

THE YELLOW WASP

Lima Historical Society

May 2008

**Annual LHS Dinner Meeting: Sunday, May 18th
at the Lima Country Club**

Baseball in the Hinterlands

By Paul Worboys



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On Sunday, May 18th, the Lima Historical Society will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting at the Lima Country Club. The featured speaker, Paul S. Worboys, of Honeoye Falls, will present a nostalgic look at small town baseball when it truly was our "National Game." His slide-illustrated talk, "Baseball in the Hinterlands," will provide a historical sampling of local town ball teams— with special emphasis on the famous "Lima Browns" and Lima's diamond heritage. Mr. Worboys is the author of *Take 'Em Into Camp: The History of the Husky Farmers and Baseball in the Vicinity of Honeoye Falls, NY.*

The program promises to be engaging and fun, with lots of reminiscences about some of Lima's well-known baseball heroes during a time when rivalry with the Honeoye Falls team often drew enormous crowds of Lima fans. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting; so feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Please join us for a 5:00 PM social hour, followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 6:00 PM and program at 7:00-7:30 PM. Make reservations by May 10th to assure your place (see form on back page). Those wishing to attend the program only are welcome to do so, and should plan to arrive around 7: 30 PM. This is a great chance for our members and friends to get together and socialize.

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.

LHS Calendar of Events

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE

- Friday/Saturday, April 25/26 Spring Clean-up Days at Tennie Burton Museum, 9 AM-12PM. Come either day for as much time as you can spare. Jobs range from dusting to minor household repairs. We need you!!
- Sunday, April 27th "Talking Buildings: What Lima's Architecture Says About Its History" 1:00PM at Town Hall. Sponsored by Lima Historic Preservation Commission.
- Saturday May 10th Pancake Breakfast at Lima's Masonic Lodge #45 (8AM-1PM). Masons' fundraiser for LHS. Special tour of the third floor of the Masonic Lodge. Use Main Street entrance.
- Sunday, May 18th Lima Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting at the Lima Country Club. "Baseball in the Hinterlands" by Paul Worboys. Social Hour begins at 5PM; program around 7:30 PM.
- Memorial Day, May 26th 30th ANNIVERSARY OF TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM. Reception after the parade.

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Masons' Pancake Breakfast and Special Tour of Masonic Lodge #45

The Lima Masons have generously offered to sponsor a Pancake Breakfast as a fundraiser to benefit the Lima Historical Society's "Raise the Roof" effort. It will be on Saturday, May 10th from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge located at Lima's four corners (please use the Main Street entrance to the building).

We have also been invited to take a special tour of the third floor quarters of the Masonic Lodge on that day. The highly decorated interior of the building with its marble altar and original carpet should be of great interest.

Please spread the word to family and friends.



Interior of Masonic Lodge, from Around Lima, courtesy of Michael Leavy.

Savor Lima A "Raise the Roof" Cookbook

After months of planning, collecting recipes, typing, editing, and seeking community advertisements, all of the cookbook materials were sent to Morris Cookbook Company this week. They are now putting together a proof of *Savor Lima*, our 2008 Lima Historical Society Cookbook. The finished product should be out this summer and we are hoping that the proceeds from its sales will cover the costs of a new roof for the Tennie Burton Museum.

We need and appreciate your help and support in the next phase of the project—selling the cookbooks. Our first major challenge will be to pay the publishing expenses before any interest is applied. So, we are asking all of our members to help us get as many pre-publication sales as possible so that we can meet those initial costs. When you see your friends and neighbors, please remind them about *Savor Lima* and try to get as many pre-publication commitments as possible (\$20 per book). Or order several for yourself—these special Lima cookbooks make great birthday, shower, or hostess gifts.

The Cookbook Committee is very excited and invites everyone into the kitchen to try out some of *Savor Lima's* 450 recipes. Together we will "Raise the Roof!"

Please call in pre-sale information to one of the Cookbook Committee Members and we will do the rest:

Bruce & Dinah Mayer 582-1070
Rose Reynolds 624-9464

Judy Reinhard 582-1434
Mary Jule Welch 624-4206

Shirley Murphy 582-2649

A Bank for Lima !!

