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Members and Friends

MUSEUM OPERATIONS for WINTER :

Regular visiting hours to The Stone Store Museum and Opendore have been suspended for the winter. However, appointments can be arranged by calling 315-303-3145 at least three days in advance.

We're pleased to report excellent attendance at Museum functions this year, despite the pandemic :

Stone Store visitors : 217

Opendore visitors : 69 (in addition to other categories)

Opendore August Centennial+1 and Dedication event : 231

Programs :

In person attendees : 159

Virtual attendees : 195

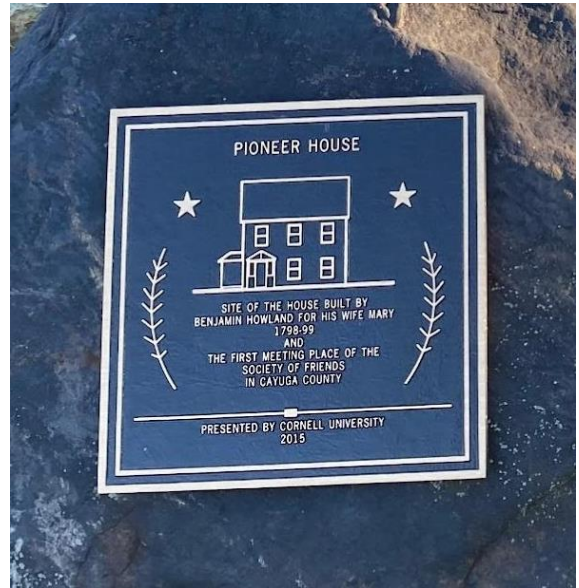
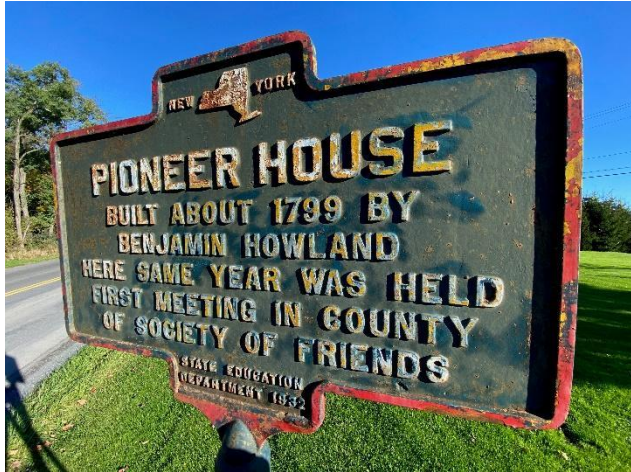
One might think, since we've had our Centennial+1 and Opendore Dedication event in August, everything is done, it's time to kick back and relax. That is not the case. There is still much to do, and our various committees remain active. See below for current projects.

COMMUNITY :

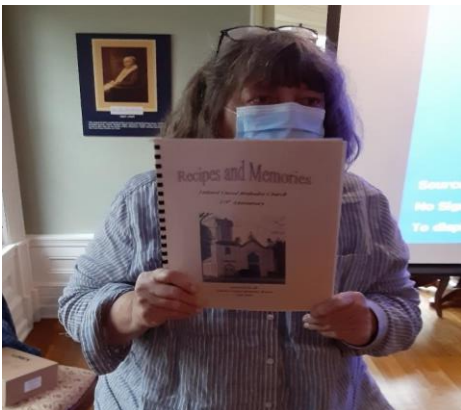


The Museum welcomes use of Opendore for community activities. Currently the Hazard Library is holding their Board Meetings and Book Club sessions at Opendore. If your organization would like to discuss usage, please contact us.

Jackie Dickinson has repainted the historic marker at the former Benjamin Howland House on Poplar Ridge Road at the Cornell Experimental Station Site. We think it looks great.



PROGRAMS :



A fascinating look at local cookbooks, “Cuisines for a Cause: Community and Charity Cookbooks of Cayuga County,” was presented on October 25 by Ruth Bradley. The cookbook includes recipes and memories from area Churches, Schools, Towns, and other organizations.



On November 20th we Celebrated Emily Howland's 184th Birthday (November 20, 1827)! Attendees were also treated to a special visit from Emily portrayed by Trudy Buxenbaum .

Our upcoming Program schedule for 2022 – mark your calendars :

- Wed Jan 5 7:00 PM – virtual program **Computer security awareness** by Mike Davis/ExtraMile Technology
- Sun Jan 23 4:00 PM - **book discussion "The Agitators"** by Dorothy Wickenden. Martha Coffin Wright
- Wed Feb 2 7:00 PM – virtual program **Computer passwords** by Mike Davis/ExtraMile Technology
- Sun Feb 20 4:00 PM **National Women's Hall of Fame program on Emily and Harriet**
- Wed March 2 7:00 PM – virtual program **Computer ransomware** by Mike Davis/ExtraMile Technology
- Sun March 13 7:00 PM Larry Bell on **daguerreotypes**
- Sun April 10 7:00 PM Paul Briggs – **Cobblestone Buildings and restoration**

Also we've scheduled our annual public event for Saturday September 17th, more to follow...

