

**NUNDA  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

**Calendar Items**

- *Christmas Wreath Sale*
- *Christmas in Nunda*
- *2013 Nunda Historical Society Calendar*
- *Annual Show & Tell*
- *“America’s Buildings on the Move”*
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- *“Genealogy Q & A+”*

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# Historic Nunda

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## 2012 Nunda History Days - A Great Educational & Fun Event For All



The Nunda Historical Society held its 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial History Days on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The two days of history adventures were enjoyed by nearly two hundred Keshequa students, teachers, and chaperones as well as over 50 other visitors including area homeschoolers.

The first day’s programs started at 12:30 p.m. Middle School students from Keshequa

walked to the grounds and spent the next two hours exploring the past. Outside they learned how to throw spears using the ancient atlatl, visited a 19<sup>th</sup> century blacksmith, tried on early 1800s clothing, stopped by a frontier encampment, and talked to a War of 1812 soldier. Inside the building they played a local history matching game, learned about traditional American music and instruments, and got lessons in 19<sup>th</sup> century photography. They also examined early hand tools, sewed on “Grandma’s sewing machine”, visited with Goodwife Clark as she spun cotton and flax, had a chance to find out *Continued on page 2*



*Nunda Historical Society Museum & Rose Shave Gallery are open on Sundays, 2 - 4 PM, April through November and at other times by arrangement. Call 468-3879 or 468-5991*

## The President's Corner

I hope you have had a nice spring, summer, and fall keeping busy with all of the things you enjoy.

Do you like my new picture accompanying this column? I sure do. It was taken at Letchworth in 2011 on my granddaughter Emily's very first visit to the Park. As you can imagine it was a wonderful day and an opportunity for Grandpa to give her first history lesson on Letchworth Park. This summer we have had the chance for several more history adventures along the Genesee.



### Our Mission

*The Society is devoted exclusively to educating present and future generations concerning the cultural, economic, social, political and technical development of the area of western New York in and around the Town and Village of Nunda.*

I added the photograph to serve as a reminder that each generation has a very important job to do - preserve the memories and artifacts that make up family and local history, and pass them on to the next generations.

This is also the mission of the Nunda Historical Society. In this newsletter you will read about the ways we have been working over the past few months to "preserve, present, and promote" our local history.

You will find articles on our entertaining Victorian Tea held in the former residence of Nunda News publisher C.K. Sanders, our successful historical trip to Lockport, and the busy Nunda Homecoming activity the Society sponsored in August. This is in addition to popular monthly programs at the Historical Building.

The Society is also making progress on several important projects. The Society has recently completed furnishing our new archives room. This last group of shelving allows us to house the bound copies of the *Nunda News* that we recently moved from the former Village Building. Although we have already put the *News* online at [ful-tonhistory.com](http://ful-tonhistory.com), we feel it's important to preserve the only complete collection of hard copies of Nunda's hometown newspaper. Special thanks to all who helped move the 100+ volumes!

Work continues on other projects, including the organization of our new archives room, converting the old archives room into a workroom/research area, and slow but steady progress on digitizing our archival records. You will also find in this newsletter more information on two other important projects - the new museum exhibits and October's Nunda History Days.

As the Nunda Historical Society continues to work on its mission, so do you. As a member you are assisting in the Society's work to preserve and pass on our area's history to the next generation of inhabitants of Nunda and Portage. Your membership dues and donations are an important part of your support and participation in the Society. But so is any time and talents you can share with the Society and the donation of Nunda related artifacts and information.

Have you thought about writing down your local memories and sharing them with the Society? Do you have a copy of your family tree that can be added to the Society's growing genealogical files? Have you considered giving a Nunda Historical Society membership as a gift to a family member or friend?

The fall season is winding down and I hope yours was safe and enjoyable. As you plan for the coming holidays, please remember our many local history books for gifts and, if you live in the area, be sure to take part in our upcoming events! As always, if you have any concerns, suggestions, or questions regarding the Nunda Historical Society, feel free to contact me at 585-468-5991, [tscook@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tscook@rochester.rr.com), or at Box 177, Nunda New York, 14517.

