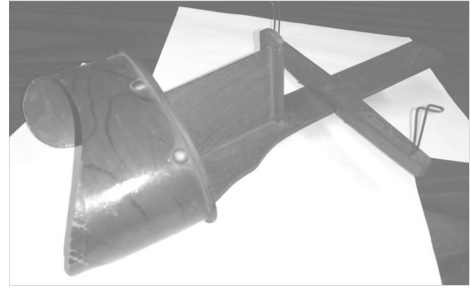


Between the Lakes

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Stereographic viewer, from the Historical Society

Photos in 3D

*A Look at the Finger Lakes Area
1800s to Today*

Monday, January 28, 2019 7:00 pm

At the turn of the Century, our Finger Lakes captured the attention of 3D photographers both local and from abroad. Practical photography was still in its infancy as the *stereographic (3D)* craze swept through Europe leading to a mass production of world travel images. Although inspired by the commercial photographer who focused on the grand scene, it was the small-town U.S. purveyors who would capture scenes of local daily life. Modern day historians can be thankful for their efforts.

Stereographic artist Diego Ruiz has been diligently working to apply the techniques of yesteryear and his own experimental techniques to capture light across the continent with special attention to Central New York. Join us for a 3D viewing of the Finger Lakes of the 1800s and Diego's modern work, with four 3D books of our region.

Bring a friend! We'll discuss the process and development of this Victorian art form as it applies to our beloved Finger Lakes and the people who make this region so special.

The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Interlaken Masonic Hall, 8396 Main Street, Interlaken, located above Hubbard Heating and Plumbing.

The building is handicapped accessible. Refreshments will be served. In the event the school cancels after-school activities, check the Facebook page for updates, or call 607-280-2099.



*Pre-1904 Stereographic view looking North
from the Baptist Church tower
Historical Society Collection*

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President's Report

Greetings on a snowy November day. It's nice to have outside activities taper off some.

We've had a busy September with Plow Day-Country Fair on the 22nd, and a Square Dance on the 29th.

We were blessed with ideal weather and a great turn out for Plow Day. I'd like to again thank all who gave of themselves to plan, prepare, and work to see this event go smoothly. The day was enjoyed by all in attendance, young and old.

After our last newsletter came out, I got a phone call from an elderly lady commending the Interlaken Historical Society for its promotion of our agricultural history through the programs and events we host.

The Square Dance the next week had a lot of energetic dancers. One grandmother remarked that it was great to see a multi-generational activity; adults in square dance mode, and at times, younger ones forming a circle and dancing as only pre-teens can do.

I would also like to express my thanks to all who helped with the IHS Tea. The evening was very enjoyable. It is our way to thank the volunteers who make up the Historical Society Board, and the volunteers who staff the museums and help with the many programs.

As we plan for 2019, if you have ideas for projects or events, please let us know. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Season and had a Happy New Year. Looking forward to meeting you in the coming year.

Thank you,
John Hunt, Chairman

Editor's note: John began his article in November and finished it a few days ago.

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New Member:

Quentin Foster, Trumansburg

New Life Members:

Kim and Jonathan Monfiletto,
Waterloo

Recent Donations:

Glass Bottles from Diane Emmons,
Interlaken
Sheldrake Church pictures from
Diane Barlow, Interlaken

Hotel Cayuga 1935 Calendar .

We are still looking for more information on the Hotel.



Dues are due:

please check the date on your mailing label. Dues for 2018-2019 are now due. If your label has a date prior to 2019 please consider bringing your membership up to date. If you feel there this an error in the date shown, please contact the society.

FYI

OMG! The acronyms used in texting these days by our younger set can confound those of us older folks who are still bewildered by the technology itself. DGMW* (don't get me wrong), we can't place blame, or even shake our heads in *too* much frustration because this phenomenon has always been all around us. USA, ASAP, TGIF, SNAFU, RSVP, etc. are surely recognizable acronyms and have likely been used by all of us. AAMOF* (as a matter of fact), the confusion sometimes evoked by current acronyms is nothing new either.

So, if you should find yourself feeling like a fossil over all of this texting, take heart! You are not and never have been alone. Consider the following, submitted by Sandra Briney – Granddaughter of Grace Landergan, one of the early presidents of the I H S.

*www.smart-words.org

House Hunting

A young couple about to be married were looking for a house in the country. After satisfying themselves that the one they viewed was quite suitable, they departed for home. During the return journey the young lady was very thoughtful, and when asked the reason for her silence replied, "Did you notice the W.C.?" (meaning the water closet). He, not having done so, immediately wrote the landlord inquiring where it was situated. The landlord did not understand what "W.C." meant, and after thinking it

over for some time, came to the conclusion that it must stand for the Wesleyan Church and replied as follows:

Dear Sir:

I very much regret the delay in replying to your letter, but have the pleasure of informing you that the W.C. is situated nine miles from the house and it is capable of seating 250 people. This is very unfortunate for you if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you would be glad to know that a great many people take their lunch and make a day of it; others who cannot spare the time go by auto, arriving just in time but generally they are in a hurry and cannot wait. The last time my wife and I went was six years ago and we had to stand all the time. It may interest you to know that a bazaar is to be given in order to furnish the W.C. with plush seats. I may mention that it pains me not to go more often.