FINANCIAL :

THE HSSM Budget for 2022 has been approved by the Board of Directors. The budget projects income of approximately \$20,000 and expenses of \$23,500. The deficit accounts for long-term improvements to our facilities and collections, and will be taken from our savings if necessary. Our income is dependent on memberships and donations from our many supporters.



The HSSM annual appeal letter has been issued to all members and supporters, requesting membership renewal for 2022 as well as general support for the museum and Opendore Project.

FUNDRAISING :

An EPF grant application to NYS has been submitted for site development as recommended in our recently received Cultural Landscape Report. The Phase V design eliminates parking at the front of the building, as it is considered unsafe and blocks the building facade. The new plan calls for a parking lot to be built on the north side of the building, including bus and handicapped parking. Handicapped accessibility will be provided to the ramp on the west side of the building. Phase V also includes historic tree, flower and shrub planting, providing shade trees along the road to frame the west façade, as depicted in early photographs. We anxiously await word on the EPF grant application in December. If received it will require matching local funds.



Site Plan for proposed Phase V Site Development, showing on-site parking on north side of building and landscaping in front of building along Route 34B.

Larry Bell has just submitted a National Trust grant application to cover the design work.

COLLECTIONS :



The collections committee continues its work cleaning and documenting the objects in the Cabinet of Curiosities at the Stone Store. This is a slow methodical process with each piece being removed from the cabinets, photographed and catalogued. There are hundreds of items, including baby alligators, seaweed, a turtle shell, coral, sand dollars, various rocks, etc. As the wall cabinets are temporarily emptied, they are being refurbished. Look for a clean, well-organized new look!

Meanwhile, Guy, Gus, Larry, and Tryg have rebuilt three of the wall cabinets. The old homosote backing is acidic and bad for the artifacts. It is being replaced where possible by plywood. When the artifacts are replaced in the cabinets, they will be placed on acid free paper, making a much brighter presentation. Also, the old incandescent spotlights are being replaced with LEDs, almost doubling the lumen output, making everything brighter and more visible as well as saving electricity.

We have recently supported the Hazard Library by moving their archives from Poplar Ridge to Opendore. The archives have information on local historical figures and structures, along with a number of reference books.

FACILITIES :

We recently received an Energy Audit Report for both buildings, prepared by an outside consultant thru a NYSERDA program. The report lists tabulates current fuel and electric usage and identifies potential energy saving measures. The facilities Committee is reviewing the presented options.

Larry Liberatore, Mike Davis, Tryg Ager, Larry Bell and Guy Garnsey are working on building replica mantels for the Gutches Library and Workroom.



Using one photograph of the original mantels before they were stolen from the derelict building, they are creating drawings to build from and then fabricating full size mock-ups of the details in Guy's shop.

Once this is complete actual construction begins, carefully constructing and assembling each component and making several trial fit-ups in the building. It's painstaking work but results in very satisfying results. Work on the Drawing Room and Parlor mantels will follow, with the goal of all four being complete by our spring opening.



Mantel Builders Guy Garnsey, Larry Liberatore, Tryg Ager, Larry Bell (missing Mike Davis) with Gutchess Room mantel front



Gutchess Mantel carcass in position



Raised panel for Gutchess Mantel

Work continues at Opendore to complete the beautiful interior details. Like any house the building requires regular maintenance and repairs. A new security camera system has been installed at Opendore to allow remote monitoring of the interior and exterior.



Gus Littlejohn mowing the west lot at Opendore



Trgy Ager setting up security cameras



Museum Volunteers enjoying a pot luck picnic at Opendore. Many thanks for all the hours this year!

EDUCATION :



The Education Committee is making plans for additional displays at both the Stone Store and Opendore for next year. We will be rotating the materials and adding new graphics for visitors to enjoy.

The Museum is in need of docents for both the Stone Store and Opendore next spring. If you like history and meeting people, this is a great opportunity to support the Museum. No experience is required; we will provide training and a mentor to new volunteers. Please contact us at 315-303-3145 and leave a message.

On the national stage, Marilyn Post joined Kim Sajet from the National Portrait Gallery to discuss the linkages of Emily Howland and Harriet Tubman. The video of the informative talk can be accessed via the National Women's Hall of Fame YouTube link: YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/NPXqzIT5fBY>

MERCHANDISE :

Please visit our website howlandstonestore.org for the complete list of available merchandise and publications and ordering information. Postcards, books, calendars and stencil blocks are available by Pay Pal or credit card, or by calling Jackie at 315.364.5591 if you are paying by check or cash.



MEMBERSHIP :

Museum membership is now payable for 2022: \$15.00 individual and \$25.00 family. The membership and donation form is attached. We currently have 175 members and hope to achieve 200 for 2022.

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/>

The Museum Board of Trustees and all our volunteers wish everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year!

Guy Garnsey, President

Andy Simkin, Vice-President

Larry Bell, Secretary

Jackie Dickinson, Treasurer

Marilyn Post

Lorrie Butcher

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MEMBERSHIP FORM – 2022 DUES

Dec 2021

YES! I/We would like to support the ongoing restoration/preservation and educational programming of the Howland Stone Store Museum. Your contribution is really appreciated. THANK YOU!

Please print clearly !

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

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 Saturday afternoons	_____ Assist with collection care
_____ Work on facilities	
_____ Other _____	