

# NUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2021 Programs & Events

- *March 10 - From Lug Pole to the Microwave*
- *April 18- Gershwin's Rediscovered Piano Preludes*
- *May 12 - Discover Historic Nunda: 200 Years of Village and Town Architecture*
- *July 10 - Americana Day at the Museum*
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# Historic Nunda

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## Notable Nundaiaans

**NEW BOOK**  
by Pete Piraino

### "Nundaiaans" in this Book

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| Gary Albert Ayers | Augustine Marano        |
| William Donovan   | Thomas Moran            |
| Deborah Essler    | Larry Russell           |
| Karl Essler       | Barbara Ryan            |
| Jule Long Finley  | Robert Rymer            |
| Chandra Foote     | Joan McMaster Schumaker |
| Robert Gelser     | Donald Thompson         |
| Donald Hooker     | Jeffrey Thompson        |
| Harold Long       | Racheal Mastin Wood     |

### Notable Nundaiaans



By Pete Piraino  
Nunda Historical Society 2021

Generations of "Nundaiaans" have contributed to the history of Nunda and helped to tell The Story of Nunda. If you visit our Historical Building you will find many local folks featured in our museum exhibits, photographic collections, genealogical materials and historical files. But most of these individuals are from our past. What about those of modern day?

This book by NHS member Peter Piraino begins to address this question by sharing the story of several contemporary "Nundaiaans." We thank Pete for undertaking this project and look forward to his future work on this topic. Thanks to Pete and his sister Julie, all proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the Nunda Historical Society.



*Pete autographs books while Don Hooker, who is featured in the book, adds his signature to a special copy.*

On Sunday March 7, the Nunda Historical Society hosted a Book Signing by Pete and sold over 100 books. Books are now available at: the NHS building, the Nunda Family Pharmacy, Bell Memorial Library, by order from [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org), through Facebook messaging by using PayPal, or by writing to NHS at Box 341, Nunda NY, 14517 and sending a check for \$15 to cover \$12 for the book and \$3 Postage.

*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. Call : (585) 465-0971 or 490-3302*

## The President's Corner



A year ago, I opened my column by wishing everyone a happy new year and stating what a good year we had in 2019! Well, we still wish everyone a "Happy New Year", but we can't say that 2020 was a really good year for the Society. But, like most of America, we endured and adapted!

The Covid pandemic forced us to cancel most of our 2020 programs and activities. For several months we were completely closed down, but during the summer we opened for our weekly work sessions and allowed visitors by appointment - following health guidelines of course!

That is not to say that 2020 was a lost year. As you will find in this newsletter, we have been keeping busy in many ways. In addition, although we lost many of our fundraising activities, donations by members and successful Christmas wreath and calendar sales helped us end the year in a sound financial position.

We are not sure at this point what 2021 will hold for us. We are optimistic that we will be able to resume some of our activities including Fun Days, programs, and perhaps other events in the fall. You will find additional information on our spring programs in this newsletter. You will also find some articles on our ongoing Facebook project and other plans to use technology to increase our outreach to students and our far away members!

In closing, I wish to thank everyone for supporting the Nunda Historical Society as we continue to collect, preserve and present our local history!

*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.*

## Find us on Facebook @nundahistoricalsociety



Nunda Historical Society

Published by Tom Cook · February 4 ·

Railroad Stations were the heart of many rural communities throughout America in the late 1800s and early Twentieth Century. This is a photograph of the Tuscarora Station in the NHS collection.



Although our doors have been closed through much of the pandemic, the Society has continued to fulfill our mission. One way we have done this is through our daily Facebook Posts.

We have been posting announcements, upcoming events and local history items for several years on this popular internet platform. But, when we were forced to cancel our programs and activities because of the health crisis, we decided to use Facebook as a way of maintaining public interest in our area's rich history and the NHS. So, since March 20, 2020, we have been adding a new post each morning.

The individual posts vary in content and subject, but all have presented a piece of the local history of the towns of Nunda and Portage, along with material on our neighbors such as Portageville, Tuscarora, and the towns of Grove, Ossian, and West Sparta. We use photographs, diaries, maps, newspaper articles and more to

tell stories of the many people, places, events, and businesses that have played a role in our past.

