

Spring 2010 Newsletter

NANTICOKE VALLEY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



J. Ralph Ingalls Work Days

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society invites all in our Maine community to take part in breathing new life into a building that is on The National Historic Register and is the architectural gem of our town.

**Saturdays, May 15th and 22nd, 2010
9:00 AM until Noon**

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We will work both days, either inside or outside, depending on the weather. Simple repair tasks, cleaning, window washing, moving some items from second floor to first — a task for every ability. You can bring rags and cleaning supplies or make monetary donations for those we need to purchase. We will try to provide necessary items. Yard work tools would be helpful

**For information call: Nancy Berry 862-4527
or Sandy Rozek 862-9480**

J. Ralph Ingalls School: Turning over a new Leaf

On Friday, April 9, 2010, 10 maple trees, 2 flowering crab trees and an evergreen were planted on the J. Ralph Ingalls property.

Mike McKilligan provided the site, the top dirt and the evergreen. He staked out the plan and helped with digging the holes and planting the trees.

Phil Quick donated his time, talent and equipment to dig the holes, plant two maples from the edge of the school property, haul dirt and use his front-end loader to help plant the trees.

When Heath Howard came up Church Street with his huge flat bed trailer and tree planting equipment, the excitement continued. Heath and his brother Wade are partners in "Forevergreen Farms, Inc." Heath, who had volunteered to transport eight maple trees and two flowering trees from a nursery over two hours away, oversaw and assisted in the tree planting.

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Tokos, Lorrie Flannery, Jake Zuber. Corey Layton, Amanda Flannery, Zac Tokos and Kerin Flannery, the last tree went into the ground as the thunder and lightning applauded a job well done.

The community's commitment to this project continues with the efforts of those on duty for weekly watering of the trees at the rate of ten gallons a tree during the crucial rooting process.

This monumental task could never have been accomplished without the efforts of our outstanding volunteers. Thanks from the J. Ralph Ingalls Tree committee to everyone for their generosity. Thanks to the Tree Committee (Nancy Berry, Lorrie and Kerin Flannery, Gordie Gottlieb, Kim and Mike Hayden, Corey Layton, Larry Maier, Mike Mc Killigan and Jim Tokos) for their quick and efficient work getting this job put together in record time for meeting this spring's planting deadline.

NVHS Meetings

Our program meetings will continue through the good weather of summer, the third Tuesday of the month, at the Museum building.

Grey Osterud will be giving a program for the May meeting. She has previously written a book about the Nanticoke and Maine areas in the early 20th century, and she is now working on another. It will be entitled Putting the Barn before the House. She will be using some of the records at our museum for her research..

The ten nursery trees were donated with the following dedications.

In Memory of Esther Frazier from Mary Jane Sieczkos

Esther was an educator in the Maine schools for over 30 years, beginning her teaching career in Union Center in 1938 and leading as principal at J. Ralph Ingalls from 1961 until 1974 when she retired.

In Memory of Clarence and Minerva Berry, from Dale Berry

The Berry family lived next to or across from J. Ralph Ingalls for over 60 years. Clarence was a member of the Junior High Faculty when the school was dedicated in 1940. A math teacher, he also participated in the annual Arbor Day tree planting.

In Memory of Lucy Tanner from Lorrie, Linda and Karen, "the Berry Girls"

"Lucy Tanner was our first grade teacher at J. Ralph Ingalls. She also taught at Maine Memorial for many years. She was as nurturing as she was tall in stature"

In Memory of Ken Rozek from Sandy Rozek and his children.

In rooms or on a cart up and down the halls of Ingalls, just as at one time or another during his art teaching career in most of the buildings in the district, Ken peddled the excitement of creativity and community responsibility to our children, young and old.

In Memory of Carol Podest Berry and son Rickey from Dale Berry

Rickey was an elementary student at J. Ralph Ingalls. Carol was a distinguished alumna who graduated from Union Endicott as the salutatorian.

In Memory of Bill Berry, from Nancy Berry

As a student at J. Ralph Ingalls, Bill overcame a devastating bout of polio. As an adult he became an integral and intricate part of the Maine community, a compassionate friend to all.

In Memory of Clarence Ames from Lil Ames

Clarence left his mark on the Town of Maine when he replicated from a photograph the Pagoda that is located on the corner of Rte. 26 and Church St. He built the Pagoda to commemorate Maine's "125th Celebration" in 1973.

In honor of Zoe and Maya Hayden from Michael and Kim Hayden

May you always cherish your "roots" in this community. As these new trees begin to flourish... may they remind us of the generations of families who have taken pride in this town.

From "The Maine Amies"

The Maine Amies are a group of women who celebrate being a part of the Maine community . They attend local events and help out the PTA in activities when needed, just enjoying the friendship and fellowship the group offers.

From "September Sounds"

September "Sounds is the name given to our annual musical event. This is a group of town residents and Maine Endwell students and staff who enjoy taking part in community theater for the benefit of our town and schools.

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society to enter into agreement with Mike McKilligan for lease of the J. Ralph Ingalls School in the hamlet of Maine

At the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Trustees' Meeting on March 21st, 2010, a motion was made, discussed and passed to enter into a year's leasing agreement with Mike McKilligan for the rental fee of \$1.00. This agreement would place the use of the school under the control of the NVHS for the purpose of bringing community activities and projects back to this historic landmark, built in 1939 and placed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places in 1998. This proposal was then presented to the general meeting of the historical society on April 22nd, where it was unanimously approved with one abstention (Mike McKilligan). The future of the school has been under discussion by a committee made up of a group of interested community members since last July when Mr. McKilligan took possession of the building. Two clean-up days are scheduled for the 15th and 22nd of May from 9:00 AM 'til noon, where inside and outside work such as raking, carting yard debris, washing windows, woodwork and floors, and various skill adjusted tasks will be started. All energetic volunteers are welcomed, with or without garden tools or cleaning supplies.