*Tom Cook*

## 2012 History Days *(Continued from pg 1)*

about quilting, and learned how to identify Native American stone artifacts. Students also had a chance to see the Rose Shave Gallery and artifacts on display in the Museum.

This year the event continued through the afternoon into our evening program. The presentation by Ford Best was entitled "Western New York in the War of 1812" and was very well received.

Thursday was the Elementary Day. Many of the same presenters were available, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders also visited with a Civil War soldier and explored changes in everyday life in a Then and Now activity using artifacts. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders also spent time in Oakwood Cemetery where they learned how to read the stories found on the gravestones.

History Days 2012 was a great success and we look forward to 2014!

## THANKS! You Made the 2012 History Days Possible

*Thomas S. Cook, NHS President*

We would like to express our thanks the following sponsors who made this year's event possible: Thomas Baldwin, Bugman & Sons, Dalton Arrow Mart, Theron & Pat Foote, Sally Hall, Hark Homes, Lawson Sand & Gravel, Inc, Mann's Funeral Home Inc., Modern Home Center, Monroe Motors Products Corp/Parts Plus Corporate Stores, Moran's Glass Inc., Jack & Jackie Morgan, George & Karen Lucas, Nunda Auto Parts Inc, Nunda Lumber and Hardware, Nunda Shurfine Food Center, Oakland Wesleyan Church, Once Again Nut Butter, Sanford Homes Sales LLC, Seating Inc., Alice Thompson, and the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by Livingston Arts, home of The Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.

The Society also thanks the presenters for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm: Gail Kellogg Hope, Bob Kellogg, Ford Best, Gary Gerkin, Sue Erdle, Susan Berardi, David Palmer, Doug Bassett, Missy Clark, Sue Hengelsberg, John Gordinier, Tom and Laura Thornton, Sue Long, and Mrs Prinzi's History Club.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes during History Days, and the following NHS members gave their time and talents before, during, and after the event: Jerry and Margaret Barkley, Jeff Long, Charlie Ostrum, Fran and Gary Ludwig, Wendy Downey, Alex and Becky Pierce, and Sally Hall. Special thanks to members Tom and Laura Thornton and Sue Long for donating their history presentations.

Since the main focus of the day was education, the Keshequa Central School District played an important role. We would like to thank teachers Sarah Prinzi, Jen Amrhein and their colleagues, Athletic Director Todd Isaman, and Building Principals Ami Hunt and Kermit Moyer for all their help and support.

Finally we would like to thank our good neighbors, the Nunda Kiwanis Club, for the use of the field and parking area.

### Oakwood Cemetery News *by Tom Cook*



Several members of the NHS took part in an informative workshop held at Oakwood Cemetery on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Oakwood Cemetery Association and the Friends of Nunda Cemeteries, the workshop provided training in the repair of damaged or fallen gravestones.

Richard Miller and Marilyn Nolte, members of the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester, ran the workshop. Richard and Marilyn have been involved in Mt. Hope's successful repair program for several years, and they brought both their equipment and know-how with them. Over the three hour session they demonstrated techniques in fixing fallen stones of various sizes and discussed ways of repair-

ing broken stones. In the course of the afternoon they repaired four gravestones at Oakwood.

Over two dozen participants took part in the workshop. In addition to members of the NHS, Friends of Nunda Cemeteries, and several Oakwood Cemetery Board members, there were individuals representing cemeteries in Portage, West Sparta, Ossian, Dansville, and Geneseo.

Thanks to a generous donation from a former Nunda resident, Oakwood has purchased an aluminum tripod capable of raising 1 1/2 tons and other equipment demonstrated at the workshop. This will allow the Association and Friends to carry out their own repairs to stones at Oakwood and neighboring cemeteries. With repair costs running from \$250 to \$500 a stone, this will result in substantial savings.

