



PEPPERMINT PRESS

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT PEPPERMINT PATTY:

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

President's Message 1

Calendar of Events 1

Annual Dinner 2

Bit of History 4

Dear Members,

Writing to you from Florida again as we are still here and will be until spring.

We have several projects that are in the works behind the scenes. One is the new website. In House Design of Geneva is the company that we have hired and right now the LHS committee is working on it and hopefully it will be up and running soon.

Plans for the Centennial Celebration of NYS Women's Suffrage and the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of the Erie Canal are also underway. Lyons Heritage Society became a Partner with the VoteTilla, which is being planned thru the

Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester. It will start in Seneca Falls and stop in Lyons on July 18th. We already have plans for two exhibits and possibly an Art Show/Contest in the courtyard. (See article). Carol Agnew is right now busy organizing a "Suffrage Tea Party", Yeaah! As far as celebrating the canal we will have speakers and exhibits.

Our Annual "Potluck" Dinner will take place again in February, where I hope some of you will help plan some of these special activities.

Be prepared to see the 2017 year as a year of celebration for these two very historical events.

As far as continuing the restoration of the museum, we are looking to put new shingles on the west side of the building and improving the landscaping of the gardens that surround the museum. Also, through the funding of the Hoffman Grant, we will be working on the last of the rooms that complete the bottling process. The upstairs warehouse was used by the mint farmers during the winter, where they created the bottling crates for the peppermint oil. I envision that area with a display that would illustrate the crate making stage of the whole bottling process.

Lots to think about and do!

Stay warm, *Patty*

Executive Board:

Patricia Alena,
President

Gehrig Lohrmann, VP

Annette Harris,
Secretary

Dave Alena, Treasurer

TRUSTEES:

Carol Bailey, Town
Historian

Pat Gorthy

Theresa Streb

Joan Wallis



Hotchkiss Presidents



Trolley Abutment



Crate Stencil

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 20 – ANNUAL "POTLUCK" DINNER

MARCH 20 –REGULAR MEMBER MEETING: Movie: "Iron Jawed Angels"

APRIL 17 – SENECA COUNTY HISTORIAN, WALT GABLE , REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

MAY 20 – GARDEN DAY AT THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, CALL 315-879-7617.



HOFFMAN FOUNDATION GRANT

The annual Hoffman Foundation grant was recently awarded to Lyons Heritage Society again. How fortunate to have additional funds to use in our ongoing improvement of the Peppermint Museum. This particular grant was designated for the upstairs warehouse and for the framing of the Hopkins prints of the canal that we received this summer. As mentioned in the cover letter, this money will be used to create an exhibit illustrating the crate making process. A Big THANK YOU to Marianne Stephan for volunteering to frame the prints for use in our upcoming exhibit on the Canal's 200th Anniversary. Bob MacDuffie has also volunteered to help with this display using his vintage postcards. Thank you, Bob!! If you would like to help, please let Bob or the editor know. Planning can also take place at the February meeting.



"New" Canal(1012-1913)



Editor's Note:

At the end of December, the FLTimes editor asked me to sum up 2016 for LHS for a special year end article they were writing. This is what I wrote and what was published in the FL TIMES on December 31st:

Lyons Heritage Society had a most successful year! Our Peppermint Museum was consumed with tourists this summer. Many boaters, bikers, hikers and tourists from all over came to hear the story of peppermint oil.

Besides the many fundraisers we had, our benefactors keep helping us to improve the museum. New siding, painting, and a new piazza have been wonderful restoration projects to help keep the building sustained for ages to come. We are thankful for the many donations that we receive in the form of artifacts, volunteer help, programs and funding. Our membership continues to thrive and hopefully, 2017 will be another good year for Lyons Heritage Society.

The Annual Potluck Dinner will be held on Monday, February 20th, at the Lyons Public Library at 6:00. Please bring a dish to pass, your place setting and beverages will be provided.

The meeting agenda will be the election of officers, with the following slate being presented:

President: Patricia Alena

Vice President : Gehrig Lohrmann

Secretary: ? as of this time

Treasurer: Dave Alena

Trustees: Carol Bailey, Pat Gorthy, Theresa Streb and Joan Wallis.

The offices of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one Trusteeship are up for election.

The meeting is also scheduled to be a planning session for the upcoming events to celebrate NYS Women's

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE recently DONATED LYONS ARTIFACTS and/or THEIR TIME TO LHS:

Marianne Stephan, Carol Agnew, Galen Historical Society, Joan Wallis , Gehrig Lohrmann, Bob MacDuffie, and Annette Harris

Suffrage and the beginning of the construction of the Erie Canal. Please join or create a committee to work on these plans. Ideas and suggested activities with the calendar will be provided.

Come be part of 2017's Celebrations!

THANK YOU, ANNETTE!!

Thanks SO MUCH to Annette Harris, a stronghold of our Society! She has been our WONDERFUL secretary for several years and she does the LHS accessions. Annette has been an active society member since the 1990's serving in several different positions.

Thank you for your devoted service, we will miss you on the Board!

JUST A NOTE: Frank Scalise, artist from Newark, recently repainted the Hotchkiss Office sign that hangs outside of the museum! It is presently in storage at the building.

