

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society



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* New positions are voted on each year. The term of a trustee is three years. This provides for an ever changing but ongoing board coverage.



Memorial Day Event: Monday May 27 stop over after the Parade. Open from 11– 2 . Come to the museum site 13 Nanticoke Road . What's there: Smokey Legend BBQ, Rummage Sale in the One Room School House, Desserts Table, Basket Raffles, Flea Market (see below), Tours of the Museum and Pitcher's Grist Mill,



Welcome Vendors to the *First Ever* Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Flea Market

⇒ Monday—Memorial Day May 27 from 10—3

⇒ Located 13 Nanticoke Road next to the Janet Bowers Museum

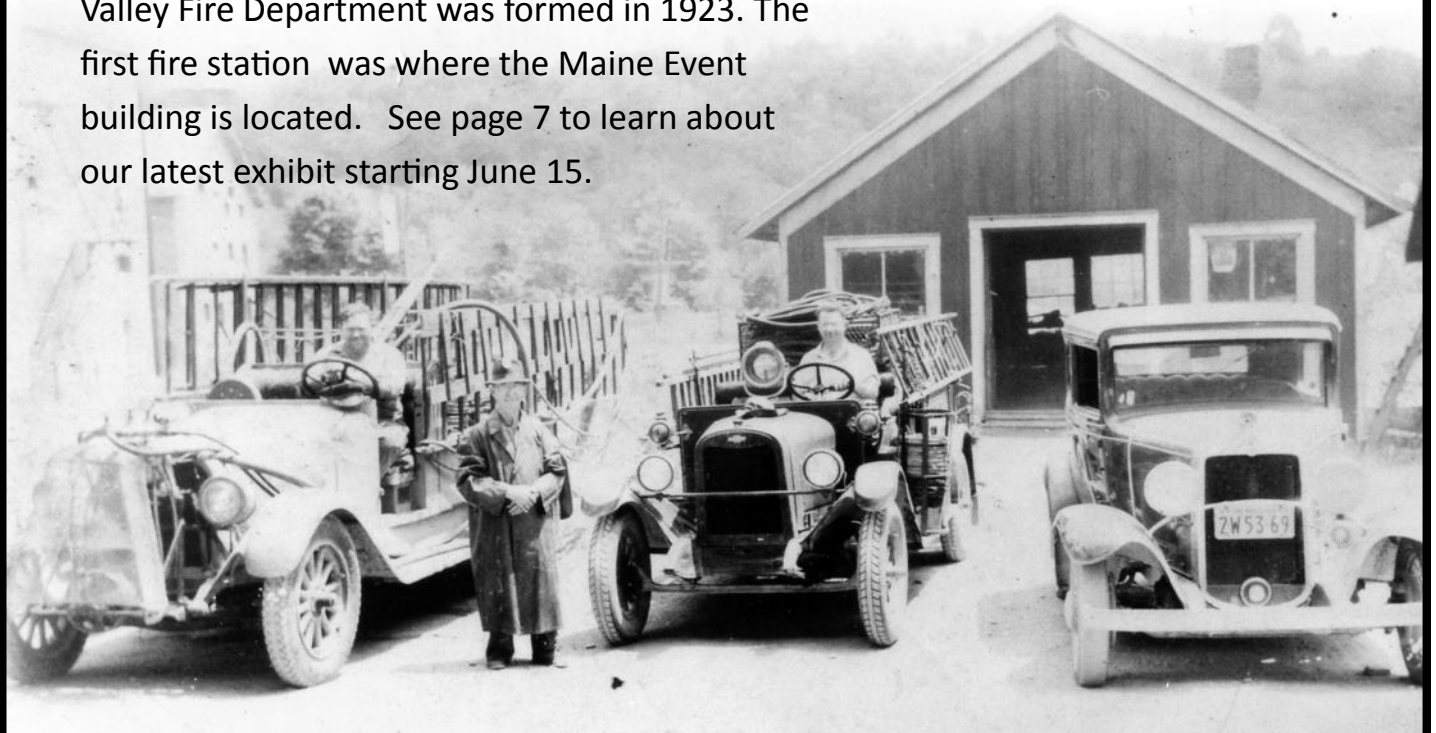


⇒ Suggested Donation for a Spot \$15.00

⇒ You need to bring your own table, pop-up tent and lots of great things to sell.

