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IMPORTANT !! Dues notices were sent in early August to all those who owed for the 1999-2000 membership year. If you have sent in your dues, we are most grateful. If you have not, please send them right away (a form is provided elsewhere in this bulletin). All those who have not paid dues by October 1 will be removed from the mailing list; this issue of the Historigram will be their last!! Call Ruth Ewell, 377-8208, if you have questions about your membership status.

Calendar of Coming Events

- Sunday, September 12 -- Orientation Session for Volunteers, 2 p.m. (details below).
- Monday, September 13 -- Orientation Session for Volunteers, 7 p.m. (details below).
- Tuesday, September 14 -- September Meeting at the Museum, 7:30 p.m. (details below).
- Saturday, October 2 -- Grand Unveiling of the Millenium Fashion Display. Museum open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (details below).
- Sunday, October 17 -- House Tour in the Town of Perinton (details next month).

September Meeting -- Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Museum

Our speaker will be Bob Gallo, an enthusiastic, semi-retired, local historian. His topic is "History of the Shaker Community in Western New York in the 1800s." Mr. Gallo has a wealth of knowledge of the history of Western New York; his presentation will bring new insight into the study of the Shaker Community in Sodus in the 1800s.

An exhibit of Shaker artifacts from a private collection will be mounted at the museum starting August 31. It will be there for the September 14 talk and for about a week after. Even if you cannot get in for the talk, you should try to visit the museum to see this fine exhibit.

Volunteer Orientation

Bill Keeler has once again agreed to do an orientation for new volunteers, those who have been volunteering for some time but want a refresher, and any other members who might be interested. Bill has organized the museum collection and knows where all sorts of information can be found. The sessions will be held two days -- Sunday, September 12, at 2 p.m. and Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. Hopefully, all those who recently volunteered to help at the museum can make one or the other.

Anyone who is interested in attending either of these sessions should RSVP to Ruth Ewell at 377-8208.

New Members

We welcome Francis F. Foster of Fairport and Jean Graham Brown of Englewood, Colorado.

Report of May Picnic

A beautiful day, delicious food, and good companions all combined to make this a delightful occasion!

Many thanks are due to those who brought dishes to pass, to Helen Matthews who bought the food the society provided and who organized the serving and the clean-up, and to Derryl and David Johnston who labored over the grill to produce the hamburgers and hot dogs we all enjoyed.

The Nominating Committee announced the following proposed slate of candidates -- Executive Committee, one-year terms: President - Bill Matthews; First Vice-President - Bernadette McDonough; Second Vice-President - Derryl Johnston; Treasurer - May Thomson; Recording Secretary - Bill Kinsman; Corresponding Secretary - Helen Matthews. To serve on the Board of Trustees for a full five-year term, John Jongen was nominated. To fill a one-year vacancy on the Board occasioned by the resignation of Anne Stonehocker, the nominee was David Wild. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were put into a motion which was seconded and then passed unanimously.

Bill Keeler of the Nominating Committee paid tribute to the two ladies who are leaving the Board -- Anne Johnston and Anne Stonehocker. Both have served the Historical Society for many years. Anne Stonehocker has been on the Executive Committee, for almost two terms on the Board, was at one time in charge of museum publicity, and has been involved in the planning and maintaining of the museum gardens. Anne Johnston has served as president of both the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. Under her leadership great strides were made by the society in its service to the community and in gaining recognition for the museum. We know both Annes will continue to work for the society in other avenues. We thank them both for all they have given.

We welcome our new trustees who have already been in harness helping in several ways. David Wild is a regular Thursday night volunteer and a summer staffer. He has been hard at work on an inventory of museum artifacts and will now start working on exhibits to be shown in the coming year. John Jongen has helped in painting in various areas and in establishing our front-yard garden.

