

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

November 2009

LHS Meeting: Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 PM

Repair and Restoration of Treasured Furniture

by John Bailey

The next meeting of the Lima Historical Society, on Tuesday, November 17th, will offer a rare opportunity to have your "furniture questions" answered by a true expert. John Bailey, owner of Bailey Custom Furniture on Livingston Street in Lima and demonstrator of furniture-making at the School of American Design at RIT, will present a slide-illustrated talk on furniture repair and restoration. He will be on hand to answer questions about the age, wood, and original stain of a piece of your furniture, as well as what techniques might be used to return an aging piece to its former glory. So bring your pictures!!

A longtime resident of Lima, John began to learn his trade at 15 years of age, while working for Ralph Golemb of Decorator's Workshop. After graduating from Lima High School and Finger Lakes Community College, he resumed working at Decorator's workshop, and did evening work on furniture for Frank Singer, also of Lima. When John decided to begin his own business twenty-three years ago, he purchased the old Moses warehouse on Livingston Street, a building that provides spacious areas for work on almost any size piece of furniture. Today, with a touch of classical music playing in the background, John designs and builds custom furniture, cabinetry, and woodwork, as well as restoring, repairing, and reupholstering furniture in his well-lighted, well-organized studio.

Please join us for an evening program with one of Lima's own craftsmen. It promises to be entertaining and informative.

Tuesday, November 17th

7:30 PM

Lima Court House

Free and open to the public

Honor Lima's Veterans Veteran's Day November 11, 2009

As a special way to commemorate Veteran's Day this year, we are inviting members to honor a favorite veteran by making a small donation to help support our *Uniform Cleaning Project* presently being carried out at the Tennie Burton Museum by fabric specialist, Sarah Le Count.

These special funds will help cover the cost of cleaning, preserving, and displaying our vulnerable collection of United States military uniforms representing wars from the Civil War through Desert Storm, as well as Lima Fire Department uniforms, Boy Scout and other uniforms. These will be on exhibit on Opening Day- Memorial Day 2010.

The process is a very worthwhile one and long overdue. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be mailed to *Uniform Cleaning Project*, c/o Lima Historical Society, PO Box 532, Lima NY 14485.

Keeping Up Appearances at the Tennie Burton Museum

With its new roof now in place, the Tennie Burton Museum is getting a much needed facelift this Fall. We have contracted for some exterior repairs and painting on the north and south sides of the house. We also hope to install gutters and a new drainage system on the north side near the kitchen entrance.

Not to neglect the interior, planning is underway for work to be done through the Livingston County Alternatives to Incarceration program. It will include repairing and painting ceilings in the museum, and sanding and painting woodwork and stairs where needed. A thorough cleaning of the museum will also take place. We are grateful to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department for their cooperation on this effort to freshen up the Tennie Burton Museum.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

- Wednesday, November 11th Lima Historical Society Board meeting. Tennie Burton Museum at 7:30 PM.
- Tuesday, November 17th Lima Historical Society General Meeting. "Repair and Restoration of Treasured Furniture." Illustrated presentation by John Bailey. Court House 7:30 PM.
- October through May Tennie Burton Museum open by appointment. Call Mike Leavy at 585-624-7889.

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

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Lima Historical Society 2009 House Tour

A Great Success!!

A heartfelt thank you to homeowners, business owners, volunteers, and tourgoers for making the 2009 Historic House Tour a great success. Special thanks to Jim Carroll, Sage Melcher, Julie Vandick, and Erin Carroll and the Irish dancers for selflessly lending their talents to benefit our fund raiser. Maureen Carroll and Maureen Janecke, thank you for leading Girl Scout Troop #376 in serving others. Because of everyone's efforts, over 200 people visited Lima on September 26th to attend the event. Accolades abounded throughout the day, indicating delight with the ambience, and the welcoming manner which tourgoers experienced as they toured *Eastside, Westside, all around the Town*. Lima was truly in the spotlight from beginning to end, impressing the public with the number of historic buildings in Lima and the energy exuded by the community in this effort. Hospitality at the Tea, involvement of Senior Girls Scouts and their leaders, performances by local musicians and Irish dancers, and the delightful attraction of the Doll House exhibit proved much more than one could have expected. Without the involvement and support of members and others in the community, the tour would not have been possible.

