

# THE YELLOW WASP

**Lima Historical Society**

**March 2016**



## *Exquisite Miniature Works of Art: Antique and Vintage Buttons*

by Cynthia Rau

Proprietor of *Arts and Artifacts*

Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

at

Genesee Community College-Lima Campus  
285 Gale Rd. Lima NY

Do you have an old jar or basket of buttons that you have been saving? Attendees are encouraged to bring any tin, box or jar of old buttons they may have found or inherited, so that they can be evaluated and shared during the evening. So bring yours along to be identified by our local expert and Main Street business owner, Cynthia Rau. Who knows? You may have a few real treasures there!

The presentation will focus on the art and history of antique and vintage buttons. The speaker will share how she came to appreciate the varied materials, detailing, and cultural context that these fasteners represent. Information about the sorting, cleaning and display of these treasures will be discussed.

The city of Rochester had a strong connection to this fascinating subject, with its Rochester Button Company located along the Genesee River during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. At that time, some of the buttons produced there were from nuts imported from Mexico and South America.

Hope you will join us to explore this fascinating, but “little” known subject! \*\*\*NOTE CHANGE IN TIME & LOCATION

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Lima Campus of Genesee Community College

7:00 PM

285 Gale Rd. Lima, NY

### **PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2017 LHS HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR**

One of our more popular events has always been our Lima Historical House Tour, but the last one was in 2009. It was a perfect fall day; we had remarkable attendance from across the greater Rochester region; and we had an opportunity to showcase historic Lima. Not only that, but it was an unusually good fundraiser, significantly bolstering our LHS treasury.

So, we are now making plans for September 2017. It takes many volunteers, working in a variety of capacities, such as house guides, publicity, ticket sales, tea hosts, etc. No Experience needed. Please contact us if you wish to be involved.

## LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

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| Thursday March 17 <sup>th</sup>        | LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.   |
| Tuesday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>        | LHS General Meeting. <i>Exquisite Miniature Works of Art: Antique and Vintage Buttons</i> by Cynthia Rau. 7 PM at Genesee Community College, Lima Campus. |
| Thursday, April 21st                   | LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.   |
| Fri.-Sat., April 22nd-23 <sup>rd</sup> | April Clean-up Days at the Tennie Burton Museum. 9AM –Noon. Come & help either day.   |
| Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>         | LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.   |
| Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>           | LHS Annual Dinner Meeting at The Holloway House. 5PM <i>Early Inns Along the Old State Road</i> by Douglas Morgan, Lima Historian.                        |

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Martha Sempowski, Barb May, Marilyn MacIntyre, Gretchen Alday, Judy Reinhard, Lyn Kowalski-Swartz, Gail Fuller, (photo by Mary Jule, Welch)

### SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS April 22-23

We need your help getting the Tennie Burton Museum spruced up for the summer season. Please try to join us on either Friday or Saturday morning (9AM to noon) to clean inside and shape up the grounds. Many hands will make the work fun.

Lots of ideas afoot for exhibits and programs for the summer. Let's make the museum shine.

### 2015 Holiday Cookie Sale

We are proud to announce a very successful cookie sale this year, resulting in a substantial contribution to our Driveway Fund. Thank you to Mary Jule Welch for her devoted efforts in coordinating the orders, bakers, tray assembly, etc. So many people from the community contributed to this fundraiser—both LHS members and non-members. So many delicious and beautiful cookies! Thank you one and all, and special accolades to Nancy Milne.

### TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM DRIVEWAY PROJECT

Just to bring everyone up to date on the LHS Board's plans and funding for the repaving of our crumbling driveway and possible parking expansion. This is a project that has been postponed for too long.

Thanks to generous donations from many of our members this past fall, substantive encouragement from the Town of Lima, and profits realized from our holiday cookie sale, we now feel that our special Driveway Fund has reached a point at which we will be able to solicit quotes from contractors this spring, put together final plans for the work, and move forward to complete the project this year. Thank you all.

### 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.

## Lima's Famous Ginger Ale Gillette Bottling Works 1890-1916

Excerpt from  
National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form :  
Lima Town Multiple Resource Area, Section 8, Page 20.  
Prepared by Frances Gotsik, 1969. For more information from the  
NR Nomination, ask to see copy at the Lima Public Library.

“A long warehouse on Livingston Street was the location of the Gillette Bottling Works, begun by Schuyler Gillette about 1890. About 1893 Gillette invented a machine that could wash a case of 24 bottles at a time. The machine was built by the Bailey Engine Company in the same building as the soft drink factory and sold throughout the world. By 1916 Gillette had bought out his original two partners and had spent \$2000 perfecting his syrup for Gillette Ginger Ale. Gillette, who lived in the *Barnard Cobblestone House* at 7192 West Main Street, delivered his soft drinks to surrounding towns, Rochester drug stores, and leading New York City hotels and restaurants. When he died in 1916, his secret formula died with him and the business closed.”



*Former Gillette Bottling Works factory at 1887  
Livingston St. Now owned and operated as John  
H. Bailey Custom Furniture workshop.*

\*Based on notes taken by Mabel Jenks of interviews with Schuyler Gillette's grandsons, Carmen and Vernon Gillette; re: 7195(7192) West Main Rd. Lima Historian's Files.

**WELCOME TO NEW LHS MEMBERS!**  
Carol Bartold, Dennis Lakis, and the John and Kathleen Knop Family

### List of New, Renewed and Lifetime Members for 2016

If we have somehow mistakenly omitted your name, please **Contact Us** through the website.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Kirk Adams  
Gretchen Alday  
Fred and Colleen Allen  
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Mike Leavy  
Marilyn MacIntyre  
Carol Edwards

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**Please send your renewal if you do not see your name**

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LHS Membership**

**if you do not find your name  
on the list inside**

**We need your support!!**

**Blossoms Up!**

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