The posts have been very successful. At the present time our NHS page has 1,539 likes and 1,608 followers! Our individual posts have been reaching over 700 people a day. Between Dec 25 and January 23rd we had 8,810 people view our daily posts. The Tuscarora RR Station post reached 2,025 people had 103 likes, and was shared 26 times. Many visitors share memories triggered by the posts, while others tell us how much they enjoy them.

Do you have a favorite photograph, story, or a local photograph that you think would make a good post? Just send it to us and we will make it into one of our future daily posts, giving you credit of course! You can either add it as a visitor's post on our page or send us a copy of the item or story either by email ([nhs@frontier.com](mailto:nhs@frontier.com)) or by regular mail (Nunda Historical Society, PB Box 341, Nunda NY. 14517. Be sure to add your contact information in case we have any questions!

We hope you will "Find us on Facebook" soon!

## Nunda Historical Society 2021 Calendar

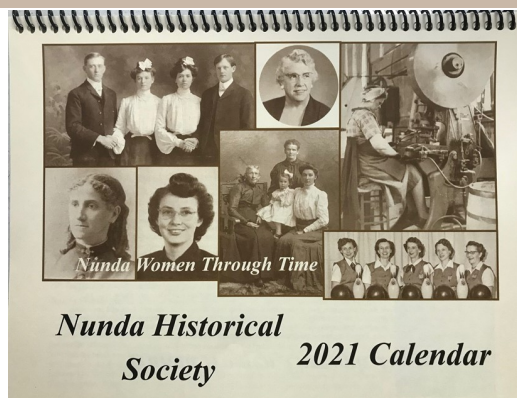
**Have you picked up your copy of our latest calendar?**

Women have been an important part of Nunda from pioneer times to the present day. They have taken part in all aspects of local life and have played a significant role in the social, cultural, economic and political development of our town and surrounding area.

This year's Historical Calendar proudly celebrates *Nunda Women Through Time* by highlighting some of our local women and providing a glimpse of the many ways they have participated in and contributed to our community.

Included are: *Pioneer Women, Nunda's First Ladies, Women's Suffrage in Nunda, Women's Sports, Double Weddings, Women at Work, Teaching, Serving America, and more.*

This calendar, with 34 pages of Nunda history is available for \$12 at: the Nunda Historical Society, Nunda Family Pharmacy, Bell Memorial Library, Village Clerk's Office -Nunda Government Center, online at [www.nundahistory.org](http://www.nundahistory.org) or by sending a check for \$15.00 to cover the calendar and postage to NHS, PO Box 341, Nunda NY 14517.



## Remembering Gerald (Jerry) Barkley

*One of the Society's most influential members over many years.*

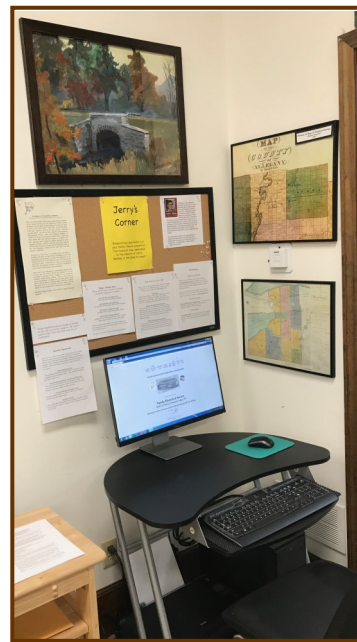


Jerry: was instrumental in the Society receiving the donation of the Stamp building for our museum in 1999; worked tirelessly on renovation of the building for almost 20 years as one of the "Old Koots" work crew; purchased basic every-day supplies for us to use, always refusing compensation; served as our resident photographer, documenting Society events and important changes in Nunda over many years; spent countless hours organizing these photos and our historical images in computer files and printing copies whenever needed; provided an extra computer, printers, software, furniture, and office supplies for his photo projects; and each year he donated a copy of the new Keshequa Central School Year Book for the Society's Collection.

The above is what many of us easily recall, but there is probably more that has been missed. In addition, Jerry was consistently good-natured, positive and optimistic as he worked with all of us to realize the success the Society has achieved to date. These past few years we have missed both Jerry and Margaret and their substantial contributions to the success of the Society and our museum.

