

## NUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# Historic Nunda

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## The Nunda Public Art Project

by Joan Schumaker

In January 2019, the Nunda community was invited to take part in the Livingston County Inspirations Trail, a 90-mile self-guided tour through 9 downtown districts to be launched in May 2020. All installations are to incorporate an uplifting word or message. The primary works of art will be murals or sculptures that could be permanent installations in the downtown. In addition, there will be a minimum of 10 storefront displays created with the same theme of "inspirations". These installations could be done by amateurs, school groups, or the businesses owners themselves. The Metal Trades class at GVEP plans to create one bench per downtown.

The mission of this project is to: Build community pride and sense of place; Cross promote the Villages and downtown businesses within the county ; Promote the Livingston County downtowns outside our region; and to Inspire people!

In February, Louise Wadsworth, Downtown Coordinator, Livingston County Economic Development, initiated efforts to form a Nunda Public Art Committee. Interested Nunda residents participated in seven committee meetings between February and December at the Nunda Historical Society. Attendance at early meetings suffered because of snow but, by May, the committee had identified several locations for murals, themes for the artwork, discussed potential sculptures and suggested bench designs. The Nunda Historical Society agreed to serve as a resource for subject matter and designs for the artwork.

An application submitted to Livingston County Economic Development (LCED) by the Village of Nunda, resulted in a 2019 Façade Grant of \$2,000. To make use of this grant, matching funds and additional donations needed to be raised and the murals needed to be completed no later than December 2019. However, the committee experienced difficulty in finding artists. Fortunately, in mid-September, two local artists agreed to tackle painting two 10' x 10' murals over the next three months and timely monetary and in-kind donations covered the required match and additional expenses.

**The mural project calls for 11 Chronological Murals, each 10'x10', depicting the rich history of the Nunda Area.** These are to be mounted on the former Foote Company building, now Seating, Inc., at 60 N State Street in Nunda. Murals #6 and #7 were completed in December



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*Nunda Historical Society Museum & Rose Shave Gallery  
are open 10 am - noon on Tuesdays,  
2-4 pm, on 1st Sundays  
March through November,  
and at other times by arrangement.  
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## The President's Corner



Happy New Year from the Nunda Historical Society!

As you will discover in the pages of this newsletter, 2019 was a very good year for the Society. Our many programs, projects, and activities show that we continue to grow and move forward in our goals of collecting, preserving and promoting our local history!

We are especially pleased with our participation in several community activities throughout the past year, including Nunda Fun Days, Christmas in Nunda, the summer recreation program and Nunda's second annual Americana Day. We are also proud to serve as a resource for the wonderful historical mural project that you will find on our front cover!

This past fall NHS Board Member Susan Long gave a special presentation to area municipal historians on the Society and our activities. You will find her article on page 10. It's a good summary of what we have been doing and why we do it!

In addition, we completed several special projects this year. We made improvements to our parking lot and our main entrance to the building and replaced our old chairs in the meeting room.

We also installed what we are calling the "New Nunda Theater" in our Museum area. This 65" TV will be a significant part of our final exhibit in telling the "Story of Nunda." We hope to open this exhibit by summer 2020, but the "New Nunda Theater" has already been used to show Nunda videos and PowerPoint programs during special events and programs. We will soon be replacing our aging copier and printer. We also completed two important projects working with the American Digital Memories folks in Oklahoma. (See below)

All these things are made possible because of our members. We are blessed with about 250 members each year who support us through dues, donations and, when possible, by attending NHS programs and activities. Some also volunteer their time, talents and energy to the Society and we welcome others who may also be interested in volunteering.

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to another great year!

*Tom Cook*

### Our Mission

*The Nunda Historical Society collects, researches, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history, heritage, and culture of that area of western New York in and around the Town of Nunda and educates the public through its collections and programming.*

## New Digital Records Help Preserve Nunda Area History

Over the past year the Nunda Historical Society has worked with American Digital Memories, based in Oklahoma, on two digitizing projects - our local yearbooks and the genealogical file cards created by our late Town Historian Marjorie Frost.

