

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

May 2014



Annual Dinner Meeting
Sunday, May 18th 1:30 PM
Avon Inn

*The Genesee Valley Canal
1840-1878*

by Julie B. Hewitt

Our Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 18th, at the historic Avon Inn. We are looking forward to a very interesting program on *The Genesee Valley Canal 1840-1878* to be presented by Julie B. Hewitt, a Jamestown, New York attorney with a lifelong passion for local history.

The Genesee Valley was one of seven lateral canals built in New York State to connect towns in Livingston County and further south with the Erie Canal. Completed as far as Mount Morris in 1840, it allowed relatively "fast transit" of grains, lumber, goods and passengers from all over our county to and from the city of Rochester and destinations east and west. It provided a huge economic stimulus to farmers and residents from across the county, but turned out to be a short-lived boost for unanticipated reasons.

Please join us on May 18th at 1:30 for Sunday dinner at the Avon Inn followed by this intriguing program about a colorful period in the history of our region. Hear some of the hidden stories behind the canal and its construction.

Reservations need to be made by May 8th (see enclosed form or find form on our website www.limahistorical.org.) If you have questions, please contact us at 624-2173 or 624-2626.

DOCENT TRAINING for Tennie Burton Museum volunteers

We're hoping to make things easier, more rewarding, and more fun for our Sunday afternoon museum volunteers. First of all, because we are opening our new "country store" at the museum this summer, the board has decided for security's sake to enlist two volunteers for each two-hour slot on Sundays. Second, we will be offering a "docent training" course on Sunday, June 1, (2-4 PM) to ensure that all of our members are knowledgeable and comfortable as museum guides.

So, if you have been wanting to help out, but were feeling a bit insecure about being on your own at the museum, please come out for our docent training session. Learn a little about the history of the house and some of the more interesting artifacts on display. Find out about some of the back stories that museum visitors always love to hear. Please contact Martha (msempowski@frontiernet.net) to reserve your place for the docent training. We need you!!!!

Revisions to LHS Constitution and By-Laws

Enclosed are copies of draft revisions to our Constitution and By-laws. Original documents are on our website under "About Us." Please review and vote to approve or disapprove on the enclosed ballot. Votes will be tallied at the Annual Meeting.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Fri./Sat. April 25/26	Cleanup Days at the Tennie Burton Museum. 9am-12pm. Come either or both days.
Wednesday, May 14th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.
Sunday, May 18th	LHS Annual Dinner Meeting at the Avon Inn. <i>The Genesee Valley Canal 1840-1878</i> by Julie Hewitt (Reservations by May 8th).
Memorial Day	Season Opening-Tennie Burton Museum and Grand Opening of LHS Mercantile . Open Sundays June thru September 2-4PM
Sunday June 1st	Docent Training for members at Tennie Burton Museum 2-4 PM.
Fri/Sat. June 6th and 7th	LHS Garage Sale. Gotcsik's Barn 7364 East Main St (Call a board member if help is needed with transit).
Wednesday, June 11th	LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.

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Dolls, Dolls, Dolls at our March General Meeting

We packed the house with doll lovers for our March meeting. Many brought their own antique and vintage dolls for dating and condition assessment by our speaker Susan Sumner. She was gracious enough to stay until she had admired and seen to each and every one.

Following Susan's fascinating talk on the history of dolls, we had an unexpected treat—a chance to see the realistic, hand painted infant dolls that she has created. A good time was had by all ! (see on left Helen Taylor with unknown "baby")

NEW EXHIBIT Antique and Vintage Children's Toys and Games

Plans are underway for a display of old time children's toys and games this summer. Here is an opportunity for kids to see and enjoy simpler ways of play, and for their parents and grandparents to recall "how it used to be."

If you have antique or vintage toys or games that you would like to share on a temporary loan basis, we would be delighted to include them (Leave message 624-1050).

Tennie Burton Museum Cleaning Days

Mark your calendars for our annual cleanup of the museum on April 25th or 26th, 9 to 12. Whatever is your strength—from dusting to raking leaves—help us ready the museum for spring opening on Memorial Day.