***Oakwood  
celebrates its  
Sesquicentennial  
in 2015.***

# Spring & Fall 2012 Programs & Annual June Picnic



Our March program, *The Bell Memorial Library Celebrates 100 Years*, was presented by **George Lucus and Patricia Galbraith**. They traced the history of The Bell Memorial Library, Catherine Bell Lewis's gift to the Nunda Community in memory of her mother, brother, and father, the Hon. Alfred Bell.

*Remembering Nunda's World-Renown Foote Company*, our May program, was presented by **Chris and Bill Foote**, great grandsons of Chester Foote, co-founder of the Foote Company. They shared the information they had gathered on the formation of The Foote Company and their memories of visiting Nunda as youngsters.



Also in May, **Joan Schumaker** presented *Johnny Carter, Nunda's Horatio Alger Story & The Carter Memorial Building*. The Society thanks the American Legion for hosting this program at the Carter Memorial Building.

At our Annual June Picnic at Kiwanis Park we enjoyed music by *The Bushnell's Basin Delegation*, consisting of **Bob and Donna Russell**, two of our newest NHS members. **Great Program! -Thanks Bob & Donna**

## More From History Days



## The Society's 2nd Annual Victorian Tea



and green teas from some of the finest tea growing areas in the world. There was even a special herbal tea called "Handsome James" for children that was also enjoyed by adults.



On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Society hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Victorian Tea. It was held at the Holy Angels Church Parish Center on Massachusetts Street., former home of the Chauncey K Saunders Family. Chauncey was the founder of the Nunda News in 1859. His son Walter (W. B.) took over around 1900 and the newspaper continued until June 1982.

The Tea was a great success, attracting even a few of the younger generation. Everyone enjoyed tea donated and brewed by **Joan Schumaker** and delicious tea sandwiches and desserts prepared by Society members **Barbara Byrnes, Margaret Barkley, Marcia Ayers, Fran Ludwig, Judy DeGroot, Anne Cook and Sue Long.**

After reviewing a History of Tea and descriptions of the teas being offered, our guests selected from a variety of black



Chauncey (**Reg Grosse**) again welcomed the tea goers into his home and entertained them with stories of early Nunda from his newspaper days. Music by **The Bushnell's Basin Delegation (Bob and Donna Russell)** from Pittsford and Nunda was enjoyed by all.

Tables were decorated with flowers generously donated by **Kathy Lewis, Judy DeGroot, and Joan Schumaker.** Door prizes were provided by **Once Again Nut Butter** and **The Family Pharmacy** as well as the Historical Society.

**Thank You to all of the above for their contributions and assistance and also to those that attended. This resulted in a most successful and fun event. Please plan on joining us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Victorian Tea on May 18, 2013.**

## 2013 Calendar Celebrates *Farming in Nunda & Portage*

Agriculture has been the major industry in the Nunda area since pioneer times. The seventh annual Historical Society calendar will follow the development of farms and farming in the Towns of Nunda and Portage.

This photo from the Willett Family shows farm workers in the 1870's who labored without the aid of today's modern equipment.

The area's Century Dairy Farms will be featured along with the growth of related businesses such as milk plants, cheese factories, feed mills, lumber mills, seed companies,



farm equipment dealers, greenhouses, etc...

Farm families and their animals will also be included in this celebration of agriculture and the historic role it has played in the development of our area.

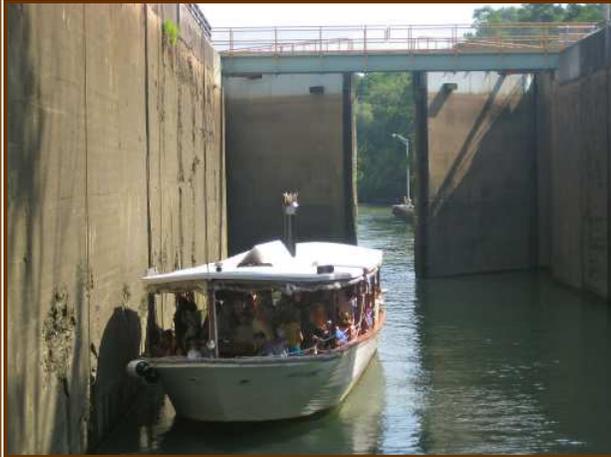
Be sure to add this calendar to your collection. See page 10 for details on availability.

