



Clarkson Historical Society

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Chris Albrecht, 4th grade teacher, being filmed as he is teaching cursive.



John Hancock's birthday was January 23, 1737. Therefore, in January the Clarkson Historical Society celebrates this with the 2024 Cursive Writing Contest.

January was an appropriate time to focus on cursive writing in honor of John Hancock, who signed the Declaration of Independence in letters large enough for King George to see. Of course, the signature was in cursive.

This year's contest is well underway. It is open to students in grades 4 through high school. The entry form is attached and can be obtained at the Clarkson Historical Society website (above), the Clarkson Historical Society Facebook page, and at the locations listed in this article. The entries are judged on the correct formation of letters. The sentence to be written contains all the letters in the alphabet!

For those looking for help in the correct formation of letters, on the website there is a page containing all the letters. Also, a video of Ruth Rath, a former Brockport fourth grade teacher, is also on the website. She has been teaching cursive in the Academy for school visits and summer camp. Instruction is also available for students in grades 4 and 5 at the CHS summer camp in August.

Entry forms for the contest are also available at the Clarkson Town Hall. Entries must be postmarked on or before Monday, February 12th. Encourage the students to keep working on their entry until they are pleased with the letters. Judging is difficult.

Upcoming exposure on TV

Seth Voorhees visited the Academy to film a clip about the cursive handwriting contest. This will be shown on Spectrum TV on January 23rd, John Hancock's birthday.

Additional Program on the Total Solar Eclipse:

Greece Historical Society - Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Greece Central Building, 1790 Latta Road

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Calendar

January

No membership meeting

Information on the 2024 Cursive Writing Contest is in this newsletter.

February

12 – Entries for the 2024 Cursive Writing Contest must be postmarked on or before January 12th.

19 – Board Meeting

March

18 – Board Meeting