Lima Museum Mercantile: Book and Gift Shop

OPENING ON MEMORIAL DAY

Ever wondered where to get that perfect small hostess gift or present for a child's birthday party? Soon the answer will be the *Lima Museum Mercantile: Book and Gift Shop* at our own Tennie Burton Museum.

We are modeling it on the fine old tradition of the "country store," with a wide selection of unusual items, many of them hand-crafted. We will have local history books, notecards, maps, tee shirts, walking tours, historic house replicas. We will also carry an array of beautiful aprons, potholders, doilies, candles, and dish towels, as well as hand-made childrens' toys, games and bonnets.

And have we mentioned the old time "penny" candy?

LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION STATEMENT

Lima Historical Society was founded to collect and preserve Lima's history, its architectural structures, and its culture to educate and inspire people today and tomorrow.

NEW EXHIBIT

A Shadow Over the Earth: Lessons from the Extinction of the Passenger Pigeon

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon— once the most abundant bird species in North America. The story holds lessons for us regarding modern-day species and habitat decline, and the risks of future mass extinctions.

The Tennie Burton Museum will be displaying exhibit materials provided by The University of Michigan Museum of Natural History to tell this story of very rapid extinction 100 years ago. We will also be displaying Lima's own 19th century "pigeon net"--one of the earliest items in our collections, donated by the DAR.



adapted from <http://passengerpigeon.org/index.html>

Come and bring the children to share this teachable moment. Tennie Burton Museum- Sundays, 2-4, June to end of September.



**LHS Mourns the Loss of Beloved Board Member
Margaret Mercado (1949-2014)**

On April 1, 2014, the society lost a dear and faithful member of the Board, our Treasurer, Margaret Mercado. Her dedication and contributions to the LHS, St. Rose Church, and many other community organizations were unfailing. She was always there with a smile, putting the needs of others above her own.

Margaret will be remembered with great fondness for her quiet, unassuming presence and unshakeable good cheer, whether at board meetings, fundraisers, or other society functions. She will be sincerely missed by her many friends.

**ANNUAL LHS GARAGE SALE
June 6th and 7th**

We are participating in the Route 5 & 20 "Trailways to Treasures" this year, so we should get good crowds of customers. Once again, we are fortunate to enjoy the hospitality of Fran and George Gotcsik, using their barn at 7364 East Main St. Please bring any saleable items (Thurs. June 5th) for us to sell. Call one of the board members if you need help with transport.

Lima Historical Society Ballot - 2014

		<u>Term of office</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Write-In</u>
President	Barbara May	2013-2015		
Vice President	Martha Sempowski	(Fill Unfin. term 2013-2015)		
Treasurer	___TBA___	(Fill unfin. term 2013-2015)		
Rec. Secretary	Robin Ha	(Fill unfin. term 2013-2015)		
Corr. Secretary	Hildegard Turk	2013-2015		
Trustee	Gail Fuller	2014-2017	_____	_____
Trustee	Duane Fuller	2012-2015		
Trustee	Michael Leavy	2013-2016		
I approve proposed changes to Constitution & By-Laws			Yes _____	No _____

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Board Members 2014-2015

President: Barbara May

Vice President : Martha Sempowski

Treasurer: Unfinished term to be filled

Recording Secretary: Robin Ha

Corr. Secretary: Hildegard Turk

Trustees: Mike Leavy

Duane Fuller

Gail Fuller

Lima Historian: Douglas Morgan

Programs: To be filled

Buildings and Grounds: Duane Fuller

Membership: Marilyn Schroeder

Museum: Marilyn Schroeder

Publicity: Douglas Morgan

Preservation: Frances Gotsik

Education: To be filled

Ways and Means: To be filled

Yellow Wasp Editor: Martha Sempowski

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What's new at the Tennie Burton Museum ??

EXCITING EXHIBITS & MORE

- ❖ **Old-Time Toy and Games**
"hands on" activities/crafts for kids
- ❖ **A Shadow Over the Earth: Lessons from the
Extinction of the Passenger Pigeon**
- ❖ **Lima Mercantile: Book and Gift Shop**
-for that perfect little gift from Lima

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