### Memorials Since Last Newsletter

**Memorial for:** *Ethel Barber Bennett*      **Remembered by:** *Caroline Tenney*

*(Grandmother)*

## Historical Society Lockport Tour *by Sue Long*



Early Monday morning, July 16, a full bus left Nunda for Lockport, NY and an exciting day of cruising and touring. Arriving at the Erie Canal Cruise Center, we boarded two of the canal boats that would take us on our trip through Locks 34 and 35 of the canal. Waving goodbye to our friends on the other boat, we started out on our cruise. We reached the first of two locks and we started the process of being lifted up the 49 foot elevation of the Niagara Escarpment.

As we cruised, waving at people along the way, we passed under many different types of bridges while

our captain described the old architecture, sights, and folklore of the Erie Canal. Karen Lucas even tossed her coin into the canal for the promised good luck! The weather was perfect for riding on the upper deck of the larger ship, and passengers enjoyed refreshment along the way.

After the relaxing cruise, we entered the beautiful Canalside Banquet Center to eat a delicious buffet lunch of roast beef, corned beef or turkey (or all three) with many other choices. The Captain explained that his wife was our cook, and a wonderful one she was! The meal was topped off with a special chocolate cake, which was as good as it looked.

Some were ready for a quick nap on the air-conditioned bus, while others went on to the Erie Canal Discovery Center and a visit with NY Governor DeWitt Clinton! Another group crossed the street and visited the beautiful Tiffany Windows in the First Presbyterian Church.



and interesting experiences in Lockport, NY.

Hope we see you on our next adventure.



After changing places, both groups went on to the Niagara County Historical Society Complex, seven buildings that present area life over the last 175 years. The tours given there were very educational and everyone found something of special interest in the early firefighting equipment, tools, Native American life and the 1836 brick home which was full of interesting exhibits and displays. Of course, each place we stopped at had a wonderful gift shop that we just had to visit too.

At 4:30 our group returned to the bus for a snack of cookies and drink. We were tired, but we had all enjoyed a wonderful day full of sunshine, good food, friendship and exciting

***Attend a Society program &  
Check on the Nunda Exhibit***

***Visit us on Facebook, become a fan!***

***Visit our Website, use our  
PayPal connection to donate***

***Visit us during Christmas in Nunda  
December 7 & 8***

***Purchase a 2013 NHS Calendar***

## 2012 Nunda Area Homecoming



On Saturday, August 11, the Society welcomed 53 current and former Nunda area residents or descendants to the Nunda Area Homecoming. It was a very successful event that generated rave reviews. Pam Watkins Ells wrote the following on the Society's Facebook Page: "What an awesome day Saturday! I enjoyed every minute, and could have spent more days. Thanks to everyone that had a hand in preparing the day. Now I'm addicted to reading the Nunda News online!"

Morning activities included *Telling your Family's Story* with Nunda Central School graduate **Mary Emmick** sharing her experiences on compiling and publishing her family's stories. *Choose Your Own Adventures* allowed attendees to get genealogical help and advice from experienced family researchers (with **Mike Baldwin, Chris Elliott, Ken Veneron, Bill Lindsay, and Ronald Powell**), find ancestors in Nunda's Oakwood Cemetery with **Merilee Walker**, participate in a museum history hunt, experience learning activities using a few of "grandma's" special tools and skills (with **Sue Long, Judy DeGroot, Barbara Byrnes, and Fran Ludwig**), or use the Society's resources to research family history or property.

Noon brought a most delicious lunch catered by **Jean Totslie** and music by **Connie and Henry**. After lunch, **Dennis Bielewicz**, Nunda Central School graduate and author of *Heroes*



**In the Attic**, talked about his experiences and research techniques he used in the creation of his new Civil War era book.

