



Howland Stone Store Museum

Located at 2956 State Route 34B in Sherwood

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Special Recognition and Thanks

Since October, 2009, the Isabel Howland House Ad hoc committee has provided guidance for the HSSM Board on the very complex issue of the Isabel Howland House (IHH) parcel and how it can best meet the interests of both the Museum and the larger community around Sherwood, while preserving local, state and national history. Committee members have brought a wonderful blend of vision and pragmatism to our discussions; they have provided professional skills and practical experiences that have greatly enriched our perceptions and informed our decisions. They have given countless hours to documenting the IHH for future generations, and to putting forth suggestions about what might be desired components of any future structure on that parcel. We acknowledge this exceptional service and say thank you to

***Kathleen Connelly
Hamilton "Guy" Garnsey
Howard Harnett
Steve Zabriskie***

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***Become a docent?*** Docents greet our visitors, tell our story, and "watch over" our collection. Training is provided, and experienced docents work with newcomers. Willing to give 3 hours on a Thursday or Saturday afternoon in June through Sept? Contact Pat White at 364-5587 or [pwhite2299@aol.com](mailto:pwhite2299@aol.com).

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Welcome to New Members-2011

Betty Head and Jim Huggans
Mark B. Jordan
Kurt D. Kabelac
Hannah and Andreas Richter
Dawn Roe

~~ Annual Meeting ~~

Sunday, May 15, 2011

7:00 pm @ HSSM

Election of Board Members

**Program: A Long Way in Coming:
The Suffrage Campaign in Upstate NY**

Speaker: Dr. Karen Pastorello
Professor of History at Tompkins
Cortland Community College

All welcome: Free

Thank you to our contributors.

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Elizabeth Arnold
Patricia Bianconi
Ron and Trudy Buxenbaum
Barbara Casper
Cayuga Lake National Bank
Don and Sue Culver
Barb and Gary Culver
Alan and Faith Emerson
Elsie Gutches
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Laura Johnson
Kurt Kabelac
Hayden Letchworth
Bradley Mitchell
Charlotte Mosher
Margaret Mosher

Ted O'Hara
Dillwyn & Sally Otis
Don & Mimi Polan
Sharon Porter
Roger and Bonita Post
Carmen Reynolds
Hannah and Andreas Richter
Catherine Roach
Rebecca Ruggles
Dan Schultz
Linda Simkin
Ann Tobey
Frances Weber
Keith & Sarah Welch
David & Patricia White
Robert & Joy Wilcox
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President's Annual Report

June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011

This has been another busy year for the Howland Stone Store Museum, and especially for our Board. The Buildings and Grounds committee, led by Alan Emerson and Dillwyn Otis, has dealt with a variety of issues, including removing carpenter bees, repairing a shutter on the front window, fixing our sign. The Education and Programming Committee has been working with third and fourth grade teachers to re-vamp our school programs.

MuseumWise Get Set Grant: The Collections Committee, chaired by Ann Tobey, has done major work:

- forming a special committee to evaluate collections procedures with consultant, Peter Wisbey.
- outlining emergency procedures and contacts
- creating docent handbook materials
- re-writing our Collections Management Policy to define our procedures and provide needed forms
- planning a new grant application to hire a conservator so that HSSM may define specific priorities and practices in further collection care.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant:

- grant request has been approved for the amount of \$5,000.
- preservation architects Randy and Beth Crawford, structural engineer, Guy Garnsey, and Rico McKenna, environmental engineer, will meet in Sherwood in May to evaluate the Isabel Howland House, having a report/recommendation by early July.
- professional evaluation will give the Board a good foundation for future decisions. We'll keep you posted!

Educational programs Visiting student groups included:

- Emily Howland third and fourth graders
- Barbara Casper's SCCS high school Local History Classes
- twenty-five students from the Rochester Charter School at Strong Museum
- two students from Hobart and William Smith College doing a special research project

Other news items:

- A very special *thank you* to **Trudy Buxenbaum** for her many hours of faithful service as a Board member, officer, and as Co-Curator. While continuing to volunteer for HSSM, she has decided to end her service as Curator. Her dedication has been significant in our success and service to the community.
- HSSM finally received the new Underground Railroad kiosk and showcase, after two years of groundwork; this was funded by the Upstate History Alliance as part of the Network to Freedom grant.
- This kiosk and showcase will be incorporated into our season exhibit of Sherwood area UGRR activity and Sherwood area Civil War soldiers. **Do stop in: 1-4 pm on Thurs. and Sat., June through September.**
- Cayuga County Museum Week will be observed July 9-18. Watch for further information in local media.
- New Collections Policy available for your review by contacting Pat White—364-5587 or pwhite2299@aol.com

Thank you to current Board members, our curator, and our many friends for their on-going support of our Museum and our efforts to serve this community.

--Patricia A. White, President

Patricia White, President	Barbara Casper, Vice President
Amy Torea, Secretary	Phyllis Stanton, Treasurer
Board members: Alan Emerson, Dillwyn Otis, Sharon Porter, Ann Tobey, Susan Weisend	
Curator:	Bradley Mitchell

Your comments, inquiries, and suggestions are always welcome.