Since Jerry was committed to maintaining computer files for our use, the Society Board has decided to use his computer to establish "Jerry's Corner," a work station for museum visitors doing research. Visitors will be able to access newspapers, including over 100 years of the Nunda News, and we hope to add genealogy sites like Ancestry. Our goal will be to eventually provide visitors with the ability to access photo files of the Society's Collection.

Jerry's Corner is located in our meeting room and is still being developed. Please visit the museum to check on our progress. (See pg. 10 for a list of donors whose memorials are being used for Jerry's Corner.)



# The Universalist Society & The Church of the Redeemer

## by Tom Cook



*Remnants of the former Church of the Redeemer will soon disappear from East Street.  
Photo by Tom Cook, Feb 2021.*

Time has not been kind to the old building at 18 East Street. Once one of Nunda's most beautiful churches, it has undergone extensive alterations, suffered a disastrous fire, and has been used as a VFW post, an auto body business and an auto parts store. Now, a century and a half since work began on the Church of the Redeemer, it is slated for demolition.

The Universalist Society of Nunda had organized in 1840. Twenty-one individuals signed their Articles of Faith at that time, including male and female members of the well established Merrick, Stilson, Sherwood, Fuller and Townsend families. The following year, sixteen more joined, including Zadock Sherwood and William Gould, two Revolutionary War soldiers. Originally holding services in a local school building, the small congregation soon purchased land on the north side of East Street and raised, according to

the late Town Historian Marjorie Frost, "a small framed structure in New England meeting house style painted white with green shutters." This new church, dedicated in January 1842, was sometimes called the First Universalist Church of Nunda, but was named by its members the "Church of the Redeemer."

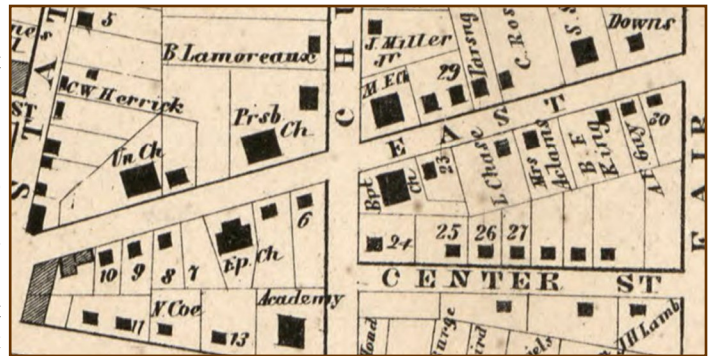
The church's congregation grew over the next three decades. By 1855, an average of 80 Universalists attended services and new members continued to join. The new names included the Willards, Sanders, Whitcombs and Hands - respected business leaders who were active in promoting Nunda. Perhaps it was the new members that began the agitation for a new church.

When the Church of the Redeemer was first built in 1842 there were only two other churches along East Street. The oldest was the Presbyterian Church built in 1834 that stood a few lots away from the smaller Universalist Church. The other was the stately Baptist Church on the southeast corner of the intersection of East and Church Streets. That church, the first made of brick, was completed in 1842.

By 1850 two more churches had been added. The Methodist purchased the original Presbyterian Church in 1846 and moved it across the street to where it stands today. A new First Presbyterian Church was constructed on the original church site and dedicated in 1847. Finally the gothic styled Grace Episcopal Church was built on the south side of East Street in 1848.

So, by 1870, the Church of the Redeemer was the smallest and one of the oldest church buildings on East Street. It was also somewhat away from the others, the farthest from the main "Church Corner". All these factors may have come into play in the debates held at the Universalist Society's Trustees meetings in the late 1860s.

The Nunda News reported on February 19, 1870, "The Universalist Society of Nunda, have in contemplation the erection of a new church edifice, the present season... The society have been for some time contemplating either repairing the present church, or building new; and about two weeks since it was decided to make an effort to build a new church edifice. It is proposed to build of stone, in the Gothic style of architecture, and the location to be occupied is on the vacant lot adjoining the Presbyterian Church. Such a church edifice as is proposed to be erected would cost about \$8,000, and would be an improvement and ornament to the village." Editor Sanders was in favor of the project and encouraged "The businessmen and property-holders in Nunda ...to subscribe something toward the erection of a new church edifice. The entire community is benefited - socially, morally and financially - by such improvements."