Canal Days

The Perinton Historical Society had another successful year with our booth at Canal Days. We had the same spot as last year, under a tree next to Fleet Bank. The tree turned out to be a blessing, as cool breezes would blow through the booth on those two very hot days. Our customers were mainly children with eyes focused on the many varieties of candy that we had for sale. We were also able to steer several adults to the museum for further research questions, and we handed out many museum brochures. Along with candy and gift items we had a raffle, with the winner receiving four beanie babies. The winner was Stephanie Willis, a third grade student at Northside School. Congratulations, Stephanie!

We sold over \$400 in candy and gifts for the two days. No event goes on without a lot of planning and volunteer participation. Over 40 volunteer hours went into this event. Special thanks go to Bill Matthews, Anne and Heather Johnston, May Thomson, Jerry

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Booth at Canal Days (continued)

than they did and were pleasantly surprised at how polite they all were. Last, but not least, thank-you to Heather Johnston who helped provide some of the displays, donated the M&M's and the dolls and counted all the entries. (She is still the only person who really knows how many were in the jar.)

The Fairport-Perinton Merchants Association should also be acknowledged for their help and co-operation in making it all possible.

Participation in the Voter News Service Tally for Election Day, November 3, 1998

The Perinton Historical Society did such an outstanding job in the 1996 election that we have been asked again to be part of the Voter News Service Returns on Tuesday, November 3, 1998. This activity provides a great opportunity for the Society to earn some funds as well as a chance to see the behind-the-scene operation that goes on at the voting polls in the Town of Perinton after they close at 9 p.m.

As a volunteer participant for the Perinton Historical Society your job would be to be present at your assigned voting place within the Town of Perinton at 8:45 p.m. You would be ready to obtain the results from the voting machines at 9 p.m. and to telephone the results to an assigned 800 number in New York City. In all it takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

All this might sound complicated, but it is not. You will have identification and the materials available to make it go very smoothly.

If you can help, please contact Bernadette McDonough at 223-7991 as soon as possible but no later than September 10. Bernadette will go over in more detail what is involved. In 1996 there were 29 volunteers to do this. Bernadette is looking forward to working with you again on this project. (An alternate person to call is Helen Matthews at 377-8456.)

News from Carmen Peck

Carmen Peck's son, Dan, reports that she is doing wonderfully well for someone who will be 84 this summer -- just as energetic and lively as some Society members will remember her from her painting exhibition at the Museum in 1992. And, she has just resumed painting again after a lapse of some years.

1998-99 Dues

If you owe dues (check the mailing label on this Historigram to see if there is a double asterisk ** by your name), use the tear-off sheet below. If you have questions, call Membership Secretary, Ruth Ewell, at 377-8208.

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Mail to: Ruth Ewell, Membership Secretary OR Drop dues in envelope addressed to
Perinton Historical Society Ruth Ewell through the slot in the door
18 Perrin Street of the Museum at 18 Perrin Street.
Fairport, New York 14450

New Members

We welcome:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Packett's Grove, Fairport.

Mr. Arthur G. Bragg, Jr. of Park Circle Drive, Fairport.

Mr. Richard Freitas of Harwood Circle, Rochester.

Mr. Kevin Kesby of Three Bridges, New Jersey. (Mr. Kesby came to the museum to do some genealogical research during Canal Days. He was very interested in what we had, what we are trying to do, and ended up not only joining the Society but leaving us a very generous donation.)

Helen Tolhurst of Aldrich Road, Fairport.

Mrs. Harold Wynn of Packett's Glen, Fairport.

October House Tour

Lorry McMahon is chairperson of the tour which will take place in the village on Sunday, October 18. Four houses on South Main Street and one on West Church Street will be open. Although the tour is open to Society members only, we are happy to enroll new members before it takes place. Enrollment forms can be picked up at the Museum during open hours -- 2-4 Sunday and Tuesday and 7-9 Thursday.

The House Tour is always a good way to attract new members. Do tell your friends about it. . . but warn them that no new memberships are taken the day of the tour!

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