

Between the Lakes

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Thank you
John Hunt
for the
History on
the Sidewalk
banner dis-
play racks.



**7th Annual Society Social
Sunday, July 28, 2013
4:00 — 6:30 p.m.**

The Community is Invited!

The trustees of the Interlaken Historical Society would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, July 28th, between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. for our seventh Old Fashioned Social dish-to-pass get-together on the lawn of the Interlaken Public Library.

We, and other community organizations, will supply grilled hot dogs with rolls and fixings, lemonade and iced tea, as well as ice cream for dessert. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

If you haven't seen the Community Life History Museum or visited the Farmers' Museum in awhile both will be open.

Please drop by to eat, relax, and visit. In case of rain we will move indoors nearby.

For more information please contact the Society at 607-532-8899, 607-280-2099 or museum@interlakenhistory.org.

History on the Sidewalk 2013

In addition to the museums being open from 11 to 2 on the Saturdays in July and August, we have a number of additional events going on to highlight the history that has happened and continues to happen "on the sidewalk."

July 10th Art on the Sidewalk

July 17th Cars on the Sidewalk

July 24th Conversations on the Sidewalk

August 3rd Civil War on the Sidewalk

August 10th Games on the Sidewalk

August 24th Fires on the Sidewalk

See pages 5 and 9 for a preview of these events.

Funding for these "Sidewalk" events provided by a grant from the Delavan Foundation.

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President's Message Do You Have Time?

How often we hear the question, “do you have time...?” Time to help with a project at the Historical Society, or the cemetery, or school or church. Do you have time for a visit to the museums to see the new displays?

For several years Ann Buddle has given many hours to the Historical Society as a board member, secretary to the board, membership chairman, collections co-chairman, and critical worker on the Paper Indexing project. This spring she decided it was time to step down from a couple, thankfully only a couple, of those roles.

Ann, thank you for your dedication to the Historical Society Board and your time as secretary. Your minutes of the meetings keep all of us going forward, recalling what was discussed at a prior meeting, and reminding us of items we need to further address. We will miss your participation in the many discussions of the Board.

Thankfully, Ann is staying on as Membership chair. She will continue to work on the Paper Indexing Project as well.

What is the Paper Indexing Project, and why is it so vital? From the beginning of the Interlaken Historical Society in the 1950s paper items, obituaries—news stories—clippings—programs and more were collected and given to the society. They were placed in file folders in general categories. Several years ago it became apparent that, while there was a wealth of information in those files, the pieces them-

selves were falling apart, and no one knew what was in the files.

Ann has worked to index each file folder, create a database of the items with date, type, condition and of course category and item information. Several people have worked with Ann over the years, indexing, inputting data to the computer, and providing even more paper items.

Today there are over 1600 items in the database, with many more items still to be reviewed and entered. Ann, thank you for your time on this project.

Do you have time and interest in working on this project? Please contact Ann at 607-532-4213 to learn more. The reading is very interesting as some of the pieces date to the mid-to-late 1800s.

Another Trustee who has given time, but now needs to step down for a while is Nancy Radloff. Nancy will continue to work on displays and diary transcriptions. Nancy, thank you for your service, and plans to continue working on these special projects.

Speaking of having time, and thanking volunteers...have you seen the new museum sign in front of the Community Life History Museum (the phone company building)? Many thank yous to Harold Stewart and Chris Wolff for the hours that went into the design and construction work to provide this sign for the museum.

This Historical Society Board is blessed with a number of people who give their time for the many Society projects. Karen King keeps our financial records, Mary Jean Welser has accepted the role of Secretary, Barb and Harold Stewart are looking

for volunteers to staff the museums this summer; John Hunt built the banner display for our “History on the Sidewalk” banners; Bill and Mimi Schaffner work with the newsletter, catching the typos the editor makes, Nancy Radloff helps with our displays and the newsletter, and Doris Jennings, our newest trustee is always willing to say yes to helping when a project is suggested. To each of them we say thank you for all you do.

There are a number of other volunteers who give their time to assist the society. The docents who greet visitors to the museums, the writers who provide articles for this newsletter, those wonderful people who read scrapbooks and create indexes so people can find a tidbit of information for their research. The list goes on and on. To each of them, thank you for your time.

On behalf of the trustees, we hope you will have the time this summer to stop in and visit the museums. See the new pictures from the glass plate negative collection, a group of lovely ladies from days gone by, and some of the artifacts that highlight the items shown in the photographs.

Thank you for your time as you read, enjoy and participate in the activities of the Interlaken Historical Society.

