

Newsletter from the Historian April 1st, 2013

April Historians meeting Spike Herzig and Gene Bavis coming as guest presenters. Spike will be outlining the 2013 events and plans for the New York Cultural Heritage Tourism Network including a revised fee schedule for membership.

Gene Bavis will be talking about a new mural initiative to better guide visitors to the many murals and other sites around Wayne County and will describe what is needed to have Wayne County recognized as the leading mural center in the United States. Currently one other county, in Georgia, has a few more murals than we do.

This is all part of an idea spearheaded by Gene Bavis to make driving, biking or walking tours available that do not depend on any museums to be open or be available at a given hour on a particular day. We hope to devise a format to present all the murals, museums, historic markers and other history story panels available 24/7. Christine Worth, Wayne Co Tourism Director, has already indicated that such a spreadsheet with this type of information could be very helpful to her. Once you have the information in a spreadsheet, it is easy to transfer these locations to a map and then add suggested tour paths.

Another idea put forward by Gene Bavis was the cross promotion of the excellent events and programs offered by each of our societies with a stronger emphasis on our people attending these wonderful programs. All I can say is it seems to be working:

What has been happening around Wayne County?

In March alone:

Joe O'Toole presented a fun filled talk on the Battle of Sodus Point at Gates Hall in Pultneyville;

Rich Hoven presented a wonderful description of 19th century barn building with demonstration of all the necessary tools in the Walworth Town Hall. It was a lousy evening weather wise yet the town courtroom was jammed with many from other towns.

The keepers of the Zurich Bog gave an in depth review of the formation of the bog and what is necessary to protect it today. The Bog like any other feature of nature is a work in progress and no two days are ever the same. People came from all over the county to the Newark-Arcadia Hist Soc to hear this winter lecture series offering.

Women's History Month, March, was well recognized at the Macedon Library. Sally Millick, Macedon Village Historian, presented a well-researched program. Sally included a tribute to our own Helen Burgio. At the conclusion of the program, many volunteers with spring dresses and wide brim hats served high tea.

On the 4th Tuesday of the month, many people showed up again at the Newark-Arcadia Museum for the 6th gathering of the new Wayne County New York Genealogical Society. The executive team should be congratulated for coming so far in such a short period.

Preston Pierce's talk at Gates Hall on April 3rd. This may be your last chance to hear "Mr. Lincoln's War".

Judy Wellman will be talking about the 1816 Quaker Meetinghouse on May 1st at Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society.

See you in Oswego & Syracuse

Oswego on April 6th & 7th for the War of 1812 Symposium.

APHNYS Historians Conference in Syracuse on April 17th – 19th. APHNYS: The Association of Public Historians of New York State

Western NY Preservation Conference – it is the only preservation conference in NYS

This excellent conference is sponsored by the Landmark Society of Western NY and the Preservation League of NYS and will be held this year at SUNY Brockport on April 20th. Go to www.landmarksociety.org to see all the details.

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