

NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 16, Thursday, 7:30PM, Church Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church(west side of 4th Ave. just north of 115th St.)- Ned Pratt, President of the local chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians will present a program on Troy's endangered churches. Some of these churches may not survive, others may be reused in a way that their architectural features are not respectfully preserved. Stained glass and other elements of these religious edifices will be discussed. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Note that this program will be presented at a different location than Melville House (see underlining above).

SEPTEMBER 18, Saturday, 12:30 PM, Troy Public Library, Lansingburgh Branch, 114th ST between 3rd and 4th Avenues- a walking tour of historic Lansingburgh churches (Note: the meeting place has been moved from Melville House to the Library)

OCTOBER 14, Thursday, 7:30 PM Melville House (note that this is one week earlier than our usual general meeting date) Walter J. Hollien, a preservation architect involved with many major restoration and preservation efforts will lecture on Lansingburgh's historic architecture, including information and photographs relevant to establishing historic districts in Lansingburgh.

OCTOBER 21, Thursday, Veterans of Lansingburgh Hall, 771 First Ave.- our annual **GALA FUND RAISER DINER AND SILENT AUCTION**. This is the biggest fund raising event of the year for our historical society. Even better, it's an evening of great food., an auction with something for everyone, and an ideal time to reacquaint with friends and meet folks you haven't seen recently. The speaker will present a report on the LHS cemeteries rehabilitation project. Let us know now about donations of items you'd like to place in the auction. Find details about this event on the reservation form accompanying this newsletter. Make your reservation by October 12th.

NOVEMBER 11, Thursday, 7:30PM, Melville House- "An Evening with John Connors", John Emmett Connors, local artist with international training will have the opportunity to demonstrate how his philosophy for artistic expression, his personal story and his passion for historic places come together in his artwork. We will see Lansingburgh through his artistic eye as he presents both established landmarks and lesser known places that are the heart and soul of Lansingburgh and Troy.

NOVEMBER 18, Thursday, 7:30PM, Melville House- our annual Holiday Party will be held including an auction of small antiques, collectibles, Christmas books and holiday ornaments. There will be note paper for sale which shows a winter scene in Lansingburgh in the 1870s. This party is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

OLD CATHOLIC BURYING GROUND

Across 107th Street from the Lansingburgh Village Burying Ground at the southeast corner of the intersection with Third Avenue is the Old Catholic Burying Ground. It began receiving burials in about 1829 on land purchased by Keating Rawson from Philander and Elizabeth Wells. Rawson deeded the cemetery to the Catholic Church of Lansingburgh which became St. John's and later St. Augustine's Church. At present the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany owns and maintains the cemetery. It is included in the LHS cemetery rehabilitation project along with the Village Burying Ground. One Civil War soldier gravestone has been identified but more research is required. It is believed that other Civil War soldier graves may have been placed in St John's Cemetery. We believe the last burials probably took place around 1900 when the local authorities banned all burials in Lansingburgh. We are told that no burial records exist for this cemetery but the Society has a copy of a plot map created in the 1960s by Loretta Nial. The plot map includes family names and the county in Ireland from which that family emigrated to America. The Society has taken digital images of all readable stones so that inscriptions can be transcribed into a catalog of stones with names of individuals and families. These images will be added to images of the readable stones in the Village Burying Ground and could serve as a reference for the genealogy of Lansingburgh families.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome your membership in the Lansingburgh Historical Society. The cost is still just \$5.00/year. Consider joining at the sustaining or life level. Donations are always welcome. Use the form below and mail it to the address at the top of the first page of this newsletter. You can also give this form to a friend who would like to join. Please be sure to include an email address if you have one. It saves LHS money.

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____ Regular(\$5) ____ Sustaining(\$25) ____ Life (\$100) Donation\$ _____

Donations welcome! You may include it with your membership.

We are excited to announce that the Lansingburgh Historical Society (LHS) is hosting its annual fundraiser. It will be held at the **Veterans of Lansingburgh** at 777 1st Avenue, Lansingburgh, N.Y. on **Thursday, October 21, 2010**. Last year's event was a huge success and we look forward to sharing another festive evening with you! Fundraisers, such as this, make it possible for LHS to continue restoration on the Herman Melville house, educational workshops, tours and other community events.

This engaging evening will consist of:

- **Cocktail hour:** 5:30 PM – 7 PM
 - Allows people to socialize before dinner and browse/place bids on silent auction items
 - Includes hors d'oeuvres, coffee/tea and drinks available for purchase
 - Musical entertainment
- **Dinner:**
 - Menu options: Beef, chicken or fish (**Please indicate your preference below**)
- **Silent auction:** 5:30 – **the auction will conclude following dinner**
 - Items will include original art, prints, gift certificates, books, quality collectibles and 'Burgh memorabilia
- **Speaker:** will give a brief presentation about the history of Lansingburgh

If you are unable to attend the dinner, but would like to help the Lansingburgh Historical Society you may send us a tax deductible donation. Seating is limited; please reserve your tickets early. You may reserve by e-mail at the following addresses:

johnemmettconnors@rocketmail.com or gbrown007@nycap.rr.com or mail it to

the: **Lansingburgh Historical society:**

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PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

NAME: _____ **PHONE/E-MAIL:**

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: _____

Roast beef _____

Baked haddock _____

Stuffed Chicken _____

I am unable to attend the dinner, but enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for the
Lansingburgh Historical Society.