

Happy New Year !! – We are already well into 2012

What is happening closer to home around Wayne County?

- **I met with Preston Pierce and the DHP Advisory Board to review plans for the coming year. Preston doesn't know, at this point, if the DHP Program will even be funded in 2012, however, RRLC has recommended that he proceed as if it were. Funding for the program comes from the NYS Archives into RRLC. I know a couple of you have already engaged him to bring programs to your society. We spent considerable time discussing the Archives Month all day seminar next October. Tentatively, we thought a program theme around ethics and handling of gifts, loans and donations might be appropriate and timely. Do give Preston your feedback on what you see as needs that should be addressed. He wants to hear your thoughts.**
- **War of 1812: I have already distributed the flyer from Oswego announcing their March 31st War of 1812 Symposium. Every aspect was first rate last year and it looks like they've put together another excellent program. Do note, pre-registration and pre-payment are required. The American Foundry, party house along Rt 104, holds about 75 people and they were sold out last year so don't tarry if you think you might want to attend.**
- **War of 1812: I have been circulating the PBS video I acquired on my Buffalo Nat'l Trust trip last fall. Pultneyville wants to use it and Larry Ann Evans has suggested a 4 part discussion series at the museum using the video to focus the discussion. The video is now available if you care to purchase it: Suzi Goodrich ordered it at this URL.**

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=11974605&csu=350778&csc=350659&csm=245921618&csa=245970050>

If you need more information about ordering, let me know.

- **The Yates County and Ontario County small museums group down in the Rushville – Naples area have asked me to come give a War of 1812 Program. I'll be doing that on Saturday, April 15th. You all come on down now!**
- **Rose Historical Society has asked me to provide an UGRR program on March 14th.**
- **Ontario County Antique Dealers Association has requested that I present a program on Sanborn Maps on May 24th at the Geneva Historical Society. As far as I am aware, all these programs are free and open to the public.**

- **Three Items for Historians:**
 1. **February 15th APHNYS Regional Mtg at the RIT Inn on Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY**
 2. **APHNYS Annual Conference April 23 – 25 on LI, NY. Bus transport being arranged for those who prefer not to drive.**
 3. **Civil War Monuments Exhibit at the NYS Museum in Albany. Exhibit Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Lemark is requesting photographs of all CW monuments from every town and village in NYS. Start by making a list of all the monuments in your town or village. There will be a special website set up to handle the input of monument images. Stay tuned.**
 4. **Did everyone receive the latest APHNYS Newsletter?**
 5. **Did everyone receive the mailed post card for Feb 15th Regional Mtg? If your answer is NO to either question #4 or #5, please tell me by email or phone call.**

- **Items for everyone:**
 1. **Museumwise Conference is April 21 to 23. I gave them the dickens for scheduling this in conflict with the APHNYS Conference.**
 2. **NYS Archives Conference is coming to Rochester this year. Nazareth College June 6th thru June 8th.**
 3. **NYS History Conference is coming west this year to Niagara University on June 14th to 16th. You can find out more about any of these conferences with a little simple Google action or just contact me.**
 4. **I think everyone knows by now that Teresa Mitchell, Exec Dir of Seaway Trail Association, passed away suddenly. Some of you may have known that she was battling cancer, but I didn't, so it was quite a shock to say the least. Teresa worked very hard for tourism and businesses along the lake shore. I suspect she will be all but impossible to replace.**

- **What is happening in the Historian's Office?**
 1. **The Hoffman Essay preservation project is nearing an end. All essays have been scanned, now we are attempting to complete the quality checks so if any rework is indicated this can be done before we close out the project.**

 2. **Wayne County History Bowl – looking for teams to participate in the History Bowl on March 10th at Williamson Middle School. This is a project sponsored by this office and the Museum of Wayne County History.**

3. **I have not heard from the Town of Huron indicating how their search is going for a new Town Historian. As you know, Carol Flint retired as of the first of the year.**
4. **I will be Chairing the committee to plan the Bicycle Hike on June 2nd (National Trails Day) visiting the War of 1812 International Peace Gardens located here in Wayne County. I welcome all who would like to help with this event.**
5. **Karen Osburn, Archivist, Geneva Historical Society, has been appointed City of Geneva Historian.**
6. **I have been receiving Year End Reports from some of you already. Keep them coming – thanks.**

I sense that 2012 is going to be another good year here in Wayne County. There are already so many new activities and events being planned.

All the best,

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