Our Yearbook Project was completed last summer. Working in cooperation with Bell Memorial Library and Keshequa Central School, we collected copies of all the Nunda Yearbooks from 1946 to 2018. The only one we were missing was the 1988 yearbook, but Christy Crandall Bean graciously shared her copy with us for the project!

The yearbooks were placed in three boxes and shipped to the company via FedEx. About two months later we received three sets of three CDs each and the yearbooks were soon returned in good condition. The cost of this special project, including shipping, was \$30.

Each yearbook is a separate pdf file that is searchable and will be a valuable resource for years to come. The Society also has many of the actual yearbooks available for viewing at the Historical Building.

Based on the successful completion of the yearbook project, the Society, with the cooperation of Nunda Town and Village Historian Valerie Veley Griffing and Bell Memorial Library, decided to undertake the digitizing of thousands of index cards that Marjorie Frost compiled on generations of local residents over the years. The 3 X 5 cards contain information she gathered in her work as town historian, including birth and death dates, names of spouses and children, and other details gleaned from newspapers, family members, and other sources. A total of 19,000 images were digitized.

The cards were microfilmed several years ago and these microfilm reels can be viewed at Bell Memorial Library on a machine purchased by the Society for that purpose. The digitization project will allow us to have a copy of the cards for use at the Historical Building. The cost of this project was \$600.00, with most of the cost covered by a generous donation from a Society member.

Requests for information from these resources can be sent to us at [nhs@frontier.net](mailto:nhs@frontier.net).

*Please Note: Due to copyright issues, the digital issues of the year books are only available for viewing.*

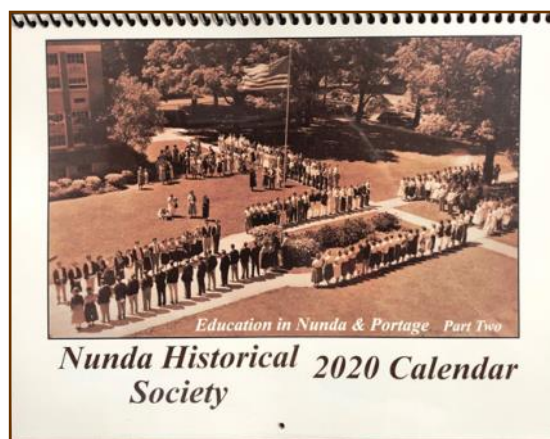
# Historical Society's 2020 Calendar

## Have you picked up your copy of our latest calendar?

The *2020 Nunda Historical Society Calendar* covers part two of "Education in Nunda and Portage." The calendar continues the story of the rich history of education in the Nunda area, tracing development from centralization in the 1930s to the Keshequa School District and modern day.

This calendar includes photos of the **1940 Nunda Graduates, 1950 Dalton Graduates, and Keshequa Class of 2020.** Many photos of student organizations, teachers, administrators and support staff will test your memory. Read the history of Nunda and Dalton's Alumni Associations, the GAB, Nunda's Yearbooks, and the merger that formed the Keshequa Central School District. See the map of the newly formed district and find the schedule of upcoming events at the Nunda Historical Society.

The calendar, with 52 pages, is available for \$15 at the Nunda Historical Society, Nunda Family Pharmacy, Bell Memorial Library and the Nunda Government Center. You can also order it through the website [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org) or eBay.



## *Nunda Public Art continued from Pg. 1*

2019 and plans call for the remaining murals to be completed over the next two years.

**John Gordinier** is completing historical research and designs/sketches for the panels, as well as also being one of two artists on this project. **Don Hooker**, owner/operator of Don's Brush Art & Vinyl Effects on East Street in Nunda, is the second artist on this project. A tentative plan for the murals has been approved and every attempt is being made to guarantee historical accuracy. **A very special THANK YOU to these two talented Nunda artists!**

The Nunda Public Art Mural Project has received a total of \$6,575 in grant funding, thanks to LCED, a 2020 GVCA Decentralization Grant, and Once Again Nut Butter. An application for an additional LCED grant is being submitted for 2020. Grant applications have been completed by Mayor Jack Morgan and submitted through the Village of Nunda.