*This section of an 1858 map of the village shows the location of Nunda's first Universalist Church. The empty lot to the left of the Presbyterian Church will be the site of the second Church of the Redeemer.*

# Universalist Society & The Church of the Redeemer *continued*

Work began on the new church the following year. “The stone cutters have commenced to cut the stone that is to go into the new Universalist Church.” The News reported on March 18, 1871, “The work on the foundation walls, we presume will soon be commenced and the building pushed forward vigorously, as soon as the weather is sufficiently settled.” The next month the old church building and lot was sold for \$2000 to C.K. Sanders, the leader of a stock company formed to remodel the old church into a community hall. (The Union Hall, described as a “first class hall...much in advance of public halls in country towns generally...,” would later become the Academy of Music. Local folks remember it as the Nunda Theatre.

The new Church of the Redeemer took three years and \$15,000 to build. Completed in 1874, it was described by Town



*This image was taken after the Nunda Theatre closed in the 1960s. The popular movie house was once the first Church of the Redeemer. Although it was heavily renovated over the years, the Greek Revival lines of the original church were still visible.*



Historian Marjorie Frost a century later as an “imposing brick building.... For richness of appointments, it out-classed all the other churches in town during its heyday.... The brick for it came in from Rochester via the Genesee Valley Canal, and when steeple-jacks came from the city to put up the twin steeples they had plenty of “sidewalk superintendents.” The only interior features this writer remembers, though, were the graceful winding stairways that led to the balcony, with railings made of some kind of satin-finished wood, and the imposing pipe organ.” (Nunda News May 20, 1976)

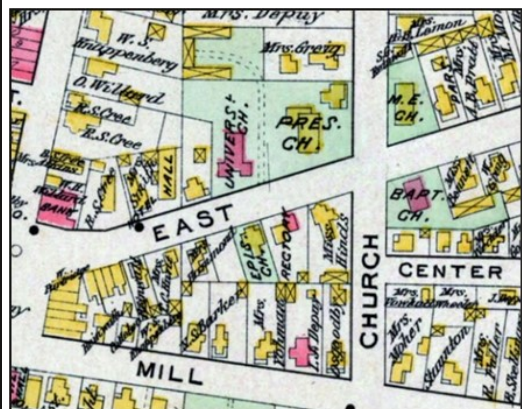
*This view of the 1874 Church of the Redeemer was taken early in the 20th century. It's Gothic features made it one of the most impressive church buildings in the area.*

*Universalist Church.*

The Church of the Redeemer played an important role in the village’s spiritual, cultural and social life for the next sixty years. In addition to religious services and Sunday School, the Universalist Society also held public lectures, socials, and hosted community groups in the new meeting room they furnished at a cost of \$300.



*The only known photograph of the church interior, probably from the 1920s.*



*This 1902 Village map shows the location of the second Church of the Redeemer. It was one of five stately churches near the intersection of Church and East Street.*

## Universalist Society & The Church of the Redeemer *continued*



*This postcard shows the three churches on the north side of East Street. The Church of the Redeemer is the first of the churches. The card is dated 1912.*

The Society also purchased the house at the northwest corner of Church and Mill Streets in 1907 to serve as a parsonage and carried out extensive church renovations three years earlier. The Universalists often participated in Nunda's Union Services with its Protestant neighbors, and took a lead in dealing with some of the pressing social issues of the day such as improving public education, temperance, and support for the needy. The church held a mass meeting in 1911 in support of the creation of Bell Memorial Library and constructed a public playground behind the church.

They also made some local history. Always promoting women's causes, the Church of the Redeemer was the first of the local major denominations to have a woman in the pulpit - Reverend Clara E. Morgan

served from September 1897 to 1903. When she resigned to accept the pastorate of three churches in the eastern part of Livingston County, the Nunda News remarked that she "will be very much missed by that body (Nunda's Woman's Relief Corps) as she will be by the entire community and parish which she has ministered to with credit and satisfaction."