⇒ Contact Sue Hoskins at 862—9437 for information or to reserve a spot

1935 Photo; Chief Ray W. Payne. The Nanticoke Valley Fire Department was formed in 1923. The first fire station was where the Maine Event building is located. See page 7 to learn about our latest exhibit starting June 15.



We are fortunate to have an exquisite painting of our beloved Mill to offer to you. Later this summer we will be holding a raffle and one lucky individual will have this to proudly display in their home. Doris A. Wilbur has captured the mill in an original watercolor painting. It is framed 22" x 26" size, painted on 300 lb. 100% cotton arches handmade watercolor paper with Winsor Newton Paints. Ms. Wilbur paints rural landscapes and wild flowers selling her works in New York, Pennsylvania and Florida. She has won numerous awards for her artwork and you can find her works throughout the U.S., Germany and England.

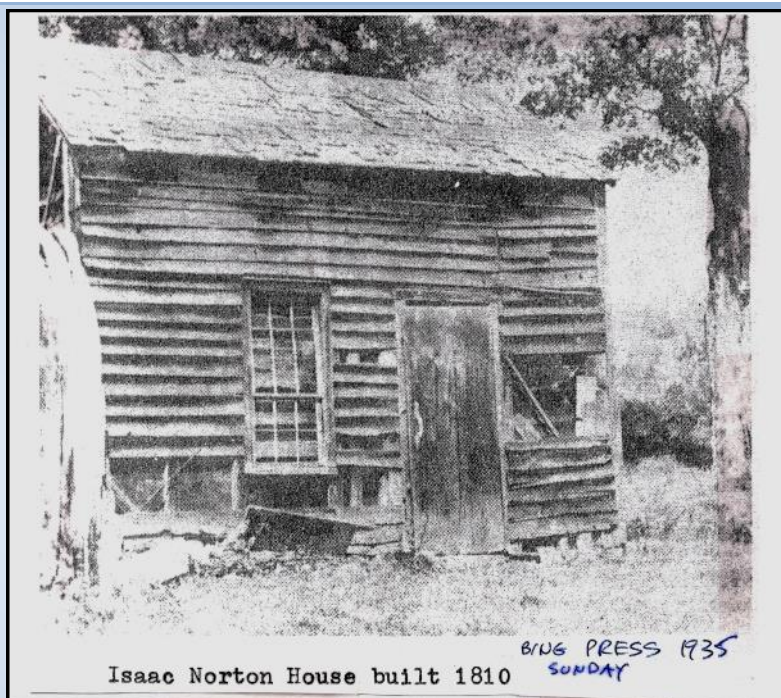


BROOME ART TRAIL AT OUR MUSEUM; Saturday, June 1st & Sunday, June 2nd | 12PM to 4PM We are one stop on this trail includes over 100 participating artists and arts organizations across 53 venues throughout Broome County. Artists' work spans mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, fiber, woodworking, printmaking, ceramics, jewelry and more!



The first settlers in our town came around 1794 from New England and the Wyoming Valley Pennsylvania. Original homes were very simple; logs cabins followed by clapboard homes. In 1810 Issac (Elizer) Norton built this home at Tiona and Nanticoke Roads. It no longer exists. The Norton's started their family business across the road. Two structures still stand from the early 1840 Wagon and Sleigh works begun by Henry Norton and then his son Geo. E. Turning these shops into another museum site is our next goal.

