

# Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

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YEARS



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# Mainefest Saturday September 14



## Curator's Corner Sue Lisk

“Summer’s almost over and we have had a lively Museum season with more to come. I have been slowly working on our future exhibit, the 1910 living room that is being used as a temporary art gallery before the installation is complete. Perhaps you have noticed “new” furniture pieces we have received such as the generous gift of a Mission desk we received from Joyce and John Goodrich. Joyce purchased the desk many years ago from her neighbor, for teacher, Blanche Walter. If you have any items from the 1910 era that you would like to donate please let me know at [nvhscurator@hotmail.com](mailto:nvhscurator@hotmail.com) or call me at 862-9705

Also, thank you Nancy McGregor Bittinger, for the wonderful gift of a Franck Taylor Bowers painting called “Trees.” (see page five) Franck, who was a great artist, was Janet Bowers’ Uncle. Nancy and Janet were very close friends since childhood and until Janet died. Nancy also told me her family lived in the museum building (13 Nanticoke Road) until she was 14.”

Sue Lisk



### September 14. Numerous Artists will be sitting at their easels creating paintings of Maine NY

***Plein Air Paint Out***, Watch the artists painting at locations within the hamlet and surrounding countryside. They will have just hours to create their artwork and then present it. “Plein air”, a French term for “open air”, has been used to describe people who take their easels outdoors to paint landscapes (as well as other outdoor subjects like buildings, cities, old barns, farm equipment, statues, flowers, gardens, and people). At 4:30 PM the artists will display their paintings (in the Maine Federated Church Fellowship Hall for the public to view and awards will be handed out . The artwork will be available for sale. This is a first event like this in Broome and Tioga Counties!

**October 12 Saturday  
THE COUNTRY WAGON PRO-  
DUCE**

**They will be celebrating the Path  
Through History Weekend  
FALL HARVEST  
Hours 10 –5**

**Activities including grilled food,  
ANIMAL ADVENTURE from 1—3  
Pick –up your Halloween decora-  
tions , corn stalks, pumpkins!,  
gourds and a large collection of  
ETC.**



A Dedication Ceremony in remembrance of a local Civil War Veteran who survived the war. A new headstone for the grave of **Civil War Veteran, Pvt. Stephen P. Vandeburgh Company F, 89th NY Volunteer Infantry** Will be dedicated on **Saturday, 14 September 2019 at 11 a.m.** At **Maine, NY Cemetery** (Approximately 6 miles north of Endicott). Replacing his original headstone, which has been broken in numerous pieces for over ten years, has been a project of **Mrs. Benjamin Har-**



**rison Tent #2 of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW).** Assisting at the dedication we are grateful for members of **Col. David Ireland Camp 137 SUVCW, REENACTORS of the 137th New York Volunteer Infantry, the Binghamton Civil War Historical Society & Roundtable.** An SUVCW officer, in recruiting participation in this event, called it a “worthy mission” and “one last service we can perform for this Union Army Veteran.”

**Sue Lisk, Eileen Patch, Daryl Holloway, Wayne Thurston**

## Franck Taylor Bowers 1875- 1932

“Born in Binghamton, New York, Franck Bowers spent most of his career as an illustrator but the last years of his life, he devoted much time to oil painting and watercolors. His subjects included landscapes, especially trees, figures, genre, still lifes and botanical drawings. He usually signed his paintings F. Taylor. He was a founder and strong promoter of the Binghamton Society of Artists and a teacher at The Binghamton Art School. Early in his career participated in the Binghamton Sketch Club.

His parents lived on the Main Street of Binghamton and had two sons, Franck and Clement. The father, LaMont Bowers, was an associate of John D. Rockefeller and a successful entrepreneurial businessman who was President of Cleveland Steel Company, manager of Besemer Steamship Company and owner of a large farming operation.” He had a creative mind, and among his inventions were the design of tankers sturdy enough to carry iron ore and the design and manufacture of an anchor that could handle that amount of weight on a ship.

.... at the height of his fine-art career, Bowers was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia from which he died, a year later, on June 7, 1932. The last year of his life, he completed a series of watercolors for a book, "Rhododendrons and Azaleas" written by his brother, Dr. Clement Gray Bowers, a highly-respected botanist. Because he was in the hospital, Franck Bowers did many of these drawings from specimens that were mailed to him from his brother.”