By the late 1920s the Universalist Society and the Church of the Redeemer were in trouble. Although the Nunda News carried news that the Society was improving the public playground it had constructed some years earlier, the lack of a minister led the congregation to suspend services and other activities in 1927.

The church was revived in 1930 with the arrival of Reverend E.C. Downey. The 56-year-old Downey, a graduate of Harvard, came from what was deemed a "successful pastorate" in Michigan, bringing a ray of hope to the struggling congregation. An article in the Empire State Universalist, a statewide Universalist publication, stated that at his installation service held May 30, 1930, the church was "well filled." The article went on to state that "It was an inspiration to see joy in the faces of the laymen of this church over the fact that their church was again doing business..." and closed by saying "There is every good reason to believe that this church will come back and become a strong organization."

For a short time, the future seemed bright for the Church of Redeemer. The new pastor was well liked in the village and took an active role in the young village's young Rotary Club. A widower with two grown sons, Downey married Nunda's Lotta Lovell in 1931. But despite his successful work in Nunda, Reverend Downey would be the church's last pastor.

On the morning of December 17, 1933, a special meeting of the Universalist parish was held. The parish was the ruling body of the Universalist congregation, consisting of all members who had signed the church's book and had voting powers. At the meeting a resolution to convey "all its properties both real and personal to the New York State Convention of Universalists" was carried, with 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

No explanation for the decision was given, but it was likely that the Society faced growing financial problems probably aggravated by the deepening Great Depression. Reverend Downey and his family left Nunda for a new pastorate in Cortland NY the next year. On August 25th, 1935 five representatives of the Universalist Society of Nunda signed the church and the parsonage over to the Convention of Universalists for a symbolic \$1. The individuals were Fred M Smith, Winifred D. Jackson, Hattie M Duryea, Oscar H Willard and Frank R Wright.

It appears that the church was abandoned, appearing by 1940 in county tax listings, indicating it had lost its active church state. Marjorie Frost later described this sad time period in the building's history. "...Then it (the Church of the Redeemer) suffered the usual fate of most such unused building - broken windows with pigeons moving in - and it became a sorry sight. But the walk-in basement, which had been remodeled into a kitchen and dining room was in fairly good shape..." (Nunda News, May 20 1976)

There was some talk about using the still intact basement as a show room for the Nunda Casket Company, but it was local veterans who rescued the buildings. In December 1947, the Universalist Convention deeded the property to the Duryea-Kleinhenz-Lathrop Veterans of Foreign Wars Post for \$1. The VFW members held their

## Universalist Society & The Church of the Redeemer *continued*

first meeting in their new hall the following February. The pews, pump organ, shelving, a table and two chairs were moved to the Universalist Church in nearby Portageville, NY where several Church of the Redeemer's former members attended.

The old church property may have been too much for the veterans to deal with, for less than three years later they sold it to local businessman Norman Tunningley. The Nunda News reported on January 27, 1950 that Tunningley, owner of Tunningley Motor Sales (now Douglass Ford), "has purchased the former Universalist church in East Street...and will have possession shortly. He plans to remove the steeples and remodel the building for display of used cars." The article went on to state that the old church was a "well-constructed brick building with a steam heating plant (that) occupies a large ground plot in a central location."

As planned, the tall stately steeples were removed the following May. The church's roof and walls were lowered and a cement block addition was added on the front of the building. The once beautiful building was active again but now housed used cars, a paint and body shop, and a garage.

Fire broke out in Tunningley's building in the early evening of March 30, 1961. Six fire companies fought the fire for two hours and managed to keep the flames from spreading to the nearby Bell Memorial Library and the First Presbyterian Church. The old Church of the Redeemer, according to the newspaper accounts, was gutted. Nine cars and most of the remainder of the contents were destroyed.

Norman Tunningley rebuilt parts of the building, but scars of the fire still remain to this day. He resumed limited operations on the property but, with his health failing, sold the old church and land to Jack Gaedeke in 1968. Gaedeke, who owned the nearby Nunda Furniture Store, turned the property into a warehouse and showroom. He also added a warehouse behind the old church.

