

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

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* New positions are voted on each year. The term of a trustee is three years. This provides for an ever changing but ongoing board coverage.



This issue is focused on letting you know about our **Saturday September 15** event *The Maine Fest*. This day is dedicated to music, art, children and our town. We will be introducing a new book which is about Mr. Clarence Stratton, an artist and historian whose “easel” was Maine, NY. We also are selling for the first time a children’s book which tells the story of our Pagoda. Winter note cards have been created which show you Stratton’s view of this season. Various Stratton paintings are found in this issue which capture our town in the past. This event is basically free to all. Listen to the music, chat with the artists, ride the trolley through our historic hamlet and view Maine as Mr. Stratton captured it. Come out and support the NVHS.



“125th Town Celebration,” 1973, (20½” X 46”) The NVHS organized this town celebration. The parade began at the J. Ralph Ingalls school, proceeded down Church street to Main St. Clarence Ames designed and built the Pagoda for this event. It was modeled after the original pagoda which stood in the middle of the street and it burned down in 1928. Sixteen organizations participated in this town event. Mr. Stratton gave this painting to the Ames family for all they did on this date.



Portrait of Clarence Stratton, 2018, by Philip Parr of Caledonia, NY. Mr. Parr is with Mrs. Carla Sullivan, daughter of Mr. Stratton. Philip's parents, Al and Peg Parr were instrumental in the early successes of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society of Maine, NY. Philip and his wife Pat donated a Stratton of their home in Caledonia, NY.

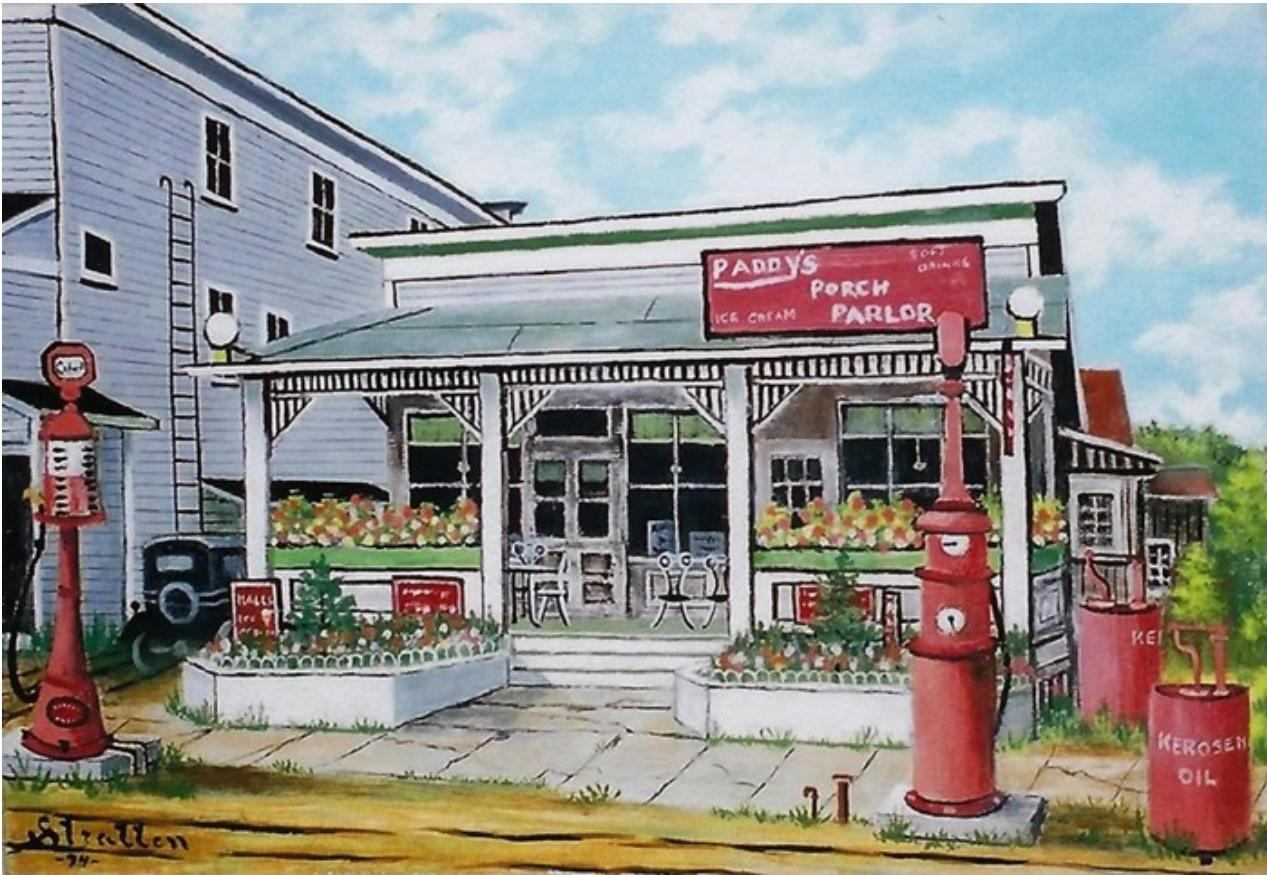
“Clarence F. Stratton was a self-taught artist who often described himself as a “history buff.” Soon after he settled into the Hamlet of Maine, he joined a group of residents who also enjoyed researching and sharing the rich history of Nanticoke Valley. Having held their first meeting in 1969, Clarence and his fellow enthusiasts established the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society.