The 2009 tour generated over \$4100 in monies to help support the Tennie Burton Museum. The original goal was to generate enough funds to purchase and install a drainage system and gutters at the museum. Thanks to you, our goal was met, and we can continue to perform needed maintenance at Lima's museum—holding strong to values enunciated in our LHS Mission Statement.

Judien Cooper - House Tour Coordinator

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.



Tom Reynolds guides visitors during tour of the Reynolds home. Photo by Bill Ruth.



Serving at the Tea, Maureen Janecke, leader, Senior Girl Scouts: Kira Webster, Ann Kelly, Lauren Janecke and volunteer, Debbie Parker. Leader Maureen Carroll not in picture. Photo by Bill Ruth

Mrs. A. Smith – Tiger Oil Corporation

Historian's Corner

Here is a list of businesses in Lima in 1944. If any of our members, or their family, remember these business, give me a call at 624-5902 or contact me at dmorgan21@rochester.rr.com. I am interested in any facts or interesting stories they might recall about the businesses or their owners. My ultimate goal for the Town Historian's file and, of course, the Lima Historical Society is to have information on every business that ever existed in Lima and where they were located.

Doug Morgan
Lima Town/Village Historian

***Lima Echo (High School Paper) 1944
List of men now in business in Lima, NY, 1944:***

- Beecher Brothers – Dry Goods Store
- Maynard Sherman – Meat Market and Grocery
- William Leary – Food Bowl
- Mrs. John Leahy – Rose Beauty Shop
- H. H. Gibbs – Confectionary and Grocery store
- George Peters – Barber Shop
- J. K. Reynolds – American Hotel
- Frank Day – Barber Shop
- John Davison – Gas Station
- John Cocuzzi – Shoe Repair
- Louis Borelli – Barber Shop
- Leonard Pierce – Insurance Office
- William Collister – Insurance Office
- Mary Guinan – Ladies Wearing Aparell
- Henry Burns – Retail Dealer in Tobacco
- J. M. McDuff – Plumbing
- W. H. Kober, M.D. – Physician
- J. Bernard Regan – Lawyer
- Frank Barber, M.D. – Physician
- Michael Hogan – Lawyer
- Harlow Hall D.D.S. – Dentist
- James O’Connell – Undertaker
- Jay Sherman – Shell Gas Station

- George Hanrahan – Socony Gas Station
- J. P. Swartz – Drug Store
- C. T. Nash – Photographer
- Mrs. Cora Range – Corner Grocery
- Mrs. A. Lakis – Sandwich Shop
- Frank McDonald – Meats and Groceries
- Mrs. Mabel Jenks – Post Mistress
- Walter Slattery – Postmaster (In Service)
- Miss Vera Ryan – Assistant Post Mistress
- Hayes and Andrews – Ford Garage
- Roy Shetler – Atlantic Gas Station
- Clarence Greene – Garage
- Mrs. S. Shutt – Tourist Home
- Ray Brairton – Gas Station
- John Dolliver – Coal company
- Vincent Tollis – Florist
- Alfred Moses – Nursery
- Vernon Wemett – Gas Station
- J. McNeilly – Plumbing
- Carl Werner – Werner Grille
- Mrs. Bertha Robins – “Lavender Lady” Antique Shop
- Edward Hogan – Auctioneer
- Mrs. Mamie Beale – Librarian (Public Library)
- A. Gillette & Sons – Locust Grove Dairy
- Mrs. A. Smith – Tiger Oil Corporation

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR NEXT YEAR !!!!

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ **PHONE** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ Individual	\$15	_____ Senior	\$10
_____ Family	\$20	_____ Senior Family	\$20
_____ Sustaining		\$30-\$100	

Members are the lifeblood of our society and its museum of Lima's history—Please help keep us alive!!!

Please return with your membership form and check before December 31, 2009 to:

**Lima Historical Society
PO Box 532, Lima NY 14485**

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Lima Historical Society

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LHS Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 PM

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by John Bailey

Saturday, November 7th: 8 to 12 PM

BENEFIT FOR TERESA HOUSE at American Hotel

An Evening of Old Time 50's/60's Rock n' Roll
with DJ Gary Reinhart

\$5 advance tickets available at the hotel