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The Next Meeting

In deference to preparations for and celebration of the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration, September 7 - 11, there will be no monthly meeting for September.

Our membership meeting will be held on October 2, 2000 in the first floor meeting room of the Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Richard Frost. Mr. Frost will be speaking on the topic, "Some Surprises in the History of Plattsburgh," and encourages audience feedback and the sharing of pictures of old Plattsburgh.

Saturday, October 28, 2000 is the date for the Annual Meeting of the Association, time and location of the meeting will be announced in the October North Country Notes.

Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Weekend

September 7 - 11, 2000

Battle of Plattsburgh Commemorative Buttons are available for purchase at the Museum. Costs are \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 12 and under, with a maximum of \$10.00 per family (2 adults and 2 children) unit. The Button admits the bearer free to all events except the Costume Ball, Biathlon and Juniper Boat Tours.

The Museum will be open 12 - 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8. We will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 11. The wonderful Chateau Ramzey re-enactors will again be here at the Museum demonstrating their skills. We hope to see many of you come through the Museum over the weekend.

Special events commemorating the Battle of Plattsburgh will begin on Thursday, September 7 with a memorial service at 5 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery at the grave of Captain Downie and other British casualties of the Battle. Friday, September 8, will feature the arrival of re-enactors, Adirondack Brass and Fireworks!!

A large variety of family activities and events are featured on Saturday, September 9. There will be a Biathlon, a Kids' parade, classic boat show, and the Glengarry Pipes and Drums from Ontario.

On Sunday there are planned tactical demonstrations, the Aiken's Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, a symphony concert and more kids' activities.

Events come to a close on Monday, September 11, with a memorial service at Crab Island, the burial site of many of the Battle casualties.

The Museum, along with the Kent Delord House Museum and encampment, the Battle of Plattsburgh Interpretive Center and the Macdonough Monument, will be open throughout the weekend.

Search Begun for New Director

The Board of Directors has undertaken a search for a new Executive Director for the Association. "With the Saily-Warren House and possibilities at the former airbase the Association faces unprecedented opportunities," stated President Cecily Feldman. "We are looking for someone who can provide leadership and who has curatorial and development skill." A Search Committee of Trustees Mary A. Brown, Jamie Giroux, William Laundry, Sandra Lowe, and Noel Stewart has advertised the position and currently is screening responses. The Committee Chair is Sandra Lowe, a human resources professional. She reports that the applicant pool looks very good so far. We will keep you posted as the search continues.

Volunteers Needed for the Battle of Plattsburgh Weekend

Are you interested in volunteering in the Museum on September 9th or September 10th? We are asking for volunteers between the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to act as docents and keep the Shop running. Costumes are not required, but if you have one

you are more than welcome to come attired. If you are interested, please call the Museum at 561-0340 between 12 - 4 p.m. or please leave a message.

The Antiquarian
Available
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In conjunction with the Battle of Plattsburgh Celebration, the Association will have available for purchase our annual magazine, The Antiquarian. This year, the Association's historical literary journal contains the McMasters Historical Writing Prize winner Tom Calarco's article, *A Man's A Man, for A' That*, on the Underground Railroad in Clinton County. Other articles to pique your interest are *For Want of an Anchor*, *Puzzles in Portraits*, and *Strangers in A Strange Land*. Purchase price for The Antiquarian will be \$5.00 during the Celebration. Current members are reminded that they will receive their free membership copy in the mail, but are welcome to purchase extra copies.

Limited copies of past Antiquarians are still available for purchase (\$5.00) so that you may complete (or begin?) your collection of this fine journal of local history.

Membership News

Many, many thanks to those members who did call the office to verify their membership date and bring their memberships to a current status. It is always nice to hear from our members and get their comments on ideas, topics, and areas of interest for the Association.

Has your membership expired? Are you unsure if you have renewed for the current year? As the Association has moved to a system of sending out renewal notices on a monthly basis, there have been a few questions on how to check on your membership status. You can check to see if your membership is current by calling the office at 561-0340 on Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and we will check our database for you.

With all of the exciting events coming in the future, you will want to be among those "in the know."

The Museum Shop

The Museum Shop has a new title this month. Rouses Point, by Peg Barcomb. Ms. Barcomb has generously supplied the Museum Shop with this very interesting book that contains information and pictures of major points of interest from the earliest settlers to the modern day facilities of Rouses Point. The price of the book is \$11.95 plus 0.84 tax and \$2.00 Shipping and Handling.

Just in time for the Celebration **and** Christmas Shopping!!! **Tin Soldiers!!!!** The Museum Shop has available free-standing 7-inch tall tin soldiers! We have representations of Minute Men, one with a flag (\$10.50) and one with a rifle (\$10.00), Revolutionary British and American soldiers – with flag (\$10.50), with fife or drum or rifle (\$10.00 each), Ms. Liberty (\$10.00) and Uncle Sam (\$10.50).

If you prefer hanging ornaments, we have 5 inch tall Minutemen, Revolutionary soldiers (British and American), Ms. Liberty and Uncle Sam in all of the above styles. Ornament soldiers with a flag and Uncle Sam are \$8.00 and Ms. Liberty and the soldiers with a fife or drum or rifle are \$7.50. All prices for all of the soldiers include tax.

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