The building changed hands in 1987 when Gaedeke sold the property to the McTarnaghan brothers who had started T&G Auto Parts in 1984. Over the next two decades, an auto parts store operated out of the front of the building, with their inventory on the many shelves that lined what once had been the church's nave. The brothers eventually leased the business which by 2020 had closed.

The remnant of the once proud Church of the Redeemer changed hands a final time in fall 2020 when it was purchased by Tri-County Family Medicine. It was clear that the remaining structure wasn't suitable for a new medical facility, so the non-profit organization decided to demolish the existing structure in spring 2021.

The Tri-County Family Medicine Board appreciated

the significance of the property and asked the Nunda Historical Society if we

would like to visit the closed building in order to document and perhaps salvage some pieces of the church's history. A NHS team visited the building in December 2020 and both videotaped and photographed the interior of the surviving building. We also saved some of the original railings and a few other objects related to the church which will be displayed in our museum. We also plan to make a video documenting the history of the church that we will be sharing in a future historical program and on YouTube.

Although the remnants of Nunda's Universalist Church will soon be gone, the beautiful brick Church of the Redeemer will always remain an important part in our community's collective memory.



*Many residents will remember the location as the site of T & G Auto Parts store that operated for several years in the old church. The cement block addition that served the retail store had been added in the early 1950s.*



*The outline of the original church doorway is still visible in the second story of the addition. Photo by Alex Pierce, December 2020.*

## Update on New HVAC System



March 23, 2021

Dear Nunda Historical Society Member,

Last September, in our annual membership letter, we explained that we had a problem with the older of our building's two furnaces. We looked into replacing the furnace but also decided to take this opportunity to look into bringing much needed temperature and humidity control to our historical building.

In order to expand the project to include air conditioning and humidity control, we decided to apply for a \$5000 grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation to assist with this project. Although we did not get the full request, the RACF did award us \$2,500.

Our members responded with donations that doubled those from the previous year. With \$7,050 from member donations and the \$2,500 grant, we have \$9,550 to apply toward the purchase of the new HVAC system that will now cost \$12,292, about \$350 more than the original quote last fall.

Since it is more practical and cost efficient to do the full project and since costs will only continue to increase, the NHS Board decided to move forward with the project now. After applying donations and the grant that total \$9,550, there is \$2,742 of the total project cost to cover. While we can cover this amount by using funds we have been saving for an addition to our building, we will be seeking additional funding to cover the \$2,742.

If you have already donated to this project - THANK YOU! If you did not receive our letter last September or if you did not include an additional donation with your membership this year, please consider helping us fill this gap with a donation now. Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Cook, NHS President

Joan Schumaker, NHS Treasurer

For the Nunda Historical Society Board of Directors



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The Nunda Historical Society & Rose M. Shave Gallery are open 10 am - noon on Tuesdays, from 2 - 4 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in March through November, and at other times by appointment: call (585) 465-0971 or 490-3302. On first Sundays, a new display, a special artifact, or an activity/demonstration will be featured. Check our Facebook Page for details. Historical programs, offered monthly February through December, are usually the second Wednesday of the month but may also be scheduled on some Sundays. Programs will be available via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic with limited numbers at the museum to watch on our large TV.

**Sunday, March 7, 1-4 PM - NEW Local History Book - “Notable Nundaian,”** Book Signing by Author Pete Piraino.. Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open

**\*Wednesday, March 10, 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. This presentation will be via Zoom with limited numbers at the museum to watch the program on our large screen TV.

**Sunday, April 11, 2 - 4 PM -** Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

**\*Sunday, April 18, 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*. **This performance will be at the Nunda Trinity Church, 25 East Street** . Masks will be required and social distancing observed..

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

**\*Wednesday, May 12 7 PM - “*Discover Historic Nunda: 200 Years of Village and Town Architecture.*”** by Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator, Landmark Society of Western New York. This presentation will be via Zoom with limited numbers at the museum to watch the program on our large screen TV.

**Thursday, June 3 - Saturday June 5 -** Visit our Booth at Nunda Fun Days!

**Sunday, June 6, 2-4 PM -** Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above) Watch for special programming for this date.

**Sunday, July 4, 2-4 PM -** Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery will be closed, but will be open July 10 & 11.

