

CLARKSON HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

Dear CHS Members and /friends,

November is the month where we are ending the harvest season and winter will soon be here. As we move into the next season I want to express my thanks for the many members, volunteers and board members who have helped make this small historical society a place to share and learn about history. Please enjoy your holidays!

Anita OBrien CHS President



New Board Member

We want to welcome Charles Edwards to our board. Most of you know Charles as he has been involved with the Academy since the start. He will bring a wealth of information to our board. We are looking forward to working with him.

We still have one board position open if anyone would like to learn about history and get involved with a great group of people please contact me via our website.

Indoor Lighting

We have been lucky to have Paul Kimball help us with making the Academy brighter outdoors and he has been busy changing our indoor lighting as well. Paul replaced all of the bulbs in the Academy so it is much brighter. He has also been working to get the outside trim fixed. That is a work in progress, we want to thank Paul for his help.

Children's Programs

Heather Camman and Jill Paladino are getting ready for the Annual John Hanock Cursive Writing Contest. A meeting for this contest will be set in early January. If you are interested in helping with this event, please see our website for information on how to contact us.

The Academy building's foundation Location Project

Christopher Graham has been busy with this project, his article in the *Westside News* provided an excellent account of the process undertaken to identify the potential foundation of the original Academy. Look for this article in the December 12 Penny saver newspaper's Tri-County & other editions. You can also see the link on our website. The final part of Phase 2 is scheduled to take place the end of November. The progress achieved so far reflects the dedication and expertise invested in the effort. Special thanks to Christopher Graham for his extensive work and commitment to this project.

Lecture series

December 2, Tuesday at 7PM. Sarah Hart will present "Helen Hastings, Howard Pyle and N.C. Wyeth.. What do they have in common?" The artwork of Helen Hastings who was the granddaughter of James Seymour. Helen Hastings art was found in a trunk at the Brockport Museum and Library by Sue Savard.

December 11, Thursday at 7pm. Steve Jordan who is a consultant on old house restoration. He is the window expert and has a new book out "Historic House Handbook."

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

Our Sponsors

Remember to shop at Sara's Garden Center for your Holiday decorations and gifts. You get a 10% discount off with your CHS membership card/

I want to thank everyone who has made suggestions for our upcoming lectures. It can be difficult to come up with ideas that our community wants and we appreciate all the suggestions that have come our way.

Historical Homes in Clarkson

Randall House 3734 Lake Rd. This Victorian home was built 1840-1870 by H.S. Randall (the south wing was built in 1840). Randell operated a blacksmith and carriage shop in a cobblestone building to the north which was built before 1850 and has been demolished.