Diane Bassette Nelson

New Life Member

Joyce Ritchie, Interlaken

Gifts “In Memory of...”

Jackie Dickerson Herendeen given by
Jerry and Carolyn Young, Blackburg,
VA

Wayne Morrison given by Neil Young,
Seneca Falls, NY

Lee Braden given by Douglas Van-
Benschoten, Interlaken, NY

Lee Braden given by Allan and Ann Buddle,
Interlaken, NY

Library News

Over the spring months we have had several successful programs, sponsored by the Delavan Foundation, at the library. Duane Waid’s “So You Want To Be A Beekeeper” overflowed the library with attendees. Backyard Poultry by Jarra Jagne, DVM, Resume Writing and Job Seeker training by Seneca Workforce Development and Health Insurance Program with S2Ay Health Network were some of the other programs. Author Lisa Harris also joined us for a book reading and signing of her new book *GeeChee Girls*.

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A 6 week dog obedience class started June 10 with instructor Ellie O'Connor. Carrie Hubbard Westlake graciously allowed the program to be held in her riding arena. In order for the program to be most effective the class size was limited to 10 dogs with several spectators joining us as well.

The Summer season kicked off with Interlaken Olde Home Day. We had another successful book sale and bike raffle. Winner of the boy's bike was LeConte Myer and the girl's bike winner was Yvonne Williams. Yvonne donated the bike back to us to be raffled again in honor of the Lake View Cemetery Association. Thank you Yvonne!

Another big "thank you" goes out to Ray DeLong of DeLong Trucking, Welding & Construction Services. To represent the theme of our children's Summer Reading program "Dig Into Reading" and the teen program "Beneath the Surface," Ray donated his truck, trailer and excavator to be used by the library in both the Old Home Day and Strawberry Festival parades.

This year's summer reading program will be sponsored by the Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Library Fund as a result of collaboration with the Lodi Whittier Library. Beginning on July 9 at 10am at the Interlaken Library will be the following programs: July 9: Captain Jack the Pirate
July 16: "Tune into Nature" singalong with Christophehr Lajewski
July 23: Out of the Cage Mobile Pets
July 30: Dig Into Magic with Ronald Cain



Prizes will also be awarded for reading goals for each participant. Adults and Teens can also participate in Summer reading programs where they too are eligible for prizes. Stop in and register today!

In August, Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Interlaken Public Library will join forces to present "Nature Detectives" each Monday at 10:00 AM. In this program children learn about habitats, food webs, bird diversity and adaptations, and life cycles. Activities take children a step closer to becoming practicing scientists by allowing them to make their own observations and record data about what they see and hear. Geared for children ages (8 and up) pre-registration is required at the library.

Storytime Hour is now held on Mondays at 10:00 am. Join us for stories, crafts and a snack. Storytime is sponsored by World of Words Grant courtesy of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.

The library is currently seeking two individuals to join our Board of Trustees, preferably from the Village of Interlaken. Trustees are responsible for library governance and financials as well as advocacy and promotion of the library in the community. More information is available at the library for interested individuals.

Remembering the Houses and People on Main Street

By Phyllis Betzler

Having been born in October, 1938 and living in Interlaken all of my life (except for four years of college in Buffalo during the late 1950s), I have many memories of wonderful residents no longer living.

Life was different in the 1940-50s. People lived and worked in Interlaken. It was more or less a self-contained community with train and bus service. You could buy most everything in town from shoes, clothes, cars, fine jewelry to bicycles. I received a Schwinn bicycle as a birthday present from my parents when I was 12 from Hanford's Hardware which was next door to Dad's Pharmacy and I'm sure that I had seen it sitting out front all summer on the sidewalk. Had I made a comment or two to Dad? I put it to good use, riding it to my grandparents at Kidders. Going down was so easy but had to walk the bike in places to get it home as it wasn't a 10 speed.

My parents and I lived on Cayuga Street the first seven years of my life then on Memorial Day 1946 we moved to North Main Street across from the school.

I remember most everyone in town and where they lived as they lived in the same house, not moving in and out of town as it is today.

Front porches were great places in the summer as you walked by you would most likely be invited up to visit awhile.

I would like to write about people I

remember starting at the corner of Main and Mechanic. Lee and Lucy Hickcox were a wonderful retired couple and thanks to them I enjoyed my first soft ice cream cone. They build an addition on the back of their house, to be used for their new business venture. Even through my Dad would give me free ice cream from the soda fountain, that black raspberry soft ice cream was so good – a great big cone for 10 cents.

