



LANSINGBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May, 2009

IT'S ELECTION TIME

The Trustees met in April, 2009 and recommended the following slate of officers for 2009 - 2010.

President: ***Kathleen Tivnan***

Vice-President: ***Russell Ziemba***

Recording Secretary: ***Liz Van Buren***

Corresponding Secretary: ***David Marsh***

Treasurer: not selected

Assistant Treasurer/Auditor: not selected

Historian/Genealogist: ***Gordon Brown***

Librarian/Curator: ***Warren Broderick***

Trustees for 3 years: ***Byron Moak***

Andy Maier

Russell Ziemba

David Saehrig

Honorary Trustees: ***Linda Zych***

Florence Dooley

The latter is a new nonvoting office added to the by-laws this year.

SPRUCING UP THE MELVILLE HOUSE

The Melville House is receiving a primer coat of paint on the new wood on the back ell.

Many thanks to Dave Saehrig and Sharon Wesley for their work in the back yard of the house.

If you like to garden, they could use some help. Stop and see what has been accomplished.

NEW MEMBERS

New members since the last newsletter are as follows:

Mary Bielas
Donald Bonesteel
Barbara Dahl
Christine Hislop - Hudson Valley Restorations
Brian Houle
Oakwood Cemetery - Troy Cemetery Association
Bernard Vogel

GET WELL SOON

We wish a speedy recovery to Steve Draper.

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 7:30PM at the Melville House. Robert Harris and Diane DeBlois will give a presentation on ***Water Power Along the Wynantskill***, a sophisticated water-power system which was used by mills from Sand Lake to Troy. Their book on the subject will be available for sale and signing at the meeting. Spring raffle prizes are drawn at this meeting as well. Send in your chances if you forgot to do so.

SPRING PORCH SALE

Our Spring Porch Sale will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 9AM to 2PM. Donations of quality items are always welcome. We feature local prints and historic photos; local post cards; antique & collectible glass and china; antique tools; small furniture; collectible soda, beer and medicine bottles; and quality modern gift items. If you wish to donate items to sell, call Kathleen at 235-7647 or leave a message at 235-3501.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Thomas F. Heffernan who died in January.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Since our last newsletter was issued we have acquired some important and interesting items for our collections:

High School and family memorabilia from the Knudsen family

clothes brush advertising a Troy drug store

3 post cards (We have nearly 200 in our collection.)

ice cream scoop invented by Rasmus Nielsen

APRIL BOOK SALE

Our April Book Sale was a success, making over eleven hundred dollars toward Melville House repairs.

WE NEED HELP

Michael Barrett is doing a tour for the Society of Architectural Historians on Saturday, May 30th at 10AM, beginning at the Melville House. Some helpers are needed that morning. If you are available call 235-3501 and leave your name and number.