

Between the Lakes

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*Allan Buddle with long time volunteers
Mary Willers, Sally Hubbard and Doug Barkee.
See story on page 5.*

IHS January Program
Monday, January 26, 2009 7:30 p.m.
Town of Covert Municipal Building
South Main Street

**Anabaptist History:
From Interlaken, Switzerland
to Interlaken, NY**

Presented by Ivan Martin and Judson Reid

The Anabaptists trace their history to the Protestant Reformation in Europe, where they were persecuted for differences with both the State and Church. Today these groups, represented locally by Amish and Mennonites, have transformed the cultural and physical landscape of the Finger Lakes.

This talk will cover the history of the movement, beginning with key church figures, followed by emigration to the New World. The doctrinal differences and divisions that have lead to the current diversity of churches will be explained. Establishment and growth of Anabaptist groups throughout the Finger Lakes in the late 20th

century will take us from Interlaken to Interlaken.

Ivan Martin is life long member of the Groffdale Conference Mennonites. He has an expansive personal library and interest in history. Judson Reid is an Extension Associate with the Cornell Vegetable Program, working throughout the Finger Lakes.

The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. The Municipal Building is the former American Legion Home. For more information contact Allan Buddle at orchardland@zoom-dsl.com or 532-4213.

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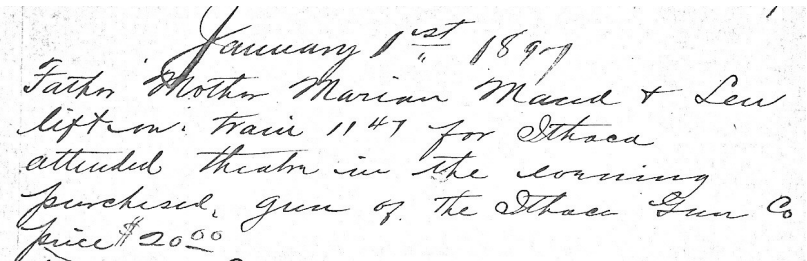
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President's Message

How many times have we said "I only wish I had asked Grandpa and Grandma more questions." Since we didn't, how great it would be for our grandchildren and for future historians, if we each kept a journal of the important and the routine things that affect our lives. I tried last year, got bogged down with too much detail and promised myself to start again on January 1, 2009.

I would like to propose that we form a group of journal writers living anywhere, with no goal other than writing and keeping each other writing. Would anyone like to join me? If so please send an e-mail to me at orchardland@zoom-dsl.com, or drop a note to me at 9176 County Road 142, Interlaken, New York, 14847. Let's give it a try!

In the 1960s and 1970s, two decisions were made in our area that have had a significant impact on our communities. Both were controversial at the time generating volumes of newspaper articles. They were consolidation of the Interlaken and Ovid Central School Districts into the South Seneca Central School District, and in the Town of Covert, enactment of a Mobile Home Ordinance, Land Management Ordinance, and Subdivision Regulations.



January 1st 1897
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January 1, 1897 Lewis J. Knight, "Father, Mother, Marian, Maud and Lew left on train 11:47 for Ithaca, attended theatre in the evening, purchased gun of the Ithaca Gun Co price \$20.00.

An interesting note, he is writing about himself in the third person, Father is Edward M. Knight, Mother is Josephine, Marian is his sister, and Maud is Mrs. Lewis Knight.

It has been 40 years, more or less, since these decisions were made. What is your perception of their impact? What advice would you offer to surrounding communities who are now considering similar actions? Perhaps sharing our experience will help to add a reality check for others to consider.

Thank you!

Happy New Year to everyone.

New Members

David Trout, Candor, NY

New Life Members

Diedrich Willers, Trumansburg, NY

Margaret Smith, Los Angeles, CA

Carol White, Bainbridge Island, WA

Monetary Donations to the Society

Neil Young, Seneca Falls, NY

Michele & Kevin Mannella, Interlaken, NY

This morning came to the store at 7 o'clock did my morning's work then went to work measuring goods for Inventory went to dinner about 1 o'clock and found Grandpa & Grandma Dowers, Grandpa Crise Uncle Charlie, Aunt Libbie & Vida, Uncle Smith & Aunt Mate there, spent the P.M. at home in the evening in the store. Rained most all the day. Closed the store alone.