Local history became the theme of most of Clarence's art work when he started painting in 1957. Initially, he created scenes to decorate his home using regular house paint on pieces of wood. In 1960, oil painting became therapy for Clarence while he recovered from a cerebral stroke. By 1964, art was no longer Clarence's hobby. He began accepting orders and selling many of his original works to friends and neighbors. In the years between 1957 and 1974 he had created over 300 paintings.

Clarence's originals are currently displayed in Maine's Town Hall, Maine Memorial School, Maine Federated Church, NVHS's Janet W. Bowers Museum, and many local homes. His work is owned by residents in several other states as well. At the time of this account, two of his paintings are located in Paris, France. Mr. Stratton died in 1974 at the age of 60.”

Carla Stratton Sullivan (2017)

A DIFFERENT TIME



“The Ice Cream Parlor,” 1974, Painting # 469



“In 1920, Paddy’s Ice Cream Parlor was next to the Tymeson Brothers store on Main Street...The Padbury family lived in the back. The clerk, Lester Padbury, was 18 when this photograph was taken;...Later ice cream was sold on the front porch and groceries were sold inside.” Sue Lisk

Welcome to the Hamlet of Maine, NY

Join the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society as they host a full town event: Bands on Porches, Concerts, Artists in Barns, Crafts at the Maine Event, Children's Activities at various sites, Trolley Rides... A Great Family Friendly Event. We will release a new book celebrating our local artist Clarence Stratton and a children's book about the Pagoda. This is basically a free event but we will have donation canisters around the town to help us with our expenses.



Music and Art

13 Nanticoke Road Bowers Museum : Stratton's and Paintings from the J. Ralph Ingalls School plus exhibit 10 –4
Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls in the AM

14 Nanticoke Road School House, More Stratton's

2630 Main St. Porch and Back Yard Children's T- Shirts (Art)

2626 Main St. The Maine Event, Christian Music and Artisan Crafts

2633 Main St. Frank's Restaurant - On the Deck Out back — Music

2601 Main St Kelli's Too Restaurant— Music

2571 Main St. Porch Music

29 McGregor Ave Maine Fire Dept. Stratton's and Antique Fire Truck

2 Lewis St. Town Hall; Stratton Paintings

37 Lewis St. Adult T-shirts, Stratton Book and Stratton Cards.

34 Lewis St. Porch and Barn - Music and Art

42 Lewis St. Games

4 Maple Ave. Porch and Barn Music ,Art and Support for Guatemala (Jewelry)

35 Church St J. Ralph Ingalls Front Lawn

Kenny's Choir 11AM and Children's T-Shirts

and Maine Community Band 4 PM

The Pagoda Church & Main St. Music & Children's reading

All music scheduled times will be available on Sept 15 or our Facebook Page [The Maine Fest](#)

STUFF TO BUY TO SUPPORT THE NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF Maine, NY



Stratton Cards
Variety Pack
available
37 Lewis Street

Adult T-Shirts
available sizes
S—XXL
Location near
37 Lewis
Street



Children's T- Shirts available
Be an artist create your own!
Location North of The Maine Event
Parking Lot 2630 Main Street.

Look for the **Red Barns**
for information and locations



Clarence F. Stratton
ARTIST AND HISTORIAN
TOWN OF MAINE, NY
An original book featuring his Art

* On Sale near 37 Lewis
Street—
look for our Table.
* Also available an original
children's book about
The Pagoda
authored by Nancy Berry.

Hop on the Trolley for
Free.

Riders can get on and
off along the route.

