

# *THE YELLOW WASP*

*Lima Historical Society*

*September 2013*

## ***Come and Enjoy An Old Fashioned Country Dance!***

**Mitzie Collins and the Striking Strings  
Tom Bohrer dance caller**

**Saturday September 28th 7-9PM  
Lima Town Hall Historic Ballroom**

**Fun and Entertainment for the Entire Family  
No experience needed-instructions provided**

The Lima Historical Society invites you and your family to experience the simple pleasures of an old time community dance like those that used to be commonplace on Saturday nights in Lima.

Mitzie Collins and the Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble of the Eastman Community Music School and Tom Bohrer, dance caller, will provide music and instruction in the historic ballroom of the Lima Town Hall, 7329 East Main St. in Lima. The dance will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 7 to 9 pm. Free homemade refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are \$5 for LHS members/\$8 for non-members and kids under 16 free. For advance tickets: call 585-582-2652 or 585-624-2173. \*Access to the ballroom is by stairway only.



**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
and English Country Dancing with the Adams Family  
Tennie Burton Museum  
Sunday, September 1st - 2 to 4 PM**

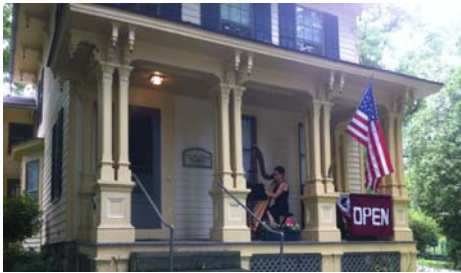
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## LHS Calendar of Events

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- Sunday, Sept. 1st** Ice Cream Social and English Country Dancing. Tennie Burton Museum 2-4 pm.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18th** LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. Members welcome to attend.
- Saturday, Sept. 28th** *Old Time Country Dance* with Mitzie Collins and the Striking Strings, Tom Bohrer dance master. Lima Town Hall Ballroom. For tickets: call 585-582-2652 or 585-624-2173.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9th** LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. Members welcome to attend.
- Wednesday, Nov. 13th** LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. Members welcome to attend.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19th** *Don't Ask, Don't Tell: The Underground Railroad in the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region* by Dr. Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian. Lima Court House, 7:30 PM

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### Summer Activities at the Tennie Burton Museum

We had an abundance of great programs at the museum this summer. In July, harpist Sharon Oppedisano entertained us with delightful music from the porch. On Crossroads Day, we hosted an origami workshop taught by Kimberly Swinter; it was enjoyed by mothers and kids alike. Our special August program was tied to our 2013 antique and vintage doll exhibit. Susan Summer, an expert on the identification, care, and restoration of old dolls drew a sizeable group of doll lovers to our dining room table. We are happy to say that Susan has agreed to give a more detailed presentation on vintage dolls at our March 2014 general meeting. Watch for details.

Our last special museum program of the season will be our ever-popular Ice Cream Social/Music event to be held on September 1st from 2-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a sundae while taking in our two new exhibits: *One Hundred Years of Dolls* and *Lima Before History*, which features artifacts relating to Native American life in Lima over the last few 1000's of years.

#### LHS PROGRAM NOVEMBER 19th

#### The Underground Railroad

by Dr. Preston Pierce  
Ontario County Historian



What a Great Gift Idea!!  
WIN A 2014 FAMILY SEASON PASS TO

GENESEE COUNTRY  
VILLAGE AND MUSEUM  
(Free admission for entire family/anytime in 2014)

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$5/ 3 for \$10 call 624-2173  
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#### VINTAGE LIMA, NY 2014 CALENDAR



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2014 Calendars Now Available  
Order on LHS website by contacting us.

**Lima Mercantile: Book and Gift Shop  
Opening this Fall at the Tennie Burton Museum**

Following the closing in July of Tennie's Place, our Gift Shop and Gallery on Main Street, LHS is re-opening in a new venue in the tradition of the old General Stores that were common in Lima during the 19th and early 20th centuries. We will be offering a selection of unusual gifts, books, penny candy, handmade crafts and toys, calendars, notecards, maps, and historical prints. Scheduled to open in November, it will be just the place to find that special "Lima" gift for friends and family during the holidays—a perfect place to bring the kids to do their Christmas shopping locally.

We would like to thank Tom and Kathie Reynolds for allowing us to use their Main Street storefront for Tennie's Place, and to Judien Cooper, Shirley Murphy, Hildegard Turk and all the other LHS volunteers who helped to operate the store. It was a great success.

**LIMA'S EARLY GENERAL STORES**

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, Lima had a number of general stores, some better known than others. Lima's first store was opened by Mr. Tryon and Mr. Adams, probably in the 1790's, at the east end of the village across from the Wemett/Smith farm; in 1808, James Guernsey opened a store in the present Centennial Firehall building; ten years later George Atwell and Henry Grout founded a store (where?); Thomas and Clifford Beadle ran a thriving general store from the 1860's to the 1920's in the present Copytown building; the Corner Grocery Store was a longtime fixture at College and Rochester St; the Leary's (see adjoining photo) owned a grocery store and the Beecher Brothers, a dry goods store on Rochester Street in the Decorator's Workshop block, showing the growing specialization of stores in Lima around the turn of the century.

Early on, general stores, offered a wide variety of merchandise to villagers and farmers from the surrounding area. They offered a place where people could find food and other necessities. They also served as a place for people to socialize and do business.

These stores stocked necessities, and the merchants sold whatever they were able to obtain. The small stores were crammed with boxes, barrels, and crates. The front counter held glass display cases for smaller items, as well as a coffee grinder, scales for weighing merchandise, and a cash register.



*"The Market Basket" Sadie and Bill Leary 1929. (Photo courtesy of Doug Morgan)*

Surplus merchandise was stored in the cellar or basement, or possibly on the second floor (if that was not the living quarters of the grocer's family).

Yet most of the items found in a general store would be familiar to us today: coffee beans, spices, baking powder, oatmeal, flour, sugar, tropical fruit, hard candy, eggs, milk, butter, fruit and vegetables, honey and molasses, crackers, cheese, syrup and dried beans, cigars and tobacco. They also stocked patent medicines, soaps and toiletries, bolts of cloth, pins and needles, thread, ribbon, buttons, collars, underwear, gloves, suspenders, jeans, hats and shoes. Other items such as guns, ammunition, lanterns, lamps, rope, dishes, pots and pans, farm and milking equipment and sometimes even coffins could be found inside a general mercantile!

(Information adapted from *Lima 1788 - 1964: The Crossroads of Western New York*, by Mabel Jenks. and from Internet source (8/19/2013) <http://backinmytime.blogspot.com/2012/08/the-general-store.html>)

**Welcome to All of Our New LHS Members**

Gretchen Alday, Judy Atwood, Sally Bloom, Anthony Catalano, Charlene Cunningham, Don and Jennie Brown, Loretta Brown, Gail Erskine, Steve Fuller family, Robin Ha, Matt Lenahan, Marilyn MacIntyre, Donna Nuccitelli, Pam Paprawski, Cynthia Rau, Rochester Touristan Verein, Stephane Schwing, June Stolt, John and Bonnie Wadach

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## **EVENING OF OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC AND DANCING**

**with**  
**Mitzie Collins**  
**and**  
**Striking Strings**

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