Town Historian **Valerie Velej Griffing** and Society President **Tom Cook** discussed Nunda's history



on the *Nunda Area History Bus Tour* that included a stop at the Bell Memorial Library and a tour of the Nunda Government Center, former home of the Issac DePuy Family, Nunda Hospital, and Community Home.

**Terri Sanford** generously volunteered to drive bus for us.



*Our Thanks to all of the above folks who made this day a success. Watch for details on our next Nunda Area Homecoming on August 10, 2013.*

*Hope to see you there.*



## Nunda Historical Society 2012 - 2013 Membership & Building Fund Drive

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**Membership Level:** Youth: \$5 \_\_\_\_\_; Individual: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_; Supporting: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_; Contributing: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Family (includes husband, wife & children at home): \$15 \_\_\_\_\_; Sponsor (organizations/businesses): \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (specify name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Building Fund Drive donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The NHS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Your membership/gift is fully tax deductible.

*\*I want to help save mailing costs and also promote the Society. In the future, please put my copy of the newsletter in a public place and*

- send me a pdf copy of the newsletter*       *send me a link to the on-line version*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Please use my e-mail for special notices but use regular mail for my newsletter.*

Return this form with dues/donations to: NUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOX 341  
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### Building Fund Drive - Donations Since Last Newsletter

**This Fall the Society sent a special appeal to raise funds for the Museum's new Nunda Exhibits and for the 2012 History Days.** Donations for History Days are recognized on page 4. **Supporters of the new exhibits are included in the following list, with members who also donated to the Building Fund Drive.**

*A Sincere Thank You to these and all earlier supporters of the Building Fund Drive.*

Thomas Baldwin  
Barbara Bernstein  
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## Membership News - Renew or Become a New Member

The Society's membership year is from September 1 through August 31. **2011-2012 members are listed below. A sincere Thank You for your support. The 2012-2013 Membership Drive is currently underway and those who have already renewed are noted in bold in the list below. Please renew or become a new member to help us grow our membership and remember to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about us.**

**Note: Members who have donated to the Building Fund Drive have been acknowledged in past newsletters. Donations since the last *Historic Nunda* are noted on page 8.**

*Thanks Again for Your Continued Support. Remember this is your Historic Society!*

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| +Ralph Asmus                        | Wendy Downey                 | James E. & Linda G. Little     | Carol C. Rathbun                      |
| Jeremiah & Susie Axtell             | Julianne Dudley              | *Harold (Bud) Long             | Elizabeth T. Rice                     |
| <b>Marcia Ayers</b>                 | +Robert & Peggy Ellsworth    | Jeff & Sue Long                | *Jean Richmond                        |
| <b>Mary Baar</b>                    | Alberta Essler               | Brad & Carolyn Lowell          | <b>*Bob &amp; Donna Russell</b>       |
| Barbara Bacon                       | Barbara Essler               | Terry & Connie Lowell          | <b>+Elizabeth Russell</b>             |
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| *+Richard Blankenship               | <b>*Gerry Getmaan</b>        | James & Linda Mc Master        | <b>Robert &amp; Maxine Snelgrove-</b> |
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| John & Ann Crandall                 | Betty Kemp                   | *Janice, Andrew, Evan,         | George & Beverly Westacott            |
| James Cromwell                      | <b>Geraldine H. Kennedy</b>  | & Sarah Pirrello               | ++Dr. Norman Wetterau                 |
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| Gail Diemoz                         | *John Lindsay                |                                |                                       |
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| Steve & Nancy Diemoz                |                              |                                |                                       |
| <b>*Julia Donovan</b>               |                              |                                |                                       |

+ Denotes a generous 2011-12 membership/donation of at least \$100

++ Denotes a generous 2011-12 membership/donation of \$500 or more

***A very Special Thank You to these members.***

***See Building Fund Drive Donations on pg 8 and Memorial Donations on pg 5***

*We hope there are no omissions or errors in this membership/donor list. If we missed you, we apologize and ask that you please let us know.*