The next house north of Lee and Lucy was Artie Flagg which had two porches. The one over the street porch on the second floor really intrigued me. I often sat with Mother and Artie on the ground floor porch but I always wondered what it would be like to sit on the upper porch to view the town.

Next, the double house at the head of Cayuga Street where Estelle Lincon lived on the south side. She was the Mother of Clifford "Pat" Lincoln. It was that porch that was one of my favorites. Estelle always welcomed Mother and me when we walked to town in the summer. She had an awning that kept the morning sun off the porch, nice comfortable porch furniture, rug and plenty of plants plus being a lovely lady to talk with.



In the Northside of that house lived Mert and Carrie Boorum who had a yellow cat. Mert was the town clerk. He had a big safe from the floor to the ceiling. I'm not sure how they got it into the house.

Delbert (Bert) Howell and his wife Ella lived next, where the Pattens live. He was a retired druggist who worked for Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Co. for many years. I don't really remember Ella that well but I do remember Bert's housekeeper Maude Ellis. Bert helped Dad, in the early 1930s, by running Wickes Drug Store following the death of my grandfather, while Dad was still in Pharmacy School.

The Jones family was next and when I was young, the big house (now the Bixby Home) was owned by the Caward family. Their daughter Helen married Pete Bullivant.

I sat on the porch of the Burr house more than once. It was a double house just before the school. Bill and Marion Burr lived on the south side and their son Ed and wife Helen and sons Bill and Carl lived on the north side. Marilyn was born later. The older Bill Burr was a carpenter and refinished furniture. I know that he lost a finger in a saw accident. That was bothersome to me. His son Ed managed the Trumansburg P&C and Helen was a teacher at



Interlaken Central.

Next, Interlaken Central School where many can tell about the good teachers they had and share some memories.

The first house north of the school was owned by Harold Daily and his wife. They had a son Norman, and daughter Joyce. Harold and his brother Jim owned Daily Brothers, a GLF farm supply store.

The next house, where the Hurlbut funeral home is today, was Bill Wheeler's. He was President of the local Wheeler National Bank. The Barnards (Harold and Marge and son Roy and daughter Janet) lived there as his caregivers. Janet was one of my best friends until they moved away. Harold has a wonderful voice and sang many a solo in the Reformed Church choir. I still hear from Janet who lives in Canada.

The next house was the Ray Pashley family. Ray owned the local Lakes Movie Theater which was a very popular place as TV was not on our horizon yet.

Marion and Grace Slagt lived in the next house. Marion was the local railroad station agent and Grace was my fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Slagt was one of my best teachers. Little did I know when I was in her fifth grade class, that she would become "Aunt Grace" when I married her nephew, Bob Betzler in 1962.

The next house was owned by the Red-

man family. Their son Ed had one of the local grocery stores.

Next a long driveway led to the Willard Fulkerson family home. Mrs. Fulkerson was a cook at school but when I lived across the street from the school I had to walk home for lunch. My parents were trying to put some fat on my bones so I had baked potatoes with creamed dried beef or creamed cod fish every lunch time. It didn't work, I still was skinny. I think I should have eaten at school. I still like both creamed dried beef or cod fish on baked potatoes.

The George Slingerlands lived next. At one point they had a bake shop, and they sure gave the best Halloween treats with cider.

My grandparents, Bert and Anna Haviland lived next. They had an Irish Setter named "Pat," and since they didn't have a phone and we lived on Cayuga Street, Grandma would put a note on Pat's collar and tell him, "go to Dorothy's (my mother's)." Pat would come down and bark at the door. Mother would send the reply back to Grandma by telling him "now go home." I don't know who trained him to do this—probably my Grandfather.

The Fred Ikes lived next. The house really intrigued me with the driveway going under an extended porch roof (as it seemed

to me as a child.)

Marley and Ida Covert lived next. They gave us the first cat that I remember having—a yellow kitten named "Sandy." Mother carried it home in a sweater as I walked along side. Was I a happy girl to have my own kitten.

To be continued with the East side of Main Street plus Cayuga Street. I remember some wonderful people from when I was 5, 6, and 7 years old like Bill Riley and his blacksmith shop. I would watch him pound nails into a horse's shoe and hoof. Ouch!

July 13th Art on the Sidewalk, featuring items from the Historical Society collections, and works by local artists Dan Alsheimer, Roger Coyle, Meaghan Troup, originally from Waterloo, and Karen Nelson of Interlaken. Each of them will have a number of their art works on display. Paintings, sculptures, photographs and sketches to name a few of the mediums that will be available for you to look at. On the porch and inside the museum will be artworks from past local artists.