Some of the oldest homes became incorporated into larger home. "Nathan Hovey was the first settler in the hamlet; his original house was incorporated into this Federal style structure" at 2569 Main Street. Many of the home in the hamlet date from 1820's. They were built to resemble the homes in New England from where they migrated.



ca. 1810. First house in area with clapboards

Some Homes from the Early Days of Maine



51 Nanticoke Road , Bowers House ca. 1875 after original 1822 house was destroyed by fire.



Taylor House ca. 1820, 229 Nanticoke Road



2569 NYS Rte 26 ca. 1820 Nathan Hovey was the first settler in the hamlet; his original house was incorporated into this Federal style structure.



2876 NYS Rte. 26, Henry and Martine Barnaby ca. 1828 was once Dr. Glenn Bartle's home when he was president of Harpur College



Reverend William Gates ran the Maine Academy here from 1837—1852 located at 2575 Main St ca. 1820. Photo from around 1900



2591 Main St. home of Lillian Ames, ca 1848. Originally owned by William Lincoln with a store to the north. This store burned in 1893.

UPCOMING EVENTS If it is a snow day then the event is canceled

STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES WWW.NANTICOKEVALLEYHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM

- **May Tea Sunday 5th 1:30 —3:30 PM** The Maine Event contact Sandy Halliday for reservations.
- **May 18 Saturday** Coffee House 7 PM “The Jeffery Rogers Pepper Band Maine Fed Church
- **May 20th Monday 7 pm** at the museum: Dolores Elliott a well-known local expert of local Native Americans and interaction with early white settlers. Dolores Elliott a retired archaeologist and collector of Iroquois beadwork one of the top experts in the country when it comes to Iroquois Beadwork.
- **May 27th Monday Memorial day** BBQ etc. Building tours, BBQ, Baskets, Desserts for sale, Tag Sale in the school house, Flea market on the museum grounds. Details to follow.
- **June 1-2 gallery opening First Ever Broome Art Trail" Noon-4,** at our gallery in the museum 13 Nanticoke Rd then open most Sundays from June 1—Aug 11
- **June 8th Saturday** Preservation Society of the Southern Tier Annual Garden tour in Maine NY. <https://www.pastny.org/tours-events>
- **June 15 Saturday Coffee house** 7 Pm Maine Fed. Church hall Austin MacRae
- **June 15 and 16** Path thru history Details to Follow 1-4 PM See pg 2 and 7
- **June Monday 17th at 7 PM** Sue Lisk, curator of our museum, will show us around our special display for the Path through History Weekend, which she will have curated.
- **June 19 Wednesday 6:30** Broome County Library Decker Room The Broome County Historical Society meeting. Phil Childs The early settlers of Northwestern Broome County.
- **July 15 Monday 7pm** different location (details to follow) Nancy Berry is putting together a program from information and memories of the time when her father was in charge of the Endicott Johnson Recreation department Also viewing of the WSKG program about Johnson.
- **July 27 Saturday** Newark Valley Summerfest parade
- **July—September** buildings open for tour summer opening Sundays
- **August 18 Sunday Gallery Artists Opening #2** Aug 18— Sept 29 Greg Chianis Photography
- **August 19 Monday 7 PM** there will be a presentation on Mindful Eating. We will be back in our own building, with Stephanie Bostic, PhD, D in food and nutrition service. She is a dynamic speaker, who is very knowledgeable and can easily work with the audience to talk about things they are concerned about.
- **September 14 Saturday Maine Fest 2019** 10 – 5 pm whole town event see pg. 7 and 8
- **September** meeting on third Monday canceled due to Maine fest
- **September 24 Wednesday Binghamton University Lyceum Course** Maine before electricity presentation at the Janet Bowers Museum 10—1:30 13 Nanticoke Road presented by Phil Childs. Cost \$20.00 include lunch and tours of museum, and mill. Contact Lyceum website for reservations <https://www.binghamton.edu/tlel/community/lyceum/index.html>
- **October 12 -14** Path through history exhibit of an extensive antique and vintage Halloween collection. Sue Lisk curator.
- **October 13 Sunday** Smokey Legend BBQ 11:30 at the museum.
- **October 21 Monday 7 pm at the museum;** Sue Lisk’s Halloween collection and a tour of Path Through History Exhibit of Halloween items.
- **November 18 Monday Meeting 7 pm** Presentation about the Bostwick family of Maine and Union Center.
- **December 16th Monday meeting at 7 Pm** our third annual music and poetry celebration
- Coffee Houses will start again in October check our website for details in early fall.
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- **November trip presentation on black smithing,** by Dan Summers, of Whitney Point. The facility he uses is the one at the Newark (yes Newark) Valley museum complex. We’ll have to go there. It may turn into a field trip at a time different than our meeting.
- November Turkey Dinner at Friends diner Date to be determined
- **field Trip** would be the new CSL Plasma facility at 519 Hooper Road. They will be producing plasma for many medical services. Date to be determined
- Coffee Houses on Saturday will resume in October through springtime 2020