Charles Crise (age) January 1, 1890 "This morning came to the store at 7 o'clock did my morning's work then went to work measuring goods for Inventory went to dinner about 1 o'clock found Grandpa & Grandma Dowers, Grandpa Crise, Uncle Charlie, Aunt Libbie & Vida, Uncle Smith & Aunt Mate there, spent the P.M. at home, in the evening in the store. Rained most all day. Closed the store alone.

Library News Happy New Year!

by Pat Moore

The library is a construction zone, as anyone who has visited recently knows. The patrons have been very understanding about the noise, the dust and the general disruption. Progress is being made, the wall behind the circulation desk is now open and the new Children's Room is going to be finished very soon. It is all very exciting and will be well worth the recent minor inconveniences.

Our story times in December were very interesting with the children in small spaces; they had to do their craft projects back at



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school. We did fine though. Stories and flannel board went well. Our stories were all about snowmen. The clear favorite of the children was *What Snowmen Do at Night*, by Caralyn Buehner; it was a fun story.

During the construction some shelves have been taken out and books boxed up in temporary storage upstairs. Some books are not available right now for interlibrary loans; I hope the other libraries will bear with us. Nowhere to put the new books right now which is why that feature is missing from this article. We still have lots of books and other materials available for loan so please do stop in...and see what is happening at your library.

Quince, The Forgotten Fruit

Part 2 (Part 1 appeared in the October 2008 Issue)

By Barbara B. Stewart

I would like to thank readers of the IHS newsletter who called and thanked me for awakening their memories of quince.

Here's a little more history of our "Quince" orchard. It would appear that the remaining two quince trees are hybrids. It is only a guess on my part, but the fruit is so large and different from other fruit I have seen. In the 1970s and to this day, the large yellow fruit, the size of Yellow Delicious apples, have a flesh that is firm and sweet. I have made jelly and chutney. The process is real work, but worth it. A food mill is needed and a husband to whack the fruit into manageable pieces.

In the 1970s we found that the trees had not been pruned or really taken care of for a number of years. We started pruning, spraying and used fertilizer to improve yield and over all health of the trees. Then life kept us busy with many and varied things. We have continued to prune, but the fruit has found other homes or added to the compost. This past spring we did a major cut back, pruning and thinning. We long ago stopped spraying but continue to fertilize and mulch.

Following are three recipes for your interest and perhaps to try your hand at making. They are from *Jams and Jellies* by May Byron 1975 _____ Press.

Quince Honey

Take 2 large quinces, wipe well and grate them, let cook till tender. (I guess you add water to cover??!!) Have ready syrup made with one pound of sugar to one pint of water, which must cook for about 5 minutes, or till it arrives at the "soft ball" stage, then add the grated quince and let simmer for another 20 minutes. Stir continually.

Quince Jelly

Take ripe quinces, peel, core and slice them, place in a preserving-pan with sufficient water to float them. Boil for 2 1/2 hours, strain through a jelly bag and allow one pound of white sugar to every pint of juice, boil up again until the jelly will set. This makes a bright red jelly, of extremely attractive flavors.

Quince Marmalade

Peel the quinces and cut them into quarters and to every pound of fruit allow three quarters of loaf sugar with a little water. Boil them gently for three hours and put into jars. Simmer the seeds in water to a jelly and add to the above while boiling.

It is interesting to note the word "marmalade" is supposed to have been derived from the Portuguese word for quince. Can someone define a quantity for the loaf sugar?

I hope you have found the tales and recipes of quince interesting and maybe

Volunteers Honored

On Sunday November 9th the Historical Society Board, honorees and guests gathered at the Woodland Roadhouse to honor three former trustees of the Society.

