

PLOWING DAY & COUNTRY FAIR



Presented by the
Interlaken Historical Society

Brook Farm
8228 Route 96, Interlaken

Saturday, September 17, 2022
10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Welcome

On behalf of the Interlaken Historical Society and the Plowing Day Committee, welcome to the 2022 Plowing Day and Country Fair. It is the hope of all involved that you will enjoy your day,

Please visit the exhibits, and ask questions. After the event we would invite you to share your thoughts and photographs through our Facebook page, (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Interlaken-Historical-Society>)

Schedule

- 10:00 Open
- 10:45 Dedication to Allan Buddle
- 11:00 Presentations in the Barn:
Pamela Raes and Ruth Lucas
- 12:15 Parade of Animals and Tractors
- 1:00 Plowing Demonstrations
Wagon Rides to the Plowing Field

- All Day Exhibits and Vendors
Kids Train
Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull
Food
Gift Basket Drawings 11, 12, 1, 2
- 4:00 Closed

Free Admission — Donations Welcome

Dedication

The Interlaken Historical Society wishes to
dedicate this year's
Country Fair and Plowing Day to:
Allan Buddle

Allan was born in Otesgo county near Cooperstown, New York. He grew up on a dairy farm in the era of beautiful draft horses. He loved farming and horses. Both! When told by the high school guidance counselor that he should go into farming, Allan instead chose civil engineering. But his love of farming remained.

In 1969 we purchased an old house and about 100 acres which he reluctantly invited others to farm. He became a house renovator and builder. All of this in his spare time after a full day's work as an engineer. The house came with about 6 acres of cherries. The whole family was involved in the u-pick operation. The girls became tired year after year as customers patted their heads and remarked how they had grown.

But Allan was determined to farm. Even on a small scale. He began to get the barn ready for a cow! Our neighbor Charley Batty had a calf for sale. Allan paid for the calf but had to delay bringing it home until the barn was ready. Finally he brought the calf home. Unfortunately the calf thought his home was Charley Batty's and kept going back. It's a wonder that the road between our houses was not worn out by the comings and goings of our calf. This was an inauspicious start of Allan's farming!

The cherry trees were pretty exhausted at this point and Allan switched from cherry farming to a certified, organic beef business. He had about 20 cows and was able to farm his own land. And to add to the mix came Luke and Lady, a pair of five-year-old Belgian draft horses. The aim of course was for him to farm with horses. He thought Luke and Lady knew how to plow. They thought he knew how to plow with horses. Apparently, no one did. So they were very picturesque and we had lots of lovely carriage rides.

Allan knew all the farmers and appreciated all the knowledge and hard work they represented. He knew everyone and was friends with everyone.

He worked for years at the Interlaken Historical Society mixing his love of farming and history. They were good years. There

were lots of fine ideas which culminated in the Covert tour, barn tours and even plowing day.

His love of farming piqued his interest in all of the farms that had been abandoned on the national forest lands and he became the sparkplug for the Backbone Ridge History Group.

He loved civil engineering but it was nothing compared to Allan's love of the good earth and the men and women who work it!

Provided by Ann Buddle

Featured Speakers

Pamela Raes

Pamela Raes will be the featured speaker discussing the history of grapes in this area. Ms. Raes grew up in Geneva. She currently lives on the family dairy farm in the town of Phelps.

Her background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at SUNY Geneseo, working at Cornell Agritech (formerly the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station) where she is currently a technician and lab manager for the Cornell Craft Beverage Analytical Laboratory and performs analytical testing for wineries, breweries, and cideries.

She has been a tour guide at Rose Hill Mansion on Route 96A just south of Geneva, as well as a board member for the Phelps Historical Society for a few years, and one of the tour guides at Deer Haven Park.

Ruth Lucas

Starting a life in Interlaken, NY with no farm experience and no family or friends in the area was no small feat for Ruth Lucas, owner and founder of Lucas Vineyards. In 1974, Ruth Lucas, her husband Bill, and their three children left everything they knew behind in Long Island and the Bronx and moved to a 68 acre farm in Interlaken to begin an adventure Ruth never dreamed would bring her to where she is today. Following the guidance of Cornell's

Cooperative Extension, the family decided to grow grapes, which they would sell to Taylor Wine Company. Ruth's children helped take care of the vines, and the family even explored other avenues of agricultural business (pigs, goats, peaches etc.) while waiting for the grapes to grow.

The grape business was quite successful, but it disappointed Ruth to see the grapes the family so carefully tended be mixed in with several other farms' grapes sold to Taylor Wine Company. In addition to that, Taylor Wine Company was sold to Coca Cola in 1977, which led to there being a surplus of grapes that were no longer needed. Luckily, the Farm Winery Act of 1976 allowed farms like Lucas to make and sell their own wine, and that's exactly what Ruth decided to do. Ruth dedicated her time to learning everything there was to know about growing grapes and making wine. She attended classes and seminars, read books, and consulted experienced grape growers and winemakers. She regularly brought wine and vineyard samples to the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station to have them evaluated and tasted. Ruth quickly became passionate about winemaking and the 1980 harvest proved its success when the Lucas family bottled 400 cases of wine in 1981; those first wines even won gold and silver medals.

