

# THE YELLOW WASP

**Lima Historical Society**

**May 2017**

## **Annual Dinner Meeting/Program Sunday afternoon, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

***We Can Take It !***

### ***The History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Letchworth Park***

**by Thomas C. Cook**

Between 1933 and 1941, over 3000 young men served in the four CCC camps located in Letchworth State Park. Come and learn about this program and its legacy in our region. The program explores life in the CCC camps, the work projects, and the interaction between the camps and surrounding communities through photographs, documents and stories collected from the Park archives and from CCC veterans.

The Annual Dinner will be held at 2 PM at the American Hotel (Open to the public; reservations required. See insert). Mr. Cook's illustrated presentation will follow at the Lima Town Hall at ca. 3:30 pm. Free and open to the public.



*CCC enrollees work to plant evergreens near the gate of Camp 49 at the Lower Falls in 1936. They and other young men would plant thousands of trees and build miles of roadways, cabin areas, shelters, walls and more over the eight years the four CCC camps operated in the Park.*

## ***Positively Historical Tour Lima***



**September 9, 2017**  
11am to 4 pm

**SAVE THE DATE !  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Lima Historical Society will sponsor another exciting tour of homes—***Positively Lima, Historical Tour***. The tour includes five lovely historic homes, along with the Elim Bible Institute campus, site of 19<sup>th</sup> century Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College. These academic institutions made Lima, one of the nation's first centers for higher education for both men and women, and provided the impetus for purchase or construction of many of the homes that will be on our tour. The tour also includes a lavish tea and several musical performances.

Ticket prices :    \$20 - LHS Members & Pre-Sale  
                              \$25 - Day of Event.

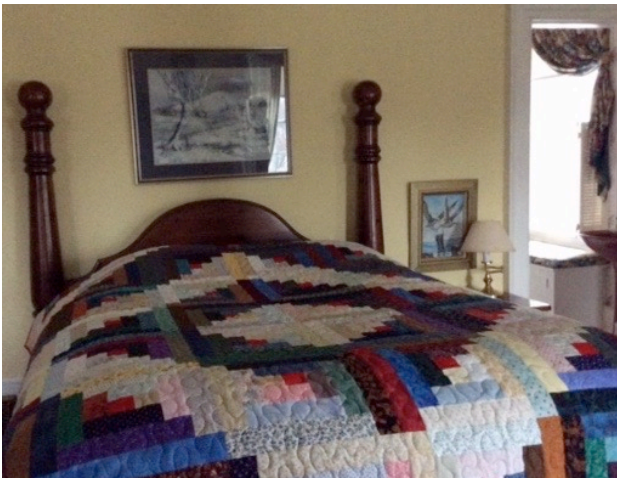
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## LHS Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, April 20th                              | LHS Board Meeting: 7 PM at the Tennie Burton Museum. All LHS members welcome.  |
| Fri./Sat April 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> | April Cleanup Days at the Tennie Burton Museum 9 to 12 pm. Come Friday or Saturday.  |
| 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 <sup>th</sup>                | Opening Day at Tennie Burton Museum. Come and watch the parade. Refreshments.  |
| Sundays -May thru September                       | Tennie Burton Museum Open 2 to 4 pm.   |
| Saturday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>               | <i>Positively Lima: Historical House Tour.</i> 11am to 4 pm. See website for ticket information.   |

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### LHS QUILT RAFFLE

Master quilt maker, Sandi Shusda, has donated a lovely, traditional "Log Cabin" quilt for a raffle to benefit the Lima Historical Society. We are most grateful for her skills and generosity. The winning ticket will be drawn and announced at 4 PM at the House Tour Tea.

Tickets are \$2 each and three for \$5. Tickets available from LHS Board members, and at Museum.

### GARAGE SALE

Please save your gently-used treasures and collectibles for the LHS sale on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. See website for details.

### TENTH LHS HISTORICAL HOUSE TOUR IT'S A COMMUNITY EFFORT !!

The Lima Historical Society has sponsored nine previous house tours. All were remarkably successful—as fundraisers and as opportunities to showcase historic Lima to 100's of visitors from across the greater Rochester area. Our tours have always created an enormous sense of local pride in the beauty of our historic community. Planning for Lima's 2017 Tour on September 9<sup>th</sup> promises the same kind of success with its combination of historic homes, a guided tour of the 19<sup>th</sup> century campus of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Genesee College, and a formal Tea at the historic Lima Presbyterian Church, many of these stops accompanied by live musical performers.

It will take a huge number of community volunteers, however, to realize that success. Please tell us how you might be able to help out: as a docent for a few hours in one of the historic homes; as a baker or a hostess for the Tea, as a ticket taker; helping with publicity, flowers, etc. If you are interested in helping in any aspect of the tour, please contact: Judien Cooper @ 582-2652 or [judienmarie@twc.com](mailto:judienmarie@twc.com) or Martha Sempowski @329-7675 or [msempowski@frontiernet.net](mailto:msempowski@frontiernet.net). Perhaps you might even want to call a friend and make plans to work together at one of our tour homes. We need you!!

### 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.

## The History of Telephones in Lima

Excerpted from "Lima, The Crossroads of Western New York"

by Mabel Furner Jenks, 1964, p. 46

"Telephone service began in Lima in a very small way some time after 1890 when a single telephone instrument of the Bell Telephone Company, connected with Honeoye Falls, was installed in the back room of the drugstore owned by Edward Salmon or Dr. Salmon, as he was known locally...

About 1900, due to an increased demand for telephones, a small switchboard, accommodating about twenty-five subscribers, was installed in the Salmon store, then operated by George T. Salmon, who succeeded his father in the drug business. This switchboard was open certain hours of the day under the supervision of Mr. Salmon and his son, Harold, who was the first telephone operator in Lima. A few years later this small switchboard was replaced by a larger one and operated around the clock.

About 1910, the Federal or Home Telephone Company placed a switchboard in the Allen Block on Rochester Street...and both systems were in operation until 1918 when a consolidation of the two systems into the Rochester Telephone Corporation took place, and all telephone service was centralized in the Main Street location. Also about 1910, the equipment was taken from the store and placed in a room directly over it on the second floor, where it remained with two other switchboards installed later, to serve a greatly increased list of subscribers.



Old switchboard is now at the Tennie Burton Museum. Come, see it for yourself, and maybe even take a selfie.

These three switchboards, of the old-style magneto type, manually operated, were in use, manned by eight regular and relief operators for over 50 years until in 1957, when the new dial system, installed in a new building erected...on a site purchased on Rochester Street...where the old Town Hall once stood. The modern dial system has a capacity of about 700 stations, or telephones, with room for expansion to double that number, and gives Lima the latest electronic, dial switching service now in widespread use nearly everywhere. *Probably in another fifty years that will be superseded by equipment as radically different as these two types are now.* IF SHE ONLY KNEW!!!

### LHS BALLOT Slate of Officers 2017

		Term of Office	Vote	Write-in
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Vice President:	Matt Lenahan	2017-2019	_____	_____
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Existing Trustee	Mike Leavy	2016-2019	_____	_____

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**IMPORTANT!!!!**  
**LHS Annual Dinner Meeting**  
**Reservation & Ballot**  
**Enclosed**

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