

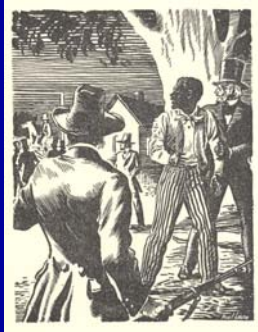
# THE YELLOW WASP

**Lima Historical Society**

**November 2013**

**"DON'T ASK; DON'T TELL"**

THE  
UNDERGROUND  
RAILROAD  
in  
the Genesee -  
Finger Lakes  
Region



**LHS PROGRAM**

**Tuesday  
November 19th**

by  
**Dr. Preston Pierce**

**Ontario County Historian**

The November 19th meeting of the Lima Historical Society features a slide-illustrated program by Dr. Preston Pierce on the Underground Railroad in the Genesee—Finger Lakes Region. "Don't Ask; Don't Tell" explains the wide-spread movement to help freedom seekers (escaped slaves) move through upstate New York to freedom in Canada.

It examines the political and social impact of slavery, the fugitive slave laws, and the abolition movement on the residents of our area. The story is told through documents and images as well as the life stories of some of the people involved—the famous and those not-so-well-known. A few of the many "station stops" and safe houses used by those involved will be shown.

Dr. Pierce is Ontario County Historian and Regional Archivist, for the Documentary Heritage Program at the Rochester Regional Library Council which serves libraries, archives, historical societies, and educational institutions in Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming Counties. Please join us for this informative historical talk. Children more than welcome.

Free and open to the public  
Lima Court House, East Main St. (next to Town Hall)

Tuesday, November 19th  
7:30PM

**Do You Have  
A Couple Hours To Spare ?**

The Museum Committee  
needs help with a few small projects at the  
Tennie Burton Museum

Please contact Marilyn Schroeder 585-582-1238

**Arts and Artifacts  
Art Classes Being Offered**

Sketchbook Drawing- Oct. 24th and Oct. 31st  
Nov. 7th and Nov. 14th  
German Papercutting- Nov 21st and Nov. 28th  
Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th

Please contact Cindy Rau at 585- 978-0360 for details

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Check out our new Lima Historical Society Facebook page

## LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Fri.- Sun. October 25-27th "Saving Our Small Towns and Villages." Citizens Institute on Rural Design Workshop taking place here in Lima. Elim Gospel Church and Town Hall. Everyone encouraged to attend (see details on p. 3).

Wednesday, Nov. 13th LHS Board Meeting 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS 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.

Tuesday, Nov. 19th Reservations due for Holiday Cookie trays. Pickup on December 13th at the Town Hall.

Wednesdays, Dec. 11th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th LHS Board Meetings 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome to attend.

March *Antique Dolls: History, Identification and Restoration*, by Susan Parsons Sumner. Details to be announced.

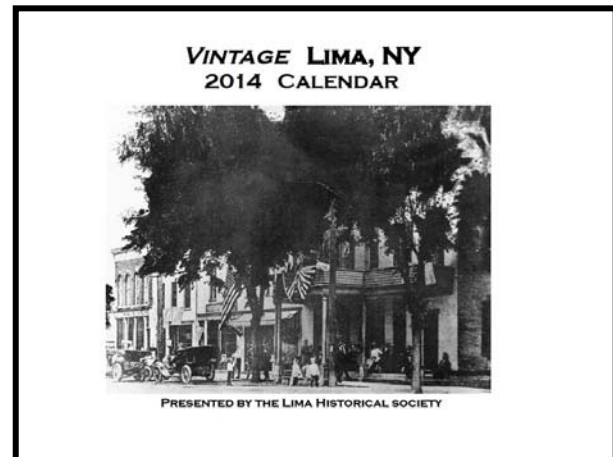
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### A GREAT EVENING !!!

On September 28th, about 75 LHS members and friends enjoyed an Old Time Country Dance in our historic Town Hall Ballroom. Mitzie Collins and the Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble entertained us with their music, and Tom Bohrer kept us jumping with his dance calls. See video on our Facebook page- Lima Historical Society.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make the event a success—Mitzie Collins' group, the LHS committee members and cookie bakers, Sandra Lehning, and Chris Turk for flowers, and to Cathy Gardner, Jennifer Shanks and Peter Yendell who assured that the Ballroom was a perfect setting. Marge and Walt Sackett are the winners of the 2014 Family Pass to Genesee Country Village and Museum; Amelia Fuller drew the winning raffle ticket.



### 2014 LHS Calendars Now Available

Available for \$7.50 at the American Hotel, Copytown, Arts and Artifacts, Treasure Hunt Design, and Lima Antiques. Or order on our website by contacting us. These historic Lima calendars make great gifts.

### Carillon Re-Installed

Thanks to an anonymous donor and the efforts of the Lima Presbyterian Church, we can once again enjoy the lovely chimes of the Carrillon in the church clock. The Lima Historical Society wishes to express its appreciation for this contribution to the community.

### Lost Dolls ?

An Irish-made doll with a plaid skirt and an Avon doll on loan for the exhibit have been left at the museum. Does anyone know them? Please call-624-2173.

### 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.

**Before Facebook:  
Carte de Visite Recalls A Young Lima Woman**



*Carte de Visite* photographs, or calling cards (2 ½" by 4"), eagerly exchanged among friends and family during the late 19th century, were the popular social media of the day. This photo, taken by Miller and Upton, Photographers, of Lima, can be identified as that of 19 or 20-year old Flora Ellis dated by the 2-cent tax revenue stamp on the reverse side. The tax was levied by the government on photographs and other media to help finance the Civil War between 1864 and 1866.

Flora Amelia Ellis (born in 1845) resided in the Rochester St. home that now serves as the Tennie Burton Museum. She came to Lima in 1856 with her family who were seeking quality educational opportunities for their children. She was the daughter of physician, Dr. Samuel Ellis, who practiced medicine in Lima, and his wife Natalia. According to the 1870 census, the Ellis household included Flora (25) by then a music teacher, Samuel (23), a young doctor, Isabel (22), and Polly Waterman (75), probably Natalia's mother.

Flora graduated from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College here Lima, and went on to receive a Ph.D. in music from Syracuse University. Renowned as an organist and teacher, herself, she married the famous artist/muralist and Professor of Art, Newton Alonzo Wells in 1878, and eventually moved to Illinois. They had one son, Reginald Ellis Wells, born in 1881.

**Nationally-Recognized Rural Design Group Chooses Lima For Conference**

**SAVING OUR SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES**

October 25-27th

Lima should be proud of the noteworthy steps it has taken in community planning and downtown revitalization. As a result, we have been selected as the locus of this exciting Rural Design Workshop, which will bring professional planners and community designers to town for the weekend. The Saturday session will focus specifically on Lima and the creation of an overall vision for its future development. Topics include: marketing the community for sustainable growth; further enhancement of Lima's Main Street; and protecting the historic character of the community. Please come and add your thoughts to that vision. Conference is free and sessions will be held either at Elim Gospel Church or Lima Town Hall.

For schedule of professional presentations and planning sessions, go to <http://rrcdc.org/CIRDWorkshop.html>  
Conference conducted by Citizens Institute on Rural Design /sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts

**Welcome to New LHS Members**

Andy and Vicky Britton, Mary Lou Gilman, Jennifer Melsom, Elisabeth Osta, Roger and Mary Lou Reakes

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**ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE**  
Reserve your trays of homemade cookies

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Please return no later than Nov. 19

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR  
LHS MEMBERSHIP**

**FOR 2014**

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Thank You for your ongoing support

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