Since 1980, the Lucas Family has made award winning wines (earning more than 900 International and National awards) and welcomed over one million visitors. There have been many struggles, but so many more victories. Ruth connected with some wonderful people who helped her get the winery to where it is today. Ruth's daughters, Ruthie and Stephanie, have taken over the daily operations of the winery and Stephanie's husband, Jeff Houck, is now the head winemaker at Lucas Vineyards. Ruth continues to oversee the viticulture, enology, production, and marketing, while enjoying time with her 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, all of whom have worked at the winery. Ruth's contributions to the Finger Lakes Wine Industry and Cayuga Wine Trail (the nation's first wine trail) are immeasurable. Lucas Vineyards was the first winery on Cayuga Lake and the connections, communities, and of course, great wines that have emerged from it all have Ruth Lucas to thank.

Exhibitors and Vendors in the Barn

Interlaken Historical Society: Books,

Gift Basket Drawings

Christine Houseworth, Alpaca Products

Pins & Needles Sewing Group: Contemporary

Quilts

Jean Currie, Spinning Demonstration

Linda Cole Lighted Wine Bottles, Handmade

Gifts

Barbara Stewart, Handmade Quilts and Craft

Gifts

Judy Chesley Handmade Quilts and Panels

Ovid Historical Society: Books & Gift Basket

Drawing

Interlaken Grange #160

Food Vendors

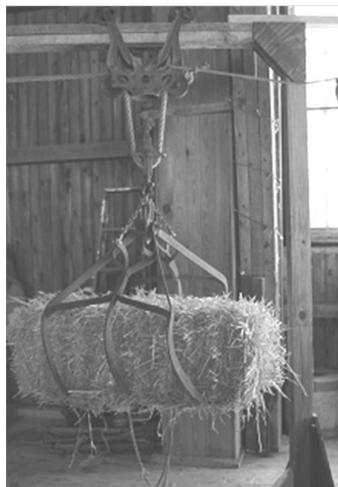
Outside

Lisa's Dawg House

Seneca Coffee House

Inside

Taste of Wine Country Café



*2014 Plowing Day,
Hay track demonstration*

Exhibitors and Vendors Outdoors

Carl States, Tractors and Equipment

Bill Maclaughlin Tractor & Restored Cub

Cadets and Wagon

Butch Akers 1936 Ford Pickup

Buster Chesley 1963 Mercury Monterey

Richard Ross 1955 Chevy

Double "D" Farm Daniels Donkeys

Dale Frier Jr and son Josiah

Milking Devons Steer Oxen

Jay Russell Alpacas & Products

Ruth Charter: Handmade Country Crafts

Community Bank Ovid Display

Interlaken Volunteer Fire Department

Kids Gift Bags

Kevin Morris: Pedal Tractor Pull for Kids

Les Segrist: Toy Tractors For Sale

Bruce Wright's IH Tractor Display by his grandchildren William and Lynn and stepdaughter Melanie.

Jason Gauss Family Chickens and Rabbits

Free Face Painting by Jennifer Sekells

Greg Zoller, Blacksmith &
Ferrier

Danial Degraff Animal Balloons and Nail Polish

*2016 Plowing Day,
Getting to know the cows*



Interlaken Historical Society Display at the 2022 Trumansburg Fair



*Grape Basket Handle
Machine*

*Learn more about these
machines in an upcoming
Between The Lakes
Historical Society
Newsletter.*

Donors to the
Made in South Seneca County
Covert & Interlaken Baskets

Americana Vineyards & Winery
Bellwether Hard Cider
Finger Lakes Cider House
Lively Run Goat Dairy
Lucas Vineyards
Pine Tree Farms
Shepherdess Cellars
Sheldrake Point Winery

A special thank you to these local businesses who have donated items for the gift baskets. Winners will be drawn throughout the day, and the names announced. All visitors will be invited to register upon arrival. Arrangements will be made to deliver any unclaimed winning baskets within a 25 mile radius of Interlaken.

The Schmidt Farm Dinner Bell
Now on display at the
Farmers' Museum



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Threshing Machine with Steam Engine

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The Historical Society has two museums, the Farmers' Museum dedicated to all things rural and our Community Life Museum, both with rotating displays. The Museums are open Saturdays in July and August and year-round by appointment.

To schedule a visit, please call 607-280-2099, 607-5923224 or email Interlakenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

A Look Back at Past Plowing Days

Plowing the field, quilts in the barn, young Oxen in the parade of animals and tractors and getting upclose to the animals



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who have provided assistance for today's event**

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*John Hunt repairing the 2018
Flood damage to the Brook Farm
Barn driveway. Thank you John
and Grace for preserving this
special building.*

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