**Saturday, July 10, 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 22 - Note: The *Summer NHS Tour to Hammondsport-Tour Finger Lakes Boat Museum & Tour of Keuka Lake on the Pat II* has been postponed to July 2022.**

**Sunday, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 1-** Nunda Museum and Rose M. Shave Gallery Open (see above)

\* This performance is made possible 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 M Cuomo and the NYS Legislature and administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.

## Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to be a NHS volunteer? Your skills could 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 Joan Schumaker at 585-490-3302.

# New in Our Collection

Our museum collection consists of over 12,000 items and continues to grow. 315 donations were added in 2020 - everything from a Willey violin made in Nunda to a pump organ that used to have a home in Short Tract; a turkey call made by Dick Burt to Nunda merchant Charles Pratt's free standing shoe button machine; from an Erie Rail Road pullman blanket to a 120-year-old Nunda graduation dress in excellent condition. Along with this dress, the same donor sent us 69 pieces of china, hand painted by Nunda's very talented W. L. Dailey in the early 20th Century.

Louise Spencer's 1900 NHS Graduation Dress



Dailey Chocolate Pot with cups as seen in our exhibit



Far Left: Louise Spencer, a very tall young lady, in her graduation dress

Left: Graduation Dress on display in our museum

## Memorial Donations since Spring 2020

### In Memory of Jerry Barkley

Katherine Barkley  
 Stephen Barkley  
 Jerilynn Clark  
 Fran Clolby  
 Delta Kappa Gamma  
 Beta Gamma Chapter  
 Valerie & Donald Griffing  
 Sally Hall  
 Keshequa Alumni Asso.  
 Charles Lenhard  
 Lexington Machining Inc  
 Gary & Fran Ludwig  
 Mary Mueller

Patricia Powell  
 Bill & Diane Santora  
 Joan Schumaker  
 Alice Thompson  
 Laura & Tom Thornton  
 Karen Ward  
 Ken & Brenda Weaver

### In Memory of Millie Colombo

Lynne & Clair Lawson  
 Gary & Fran Ludwig  
 Helen Gibson  
 Tom & Mary Valentine

### In Memory of Josephine Clinton

Janet Aronhalt & Family  
 Attica Prison Workers  
 Timothy Barber  
 Robert S. Buehler  
 Larry & Pam Cox & Family  
 Michelle Donovan  
 Viva Mae Hames  
 Joan Larson  
 Catherine Licata  
 Karen & Reverdy McColl  
 Sherrie Reilly  
 Alice Thompson  
 Colin & Jessica Wilcox  
 Brenda & Ken Weaver

### *Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness*

### In Memory of Joyce Hussong

Margaret Ludwig & former students:  
 Gary, Kathy & Janet Ludwig  
 Rebecca Sanford

*See Page 12 for Additional Donations*

## 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. At that time we also included a special appeal for donations to help purchase a new furnace. Many have joined/renewed/and sent generous donations and we are pleased to recognize them in the list below. See page for a report on our furnace project.

### THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT - It IS APPRECIATED

For those who have yet to join us for 2020-21, 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.

#### 2020-21 Members

#\*John & Stacey Alioto  
Jeremiah & Susie Axtell  
Marcia Ayers  
Hal Bauer & Gayle Mosher  
Michael A. Bauer  
#Katrina & Ed Benner  
Duane & Rosemary Bennett  
\*Lewis Bickle  
Catherine E. Biven  
\*Audrey DeVinney Blakley  
George Blood  
Sandra Bonadonna  
Trish Brady  
\*Alberta Brown  
Roberta Buczkowski  
William D. Burt  
Thomas & Barbara Byrnes  
Darryl Carpenter  
Ron & Virginia Mann Chasey  
Jerilyn M. Clark  
Clyde M. Clancy  
#Maribeth R Coffta  
#Brent & Linda Cole  
Joe & Millie Colombo  
\*\*Tom & Anne Cook  
Philip & Avis Cox  
#Sean F Coykendall  
John & Ann Crandall  
Gail Delafield  
\*Gail Diemoz  
Stephen & Nancy Diemoz  
Patricia Dieter  
Joseph DiPasquale  
Robert & Michele Donovan  
\*Robert & Peggy Ellsworth  
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