

Clarkson Historical Society

November/December 2023

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Tom Hetherington

**Membership Meeting – Tuesday, December 5th
at 7 p.m. at the Stanley Pogroszewski Justice Court, 3655 Lake Road,
Clarkson.**

Dan Scheiderman, the Eclipse Partnership Coordinator at the Rochester Museum and Science Center will preview for us the total solar eclipse that will occur on April 8, 2024. This is very timely as Clarkson is in the direct path of viewing for the eclipse. Dan will discuss the science and history of solar eclipses, the impact the eclipse will have on our region, and how to prepare for this extraordinary event.

Note: This talk will be at the Clarkson Justice Court, address above. The talk is free and open to the public.

October was Membership Month.

We thank all who have renewed their membership, and we are excited for the new members. Membership forms are available on our website and in the entry at the Clarkson Town Hall.

Some membership cards have been distributed. The remaining cards will be available at the December meeting. Membership forms will also be available at that time. There will still be time to get the 10% discount at Sara's Garden Store on East Avenue in Brockport.

Membership ensures that you will receive the monthly newsletter. We appreciate your financial support.

Correction in the October newsletter:

At the meeting, the county historians were discussing plans for the upcoming 250th anniversary of the state of New York State and of the Revolutionary War, focusing on events that took place in New York State.

October Membership Meeting:

Navy Veteran Tom Hetherington (above) spoke at the November 7th meeting. He told about his time on the Navy Ship USS Hornet, including his experiences and responsibilities. Tom also spoke about his job while aboard ship for the Apollo 11 and 12 missions where they were

Calendar

December

5 – 7 p.m. RMSC speaker
concerning solar eclipse

No December Board meeting

January

No membership meeting
15 – 6 p.m. Board meeting

Information on the 2024
Cursive Writing Contest will
be coming out on the CHS
website, in the Westside
News, and in the January
newsletter.

involved with the recovery of the astronauts. Thank you, Tom, for your service.

Pioneer Day at Hill School and the Academy:

Forty students signed up for this field trip which ended up being 20 students per each 1½ hour tour. Upon arrival, a brief explanation of the architecture of the Academy and its history were given.

Students then settled in desks on the 2nd floor and were given a card with their first name written in cursive, lined paper, a pencil, and a letter instruction sheet showing the correct way to form letters. They had a chance to try writing cursive.



The students then proceeded to the first floor where I read them a story from my 4th grade reader Times and Places. This story had some vocabulary not used any more and a surprise ending. They were also surprised that students had to purchase their own books new or used.

After the story, they were allowed to wander around the first floor and view the exhibits. They had many questions before being sent back to school with their name card, writing papers, a copy of instructions, a copy of the story, and a CHS “CURSIVE IS COOL” pencil.

I always consider an event a success if the children leave smiling and wave good-bye from the bus. by *Leanna Hale*, with assistance in activities from Jill Akyuze, Carole Linenfelser, Pam Mercer, and Pat Galinski.

Would you be interested in becoming a member of the CHS Board?

We are looking for additional Board members. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. In the meetings, we report on activities and plan for upcoming events. The term is for two years. It is a good opportunity for you to get involved in this important organization and share your ideas. We need to expand our reach, and we need your help.

Come and join us. You can make your wishes know by adding a note on the membership application or email us at clarksonhistorical@gmail.com.