Call for Artists!

Attention Plein Air Artists, there will be a one day **Paint Out** in Historic Maine New York on Saturday, September 14th 2019. From 7:00 AM til 6:00 PM. This event is part of the 2019 Maine Fest

Open to all artists and limited to the first twelve who apply.

For information and to register contact:
Philip Childs at: achild233@aol.com
or Richard Henry at: henry.artist1@gmail.com



COFFEE HOUSES

Thanks to the talents of Gordie Gottlieb the NVHS has started a series of coffee house performances. Once a month on Saturday evenings starting at 7PM, from fall to late spring, talented musicians will take the stage to entertain the town. We hold these at the Maine Federated Church fellowship An \$8.00 donation is appreciated.



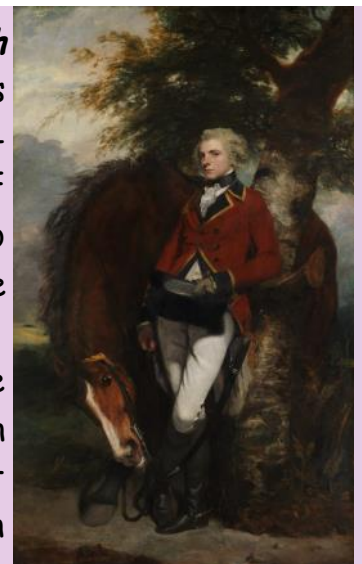
Cataloging our large collection takes time, money and energy. Eventually the collection will be digitized. This task is called the **Archives Project**. A special thanks to Ellen and Mike Vechon for their generous support in this initiative.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

This year we celebrate the 50th year of NVHS. A tax-deductible bequest to the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society a 501 (c) (3) organization will help preserve history for future generations

THANK YOU to all of you who donated to our **J. Ralph Ingalls portrait restoration campaign**. With the contributions from Shirley Woodward, Lil Ames, Nancy Berry and an anonymous donor we have almost reached our goal. We are in need of \$450 to complete our campaign and bring our paintings back to the condition they were in when they were first hung in the schools. Can you help us reach our final goal?

The painting to the right is being curated at the Buffalo State College Dept. of Art Restoration. "Reynolds gave close attention to his portrait of George Kein Hayward Coussmaker, a lieutenant and captain in the first regiment of Foot Guards. No fewer than twenty-one appointments—and at least two more for the sitter's horse—are recorded between February 9 and April 16, 1782. The composition is complex and the whole vigorously painted."



Come see our new exhibit during Path Through History Weekend June 15-16th 1-4 at the Janet W. Bowers Museum!

" EMERGENCY!"

Starting Saturday we will present the history of Maine Fire Departments and ambulance squad, focusing on the beginning and the volunteer aspect of the organizations, continuing into present day. It will include artifacts and photographs that will tell the story of the brave people who made it possible to protect Town of Maine residents and their property.

Sunday the museum will host a reception for all who have served on the fire departments and emergency quad through the years as well as anyone, friends, family members, who can share their memories to be recorded through our Oral History project.