2016 Holiday Boutique

As in previous years the Lyons Heritage Society participated in the annual Holiday Boutique at the Museum of Wayne County by hosting a booth and selling peppermint products and more. This year we sold items from our Peppermint Shop, including Wickedly Scent lotions, Peppermint Pigs, minty soaps, including Elaine Sinniger's felt soaps, and Leman's mint candy. Thanks to our volunteers, who made the boutique a success: Marcia Bilancini, Priscilla Paliotti, Ann Bohner, Linda Andrews, Edna Gansz, Annette Harris, Marianne Arseneau, Theresa Streb, Bid Dobbins, Patsy Hewes, Pat Gorthy, Anne Salerno, Elaine Sinniger and Marianne Stephan. Thanks also to Glenn Wallis, Stuart Smart and Gehrig Lohrmann who schlepped items up and down the stairs! We also raffled the TV donated by Walmart of Newark, to add to the funding of the new LHS website, which is coming soon. For a two day event we were very successful.

Joan Wallis

Walt Gable to Present at APRIL Meeting

To kick off our NYS Centennial Celebration of Suffrage, LHS is hosting, Seneca County Historian, Walt Gable. Mr. Gable is presenting his new program on Women Suffrage.

The meeting will be at the Lyons Public Library at 7:00 on April 17th. A business meeting and refreshments will follow.



Due to inclement weather, this meeting was postponed from November.

NEWS ABOUT THE NEW WEBSITE

A new website for the Lyons Heritage Society is under construction by InHouse Graphics of Geneva, New York. It is designed to be easily changed and updated by our Lyons Heritage Society member administrators. Prospective members can join through the website and prospective donors can easily donate to the LHS as well. A calendar page will allow events to be posted and updated. We are pleased to be able to use the site to fulfill our mission to "gather, preserve, and make available historical records and materials relating to the Town of Lyons, to disseminate knowledge, to encourage research, and to promote the recognition and preservation of sites of historic value." You will notice old and new pictures throughout the site, and we will always welcome

additional ones to add to our archives. This site was made possible by two grants. One of the funders is the Mary Hicks Preston Foundation of Phelps, New York. Many members and citizens know that Hiram and Leman Hotchkiss started the peppermint oil business in Phelps, so there is a definite connection with this Foundation,

We thank the Mary Hicks Preston Foundation for their generous support.

The other funder is the Wayne County Community Endowment, of Rochester Community Foundation. The seed money for the WCCE was provided by the estate of Jeanette "Nettie" Bullis and has now grown to include a number of funds that support a wide range of

2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lyons Heritage Society annual membership drive starts in January each year and extends to December. We are most fortunate each year to welcome new members and have former members continue to support the society. Your membership dues help to keep the society intact and also support the peppermint museum as well as the mission of the Lyons Heritage Society.

The benefits of LHS are: regular member meetings with special programs, four newsletters a year, special events and exhibits and a 10 percent discount at the Peppermint Shoppe.

Your dues are a large portion of our annual budget and support the society in its continuing effort to keep and spread the Lyons community history.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ADVANCE!

See your membership form enclosed.

organizations and philanthropic causes.

Joan Wallis



Michigan Mint Farmers

LYONS HERITAGE SOCIETY

95 Water Street
Box 150

Lyons, New York
14489

Phone:

(315)946-4596

(315)879-7617

alenap4@gmail.com

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.lyonsheritage.com

Facebook: Lyons Heritage Society

THANK YOU

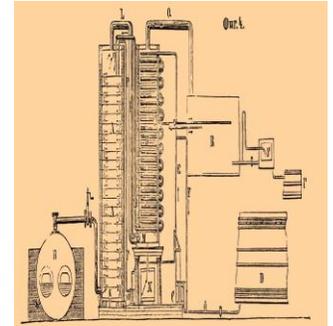
DAVID ALENA, JR.
for being our
Webmaster

A Bit of History by Robert MacDuffie

Peppermint Oil 1

August or September were the months peppermint was harvested. It had flowered and grew to about 3 feet. The peppermint had been hand cut by scythes and piled up to dry. It seemed counterintuitive to dry as the next step was to put it in water. The drying forced the excess moisture out leaving the oil in.

In the early days huge vats were filled with water and dried plants were put in the boiling water. The oil would float to the top and be skimmed off and bottled. Later actual stills were used with coils condensing the oil. So, Wayne County ended up with a hundred or so distilleries that the revenuers wouldn't pay any attention to.



THANKS TO OUR PATRONS and CORPORATE SPONSORS:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Sandy Wetmore |
| David and Patricia Alena | Sean and Imelda Dobbins | Mike and Elaine Sinniger |
| Frank Amico | Sara Gurney | Jacqueline Spiegel |
| Marianne Arseneau | Robert MacDuffie | Marianne Stephan |
| Ann Bohner | Sharon MacTaggart | Kevin and Lorraine Wolfer |
| Mary and Lee Boice | William and Helen Maddock | Brit and Donna Wood |
| Keith and Anna Bridger | Brian Mankletow | Dobbins Drugs |
| Earl Buchanan | Randy Mitchell | Lyons National Bank |
| David Cummings | Dan and Pat Olson | Hotchkiss Family Association |
| Bid Dobbins | Paul and Catherine Richert | Ruspak Corporation |
| Dave and JoAnn Wahl | Arthur Santelli | Santelli Lumber Company |

LYONS HERITAGE SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 150
LYONS, NEW YORK
14489