"The first bank in Lima was the 'Merchants and Traders Bank,' located at first on East Main Street and later on Rochester Street...The 'Bank of Lima' was established in 1876 under the control of George W. Thayer, who succeeded the banking firm of Chambers and Watkins. He was followed by Horace C. Gilbert, who operated it as a private bank until it was organized as a State Bank toward the end of his administration. The bank was closed in 1933 during the Bank Moratorium and Lima was without a bank for fifteen years until 1947 when the Genesee Valley Union Trust Company, [now] the Marine Midland Trust Company of Rochester, opened a branch bank here, and it is [now] housed in a beautiful new building which is a great asset to the town." (excerpt from *Lima 1788 - 1964: The Crossroads of Western New York*, p. 37, by Mabel Jenks). Copies of the book are available at the Tennie Burton Museum for \$5. Call 624-1050.

**SPRING CLEANUP DAYS
Help Needed!!!**

Once again, we are seeking volunteers willing to help spruce up the Tennie Burton Museum in preparation for our summer visitor season. Our Memorial Day opening this year will be a special occasion because it is the 30th anniversary of the museum's opening in 1978 (see next column).

So, if you are able to give a couple of hours of your time between 9 and 12 on Friday and/or Saturday, April 25th and 26th, please come out and help. Tasks are light—from sweeping, washing, dusting and vacuuming to minor repairs and yard work.

It is a team effort and we always have a great time. Please join us and bring a friend.

**TENNIE BURTON MUSEUM
30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Please join us at the Tennie Burton Museum right after the parade on Memorial Day, May 26th, for a celebration of the museum's 30th anniversary.

Many of you may remember our festive opening on Memorial Day 1978; many, of course, will not. Either way, please come for birthday cake—and more—this year. There will be free balloons for the younger set, a slide show of days past, and lots of reminiscences.

We as a community owe a great debt to those past and present members who have contributed 1000's of hours over the past 30 years to give us a museum of which Lima can be proud. Come celebrate!!

Raise the Roof!!!

The Todd Fritz Inc. roofing company started work on the new roof at the Tennie Burton Museum this week, and we are grateful to them for this early start. We owe a special note of thanks to Peter Belden Trieb, Historic Preservation Consultant, for graciously volunteering to oversee the project for us (Peter@PreservationMatters.com).

*Lima's Architectural Heritage
A Legacy to Build On***A Series of Public Programs
Celebrating Lima's Historic Assets**

1st Program: Sunday, April 27th at 1:00PM
at the Lima Town Hall

**Talking Buildings
What Lima's Architecture Says About Its Past**

by Fran Gotcsik

Sponsored by
Lima Historic Preservation Commission

**Facade Recommendations for Lima's
Downtown Buildings Revisited**

Nearly 25 years ago, the Lima Historical Society spearheaded a study of Lima's business district by V. Romanoff and Associates, Restoration and Design Consultants of Ithaca. It was funded by the Genesee Valley Council for the Arts, the Town and Village of Lima, and Elim Bible Institute.

The result was a series color renderings of the buildings, as they could be, and historic photos, illustrating the consultants' written suggestions for some inexpensive facade changes, primarily paint and signage, that would improve the historic appearance of our village center.

With heightened interest in downtown revitalization, the exhibit boards have been resurrected and freshened with new foam boards and coverings, explanatory text, and photos of existing building conditions. They have been rehung in the Town Hall. Come and see them.

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Lima Historical Society

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RESERVATION FORM

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Buffet dinner:

Golden baked, seasoned chicken
Tender roast beef in a savory gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
Pasta In Sauce
Toss Salad
Vegetable
Rolls & Butter
Sheet Cake/Coffee

All inclusive: \$20.00 per person

Social Hour: 5 PM

Dinner: 6 PM

Program: around 7:30 PM

Number _____

Total amount _____

Name _____

email address _____ Phone _____

**Pleas mail reservation form and check to Lima Historical Society, P.O. Box 532,
Lima NY 14485 by no later than May 10th.**