

CLARKSON HISTORICAL NEWSLETTEER

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Letter from the President

Dear CHS members and friends,

I hope that you have enjoyed of the beauty of this fall season. The colors have been glorious, and soon Halloween will be here and gone. Many thanks to Amy Machamer from Hurds who was our first guest lecture this fall. Her lecture was well attended and enjoyed by all. I have listed below our current lectures series which we are sharing with the Morgan Manning House and the Triangle Tract. Please come and bring a friend.

Anita OBrien CHS President



Fall information

The CHS was pleased to be asked to have a booth at the Genesee Country Antique Dealers Association fall antique show on October 18. We were able to speak with many people about the Academy and the programs that are offered for both children and adults in our community.

Children's programs

The Fourth- grade class from the Hill School in Brockport visited the Academy on October 24. They were given a lesson on cursive by a few of our cursive teachers, then had a history lesson about the building and a story about Abraham Lincoln. Many thanks to our teachers, Carole Linenfelser, Leslie Bull, Bonnie Howlett and our town Historian Leanna Hale.

The original Academy building's foundation Location Project

Thanks to our Board member Christopher Graham who has coordinated this project. On September 27 the Academy was happy to have Dr. Alex Smith and a few of his Field Archaeology students, Dr. Paul Richards and his use of a GPR scanner and Matt Bacchetta who leads the Rochester NY Metal Detecting Artifacts & Recovery club, assist in the metal detecting sweep of the back lot. We were amazed at the multitude of artifacts uncovered that day. Stay tuned as we will have more information on this project as we move forward.

Lecture series

November 4, Tuesday 7pm.
Laura Hargrove NYS parks and
Historic Preservation. Building a
park, The History of Hamlin State
Park.

November 16, Sunday 2pm.
Thomas P. Slaughter will be
presenting his book "The
Sewards of New York."

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, 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.

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OUTDOOR LIGHTING

As many of you know our out- door lighting has not
been the best. Many thanks to board member Paul
Kimball for fixing the outdoor lighting. Paul has also
helped find us someone to repair the overhang on the
west side of the Academy building.

HISTORICAL SELDON HOUSE

8396 Ridge Rd. In the town of Clarkson. Was built
around 1820 by Able Baldwin for his daughter Laura
and son-in-law Henry Seldon. Seldon was a
distinguished citizen and attorney who would become
Lieutenant Governor of NY and judge in the State of
Appeals. It was said that Selden even ran a small law
school on the premises. His son, George Baldwin Seldon
is give the credit of inventing and patenting the six-
cylinder gasoline engine even though the patent was
contested by Henry Ford.



One last note...

If anyone has an interest in history, or helping our team
pull together programs such as the foundation location
project. Or helping with any of our children's programs
please contact Anita OBrien at
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