

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

March 2013

FINGER LAKES MEMORIES

by Michael Leavy

Tuesday, March 19th: 7:30 PM
Lima Court House



On March 19th, our LHS president, Michael Leavy, will give a slide-illustrated talk drawn from the extraordinary historic photo collection of Lima resident, George Corby, as published by Mike in *Finger Lakes Memories* (Images of America Series, Arcadia Press, 2007).

These photographs allow a richly detailed and poignant look into everyday life in Lima and the surrounding area in the years between 1910 and 1920, as seen through the eyes of this talented young photographer. Join us as we follow Corby through his time at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and later Cornell, at home with family, friends and farm workers on the family dairy farm on Corby Road, and relaxing with friends in his dormitory rooms and on various outings throughout the Finger Lakes region—from Conesus Lake to Letchworth State Park, to Taughannock Falls near Ithaca.

Tuesday, March 19th
Lima Court House
Admission is free

7:30 PM
East Main St.
Everyone welcome

LHS Holiday Cookie Sale

Once again, our Holiday Cookie Sale proved to be a very successful fundraiser, raising net proceeds of close to \$1300 to help with ongoing maintenance costs at the museum. The raffle of two trays, along with a matching donation from an anonymous member, more than covered our expenses. Our sincere thanks go out to all of our generous bakers, as well as cookie arrangers/packers. Special thanks to Rose Reynolds who hosted the ever popular "icing" event at the American Hotel, to Deric West of the Honeoye Falls Marketplace for in-store coupon donations, and to Mike Leavy and the anonymous donor for their personal donations. Cookie Committee members Barbara May, Gail Fuller and Marilyn Schroeder, not only baked, but contributed in essential ways to planning and follow-up. Of course our greatest appreciation goes to Mary Jule Welch, the master organizer, who kept it all on track and made it the success that it was. Kudos to all!

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LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

- Wednesday, March 13th LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Town Hall.
- Tuesday, March 19th LHS General Meeting. *Finger Lakes Memories* by Michael Leavy. Lima Court House 7:30 PM.
- Wednesday, April 10th LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum.
- Wednesday, May 8th LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum.
- Sunday, May 19th LHS Annual Dinner Meeting. Details to be announced.
- Monday, May 27th Memorial Day. Season opening of Tennie Burton Museum.

LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1850 ROCHESTER ST. PO BOX 352 LIMA NY 14485 (585-624-1050)

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of longtime LHS member Theodore Wiggins Sr.



Tennie's Place Museum Gallery and Gift Shoppe

Just a reminder that our Main Street location is open throughout the winter months. The hours are: Wednesday and Saturday 11 AM until 3 PM. We have a fascinating selection of books and art by local authors and artists, 1892 maps of Lima ready for framing, "Positively Lima" Tee Shirts, Lima note cards, Historic Lima Walking Tour brochures, and many other unusual items. Stop in and pick up a last minute hostess gift or something for that hard to please friend, or just come in and browse.

Due to popular demand, several workshops are being planned for February and March at Tennie's Place. Stop in and pick up a schedule, or check the *Pennysaver* or *The Sentinel* or our website for workshop announcements.

Once again, our thanks to Tom and Kathie Reynolds for allowing us to use their storefront on Main Street.

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for a number of donations made to the society in recent months. Thanks go to LHS members Steve and Terri Kruk, Marty and Cathy Gardner, Duane and Gail Fuller, Barbara May, Vincent Milliken, Beverly Gillette, and to the estate of Theodore Wiggins.

One donation was specified for the repair of the two precarious sets of stone steps at the front of the museum.

Lima Public Library March Programs

200th Anniversary—War of 1812

Tuesday, March 12th 7 PM: War of 1812 "Second War for Independence" presentation by local historian, Ford Best. Scutt Room.

Friday, March 15th 7 PM: Musical concert "War of 1812" by Dave Ruch, teaching artist and performer. Scutt Room.

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.



St. Rose Church
Built in 1849



St. Rose Church
Dedicated in 1873

History of St. Rose Catholic Church

Lima's first Catholic settlers were Thomas Martin from County Tipperary in Ireland in 1834, and James Egan, Michael Courneen and John Brennan shortly thereafter. These early Catholics are said to have traveled by foot to Rochester to attend church until 1842 when the first Lima Mass was celebrated in the Lake Avenue home of John Brennan by a priest from Rochester. By 1848, with only eight or nine Catholic families in town, Father O'Connor of Canandaigua convened a group in Lima's old Town House to organize a parish and make plans to build a church. A grand total of \$350 was raised for that purpose and the wooden structure was completed in 1849. Within a few years, this building was enlarged somewhat. The congregation built a parochial school in 1856, a frame building about 30' by 40,' located on the site of the present rectory. The first teachers were lay teachers. Not until 1875 did the Sisters of St. Joseph come to teach at the school.

Plans for a massive new church began to materialize as the congregation grew. The cornerstone for the massive Romanesque brick structure, designed by Rochester architect A.J. Warner, was laid in 1870. During construction, lightning struck the building, and the entire front brick wall collapsed. Undaunted by this misfortune, it was rebuilt to exacting standards with beautiful interior appointments, and opened in 1873 (accommodating 750 people). The small wooden church was then moved to the rear and was reused as St. Rose School until the new brick school was built in 1894.

Sources: "The History of St. Rose Church: The Centenary Celebration (1842-1942)" by Rev. John M. Ball; and the St. Rose National Register Nomination.

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**(We do not share our email address list)

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