Mary Willers has been a trustee for more years than many of us know. She is most often seen at the booksale table at our events, and for many years has tracked and reported on our memorial funds. Over the years Mary served in many offices.

Sally Hubbard has been an active volunteer leading and directing our Barn, Carriage Barn and Covert Tours, as well as being a vital person for the two plowing days. She also served as treasurer and vice president of the board.

Doug Barkee has been a man of action. Painting, creating signs, fixing windows, helping when we needed a strong back, and even writing special articles for the newsletters.

To all three, thank you, we know you are still ready and willing to help when we call.



*Barb Stewart's
Lonestar
hand-pieced
hand-quilted
bed-sized quilt
received the
blue ribbon at
the 2008 NY
State Grange
Convention.*

News of Our Neighbors

Students Visit Grange

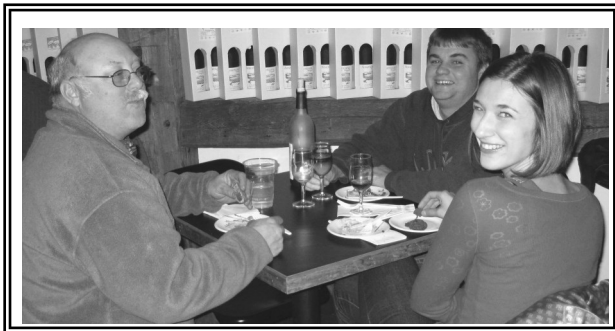
On Tuesday, November 25, 2008 students from Mrs. Heather Mott's AP American History class visited the Interlaken Grange Hall for an open Grange Meeting. Seneca County Pomona officers filled most of the stations with assistance from visiting State Historian Carol Bailey and others.

After the opening, including calling the roll of officers from 1908, Ms. Bailey presented a history of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, "The Grange." Included was information about New York leaders and members of Interlaken Grange who had served as state and national leaders.

Seneca County Historian Walter Gable led the students in a debate on several Grange topics. The morning ended with a brief discussion on the meaning of Grange officer titles, and information on the benefits of Grange membership. Applications for membership were given to the students, and the day concluded with pizza.

Quilts, Handwork and Pie Bakers

Interlaken Grange invites local residents to participate in the 2009 Family Advocacy Committee contests. Quilts and other handwork projects completed between November 2008 and June 2009 are needed, as well as cherry pies. The pies will be judged at the May 21st, 2009 Interlaken Grange meeting. Hand made items will be judged at the July 2009 meeting. For more information, please contact Interlaken Grange Secretary Phil Stannard 532-4627.



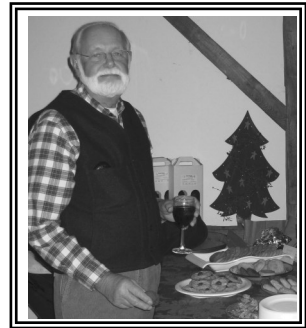
**Volunteer Party
Americana Winery
December 2008**

You may wonder what all these people do to run the Interlaken Historical Society. We had the pleasure of inviting 70 volunteers to our party. What on earth do they do besides enjoy one another's company and some good food and drink?

In brief, these are a few of the activities: build a new museum, create exhibits for the museums, greet and explain exhibits to visitors, assist with programs – getting speakers, setting up, providing refreshments, manage the financial business of the Society, write grant applications, maintain the Society's collection, accession donations of artifacts and archival materials, record memberships, engage in long term planning, fill book orders, create and mail a newsletter, write press releases and advertisements, build needed projects such as signs, shelving and cabinets, coordinate with the community, schools and other South Seneca County organizations.

Does that sound like enough to keep us busy! If you'd like to help, please contact one of the trustees.





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Historical Society Calendar 2009

The 2009 calendar is available. The Valentine card shown above is featured on the February page. Order yours today. We still have 2006, 2007 and 2008 calendars available as well. See the insert for more information.

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Mark your calendar:
January Begin keeping a year-long journal
to share the history of this year.

January 26, 2009 *Anabaptists* 7:30 p.m.
Covert Municipal Building.

April 27: Program to be announced