Early generous donations of \$3,600 helped with the first two murals but additional donations are needed in order to obtain matching funds to qualify for grants, purchase needed supplies, and pay the artists. A "Go Fund Me" site has been created to assist in this effort.

A Facebook Page @nundapublicart provides photos of the completed murals, description of the 11 murals, a link to the "Go Fund Me" site, and a Story that identifies businesses and individuals who have helped with this mural project to date. A special Thank You to the Trinity Church of Nunda for serving as the nonprofit sponsor for the Nunda Public Art Project and to Jack Morgan for serving as Financial Administrator. Donations may also be sent directly by check to Trinity Church of Nunda (write *Mural Project* in memo line) and send to: Trinity Church of Nunda, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 15, Nunda, NY 14517.

**The Nunda Public Art Committee will be meeting in the coming months to monitor the mural project, consider other permanent installments such as benches and sculptures, and to plan for the temporary store front "inspirational" displays needed for the May 2020 opening of the Inspirations Trail. Any interested Nunda residents are welcome to attend these meetings. Just watch for details on the Facebook Page or contact me at 585-490-3302.**

The Nunda Public Art Committee: John Gordinier, Don Hooker, Rhonda Howard, Jack Morgan, Jackie Morgan, Alex Pierce, Patty Piper, Joan Schumaker, Merilee Walker, Pam Washington, Isabelle Weir, Donald Wilcox

Advisor: Louise Wadsworth, Downtown Coordinator, Livingston County Economic Development  
For questions, please contact: [NundaPublicArt@gmail.com](mailto:NundaPublicArt@gmail.com)



# 2019 Programs/Events

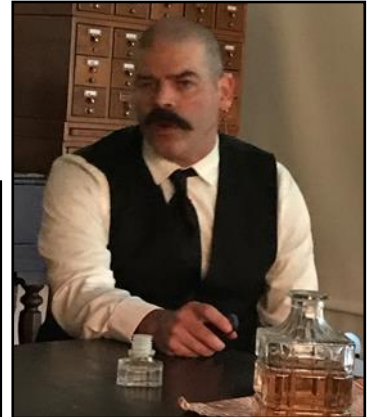


March 13 - *Rambles Through History: Exploring the past along the Genesee Valley Greenway in the Town of Portage* by Tom Cook



April 14 - *The Charlie Chaplin Mutual Film Comedies* by Dennis James.

May 8 - *Life Is A Fight! A Night with John L. Sullivan* by Brendon Heaney.



May 18 NHS Victorian Tea *Behind the Scenes with Mary Ann and Barb*



Nunda Fun Days May 30 - June 1



June 12 - Annual Picnic with Geoff Clough entertaining the crowd with *Songs of the 1950s & 1960s*



June 4 - First Graders Visit the Museum





# 2019 Programs/Events *continued*



July 6 - Americana Day - Canal Walk in Nunda Village, Quilt Show, & Parade Float



September 11 - *History of Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn* by Virginia & Rhonda Cartwright



October 9 - *The Barn Building Legacy of J. T. Wells & Sons* by Dick Thomas (Photographer) & Katie Andres (Legacy Project Coordinator).



Oct. 11 - Annual Yard & Bake Sale

Nov 10 - *18th & 19th Century Medicine: The American Revolution to the American Civil War* by Les Buell.



Dec. 11 - Annual Show & Tell Phil Cox shows President Tom an antique instrument to determine the price of coal



Dec. 14 - Christmas in Nunda at the Museum



## 2019 Society History Tours

On July 18th, 55 enthusiastic travelers joined our **trip to Mayville on Chautauqua Lake** where we enjoyed perfect weather for a 1 ½ hour **History Tour of the lake aboard the beautifully restored steamboat Chautauqua Belle**. As local historian Helen Ebersole predicted, we were treated to a historical commentary that was accurate, worthwhile and a colorful review of lake history. It was most interesting to view the famous Chautauqua Institute from the lake. We also enjoyed a delicious catered BBQ Chicken lunch before departing the Chautauqua Belle.



