset Mountain Lodge. We will be holding a program in 2025 sharing the history of this famous landmark.

There have been requests to repeat a few of the previous events. Do look forward to announcements of exciting plans for the new year.

Winter projects will continue construction work inside the buildings. In December we installed heat/air units in the Brant Lake Museum. Workshops will be held for research and continuing to update materials.

Our Historical Society member Jim Ventura/Comprehensive Plan representative reported that 206 responses were received on the Plan Survey, with 95 from residents, 105 from seasonal residents and 5 from visitors. However, 56% of the respondents were 65 or older, and 26% from 55 to 66 years of age. They are looking to get additional feedback from people 45 or younger. Outreach to North Warren High School and other organizations as well as social media will be conducted.

Thanks to our Town Officials, the entire community, and volunteers for your support. We look forward to continued success in our unique museum and Town of Horicon Historical Society.

Enclosed is your annual renewal envelope. When you include your email address, we could notify you of upcoming meetings, events, and workshops. Look forward to hearing from you as we move forward in 2025!

Warm wishes,

*Horicon Historical Society*



Early Days in the Adirondacks



Bustling Days of Early Brant Lake

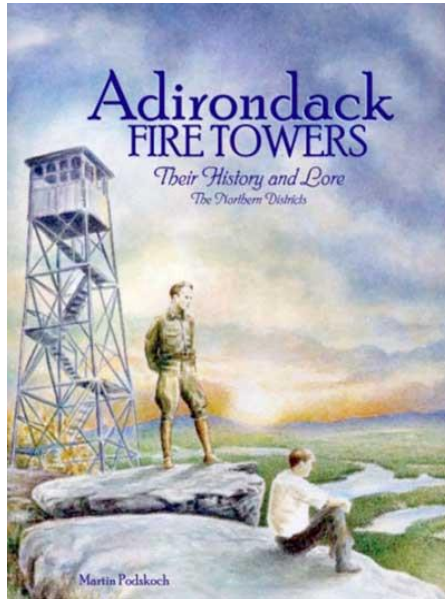




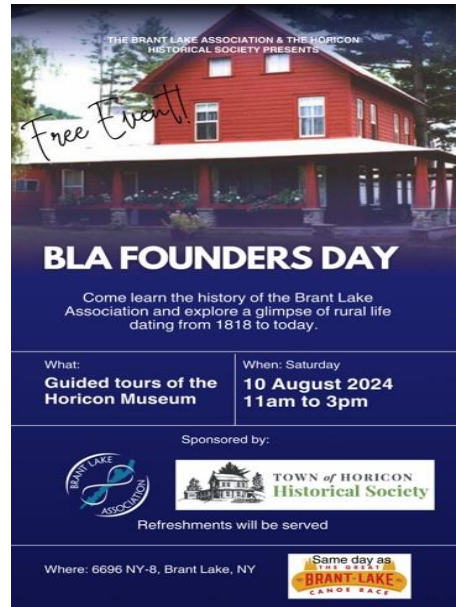
# Historical Society Events for 2024



Remembering Tom Johansen



Presented by Marty Podskoch



Chaired by John Caruso



Demonstration at Food Truck Friday



Happy Halloween 2024



The Ole' Fashioned Way



Fourth Grade Educational Tour



Presentation by Laurence Meltzer on Jimmy VanHusen