## 2012 Nov. & Dec. Society Activities

- **Decorated Christmas Wreaths may be ordered by calling Margaret Barkley at: 468-3879**  
The cost: 1 for \$25; 3 or more @ \$22 each. Wreaths ordered by Nov, 28 will be available for pick up at the NHS Museum on Saturday, Dec. 1. Orders will be taken through Dec.21.
- **Dec. 7 - noon - 4 PM & Dec. 8 noon - 6 PM : Join us for *Christmas in Nunda* . Take a **Nunda History Wagon Ride** and remember that we have a variety of Local History Books, 2013 NHS Calendars, Nunda Coverlets, and Nunda Centennial Plates that make perfect Christmas gifts.**
- ***The 2013 Nunda Historical Society Calendar*** - This year's Calendar features farming in the Nunda Area. The cost is \$12 and it will be available Dec. 7 at the NHS Museum, The Family Pharmacy, The Government Building, the Bell Memorial Library, and may be ordered from the web site at [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org)
- **Wed. Dec.12 - *Annual Show & Tell Program* - 7 PM:** Bring a favorite collectible and share its story or perhaps an item that has you stumped. Someone may know what it is! Join us for this popular program. Refreshments will be served.

## 2013 Programs & Events

The Society usually meets on the **second Wednesday of each month (except for July and August) at 7 pm.** **Note: some meetings may be on Sundays.** All meetings, except those noted, will be in the **Historical Society Building at 24 Portage Street.** Any changes in location or time will be advertised. Note that all meeting places are handicapped accessible. The location and time of special events are noted when the event is advertised.

**Wednesday, Jan 9 - *America's Buildings on the Move or Where did that Building go?* - Joan Schumaker**

\***Wednesday, Feb. 13 - *A Visit with Goodwife Clark* - Missy Clark**

**Wednesday, Mar. 13 - *Genealogy Q & A* - Presenter TBA**

\***Wednesday, April 10 - *Jim Kimball & Members of the SUNY Geneseo String Band***

**Wednesday, May 8 - *Rolling Back Time: The Story of Elmwood and the Dowling Family* - Marchelle Vianese and Vanessa Robertson. Annual Meeting follows program.**

**Saturday, May 18, 1 & 3 PM - Historical Society Tea, Holy Angels Church Parish Center, 21 Mass. St.**

A light lunch of sandwiches and desserts will be served.

**Wednesday, June 12, 6 PM at Kiwanis Park: *NHS Annual Picnic***

**Sunday, July 7 - *GLASS-ICAL MUSICK* - Dennis James**, a world renowned musician, will introduce us to the exquisite beauty and haunting mystery of glass music by performing on his *glass armonica*, an instrument first created by Benjamin Franklin.

**Saturday, Aug. 10 - *Nunda Area Homecoming* - Genealogical assistance and Local History will be emphasized with a schedule similar to the 2012 Homecoming. (see pg. 7). In the afternoon, Barbara (Schneckenburger) Bernstein will read selections from her poetry about growing up in Nunda (related images will be projected). Watch for**

**Wednesday, Sept. 11 - *The Genesee River* - John & Sue Babbitt** additional details.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9 - *Quilts in History* - Sue Long & Laura Thornton**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13 - *Special Veteran's Day Program on the Korean War* - Watch for details.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 - "*Show & Tell*"**

***Watch for our 2013 Tours & other events sponsored by the Nunda Historical Society***

\* *Programs may be supported in part by a Community Arts Grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.*

## Progress on The Museum's New Nunda Exhibit



The Society is creating a permanent exhibit on Nunda history in our new museum space and the exhibit committee has made substantial progress on this project. The committee has created goals, identified essential stories, developed a chronological approach based on ten historical periods with interwoven themes, and developed a basic plan for each of the ten exhibits. Each exhibit plan includes a list of possible artifacts, exhibit ideas, an initial design sketch, and some basic historical material for the period.