In the afternoon we traveled on to

**Jamestown and the National Comedy Center**, the first state-of-the-art museum dedicated to telling the vital story of comedy in America. The museum celebrates comedy's great minds and unique voices, from Charlie Chaplin to Dave Chappelle. Cutting-edge personalization technology makes the entire experience unique: After creating a humor profile, each of us was free to explore content tailored to our individual tastes, from broad slapstick to edgy satire. We could

participate in educational games and fun competitions or step into the shoes of comedy pros, try our hand at cartooning, comedy writing, live stand-up, ... or perhaps play the part of Lucy as you re-create a video of her famous chocolate candy line skit. It was both fun and educational, but a little overwhelming! Everyone enjoyed themselves with many planning return visits.

The **Fall Foliage Tour on October 17th** again went south to stop in Salamanca. The fall colors were perfect but it was a wet day with mist and light showers for the 30 hearty participants. At our morning stop we found the **New Seneca Iroquois National Museum** to be most impressive, with presentations of the prehistory, history, and contemporary culture of the Seneca-Iroquois people. Exhibits, traditionally crafted items, and The Creation Story helped us better understand the Seneca history. We also marveled at the new exquisitely crafted Seneca items for sale in the gift shop.



Upon leaving Salamanca, we traveled through **Allegheny State Park** to the Quaker Beach Bath House and a delicious catered Buffet Lunch in the Quaker Event Center. After lunch we enjoyed *The Nature of Allegheny State Park*, a multi-media program by biologist Tim Baird.

After the luncheon program, three ASP Environmental Educators joined us to serve as guides as we headed north through the park to the Red House Area. We were treated to a running commentary on park history as we traveled north. Our first stop was the Quaker Store Museum, a 1925 Larkin Store that now houses exhibits on the establishment of ASP.

Our next stop was at Thunder Rocks, a site consisting of over twenty-five large sedimentary rocks with the largest approximately the size of a two-story house. Many of our group investigated these extraordinary rocks. Tom LeBlanc, one of our guides, is leading the way in the photo.

We then made our way to the Red House Administration Building, an iconic Tudor Revival Building that opened in 1928. There we were treated to a guided tour of the Natural History Museum and visited the gift shop before heading for home. It was a most educational and enjoyable day in spite of the damp weather.



## 2020 Historical Society Tour - July 16th



### You really do not want to miss this adventure!

We travel to Hammondsport to spend the day, leaving Nunda at 8:45 am. We will be visiting the Finger Lakes Boating Museum that has been housed in the historic Taylor Wine Company buildings since 2014. In addition, we will have lunch in the Taylor Room, spend about 50 minutes touring Keuka Lake aboard the newly restored Pat II, and have time to visit places in the village.

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum exists for the education and preservation of the boating activities and boat building heritage of the Finger Lakes. In 1996, a small group of dedicated antique boating enthusiasts, motivated in part by a common concern over the rapidly dwindling population of locally-built wooden boats, committed to establishing a museum that would **preserve the boating heritage of the Finger Lakes Region of New York State**. They believed that a museum focusing on the impact that recreational and commercial boating had on the development of the lakes and



tourism in the Finger Lakes Region would increase appreciation and awareness as well as help preserve these vintage craft.

The Museum Collection has now grown to more than 200 boats with 40 on exhibit. Visitors can see canoes, rowboats, row outboards, outboard runabouts, inboards, hydroplanes, and sailboats. Many related artifacts and ephemera are also on display. A 130' x 10' lake and nature mural, a replica lake cottage, and a 60' x 10' lake mural provide most appropriate settings for the exhibits. The main building also contains an active boat shop where you will see restoration projects underway.

