

Clarkson Historical Society

September 2022

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Membership meeting

Our regular Membership Meeting will begin again on the first Wednesday of October, the fifth, at 7 p.m. at the Clarkson Academy. Tim McDonnell will speak on the topic of cobblestone

Tim is a long-time member of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT, and the Coordinator of the NY Geographic Alliance at MCC. He has taught many courses at Osher, including a Cobblestone Course last spring. Tim's interests are in the geography, history, and geology of New York State.

Summer Cursive Camp

Summer Cursive Camp was enjoyed by all – teachers and students. The children from various neighboring towns, including Brockport School district excelled in their handwriting and enjoyed writing on the blackboard.

We very much appreciate all the adults, and one teen helper who made this possible. Ruth Rath was again our main cursive teacher and was assisted by Nancy Stone and Leslie Bull. Our school day always begins with a Pledge to the flag led by Leanna Hale and a short history lesson. Later, she was responsible for recess daily. On rainy days, the inside games included cat's cradle, Jacob's ladder, and drop the clothes pin in the milk bottle. When we went outside, the children played hop scotch, statues, and jump rope. Their snack consisted of 1950's treats . . . graham crackers, animal crackers, lemonade, and water.

After recess on Monday and Tuesday, Fran Murphy taught about scientific thinking. One of his tactics for teaching was by using magic tricks. The children were engrossed. On Wednesday and Thursday, Chris Manaseri helped the children become familiar with the architecture of the Academy. They then used this knowledge to construct a paper model of the school.

The camp morning ended with music. Sue Baker again led the children with singing, and again, the state song was a favorite. The next two days were songs led by Dave and Debbie Preston. They, too, had a variety of songs that were popular with children in the 1950s as well as songs about the Erie Canal.

Calendar.

October

5, 7 pm Membership Mtg.
Focus on Cobblestone

8, 10am-4pm Lazy Days of
Summer Artisan and Craft
Faire at Under the Apple
Tree, 7407 Ridge Rd. West

17, 6:30pm – CHS Board
meeting

November

2, 7 pm Membership Mtg.
Leanna Hale on Ridge Road

The 1950s period in education was chosen because the Academy, then know as School #2, closed in 1956.

Last request:

Our lives are becoming more routine. How quickly we forget how we felt during the COVID lock-down or how our life was disrupted. We appreciate any memories you have of that time. In future years, they will be appreciated by those born after 2022!

October is Membership Month:

As you have noticed, this newsletter contains a letter from our Membership Chairperson. Local people have received a renewal application. For those outside the town of Clarkson, we've enclosed the updated CHS brochure that was in the local paper a year ago. There is a place on the back of the brochure for membership. An envelope has been enclosed for your convenience.

Comments from our Summer Cursive Camp students:

Here is a sampling of the comments from our students:

“A big thanks to Mrs. Rath, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Bull, and all the teachers at this Academy for teaching us cursive writing, science, and some music. Thank You!”

“I Love cursive”

“I loved learning cursive! Thank you”

Check out the CHS website (clarksonhistoricalsociety.org) and on Facebook.

Remember to use your membership card to get 10% off at Sara's Garden Center,
389 East Avenue, Brockport.



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