The Schoolhouse to be Painted

The One Room School House will be painted this summer. It needs it so bad, and we will all be very pleased to have it done. Boy Scout **Andrew Sellick** will organize it as part of his **Eagle Scout** preparation.

We'll be open this summer, every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00, July, August, and September.

We have found that little groups have wonderful times. So do individual visitors. Many of them stop by just because they see the open sign. If you know you'll be having a bunch of people to Sunday Dinner, plan on bringing them to one of the buildings afterward. Or, how about a Sunday School class field trip? We always tell the school children that they can come back when they're not on the tight school schedule, and take their time to look at the things they had to leave while they were still wanting to see and hear more. Remind any you know, of that, and maybe they'd like to bring you with them this time.

We'll need about two persons for each building that is open on each day. If you have never done this volunteer assignment tell Sue Lisk. She'll see you are broken in.

Obituaries

Dane H. McGregor, 95, died in Newark Ohio on April 17, 2010. He was born in Maine, NY on May 19 of 1914 and lived most of his life here. He was predeceased by his wife Ruth (Young). He and Ruth were together for 70 years, after being wed in the bay window of what is now the Rozek living room, on October 2, 1936. He graduated from the Union Endicott High School in 1933 and spent his working life on the McGregor and Sons poultry and egg farm, along with his father and two brothers.

Dane was also predeceased by his parents Venley and Clara, his son Stanley McGregor, his brother Garth and sister in law Margaret McGregor, and brother Warren McGregor.

He is survived by his daughter Nancy Bittinger of Nova OH, daughter in law Barbara McGregor of Midland MI, sons Venley (Kathy) McGregor of Maine NY and Glenn (Diane) McGregor of Newark OH, sister in law Betty McGregor and brother in law Donald Young.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Bill (Lynne) Tereshko, Cathy (Rich) Dobrzanski, Dane (Beth Rubin) McGregor, Lea (Kurt Von Koss) McGregor, Venley McGregor Jr, Jennifer (Vince) Isaacs, Matthew (Cara) McGregor, and Tanya (David) Cepek; great grandchildren Justin, Brandon, Kelli, Joseph, Claire, Elinor, Jordan, Casey, Lewis, Christopher, Luke, Michaela, Owen, Cullen, Emma, and Molly; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at the Maine Federated Church on Saturday, AUGUST 7, 2010. Please bring a memory or photo to share.

Please support the Historic Society's Business Members

<p>Alpaca Fantasy World Ed & Donna Rutkowski 368 Tiona Road Maine, NY 13811 607-862-4495</p>	<p>Country Wagon Produce Plants, Produce, Bakery, Gifts Rt. 26 Maine, NY 862-3985</p>
<p>Frost-Klossner-Swan, Inc Insurance 2640 NY Rt. 26, Maine, NY 862-3222 14 N. Maine, Newark Valley, NY 642-3224</p>	<p>Lori's Hairstyling 2719 Rt 26 Maine, NY 13802 862-3092</p>
<p>Our Country Hearts Restaurant, Gift Store & Furniture Store Corner of Rts 26 & 38B 2007 NY Rt 26, Endicott, NY 757-9906</p>	<p>NBT BANK of Maine 2647 Main St. P. O. Box 187 Maine, NY 13802 862-3204</p>

Patron Member - Frank's Pizza Shop



The Board of Trustees for the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

- Each voting board position has a three year term. Three board positions are to be refilled each year, providing an ever changing but on-going board coverage.
- Board Members Mike McKilligan, Dorothy Winans, and Anita Shipway will serve through 2010.
- Board Members Nancy Berry, Betty Welch, and Sue Hoskins will serve through 2011.
- Board members Stan Lisk, Yancy Moore, and Diane Chianis will serve through 2012.

Officers

President: Sandy Rozek
 Vice President: Alice Hopkins
 Secretary: Carla Sullivan
 Treasurer: Sandy Halliday

2010 Committees	
Membership	Dottie Winans, Sandy Halliday
Finance	Dottie Winans, Sandy Halliday
Buildings & Grounds	Tom Kotasek, Stan Lisk
Ways & Means	Sue Hoskins, Debbie Stark, Lil Ames
Curator - Museum & School-house #4	Sue Lisk
Curator - Mill & Norton Wagon Shops	Tom Kotasek
Education	Sandy Rozek, Carol Sienko
By-Laws	Sandy Rozek, Charles Hathorn, Anita Shipway, Carol Sienko
Video / Audio	Betty and Leo Welch
Town Historian	Nancy Rutkowski
Endowment	Carla Sullivan, Mike McKilligan
Special Projects	Stan Lisk, Nancy Berry
Newsletter Editors	Anita & Dick Shipway

2010 Dues Are now due.

Check the address label to verify that your dues are up to date.

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2009 and 2010. Your dues may either be mailed to the Treasurer at the address on the Slip or given to the Treasurer at meetings (in an envelope with your name on it and the dues slip enclosed). **Please note that the dues have increased effective January 2009.**

Dues Return Slip - Please Circle Year(s): 2009 2010

Note: See address label for your Dues Status.

Please mail returns to:	Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Attn: Treasurer P. O Box 75 Maine, New York 13802	Is this name or address a change from your address label? Yes ___ No ___
Name:	_____	Amount Enclosed
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City/State/Zip:	_____	
Phone: (Home)	_____ (Work) _____	
Dues: <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Single <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Business		



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