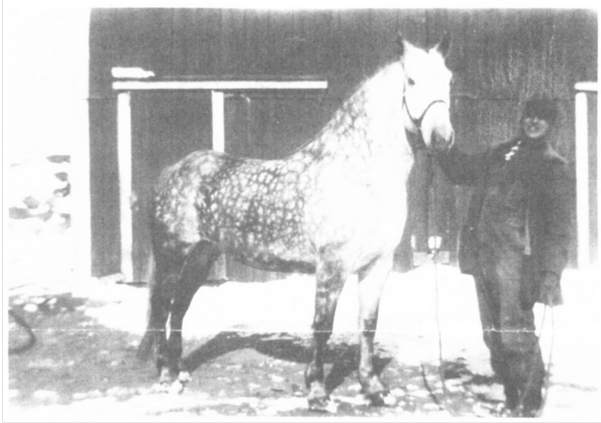
Hurriedly yours,

Doolittle

LOL – IHS (!)



The Horse Trainer



This photograph, dated 1928, shows horse-trainer Ralph Sackett relaxing from his regular duties by displaying Arthur Knight's stallion for the camera.

After training a Knight team, Ralph brought other customers' horses to the Knight barn's large basement where wagons and sleighs could be used in a warmer at-

mosphere. Ralph owned and operated a farm near Bennettsburg, NY, and trained horses during the winter months when farm work slowed. Sackett did not break horses, but helped them perfect the skills needed to do farm work satisfactorily.

One of the more difficult routines was for a team to back a heavily loaded wagon up a steep bridge-way approach and onto a barn floor where the contents could be unloaded.

The star of the picture is that massive stallion. According to Ed Covert, our long-time neighbor.

My Grandfather, Arch Knight, always had a stallion in the barn, and may have bequeathed this dappled-gray to Arthur, my father, next owner of the farm.

John Knight 2009

A look back at the 2018 Plowing Day and Country Fair

Congratulation to the four basket winners: Peggy Powell, Interlaken; Carl States, Odessa; Lynne Harsha, Yardley, PA and Kate Hunt, Interlaken. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated to the baskets.

Photo page 3, a few of the colorful quilts on display in the barn

Thank you to the Interlaken Fire Department for their display and informational materials for the kids; to South Seneca Chapter #200, Order of the Eastern Star for the food booth, and the other vendors who shared the day with us. Your support of the Interlaken Historical Society is always appreciated.





Above: Shoeing the horses.

Above right: churning butter with Gary Hunt.



Left: Up close and personal with Jim Wilkins horse

Right: Minne-Mo, owned and driven by Doug Freier of Seneca Falls



Below: International Harvester Tractor

Below right: Tractor restoration by Dick Ross.

Thank you to all who took and shared their photos.



Library News

The winter season has kicked off with a bang here at the Library! Winter programming began around Christmas with our annual wreath class and will continue thru the winter months. Children brought their letters to Santa and Hope offered her suggestions for daily acts of kindness the month of December. Information for upcoming events and classes can be found on our website and in the Shopper.

Beginning January 1, 2019 we are proud to be going fine free! This means that no late fines will be incurred for materials returned after the due date. All five Seneca County Libraries, including Interlaken, are pleased to make this significant change in support of our patrons. While we will not be able to waive fines charged by other libraries, and replacement costs will still apply for items that are badly damaged or not returned, we feel this is a strong and positive change for our community.

If you haven't been into the Library recently, we urge you to stop by. The Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to 1pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1pm to 7pm, and Saturdays 9am to noon. We have Monday Storytime every week at 10:30am, Lego Literacy every Thursday from 3pm to 5pm, and Chair Yoga every Tuesday from 11:45am to 12:45pm.

Chelsea Hastings
Interlaken Library Director
607-532-4341

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 1 pm to 7 pm
Saturday 9 am to noon

Five tractors working the field



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GIFT SHOP ORDER FORM**

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<i>The Seneca Army Depot</i> , Walter Gable & Carolyn Zogg	\$21.95	_____
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<i>So Good A Time, Life in the 1870s as Documented in the Diary of Olive Williams 1873 to 1878</i> , 2010 Nancy Saultz Radloff		
Softcover	\$12.95	_____
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<i>Town of Covert</i> , 1976 Wayne Morrison		
Softcover	\$25.00*	_____
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	\$55.00*	_____
<i>The Covert Family</i> , 1989 C W. Fischer, Wm. V Covert, M. L. Patterson...		
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Hardcover	\$25.00	_____
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	\$18.00	_____
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including the History of the Halstead Canning Co	\$10.00	_____
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DUES are due beginning July 1, Still only \$10 a year!

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For more information on these events
contact John Hunt 607-592-3224
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All events are free and open to the public.

Save the Date
Monday, April 22nd,
Quarterly Program,
Speaker TBA

*International plow and
quilt from the 2018
Plowing Day and
Country Fair.*



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