Maine Fire Dept. #1 will display their twice restored vintage fire truck in front of the museum.

Do you have any photos, memories or artifacts to add to our exhibit please contact me, Sue Lisk at 862-9705 or nvhscurator@hotmail.com . You can help us tell this part of the history of Maine



Maine Fest 2019 Saturday September 14, 2019

The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society invites the public to their **2nd** annual event, The Maine Fest, to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 in the Town of Maine from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The day-long event will feature local artists displaying and/or demonstrating their work on porches and in barns, including a Plein Air art event and musicians performing on porches throughout the village along with the Maine Town Band. This is a free family-friendly event and we invite you to stroll through the hamlet or ride the free trolley through town from venue to venue. A schedule of performances, exhibitions and activities will be available on Facebook at 'The Maine Fest', or online at <http://nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com>. This year we will be opening this event to Town of Maine organizations to work with us and also for your organization to use this date for fund raising .

A second volume of Clarence Stratton works along with other artists of the Nanticoke Valley, will be available for sale. We are asking anyone who owns a Clarence Stratton painting to contact event organizer Gordie Gottlieb at themainefest@gmail.com or 607-232-0702 Gordie Gottlieb ggottlieb1@stny.rr.com , or Phil Childs 862 3405 achild233@aol.com. to discuss adding your Stratton or other Maine paintings to this new volume.

The Museum Sites will be open for guided tours during the day: the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Janet W Bowers Museum, 13 Nanticoke Rd. Maine, the ca. 1845 School-house Number 4, 14 Nanticoke Rd., Maine and ca. 1830 Pitcher's Grist Mill, 2819 NYS RTE 26, Maine.

Sponsorship Opportunities

A "Maine Sponsor" - \$ 1000

- ✦ Opportunity to Display Your Signage on the event Trolley
- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ Signage at all event sites
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- ✦ Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
- ✦ Opportunity to Address Attendees before the Maine Community Band concert
- ✦ Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event

A table or station at the event

Trolley Car Sponsor - \$ 500

- ✦ Opportunity to Display Your Signage on the event Trolley
- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
- ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- ✦ Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
- ✦ Opportunity to Address Attendees

Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event

T-Shirt Sponsor - \$250

- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
 - ✦ Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event
 - ✦ Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
- Highlighted Through Social Media Channels

Adopt-A-Porch Sponsor - \$100

- ✦ Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees
 - ✦ On-site Signage on Designated Porch or Art Barn Site
- Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing

Family and Friend Sponsor - \$25

Recognition on Event Map Handed out to Attendees

All sponsors will also be listed in our Fall Newsletter

Please return this form and payment no later than September 1, 2019

If you have a logo or artwork you would like to send us please email it to: themainefest@gmail.com

Business/Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment method: Check or money order payable to NVHS, Amount: _____
Cash

We will contact you to obtain your logos and graphics

2nd Annual

The Maine Fest

*An art and music porch festival to benefit the Nanticoke Valley
Historical Society*