The Pat II, a 39' launch built in 1924, served as a tour boat in the Thousand Islands from 1924 to 1955. In 1956 she was moved to Skaneateles Lake and served as a tour boat and US Postal Service delivery boat on the historic Star Route 13 until 1991. The Pat II's amazing 67 years of service have been rewarded with a complete rehabilitation and she is being returned to the water where she belongs in May 2020. Since the Pat II only seats 16 people, we will be dividing into groups and shuttling people a distance of about three miles between the Museum and the boat launch site. The restoration of the Pat II has been documented on



Facebook

@Pat2Boat. More information and photos of the FLBM may be found on FB @fingerlakesboatmuseum or at [www.flbm.org](http://www.flbm.org)

A Buffet Lunch will be catered by Timberstone Grill in The Taylor Room pictured here. On the Menu:

Garden salad; Herb crusted pork loin; Parmesan chicken in an artichoke sun-dried tomato cream; Oven roasted potato; Chef's selection of Seasonal vegetables; Coffee, tea, and lemonade; Assorted brownies and desserts

Cost of Tour: \$110 members, \$120 non-members.

Payment and Registration Due by July 6, 2020

Registration Form at [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org)

Send to: Nunda Historical Society,  
PO Box 341, Nunda, NY 14517



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**Wednesday, Feb.12, 7 PM - *KCS History Day Competition*** - Students from Mr. Romanchok's and Mr. Schneider's high school advanced history classes will be presenting their National History Day projects based upon the theme "Breaking Barriers".

**Sunday, March 1, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Wednesday, March 11, 7 PM** – "*Underground Railroad in Livingston County – Myths & Facts*" by Dr. Cathy Adams, Associate Professor of History, SUNY Geneseo

**Sunday, April 5, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Wednesday, April 8, 7 PM** – "*Will the Real Dr. Quinn, Medical Woman, Please Stand Up?*" by Les Buell, Popular American History Educator and Civil War Re-enactor. This program recounts the life of Phebe Oliver Briggs from Dansville, NY.

**Sunday, May 3, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open. (see above)

**Wednesday, May 13, 7 PM** - "*Discover Historic Nunda: 200 Years of Village and Town Architecture.*" by Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator, Landmark Society of Western New York

**Saturday, May 16** - NHS Victorian Tea - Watch for details

**Thursday, May 28 - Saturday May 30** Visit our Booth at Nunda Fun Days!

**Sunday, June 7, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Wednesday, June 10, 6 PM** Annual Picnic at the NHS Pavilion (bring own table service and dish-to-pass) followed by the "*Great American Sing-Along: Music Through the Decades 1920s - 1970's,*" with history, trivia, and quizzes, Local by Geoff Clough at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to the picnic and the program to follow in the museum.

**Sunday, July 5, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Saturday, July 11, 10 AM - 3 PM** - Visit the NHS Museum & Rose Shave Gallery as part of **Nunda's Americana Day**. Special exhibits/programs in the Museum and activities outside the Museum. Watch for details on special guided historic walks in the village.

**Thursday, July 16** - *Summer NHS Tour to Hammondsport-Tour Finger Lakes Boat Museum & Boat Ride on Lake*

**Sunday, August 4, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**\*Sunday, August 9, 2:30 pm.** - *Gershwin's Rediscovered Piano Preludes* by Dennis James

Hear the story of the famous 1926 music mystery of Gershwin's missing preludes and listen as Dennis performs all of Gershwin's *Seven Piano Preludes*.

**Sunday, September 6, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Wednesday, September 9, 7 PM** - *Remembering Nunda Area Businesses Part IV* Part of a Series of talks by local residents sharing memories of businesses that are no longer found in Nunda. The Nunda Casket Company, Black Smith Shops and Coal Businesses are featured this year.

**Wed. Sept. 23 & Thurs. Sept. 24** - **Nunda History Days**

**Sunday, October 4, 2-4 PM** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Saturday, October 10, 9 AM** - **NHS Annual Yard & Bake Sale** – This is one of the Society's most important fundraisers. Visit to look for that special treasure to take home and don't forget to try the delicious baked goods. Thanks to all who make donations and those who come to shop.