The photo here shows two of the ten historical periods: Pioneer Times (1800 – 1830) and Boom Town (1830 – 1860). John Gordinier's large paintings depict pioneer life in Nunda and a re-creation of an early engraving of what is now Nunda's village square. The blue tape locates the time line that will run through the entire exhibit and the brown paper cut outs represent artifacts that will be part of the exhibit for each time period. The committee is now working on script to interpret the artifacts and relate them to the painting for the given time period. Decisions are also being made on sizes, colors, fonts, etc. for the time line and interpretive signs needed for the exhibits pictured here.

The plan is to complete the Nunda history exhibits in three phases. Monies raised through our ongoing Building Fund Drive\*, including the recent appeal for help with exhibits, will be used toward phase 1. This consists of the first four exhibits that we plan on opening early in 2013. Three more exhibits are planned for 2013, with the final three scheduled to open in time for the village of Nunda's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014.

Our aim is to produce quality exhibits that tell Nunda's stories in ways that appeal to all ages of museum goers. The project is progressing well, but the committee would like to have an experienced museum design consultant review their work and suggest possible alternate ways of displaying artifacts, incorporating various learning styles, or of using interactive elements. Unfortunately, we did not receive a grant to cover the cost of a consultant, but we do plan to apply again in 2013. Meanwhile, in order to stay on schedule, we may need to hire a consultant to review our progress.

Please plan to join us for one of our programs coming up and check on the progress of the Nunda Exhibit. Also, please consider a donation to the Building Fund Drive to assist with the cost of the Nunda Exhibit.

\*BFD donors have been listed in past newsletters. Recent donors are on page 8. The BFD has raised \$21,496 to date, and the Society has spent \$ 55,938 (\$24,764 covered by NYS Leg Grant) on renovating the south portion of the Museum. including the Nunda Exhibit area. A conservative estimate of the cost for the Nunda Exhibit is a minimum of \$15,000 for all of the ten time periods. As you can see, we continue to need your financial support as we work to complete the Nunda Exhibit by 2014.

## Treasures from the Past



A recent addition to the Society's collection of Nunda artifacts is an old stump. Its not *just* any stump of course, but one that had an important part in area history. It was a tin shop's stump!

Tinsmithing was an important trade in 19<sup>th</sup> century Nunda. Alanson Hubbell, one of our early settlers, opened a tavern and tin shop in what would become the village by 1820. Many tinsmiths would follow, including William Christie, Frank McCarthy, C.S. Ellis, and O.H. Cook.

Tom and Barbara Byrnes have donated the stump to the Society. It sat for years in the old tin shop on the second floor of what is now Kirwan's Liquor store. Initial research shows that J. M. Dake & Son opened a tin shop in that general location shortly after the Civil War. However, it is possible that previous Nunda craftsmen had already used the sturdy stump. It is likely that the stump was still in use in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when M. J. Aylor ran his hardware store, complete with a "tin shop department."

The tinsmith stump will go on display when the "Boom Town" (1830-1860) exhibit opens early this next year. Find out how you can help us with this and other displays in our new exhibit area that is being devoted to telling the story of the Nunda area. (See above story on the Nunda Exhibit)

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## Early Nunda ~1950s



There are lots of sidewalk supervisors for what appears to be the replacement of a gasoline tank at the McCall/Weaver Kendall Station that now serves as the home of the Nunda Ambulance Corp on State Street. Note that the current parking lot across the street is still occupied by Mann's Chevrolet (selling Atlantic gasoline) and the building to the south that has been occupied by many businesses over the years. In 1913, Roy J. Cudebec opened the Nunda Garage as a Ford dealership and by 1919 he was also selling Chevrolets. The Nunda Garage became Mann's Chevrolet, it served as a car dealership/garage into the 1960's and was razed about 1979. The adjacent building was demolished in the 1990's and these buildings were replaced by the Village Parking Lot .