Saturday, September 14, 2019

10 AM – 4 PM

Hamlet of Maine, New York

Contact: Gordie Gottlieb

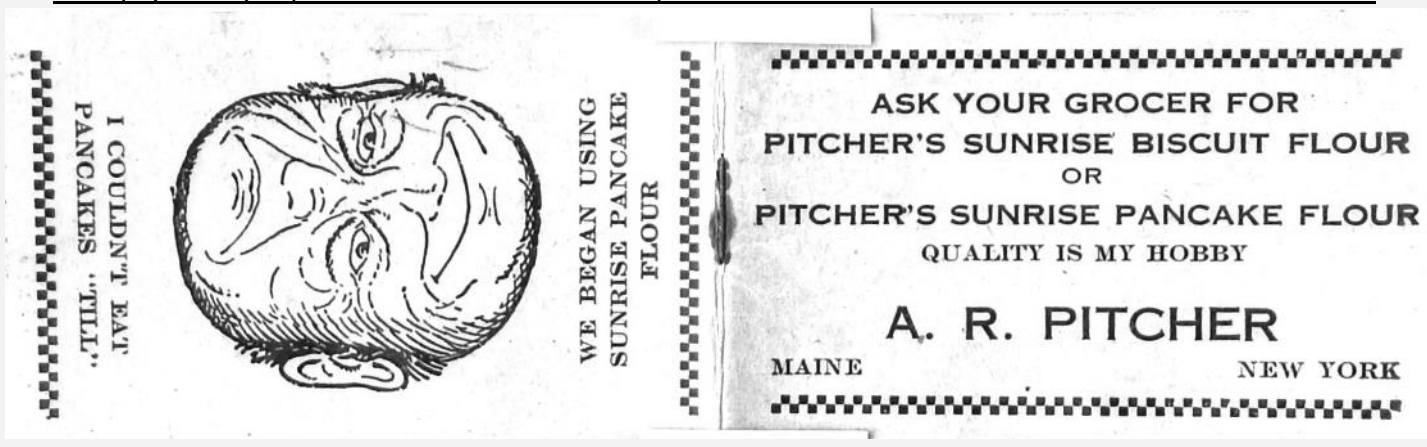
607-232-0702 or themainefest@gmail.com



The NVHS will be hosting a full town event. Bands on Porches, Artists in Barns, Crafts, Children's Activities, Plein Air Painting Event, Trolley Rides, Food...A Great Family Friendly Event. More details will be coming: via posters, a new Face book Events page, email blasts.

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society, PO Box 75, Maine, NY 13802
Janet W. Bowers Museum 13 Nanticoke Road Maine NY
<http://www.nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com/> ~ Phone ~ 607-232-0702
NVHS is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Tax EIN # 23-7169492

A "topsy-turvy" (see March 2019 Newsletter) used as an advertisement for Pitcher's Mills— ca 1940



Thanks to *Bruce Pomeroy* for the names associated with the photo in the March 2019 newsletter: that contained many of the earliest NVHS members,

Front row left to right - #1- Beryl Carlson, #2- Ruth Stratton, #3- Betty McGregor, , #6- Mary Crockett, Minnie Brigham, #9- Eleanor Pomeroy #10 and 11- Larry and Jan Bothwell

Back row- #1- Chet Carlson, #2 and 3- the Cleavays (sp?) Rosealie, #4- Al Parr, # 5- Mrs. Parr last person in back row hidden by my Mom- Edward Pomeroy

As you drive past the Amesless Golf course property you might notice that an old house is being dismantled. This is (was) the Thomas Marean house ca. 1818 which was located at 2902 NYS Route 26. It was the residence of the Pomeroy family for over 43 years. After they moved another family lived there. Sometime later the building had a fire in the kitchen area. Jim McKilligan moved this building to its current location. Mr. Dan Ackley now enters the story and it is his plan is to disassemble the beams and boards and reassemble it on his property at Hardy Road. We at NVHS are pleased that this building is not being lost and those great beams will continue to support a home, perhaps for another two hundred years.



