

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

March 2017



Destination: Long Point Park

by Lore and Vince DiSalvo

**Tuesday, March 21st at 7PM
Lima Town Hall**

Travel back in time, as the Friends of Long Point Historians, Lore and Vince DiSalvo, share old photos and exhibits of the historical Long Point Park on Conesus Lake. The speakers will give a brief history of the park, beginning with James Wadsworth's gift in 1844 of the magnificent Long Point Grove, dedicated by his will as a "picnic grounds for all time." The original park encompassed 25 acres and was unsurpassed in its beauty.

Come and enjoy this presentation on this well remembered spot in Livingston County. Experience why people travelled by foot, horseback, steamboat, rowboat, carriage, bicycle, train and automobile to Destination: Long Point Park. Free and open to the public.

Lima Town Hall in the Legion Room on the first floor

Tuesday, March 21st 7 PM

WHO KNEW?

**A Stand Made from a Piece of the Bar
from Lima's Old Yellow Wasp Tavern**

at the Livingston County Historical Society Museum



LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

Thursday, March 16th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Tuesday, March 21st	LHS General Meeting "Destination Long Point" by Lori and Vince Disalvo. 7 PM, Everyone welcome, Lima Town Hall.
Thursday, April 20th	LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.
Fri./Sat April 28 th /29 th	April Cleanup Days at the Tennie Burton Museum 9 to 12 pm,
Sunday May 21st	Annual Dinner Meeting at American Hotel 2 pm. Talk on "The Civilian Conservation Corps at Letchworth Park" by Tom C. Cook at Town Hall . Reservations for dinner required (585- 329-7675). Open to the public.
Memorial Day, May 29 th	Opening Day at Tennie Burton Museum. Come and watch the parade. Coffee and cookies.

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Tennie Burton Museum 2016 Driveway and Parking Expansion

Have you noticed our new look?? After talking about the need for years, we finally accomplished it. Some scrubby trees and bushes along the driveway were removed to allow it to be widened and re-paved, and two new parking spots were carved into the hill at the top. This gave us a great deal more room for parking, and ample space for turning around at the top.

Thanks to all of you who made the project possible: to those members who made generous contributions; to those who worked so diligently on our various yearly fundraisers; and to the Town of Lima.

2017 Project Redoing Front Yard

After reorientation of the front sidewalk and street steps to provide safer access to the museum, via the driveway, removal of a large maple tree and stump, and this past year's driveway project, we are left with a bumpy, gravelly front yard with lots of bare, muddy spaces.

Plans are being discussed for filling, leveling, and reseeding the front yard this spring. Lima's Civic Beautification group, started by Karen Hanson, has offered to assist with the project. Look forward to an even better look—just in time for our September House Tour.

Lima Historical Society Is Urgently Seeking Volunteers

Over 100 years ago—long before other towns around us—the citizens of Lima committed to preserving its historical legacy. Thanks to early efforts by the Ska-hase-ga-O Chapter of the DAR, Lima Historians, the Town and Village Boards, and you, the members of the Lima Historical Society, we have been able to establish and maintain a town museum that is an ongoing secure repository for our collective heritage.

In order to continue this legacy, we need to broaden community involvement, and are therefore actively seeking your help.

- ❖ The **LHS Board** has openings for officer, trustee and committee positions. We would love to have you join us.
- ❖ Can you spare a few hours on **April 28th and/or 29th (9-12)**, our annual museum cleanup days, when we spruce up for the summer season?
- ❖ Or are you able to help the **Museum Committee** with exhibits and collections on Wednesday mornings?

Please contact us by email for information about any of the above (limahistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

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.

MADE IN LIMA! 19th CENTURY BURPEE CHAIRS

(Information from *Lima's Chairmaker*,
by Frances Gotcsik, in *The Sentinel*, May 14, 1992)

Twenty-seven year old Samuel Burpee came to Lima from Massachusetts in 1817 and bought a piece of land at 7357 East Main Street where he constructed a furniture manufacturing shop. By 1830, according to census data, his business was apparently thriving—with three people employed—making beautifully constructed tables, bookcases, chests of drawers, and possibly side chairs like the one illustrated to the right. Some of you may have taken note of the many examples of these chairs in the Tennie Burton Museum. At this point, although some of his other fine pieces are known to exist, none but the chairs seem to have been marked with Burpee's name.



S. Burpee chair, Lima N.Y.

It appears that by the 1840's, Mr. Burpee had specialized in making the side chairs. While there are a number of design variations among them, Fran Gotcsik states that, "All known Burpee chairs have cane seats and slightly bent, rather than rigidly straight backs. Most are made of a combination of woods including tiger maple, oak and mahogany veneer...One cherry chair also is known to exist." Some of the chairs are clearly marked with a gold-stencilled, circular trademark on the backs—"S.Burpee Lima N.Y."—at least one has a straight trademark done in black paint.

Again, according to census data, Samuel's two sons, Alphens (27) and Henry (19), as well as another chairmaker Benjamin Pierce (25), were working with him in the shop in 1850. What is truly amazing is that in that one year, the shop sold 2750 of these chairs, at a price of around one dollar apiece. Burpee moved out of town in 1857, presumably shuttering his 40-year-old business. One cannot help but wonder what has happened to all the rest. Hidden away in Lima homes, attics, and barns???

Read more. <http://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org/lccn/sn89071242/1992-05-14/ed-1/seq-1414.pdf>

Lima Historical Society

List of Renewed, Honorary, and Lifetime Members 2017 (as of 2/11/17)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS---Renewed for 2017

Adams Family	Kowalski/Swartz Family
Louise Dolliver	Marilyn Schroeder
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Livingston County Historian	
Lima Supervisor	

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Please renew your membership if you are not listed –We need your support!

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

****Indicates Sustaining Members**

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