



Howland Stone Store Museum

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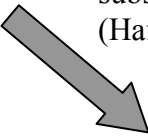
Newsletter—May, 2013

The Annual Meeting of the Howland Stone Store Museum will take place on Sunday, **May 19, 2013** at 7:00 pm at the Museum in Sherwood. The agenda will include election to fill four positions on the Board, three three-year and one one-year term to complete the final year of a three-year term. Our first 2013 Sunday Social program will follow the brief meeting. Presenter **Josh Teeter**, an Environmental Engineer for NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will talk about the 400 million year geological history of our region. See the enclosed program brochure for details.

Action!

Opendore Update: We are pleased to share the news that on Saturday, April 27, a call for bids for the General Contractor for Phase One of the Opendore Project was advertised. Phase One includes removal of badly deteriorated portions of the house, asbestos abatement, and stabilization of the North Wing, with a new roof and enclosure of the remaining structure. One contractor will oversee the entire Phase One project. Bids will be opened on May 31. The architect, the hazardous material consultant, and NYS Parks will evaluate the project proposals. Bids will be awarded in the latter part of June, with actual work to start by mid-late July. Phase One should be completed by the end of November, 2013. Visit www.howlandstonestore.org or www.theopendoreproject.com to keep up with our progress and to see photos as the work progresses.

Women's Suffrage Play at Morgan Opera House in Aurora: Be sure to circle **June 14 @ 7:30 pm** on your calendar. Students from the Southern Cayuga Central School Drama Club will present the 1909 play "**How the Vote Was Won**". This is a humorous tale of a small group of family/friends living in London who find themselves dealing with a strike by the women of England. Multiple copies of this play were found in the collection at the Museum, possibly gathered in the early years of the 20th century when Hannah Letchworth Howland and her daughter Isabel maintained a library upstairs over what is now Cleaveland's Antique Store. The play was first performed at the Royalty Theatre in London in 1909, and subsequently published in 1913 in London. *Then Again*, a woman's trio which includes Carol (Haff)Disbrow, former Aurora resident, will open the evening of entertainment.



What's your **membership** status? Our Museum membership year follows the calendar year, altho' your membership carries into 2013 if you joined late in 2012. If you have a *RED* dot on your mailing label, it means your status as a member is up-to-date. A membership form can be found on the enclosed blue program brochure. *Thank you!!*

New and Renewed members since Jan 21, 2013

Deborah Boyd
Minna Buck
Barbara Casper
Jack and Mary Lou Charles
Eric Devin and Susan Weisand
George Heffernan
Laura Johnson
Kurt Kabelac
Ann Lamkins
Peter and Sally Letchworth
Scott and Ann Mathieson

Charlotte Mosher
Margaret Mosher
Ted O'Hara and Bronwyn O'Connor
Nancy Purdy
Richard and Margaret Redmond
Dawn Roe
Dan Schultz
Elizabeth Stanton
Phyllis Stanton
Linda VanBuskirk
Robert and Joy Wilcox

NOTE: While HSSM is most grateful for ALL support, this list does not include those who donated to the Opendore Project. They will be recognized at a later time.

Other highlights of the past year:

- We were saddened to learn that Emily Howland was not on the list of inductees to the **Women's Hall of Fame** in Seneca Falls. Her nomination is automatically re-submitted for the 2015 process.
- We are happy to report that, thanks to generous donations by Bradley Mitchell and The Family of Mildred and Kenneth Myers, we have been able to obtain a re-printing of Mildred Davis Myers' book *Miss Emily*. Copies are now available at the Museum.
- Our **2013 exhibit** tells about several national/international friends who visited Miss Emily in Sherwood. Be sure to stop in to learn more, to view some of our posters, and to visit or re-visit our Cabinet of Curiosities on the second floor of our building.
- HSSM has spent the past 6 months getting our financial records/bookkeeping entered into a business-level **accounting system** via an accounting service. This follows professional auditing standards and can generate needed reports in a variety of formats.

Call for DOCENTS—a guide to visitors at HSSM

We're looking for people to help us tell the Museum story and welcome our visitors during the summer months.

Even a few hours of your time is appreciated. Newer docents are always paired with those with more experience.

It's a great way to learn more about Sherwood history~~ and to meet some very interesting people.

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