Runs continually
Hours 10—5

Parking throughout
town: Town Hall Lot,
Federated Church Lot,
Circle at Maine Memo-
rial School, Park on
Park Street



Sponsorship Opportunities for The Maine Fest

The Pagoda 1920

A "Maine Sponsor" - \$ 1000

- ✦ Opportunity to Display Your Signage on the event Trolley
- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ Signage at all event sites
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- ✦ Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
- ✦ Opportunity to Address Attendees before the Maine Community Band concert
- ✦ Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event
- ✦ A table or station at the event

Trolley Car Sponsor - \$ 500

- ✦ Opportunity to Display Your Signage on the event Trolley
- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- ✦ Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
- ✦ Opportunity to Address Attendees
- ✦ Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event

T-Shirt Sponsor - \$250

- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- ✦ Highlighted Through Social Media Channels

Adopt-A-Porch Sponsor - \$100

- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ On-site Signage on Designated Porch or Art Barn Site
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing

Family and Friend Sponsor - \$25

- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees



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A special thanks to Mr. Gordie Gottlieb who as chair of the Maine Fest committee guided its hard work and took an idea and turned it into a reality. The committees countless hours of work helped create this event and turn it into an enjoyable experience for so many. The Maine Fest combines: music, art, history, family and community. The NVHS is proud of this outstanding individual and the members of this committee who are bringing you :

The Maine Fest.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



"Fireman's Field Days," 1968, (48" X 20"). Mr. Stratton donated the 1966 painting and the 1968 painting to the Maine Fire Department on McGregor Avenue. Notice the tents to the right of the Ferris wheel which held the Art Show. They are located in the fire house. The field days for a few years were held next to Nanticoke Creek at the end of Park Street.



"J. Ralph Ingalls School, Church Street," 2.22.1972, Painting # 403, (19 ¾" X 10 ½"). Located in Nanticoke Valley Historical Society museum. Donated to the NVHS by Mary Jane Sieczkos, daughter of Esther Frazier former teacher and principal of the school, from 1939 - 1972. Gifted to Esther by Clarence Stratton and commissioned by her co-workers at her retirement.

ALMOST NINETY YEAR LATER AND STILL GOING STRONG!



“Higgins Store in 1929,” 1971, (48” X 18”) located in Maine Memorial Elementary School auditorium. Current addresses on Main Street; 2631 circa 1880, 2633 circa 1929, 2635 circa 1903. Today the scene has changed but the buildings are still there.



IN MEMORIAM

John R. Lainhardt Jr. May 24, 2018

Future Events at NVHS :

- ⇒ Saturday Sept 15 The Maine Fest—10 –4 throughout the town.
- ⇒ Monday Sept 17 Regular Meeting 7 PM at the Museum The Stratton Legacy
- ⇒ Oct 5 Release of The Maine Fest Fall Newsletter
- ⇒ Monday Oct 15 Regular Meeting 7 PM at the Museum—The Slosson Family reach America and Maine, NY
- ⇒ **Tuesday Nov 6 Election Day “Dinner at the Diner”** Friend’s Diner Full Turkey Meal 4 PM Take out available
- ⇒ Monday Nov 19 Regular Monday Meeting 7 PM at the Museum program to be announced NVHS Elections
- ⇒ Monday Dec 17 Regular Monday Meeting 7 PM at the Museum program to be announced

MEMORIES SHARED!

"We didn't have much of a back yard, the garden started just below the drop-off. I think we only had $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre, total. Coburn let Dad plant corn on his land, which was to the rear of our property. Our back property line was only about 12 feet to the rear of the barn. There was a big maple tree which was probably on the line. Dad "parked" his wheelbarrow, on end, at the back of the barn during the growing season. He really loved gardening. The only thing I have on that subject is some rhubarb that Dad gave me, so Pat could make strawberry-rhubarb pie. His strawberry patch was next to the barn. Dad, Bill Anderson, Grant Rivenburg, and others had a "contest" each spring to see who had the first ripe tomatoes. What was unusual about the village is that there were many families that were the same age; hence the Mothers' Club/Fathers' Club was explained in Dad's autobiography. What I didn't mention that there was a cadre of boys that were the same age. We invented our own club, "The Friday Nite Card Party." We would get together in one house and play pinochle or hearts. We often met in our house for we had a big dining room table. Mom would make us popcorn (which Dad grew). If we were one person shy of making partners, we would ask Dad to play with us, and he would gladly oblige. To tell the truth, I haven't played pinochle or hearts since. Karl and Ken Rieilister, Bucky Walters, Clark Gardner, Jerry Prentice, Will Anderson, and Elwyn Rivenburg were among the group." Philip Parr



⇒ Mr. Coburn Young and Mr. Al Parr working the soil behind 40 Lewis Street 1968.

⇒ 1980 view of Lewis St.

⇒ 1900 view of Hamlet from same hill as the above photo.



“THE GOOD OLE DAYS VS. TODAY!”



“A Winters Day in Maine, New York,” 1867, Maine and Lewis Street, 1967, painting # 220, (48” X 20 ¾”). Followed by a “Winters View” of some of our beautiful buildings.



Lil Ames' Home and the Pagoda, Taylor House Nanticoke Road, Maine Central School in 1942, 1845 One Room School House and Bowers House on Nanticoke Road. All photographs except Maine Central School taken winter 2017—2018.



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