

CLARKSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

Dear CHS Members and /friends,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that this last year passed so quickly. Reflecting on 2025 we had a busy year, we had the opportunity to speak about our commitment to cursive writing, and showcase some of our historical items at the Genesee Country Antique Dealers fall antique show in October. Chris Graham, did an excellent job in coordinating our foundation location project, hopefully you saw the article in the *Westside News*. Our community was supportive and stopped by our booth in August at Good Neighbor Days. The children's programs, cursive writing camp, our October open house for the children and cursive writing contest have been successful. The lecture series with Morgan Manning and the Triangle Tract were well attended and enjoyed by all and we are currently working on these series. Thanks to our volunteers who assisted us with these programs and our members who support us. Looking forward to another successful year.

Anita OBrien CHS President



Membership Drive and Donations

We're incredibly grateful to each of you for your continued support. Whether you're a new member or someone who's been with us for years, your involvement means the world to us. We also want to give a special thank you to those who've given their time and energy to help the Society grow and thrive. This year, we're especially moved by the donations made in memory of our dear past president, Mary Edwards.

Children's Programs

The Annual Cursive Writing Contest Celebrating the birthday of John Hancock is starting. This is for Grades 4 and 5 ~ Grades 6,7, and 8 ~ High School. Entries must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2026. The entry forms can be obtained at Clarksonhistorical@gmail.com. Please pass the word along to our younger generation.

The Academy building's foundation Location Project

Christopher Graham along with the help of many others completed this project in November. We plan to have a lecture about the work and what they found in our upcoming lecture series. More to come on this topic. Special thanks to Christopher Graham for his extensive work and commitment to this project.

Historical Homes in Clarkson

The Bowman House 3741 Lake Rd.

This is an outstanding example of Greek Revival Style, the house was built by John Bowman circa 1850. He sold the house to a canal boat captain James Warren who would become Supervisor of Clarkson and Monroe County Sheriff. It was known as the Portico Bed and Breakfast for many years and is again a private residence.



Lecture series

We had a great turnout for both of our speakers in December despite the weather. Thanks to Sarah Hart for her lecture on Helen Hastings and Steve Jordan for his lecture on Old House restoration.

Please look for more detailed information on these lectures on our website.

To all our members please consider becoming involved. If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please contact us at Clarksonhistorical@gmail.com Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news and announcements.

