

Spring 2013 Newsletter

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society



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What is Path Through History?

Path Through History is a program that will connect historic and cultural attractions throughout New York State. The PTH will not only showcase New York's unparalleled network of museums, historic sites, and other cultural institutions, but it is hoped will also help promote tourism, economic development, and job creation.

What is Path Through History Weekends?

As part of Path Through History, on June 1-2 and 8-9, cultural and heritage sites throughout the state will host special programming, tours and events, or provide reduced or free admission, to celebrate the unique history of New York State.

Our part of the project will take place on SATURDAY, June 8, from 1 to 4. Our buildings will be open and, as always, free. Sue Lisk will be on hand to sign copies of the book she put together for the Historical Society, and to chat with people.

Also, Country Wagon will have an agricultural display, and Most Holy Rosary will have a "Treasure" sale.

Lucus Kaczynski and fellow students will be doing a walking tour of the Hamlet. They will meet in front of the Federated Church.

Other historical places in the area will be open then too, so if you're free, try to check out some of those.

How can I find historic attractions or events the rest of the year?

There are many exciting events going on throughout the year in New York State. Visit www.paththroughhistory.ny.gov to find information on Path Through History sites, events, and itineraries year-round!

The Path Through History website is an exciting and interactive tool for you and your family to plan a day trip, weekend getaway or extended vacation that explores New York State's rich history and culture.

Summer Is Here

The 2013 summer season of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society has begun. A program meeting for May featured native born writer Paul Juser doing readings from some of his books, written for adults. They included a collection of short stories and a biography of Ed Link. (Visit pauljuser.blogspot.com and www.printsbetter.com)

The week before, Paul did a book signing at the museum and read from some of his writings for children. Dangelhorn was the book from an earlier play, and it was illustrated by Jason Cleveland, also a person who grew up locally. If you hear people suddenly declaring, "Trumpet like an elephant," they picked it up from him.

The volunteer work days for the J. Ralph Ingalls building have begun again. On June first and ninth there were periods set up for volunteers to come help with small jobs which were all ready to go. A schedule will soon be announced for the summer.

People from the Community Foundation of South Central New York, which had recently awarded the Historical Society a nice grant for setting up a computerized inventory system, came for a site visit. It was nice to have them here as they were all very interested in everything. They reminded us that groups that receive one grant are welcome to apply again for another, and left us the schedule for grant proposals. See another page for more.



The Historical Society joined Museums & sites all over the state in observance of Path Through History.

Other Interesting Things Going On:

We have a one time opportunity to see close up, the Bible used for the inaugural swearing in of George Washington, **on June 15**. In observance of the 150 years of service of the Round Hill Lodge, the **George Washington Bible will be on display. Between 12:30 and 4:00 only**, the public will be invited to come to the Round Hill Mason Center, 403 E. Main St. Endicott to see this significant artifact.

Broome County Action for Older Persons can be followed at:
www.facebook.com/ActionforOlderPersons

If you need to learn how to use Face Book, they have classes for that.
 Visit ActionforOlderPersons.org for workshop descriptions. See below to register

A class on the new Pinterest will take place on June 6. This is a sharing system of good ideas under different topics. Register by calling 722-1251

Roberson has a display this summer (through September 30) of Treasurers From the Vault. It is made up of mostly historical things which have not been on display for some time. You may remember some of them, when you see them.

There will be some Lyceum Courses of particular interest being held in the fall. All classes take place at *the India Cultural Centre, 1595 NYS Rte 26, Vestal NY 13750- unless noted otherwise.*

*You can call the Lyceum office at 777-2587 with any questions, or to receive registration blanks and full catalog. Check in later in the summer. You can also send e-mail to:
 LYCEUM@binghamton.edu*

There is a membership fee, and there is a class fee for some of the classes. Check

SUNY Broome (BCC) has a program called OWLS (older wiser learners) which presents classes at convenient Senior Centers They are courses which can be taken for BCC credit or audited for no charge. There is usually a very good local history course and some other interesting ones. Later in the summer contact <https://www.sunybroome.edu/owls-program> for full information

Coming Up

After the Path Into History weekend, the buildings will be open every Sunday, from 1:00 to 4:00. Volunteers will be needed for the rest of June, July and August. If you have been trained and not been called, get ahold of somebody and tell them when you are available. If you would like to help but don't know how yet, just show up at the Museum during open times and you'll learn.

The June Meeting/summer covered-dish indoor picnic is to happen on June 17th. Because of eating, the time will be earlier, at 6:00. After we're full, we'll try to help each other to figure out "What Is It?" If you have something that you can't identify, bring it along and see if anyone else does know. If you have something you think will stump the rest of us, bring that too.

June 17, 6 o'clock at the museum, bring dish to pass and own setting. Also a "What Is It"?

Don't be surprised if you are contacted by a local person who is interested in recording a reminiscent conversation with you. Carla Sullivan and a small collection of other local history enthusiasts have discovered that History hasn't stopped, even yet. What will be the History learned about, 50 years from now, will be what has been our lives.

The idea is to document the lives and happenings of local people, piece by piece. Some people will be ones who grew up here, but others will be people who have moved to the Maine area, anytime before right now.

They have some prompting questions which will help make a continuity in the collection of interviews. Beyond that, the conversation goes as people take it. A wonderful digital recorder, that is tiny beyond belief, is used. It does not need to be spoken directly into and can record a group of people talking as easily as a single speaker.

If you are interested in taking part, but have not yet been contacted, please call Carla Sullivan at 862-5385 or drop a note to Nanticoke Valley Oral Histories, PO BOX 75, Maine New York 13802

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 Chris Underwood, Janice McKittrick, and Pat Krzyzewski will serve through 2013.
- Board members Alice Hopkins, Clark Gardner, and Dottie Winans will serve through 2014.
- Board members Sue Hoskins, Joanne Weir, and Phyl Childs will serve through 2015.

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2013 Dues Are now due.

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**The Newsletter E-mail address is:
 nvhistoric@verizon.net**

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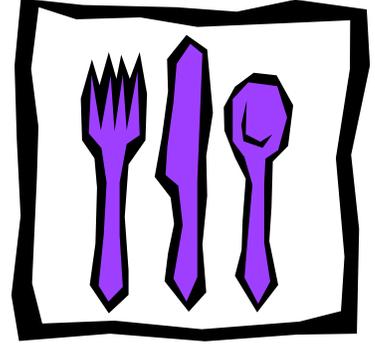


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