

Nunda Historical Society Programs/Events for 2016

Note: All programs, unless noted otherwise, meet at 24 Portage Street in Nunda on the second Wednesday of the month (March – December) at 7PM. Regular programs are not being scheduled in January and February, but additional programs have been added in the spring, summer, and fall months.

Wednesday, March 9, 7 pm–“*Early Women Physicians of the Genesee Country*” by **Jane Oakes**. People may be surprised to learn that the Genesee Valley provided some of the earliest women physicians in the country.

Sunday, April 3, 1 pm – **Open House** (Dedication of the Stamp Annex, a newly renovated storage and work space and viewing of new exhibits telling the Story of Nunda.) & at 2:30 pm “*Six Nations Artifacts*” with **Jim VanSickle** sharing his collection of Six Nations artifacts and his experiences in collecting Iroquois items.

Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm – “*Knives Can Talk! The Story of Robeson Cutlery Co.*” by **Tom Kalcevic** who will use their knives, household products and local history to tell the story of Robeson. The presentation will be a word and photo slideshow following the life of Millard Fillmore Robeson and detailing the 100-year history of the company he founded. The slideshow will be supplemented with show and tell items produced by Robeson.

Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm - **Annual Meeting & “The Foote Company: Nunda on the World Stage”** by **Joan Schumaker**. In 1903, the ingenious Foote brothers invented power mixer-paver machines that revolutionized all future highway and heavy construction. During World War II, Foote pavers were used around the world by allied forces to create airfield runways. The Annual Meeting will follow the program. Society members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

Saturday, May 21 – **6th Annual Victorian Tea** at the Holy Angels Church Parish Center on Massachusetts Street. Watch for details and plan to attend.

Wednesday June 8, 6 pm – **Picnic & Special Musical Entertainment** TBA

July - Watch for date and details on our **Nunda Historical Society Summer Tour**.

*Sunday, July 31, 2:30 pm – ‘*Joseph Lamb: the "Other" Greatest Classic Ragtime Composer*’ by **Dennis James and Jen Conklin** Lamb, a white accountant from New Jersey, grew up as an amateur self-taught pianist and became a top rank world famous published ragtime composer. He wrote beautiful piano rags that equaled or perhaps surpassed those of his friend Scott Joplin. Dennis will discuss Joseph Lamb’s life and perform a selection of his compositions while Jen (in Mary Pickford show costume) will be the vocalist for Lamb’s songs.

Saturday, Aug 13, – “*Discovering Our Past - at the Nunda Historical Society*” (formerly Nunda Area Homecoming) Visitors of all ages are invited to spend the day exploring local history and life in the past. A variety of presentations, workshops, and activities will allow

you to step back in time and learn more about your family, property, and community. Watch for details.

Sunday, Aug 21, 2:30 pm - ***“100 Years of the National Park System – Emphasis on Yellowstone Park”*** by **Barbara Kubiak** The National Park System is 100 years old this week and we celebrate with Barbara’s presentation of its history while viewing her beautiful photos.

*Sept 13–14 ***Nunda History Days*** Watch for details for this two-day biennial event featuring local history programming for area students and adults.

#Wednesday, Sept 14, 7 pm - ***“Haudenosaunee 101”*** by **Freida Jacques** This dynamic presentation provides a unique opportunity to learn about the Haudenosaunee from a Clanmother of the Onondaga Nation. Freida Jacques presents fundamental information about the Iroquois Confederacy, drawn from and enhanced by her own life experience and understanding of her culture, and invites the audience to ask questions and engage with her first-hand accounts.

Late September or Early October Fall Foliage Tour – Watch for details on our destination and plan to join us.

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2:30 pm - ***“Gregory's New York Brigade: Blue-Collar Reserves in Dusty Blue Jackets”*** by **Dr. Valgene L. Dunham** follows General Edgar Gregory's Brigade made up of NY regiments 187, 188, and 189, including their formation, war activities, their presence at Appomattox and their peace keeping in Virginia as they marched back to Washington and then home.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 am - 3pm - ***NHS Annual Yard & Bake Sale*** – Watch for details on how to donate items for the yard and bake sale and plan to come and shop.

Wednesday, Oct 12, 7 pm – ***“Portrayal of the Life of Moses VanCampen”*** by Brendan Heaney, Interpreter, Speaker and Fillmore Central School English Teacher. Moses Van Campen (1757-1849), a prominent figure in Pennsylvania and western New York and a soldier during the Revolutionary War fighting hostile Native American tribes, participated in the Sullivan Expedition in 1779.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 7 pm – ***“The Sullivan Campaign of the Revolutionary War: The influence on Livingston County*** by **Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian**. This program will give an overview of the westernmost battle of the Revolutionary War in New York State and how this event led to the opening of the Genesee Valley for white settlement immediately after the war.

Wednesday, Dec 14, 7 pm – ***“Annual Show & Tell”*** Bring your favorite collectible, Nunda story or “What’s It?” to share and enjoy holiday refreshments.

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