July 20th Cars on the Sidewalk, highlighting the Interlaken Sales Company and cars from the 20th and 21st centuries. Stop at the Farmers' Museum and Railroad Avenue to relive the days gone by when you could purchase a vehicle on Main Street. Look over the newest idea in vehicles: an electric car. Also on display will be photographs, news clippings and other memorabilia from the Interlaken Sales Company.

July 27th Community Coffee Time with fellowship and food at the Farmers' Museum. Coffee and baked goods will be available as friends and visitors have a time to recall our agrarian roots. Bring a chair and stay for a long chat.

August 3rd History of the Civil War This summer commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War battles fought in 1863. Many of the society's artifacts from the Civil War are on display, but we have more to bring out. Joining us on the sidewalk will be members of Reynolds' Battery 1st NY Light Artillery. These men and

women will be displaying a 3" ordnance rifle, long arms, and side arms used in the Civil War and talk about life as a soldier or civilian during this critical time in our nation's history.

Do you know the difference between an "ordnance rifle" and a cannon? The cannon has a smooth bore (the inside of the barrel, while the ordnance rifle has grooves or rifling to insure accurate shots.

August 10th Fun Without Batteries, enjoy a day of kids games, no batteries required. Games from the 19th and early 20th century will be available to try out. Get up in the air on a pair of stilts, try rolling a hoop down the sidewalk or catching a ball with a cup. And when you get thirsty, cookies and lemonade, in a glass not a plastic box.

August 24th History of Fighting Fires, Then and Now. Members of the Interlaken Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand with the 1860s Hand Pumper, and the current 502 brush truck, Do you recall the color of the marching uniform from the 1960s? One will be on display, along with other highlights from the collections.

For more information contact the museum at 607-532-8899 or 607-280-2099.

Meet the artists who will be with us July 10th

Meaghan Troup is a 2002 graduate of Waterloo High School in Waterloo, NY and a 2006 graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, NY where she earned a Bachelor degree in Fine Art and Graphic Design. She is a 2009 graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she earned a Master degree in Integrated Marketing Communications. Meaghan's education afforded her the opportunity to study Renaissance Art and Architecture at Oxford University and travel Europe.

Meaghan began drawing at an early age and is primarily a self-taught artist. Inspired by nature, Meaghan's work is heavily influenced by the beautiful Finger Lakes region where she grew up. Many describe her work as both vibrant and peaceful, a quality she believes stems from a three year battle with childhood leukemia and her deep faith in God. The heightened appreciation she gained for life, and all the beauty that exists in this world, is displayed in the vivacity of her work. The sense of peace is derived from the serenity she has in knowing Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and the understanding that no matter what circumstances may arise, she will always be victorious with Christ by her side. Painting primarily with a palette knife creates energetic texture that is a characteristic trait of Meaghan's work.

Meaghan's works are available at meaghan-troup.artistwebsites.com.

A Gentle Reminder

July marks the beginning of our new fiscal year. If you have not yet paid your 2013-2014 dues please renew your membership at this time. Still a great bargain at \$10.00 per year; or become a life member for \$100.

Karen Nelson graduated from the College at Brockport, State University of New York in May 2013. with a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. Karen graduated from South Seneca High

School, and lives in Interlaken. Karen is a volunteer Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician with the Interlaken Fire Department.

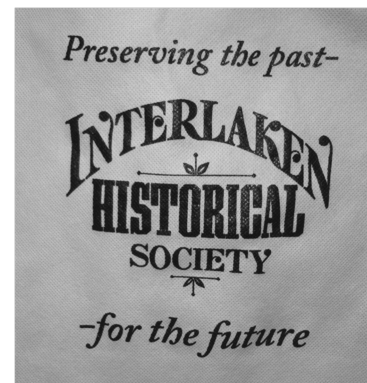
Her paintings reflect her innermost thoughts and feelings, as well as illustrate the influence of her home, life, and firefighting experiences. The open, abstract shapes of her paintings reflect the loose, meandering paths of mental thoughts, reducing contemplations from reason to emotion.

Karen will also have photographs and sketches on display, and for sale.

Take a Piece of History Home

When you purchase books at the Museum you can receive one of our book bags. The woven, re-usable bags are great for research trips, library visits, or a shopping trip.

The bags can also be purchased at the museum. They feature our logo in black on a cream colored bag.



Olde Home Day 2013

Citizen of the year Jeff Bond



Display by the Backbone Ridge History Group



Dig into summer with the Library
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Chicken Bar-B-Q

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