**Wednesday, October 14, 7 PM** - *From Lug Pole to Microwave* by Jane Oaks. Jane examines the forms, functions, and changes in kitchens from the settlement period through modern era in our part of New York State. Learn about the technological and social changes which affected kitchens and how the old has become new again.



## New Addition To Rose M. Shave Gallery

On your next visit to the Gallery you will be welcomed by a handsome young beggar, an early 20th century sculpture of white Carrara marble, by Italian sculpture Pietro Bazzanti (1842-1881) in Florence, Italy. The 32 in. sculpture rests on a turned pedestal inscribed FATE LA CARITA (BEGGING).

Bazzanti is associated with the sculptors Cesare Lapini, Ferdinando Vichi (1875-1940) and Guglielmo Pugi, all of whom executed works bearing the inscription: Galleria Bazzanti. The gallery, originally the studio of the sculptor Niccolò Bazzanti, the father of Pietro Bazzanti, was inaugurated in 1822 and is still open today.

Pietro Bazzanti was a central figure in the production of Florentine sculpture at the end of the 19th century. He specialized in allegorical and genre subjects as well as copies of antique and Renaissance sculpture. Regarded as one of the most talented sculptors of his day, his studio in Florence became a centre for other important sculptors whose works are inscribed Galleria Bazzanti or Gallery Bazzanti for the British or American market.

The studio produced statues of marble and pietra serena (gray sandstone) for the Florentine cemetery. The tombs represent classical sarcophagi, 'cinerary' urns upon columns, broken columns (to signify a life cut unnaturally short), while also using

Egyptian motives, winged globes, butterflies, and the ouroboros.

This lovely sculpture and pedestal are on loan from the Bell Memorial Library. Before taking up residence in our local library, this "Little Beggar" lived with prominent Nunda citizens Kenneth and Helen Willard in their large Greek Revival Mansion on South State Street. He also moved with them to their last home on Murray Street in Mt. Morris.

The sculpture came to the Willards from Robert Irving Davidson and his wife Mabel Barnum Davidson who lived in Wiscoy. Robert (1874 - 1953) was born on the farm his parents had in Wiscoy and Mabel (1874 - 1972) was born in Centerville. Robert remained a farmer in Wiscoy and was a first cousin to Helen's father Ralph Gillette. We know that Robert and Mabel returned from England by steamship in 1932 but we do not know details of their trip. The Bazzanti sculpture may have been purchased in Italy by the Davidsons or perhaps it was made for the American market and shipped here by the Gallery Bazzanti.

Thanks to Nunda Historical Society member Roberta (Bobbie) Isaman Willard for providing the connection of the sculpture to Robert and Mabel Davidson. We would very much like to know more about the Davidsons and how they acquired FATE LA CARITA. If you, or anyone you know, can help with this effort, please let us know.



### 2020 Programs/Events *continued from Pg. 8*

**Thursday, October 15** (*Tentative Date for Fall NHS Tour*) Watch for details

**Sunday, November 1** - Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**Wednesday, November 11, 7 PM** - "*A Special Veterans Remembrance Program*" hosted by local veteran Alex Pierce.

**Wednesday, December 9, 7PM** *Annual Show & Tell and Christmas Gathering* – Join us for a fun time and share one of your favorite items, perhaps a "What's it?," or story from the past.. All members and guests welcome

**Saturday, December 12, 12 - 5 PM** "*Christmas in Nunda*" - Visit the Museum for local history programs, Nunda videos, special exhibits, and the new 2021 Nunda Historical Society Calendar.

\* This performance is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature.

## Local Historical Societies as Educators

by Sue Long

Last summer I was asked to present a talk to the Government Appointed Historians of Western New York. The talk was to be about Local Historical Societies role as educators, a subject I believe to be very important, not only to young people, but to the adults in our towns and villages. After some looking back to the beginning of my interest in history, I realized that it was the real-life experiences during family vacations, and the books etc. that school and family gave me that fostered my love of history.