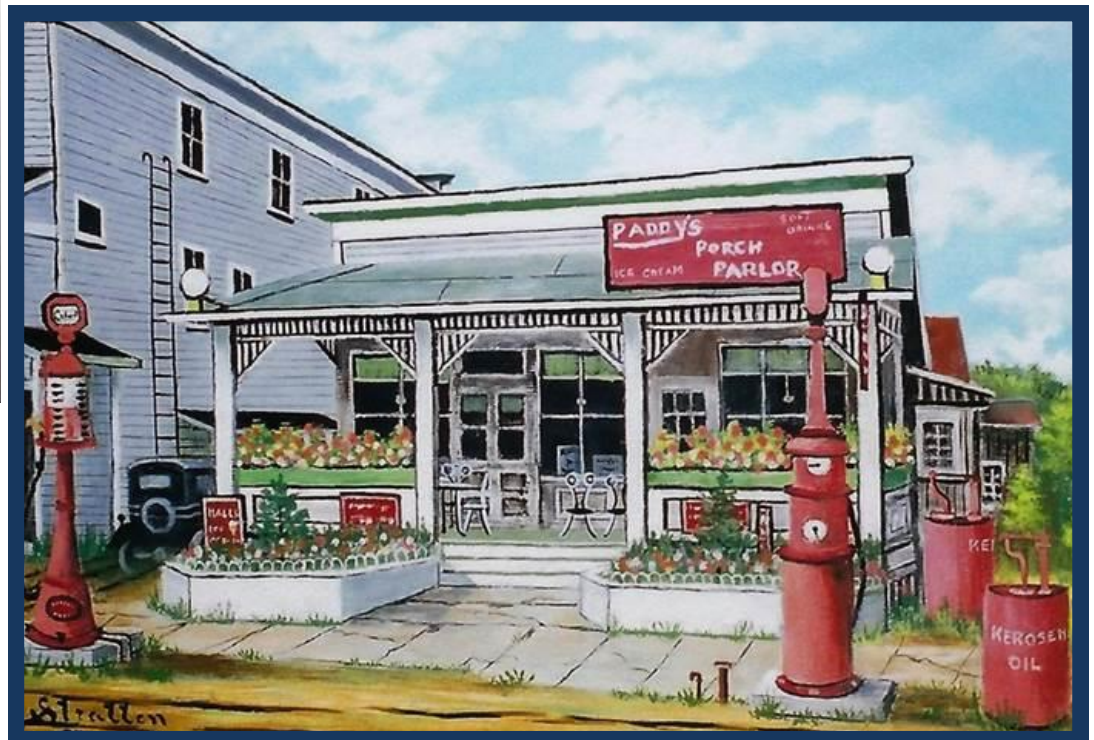
DO YOU REMEMBER?

"In 1905 in Oakland, California, 11-year-old Francis William "Frank" Epperson was mixing a powdered flavoring for soft drinks with water. He accidentally left it on the back porch overnight, with a stirring stick still in it. That night, the temperature dropped below freezing, and the next morning, Epperson discovered the drink had frozen to the stick, inspiring the idea of a fruit-flavored 'Popsicle'.



In 1922, he introduced the creation at a fireman's ball, where according to reports it was "a sensation". In 1923, Epperson began selling the frozen pops to the public at Neptune Beach, an amusement park in Alameda, California. By 1924 Epperson had received a patent for his "frozen confectionery" which he called "the **Epsicle** ice pop". He renamed it to **Popsicle**, allegedly at the insistence of his children. Popsicles were originally sold in fruity flavors and marketed as a "frozen drink on a stick."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popsicle_\(brand\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popsicle_(brand))



Paddy's Porch Parlor painting by Clarence Stratton 1974, the ice cream parlor and general store was located to the north of the current post office building. The store began in the 1920's by George and Bertha Padbury and closed during World War II.

Photo taken at the Museum Association of New York (MANY) annual conference held in Cooperstown in early April. Our curator and town historian Sue Lisk (left first row) received a scholarship from the Pomeroy Foundation to attend this three day event. The others in this photo also received scholarships to attend. Thanks to this wonderful organization for supporting history. "The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis." <https://www.wgpfoundation.org/>



Lessons in an Old Mill

A tingling blush of fright
Seems always, these days,
To be running through and around.

Can we make it ... What if. .. But ...
I don't know, We just don't know
Freaking out.

But, there in a dark corner
Of this old grist mill
I can sit among these ancient tools.

In their midst I can feel a calming,
Like a strong arm around me.
They say that others have
Made it.
Others have.

Anita Shipway



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Dues: _____ \$20.00 Individual _____ \$35.00 Family _____ \$20 Senior/Student _____ \$50 Patron _____ \$100 Business _____ Other _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____