

Members and Friends

OPERATIONS :

Due to the pandemic, our spring Open House, our 19th Amendment centennial celebration and Opendore grand opening have been postponed to 2021. Likewise, our internal Trustee meetings and committee meetings have become virtual with good success.

A committee continues reviewing our Strategic Plan and developing a Sustainability Plan.

HSSM was recently honored by Cayuga County Visitors Bureau as “Outstanding Tourism Partner for 2020”.



Karen Kuhl presents award to Guy Garnsey and Andy Simkin

COLLECTIONS :

November 21st was a benchmark day for the Museum. Our collection of historic posters was carefully moved from the Stone Store to the Archive Room at Opendore. Having a safe environmentally controlled space to store our collections is one of the goals of the Opendore project from its conception.



**Marilyn Post, Kathie Garnsey and Larry Bell
Also assisting Tygg Ager and Guy Garnsey**



**Andrea Rankin and Larry Bell admire
flat file in Archive Room**

PROGRAMS :

Since our planned celebration of the anniversary of the 19th Amendment in August was cancelled, we are now planning for a “Centennial plus 1” event in June 2021, along with a grand opening of Opendore.

The HSSM Website continues to be improved; please visit at www.howlandstonestore.org. Also, there are several interesting YouTube videos on the museum and Opendore project, available by searching for Howland Stone Store Museum.

Jodi Baldwin of Sherwood organized an event October 3rd which was coordinated with HSSM. Her group recreated a suffragist march by walking to the hamlet of Sherwood where HSSM members presented a skit featuring Emily and Isabel Howland.



**Volunteers enjoy a socially distant outdoor
picnic early October**



**“Sherwood Players” Larry Bell, Linda VanBuskirk,
Jackie Dickinson and Marilyn Post**

HSSM virtual programs are now being scheduled for the next few months :

- December 16th Opendore Project "Perseverance and Preservation"
- January 20th "A Storm Center for Reformers: The Sherwood Equal Rights Historic District "
- February 17th Opendore virtual tour
- March 17th HSSM Collections

Each will be at 7:00 PM by Zoom. Information for login will precede each event.

EDUCATION :

Exciting news ! Emily Howland has been accepted for induction in the Woman's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls in 2021. After several applications by HSSM, her accomplishments will now be recognized. Further information on the inauguration will follow when announced.

The Education committee is developing planned displays for Opendore and the Stone Store.

OPENDORE PROJECT :

Work continues at Opendore by our dedicated group of volunteers, who have logged over 8,400 hours since Fall 2016.

Our primary focus is interior trim restoration, which involves careful reconstruction of salvage trim and recreation of new components to replace those that were not able to be salvaged. Most of the 2nd floor of the 1910 North wing has now been restored.

Additionally, we have received a group of new interior doors for the stairwell, Archive Room, restrooms, and Foyer. These are now being installed by volunteers.

Our handicapped accessible interior lift from the first to second floor is now operational, making the building fully accessible.

And we now have Verizon Wi-Fi in the building, to be used for broadcasting programs as well as other functions.



Stone Veneer installation on Handicapped Ramp



Trim Restoration and Painting



Marble Surround Drawing Room Fireplace



Volunteers Gus Littlejohn, Susan Weisend, Guy Garnsey, Bess Simkin, Andy Simkin, Larry Bell



Historic circa 1830 Outhouse being lifted up on temporary foundation



Refurbished historic mantel installed in White Entry Hall



Trim Restoration

GRANTS :