It is the goal of our society to look and learn from the past, but we also need to look to the future, and that is our young people. I'm very proud of the many experiences our Society provides for our students. We like to start with first graders and, in June, Mr. Greenman (Tom Cook) and Mrs. Paine (myself) put on period clothing and visit the students at their school, talking about life in the early 1800's in Nunda.

Students ask questions, interact with a power point program and touch and smell many of the artifacts that we bring. A week later the first graders visit Mr. Greenman and Mrs. Paine at the Historical Society for a look at many more artifacts. We also try to teach them how important our job is to take care of those artifacts from Nunda so that their children can also learn from them.

Many students visit the building during the summer when Tom hosts a weekly historical activity during summer recreation. Every other year we also host History Days, when 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders visit for a whole day. Their teachers help plan the activities that correspond to their education goals. The next day the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders come to spend the day and, as with elementary students, their teachers help plan activities that the students will get the most benefit from. During History Days students have written cursive with ink and quills; played games; tried the atlatl (an ancient spear throwing device); talked to blacksmiths, farmers and women in costume; learned to sew on a treadle machine; and made church dolls. While I told about our programs, the group saw a power point that reinforced the talk. I also explained that we always try to improve our programs. Working with the Mt. Morris HS, I also take students thru the Mills Mansion during their Christmas celebration, a field trip the students always enjoy.

Young people are important, but so are the adults in each community and our society has done many projects that we are proud of. Each month there is a presentation pertaining to our Nunda area. Each year a day long bus trip is organized in the summer and fall to a nearby museum, or other place where we can all learn. We have hosted many Sunday lessons for those interested in a skill, we provide a booth to inform the public of our programs/activities during Fun Days, our society sponsors a group of people that enjoy playing music on their Mountain Dulcimers, and we sponsor a group of HS students that participate in Venture Club, a Civil War reenactment group. We also enjoyed participating in Nunda's Americana Day this past July by sponsoring a quilt show at the museum and entering a float, loaded with Nunda's own historical figures, in the parade.

After going through all the activities that our Historical Society provides for young and older people I was amazed at how much we try to do. The Historians in the audience were also surprised and had many questions about how they could help to "educate" their people.



### Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to be a NHS volunteer? With your skills could you help with: Events (i.e. Victorian Tea, History Days, Hospitality, ...), Research, Collection Data Entry, Grant Writing, Technology Issues, Fund Raising, Serving as a Museum Docent, Museum Cleaning or Repairs, New NHS Publications, or perhaps another job you would like to suggest? Contact one of our Board members or call and leave a message at 585-468-5420.



## Membership News - Renew or Become a New Member

The Society's membership year is from September 1 through August 31. We announced this year's membership drive last September with a letter to members. Many have joined/renewed since September and we are pleased to recognize them in the list below. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT - It IS APPRECIATED**

For those who have yet to join us for 2019-20, please renew or become a new member by using the enclosed form or go to our website. There you can download a membership form to mail in or you can complete your membership and payment online. Your financial support is most important to the success of the Society.

*Thank You for Helping the Society Fulfill Its Mission*

### 2019-20 Members

Jeremiah & Susie Axtell  
Marcia Ayers  
Gerald & Margaret Barkley  
Michael A. Bauer  
Harold Bauer & Gayle Mosher  
Duane & Rosemary Bennett  
\*Audrey DeVinney Blakley  
George Blood  
Patrick & Kathleen Bly  
Phillip Bracchi  
Trish Brady  
\*Alberta Brown  
Lois Buchinger  
Roberta Buczkowski  
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Thomas & Barbara Byrnes  
Darryl Carpenter  
Ron & Virginia Mann Chasey  
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Jerilyn M. Clark  
Josephine Clinton  
Joe & Millie Colombo  
\*Tom & Anne Cook  
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This year the **theme of our Victorian Tea is again Nunda's Dowling Family**, documented in the recent publication, *Elmwood*. Featured will be a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, and desserts, with many dishes made from original Dowling Family recipes.

**Save Saturday, May 16, and watch for details on our website or on Facebook at @NundaHistoricalSociety** Members will be sent information on the Victorian Tea in early April.

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