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The Meeting Schedule

NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

The Museum Galleries will be closed from October 1 until the opening of the exhibit on October 12. The Director and staff will be unavailable for walk-in consultations as they will be involved in the changing of the galleries and storage of the artifacts currently on display. If you need assistance, please, leave a message on our answering machine and we will try to return your call as soon as possible. We deeply appreciate your patience.

October 7, 2002 – The Clinton County Historical Association Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Membership will be held Monday, October 7th, in the Champlain Room at The Inn at Smithfield, 446 Route 3, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

The speaker for the evening is Mr. Rick Bechard who will speaking on the subject of "The Historical Noteworthiness of the Chazy Central Rural School."

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with hor d'oeuvres, Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the program and dessert from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. A buffet of Grilled Chicken Breast and Baked Ham, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Mousse and Ice Cream, Rolls, Coffee and Tea comprise the menu. There will be a cash bar.

Reservations and funds (\$24.50 per person) must be received by October 1st. Please call the Museum at 561-0340 for reservations.

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October 12, 2002 –Saturday. Battle of Valcour Exhibit Opening
As an institutional partner with the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's Valcour Bay Research Project, the CCHA will be having an "Open House For Members Only" on October 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. The Museum at 48 Court Street will be open during these hours so that our members may get the "first glimpse" of Revolutionary War artifacts prior the opening of the Museum to the public.

Featuring conserved artifacts including an exploded cannon, cartridge box, and a hand axe recovered from Valcour Bay, site of the 1776 battle between the American forces under Benedict Arnold and the British forces under Sir Guy Carlton, these artifacts contain a snapshot of this significant battle.

The Museum will be open to the general public free of charge on October 12th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and resume normal hours and fees on October 15.

This exhibit will be on loan to us from the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. We are fortunate in that the timing of the exhibition opening coincides with the 226th anniversary of that historic event.

The Antiquarian 2002

The Antiquarian returned from the printers and was mailed to the membership during the first week of September. The 2002 issue contains articles on Malone, The Spanish Flu, Mooers Junction, and the ever popular House History. We had a healthy sponsorship response from area businesses for this year's issue and hope for even more advertisements in the future. If you have not received your copy of the 2002 *Antiquarian*, please call the Museum, 518-561-0340, for an address verification. More copies are available for purchase at \$5.00 per issue and, if mailed, \$5.00 plus \$1.25 for shipping.

CCHA COOKBOOK "TASTEFUL TRADITIONS"

A collection of recipes gathered together in a beautiful and sturdy 3-ring binder is going to make a great present for the cook in your family. This book contains recipes of historical interest, members favorites, pictures, and "old timey" homilies. Sure to become a favorite, copies are available for purchase at the Museum. for \$14.95, \$1.05 tax, and if you would like to have us mail your copy, please include \$2.00 for postage.

NEW PUBLICATION

Trustee Susan Ledges has produced a new CCHA publication that has proven to be popular among adults as well as children, will come out twice a year. This educational magazine, *Drumbeats*, is aimed at middle school age children and combines articles with activities. The first special issue, devoted exclusively to events connected to the Battle of Plattsburgh, is available for purchase (\$2.00) through our Museum Shop. Please add \$1.50 for postage if you would like your copy mailed to you.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Association has a new fax number: 518-563-6823. The telephone number remains the same: 518-561-0340.

Museum hours have changed. Museum hours are Tuesday thru Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Large group tours (i.e., school, touring, reunions, etc.) or special tours for other than posted hours may be arranged, dependent upon staffing levels, with a minimum two week notice.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

The Association has launched a membership campaign based in Clinton County. We have mailed out letters inviting county residents to join our organization. We need new members to add to our rosters to help us find new trustees, project volunteers, docents and committee members. A large percentage of our members live out of state, and although they support us financially, it is hard for them to volunteer. We hope to double the membership to 800 with this letter. We have made every effort to remove our current members from the mailing list. If you receive a letter in error, please, pass it on to a friend for us.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!!

Mr. J. Huckeba, The Agency Insuring, Ms. P. Schwartz,
 Mr. D. Jabaut, Dr. P. Tutschka, Mr. & Mrs. L. Sunderland,
 Mr. & Mrs. K. Coleman, Mr. & Mrs. R. Everleth,
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

Mr. & Mrs. T. Murnane, Sr. M. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. E. Piscitello

BATTLE OF PLATTSBURGH WEEKEND CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 7 - 15

The CCHA participated in the weekend events again this year and we hope that you had a chance join us. Thanks to volunteer docents we were again able to open the Museum and the Saily House on Saturday and Sunday (Sept 14/15) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new exhibit was placed in the Saily House based on our acquisitions of the contents of the Plattsburgh Air Force Base Museum. We wish to thank Mr. Philippe Colin, who spent many hours working with the collection in order to present the community with an exhibit.

The volunteers from the Chateau Ramezay Museum in Montreal rejoined us again this year. Demonstrating period skills and crafts like spinning, quill writing and similar everyday activities to the public ensured that all had a good time while learning the lifestyles of the era.

A readers theatre program on the works of Lucretia Maria Davidson (1808-1825) and Margaret Miller Davidson (1823-1838), famed poets, both born in Plattsburgh just three doors down from the Saily House, were performed by costumed groups of teenagers from area school districts. Multiple readings over the weekend of the Davidson's poetry were well attended by the community and visitors.

The Association Board, Director and staff would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers, seen and unseen, for their efforts in making this an enjoyable weekend for our members and visitors.

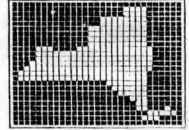
MUSEUM SHOP

We have copies of Willard Sterne Randall's *Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor in the Shop* as well as Kenneth Roberts *Arundel* and *Rabble In Arms*. Also as a special Battle of Plattsburgh and Battle of Valcour Celebration offering, from September 7th until October 31st, *North Country Century* (a \$2.50 value) and Allan Everest's *Briefly Told* (an \$8.95 value) will be offered as a special package - both books for \$9.00 tax included. Mailing requests will require a \$2.00 shipping fee.

We also have coloring books, fans, paper dolls and boat building kits for the children.

These programs are made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

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