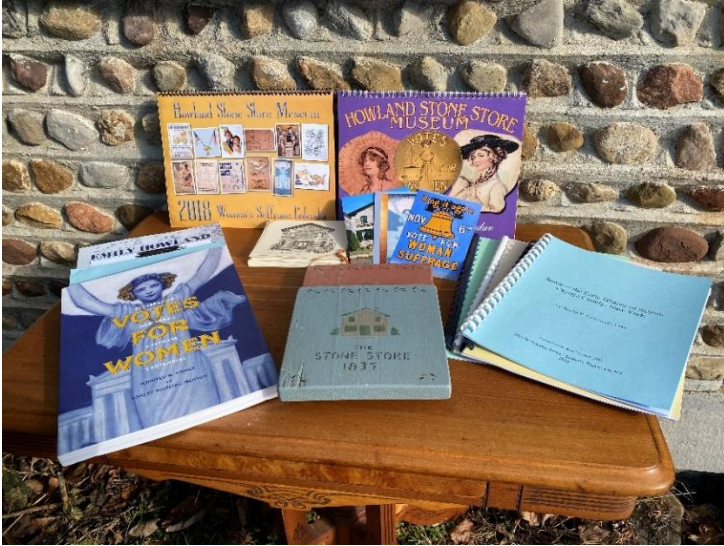
- HSSM is one of this year's Preserve New York grantees. A \$10,000 Preserve New York grant will enable HSSM to develop a Historic Landscape Report through consultant Jean Gleisner. The Preservation League of NYS and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) are thrilled to help fund this important work. The Preserve New York grant program is a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Preservation League, made possible with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.
- The Nelson B. Delavan Foundation, \$4,000 for a series of educational placards and signs, naming and explaining the significance of permanent exhibits, images and spaces; \$1,000 for honorariums for program presenters.
- Greater Hudson Heritage Network, \$650 for a database consultation to assess the present database and develop a plan for the future.
- Pomeroy Technology Grant. \$2,000 for technology needs at Opendore.
- National Women's Suffrage Marker Program. Pomeroy Foundation will provide a white and purple sign for Opendore, commemorating the contributions of William, Hannah and Isabel Howland to the suffrage movement.
- Auburn Home Depot, crown molding for the White Entry Hall, \$250 value.



Linda VanBuskirk preparing annual appeal letters

MERCHANDISE :

We have added several reproduction publications to our available merchandise. Please visit our website for complete list and ordering information. Shop local for the holidays and share the gift of local history with items from the Howland Stone Store gift shop. Postcards, books, calendars and stencil blocks are available at howlandstonestore.org (Pay Pal) or by calling Jackie at 315.364.5591 (check or cash).



HISTORIAN :

On November 19th Larry Bell, HSSM Historian, presented a virtual program entitled “A Storm Center for Reformers: The Sherwood Equal Rights Historic District ” broadcast by Genesee Country Village Museum. In a series of vignettes, Larry discussed the remarkable story of Emily Howland and the residents of Sherwood, New York. Inspired by Quaker values, they advanced the cause of equal rights for all, through abolitionism, education, and especially women’s suffrage. The program will be offered again directly by HSSM on Wednesday January 20th at 7:00 PM.



Larry Bell live streaming from Opendoré

MEMBERSHIP :

Museum membership is now payable for **2021** , \$15.00 individual and \$25.00 family. The membership and donation form is attached.

Benefits of membership include :

- Support to museum
- Newsletter mailing hard copy if requested
- Reserved seating at programs if requested
- 10% discount merchandise

HSSM now is on social media:

- follow HSSM on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HowlandStoneStoreMuseum>
- follow HSSM on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/howlandstonestoremuseum/>

MEMBERSHIP FORM – 2021 DUES

Dec 2020

YES! I/We would like to support the ongoing restoration/preservation and educational programming of the Howland Stone Store Museum. (Since HSSM's total income is from donations and fund- raisers, your contribution is really appreciated.) THANK YOU!

Name: _____ \$15 individual membership
Address: _____ \$25 family membership
City/State _____ HSSM donation
Phone: _____ Opendore project donation
E-Mail _____ TOTAL enclosed

check if e-mail Newsletters satisfactory (saves printing & mailing costs)

Make checks payable to **Howland Stone Store Museum, PO Box 124, Aurora, NY 13026**

Note : memberships and donations can be made electronically thru **PayPal**

at our website <http://howlandstonestore.org> ... scroll down near bottom

Volunteer Opportunities—want to help?

_____ assist with programs or displays _____ assist with grants/fund-raising

_____ greet visitors Friday or Sat afternoons _____ assist with collection care

_____ volunteer to help work on Opendore Project as _____

(carpentry, painting, gardening, etc.)

_____ other _____