[http://www.askart.com/artist\\_bio/Franck\\_Taylor\\_Bowers/132624/Franck\\_Taylor\\_Bowers.aspx](http://www.askart.com/artist_bio/Franck_Taylor_Bowers/132624/Franck_Taylor_Bowers.aspx)



**Path Through History  
Columbus Weekend, October 12-13  
Sat. & Sun**

HAUNTED BY HALLOWEEN! A RIOT OF ORANGE AND BLACK DECORATIONS OF HALLOWEENS LONG PAST CAST A MAGIC SPELL OVER OUR MUSEUM! COME SEE OUR LARGE ANTIQUE HALLOWEEN COLLECTION! TRICKS, TREATS and TAROT READINGS FOR ALL! AT THE NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN MAINE,NY

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Museum-Janet Bowers Museum, 13 Nanticoke Road; Schoolhouse Number 4, 14 Nanticoke Road; and Pitcher's Mill , 2819 NYS Route 26. Museum, Schoolhouse and Mill open Saturday and Sunday 1-4. Guided tours and photo opportunities so wear your costumes! Admission Adults \$5, children accompanied by parents free. Share your Halloween stories of the past ! contact: [nvhscurator@hotmail.com](mailto:nvhscurator@hotmail.com), <http://nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com/> or visit [https:// www.facebook.com/ NanticokeValleyHistoricalSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/NanticokeValleyHistoricalSociety/)



**WHAT'S COMIN'**

- **September 14 Maine Fest**  
14 Rededication of Pvt. Stephen P. Vandeburgh grave Maine Cemetery 11 AM  
24 Lyceum check article page 7
- **Starting of our Coffee houses TBA Who and When Sept 2019—May 2020**
- **September view Greg Chianis photography In Bowers Museum art gallery**
- **October 12 -13 Path through history exhibit of an extensive antique and vintage Halloween collection. Sue Lisk curator. Also Country Wagon see article page 3**
- **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.**
- **November Turkey Dinner at Friends diner Date to be determined**
- **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.**
- **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**
- **December 16th Monday meeting at 7 Pm our third annual music and poetry celebration.**



We are pleased to have Greg Chianis photographs at our current show at the art gallery within the museum. Greg is a talented photographer whose powerful black and white images capture emotional moments in time. You have to see them to understand them. His color images of the Italian countryside are truly masterful. The gallery hours are 1-4 on

Sundays. His works will be hanging until the middle of September. You can also on the Maine Fest day of Saturday September 14 you swing by the museum (13 Nanticoke Road) to see this exhibit.

## Binghamton University Lyceum visits NVHS Life in Maine, NY, Before Electricity [\$20 - includes lunch]

*Tuesday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m-1:30 p.m.*

Presenter: Philip Childs, President NVHS. 1922 marked the year that electricity reached rural Maine, N.Y. **What did the individuals and families do prior to the introduction of "labor saving electrical devices"?** How did they entertain themselves? What tools and machines were available? What was the typical life like for children and adults prior to 1922? The program will start with a Power Point presentation in our 1850 two-story Janet Bowers Museum located at 13 Nanticoke Road (the second floor is NOT handicapped accessible). **Our 1830 Pitcher's Grist Mill located at 2819 NYS Route 26** will be open for touring (NOT handicapped accessible). Your class will include a lunch. If time allows you can visit our 1845 one-room schoolhouse #4 located at 14 Nanticoke Road. *Class limited to 25; separate check required.*

<https://www.binghamton.edu/tlel/community/lyceum/calendar.html>

## Lewis Street Maine NY Compare & Contrast 63 Years



Above May 1956—Below April 2019. The above photo was provided by Philip Parr. Lewis Street “opened” around 1870 when the land was donated by the Lewis Family. The maple trees in 1956 were planted in 1870, not one maple remains today. View is looking towards the west. The maples on the south side of Lewis St in the church field were planted in the 1950’s by the maine scouts



The Bostwick family of Maine and Union Center. We will have a presentation at our November meeting about this fascinating family.

**Charles Raymond Bostwick Parents Milton and Lucina Gardner Bostwick 6.12.1884 - 8.5.1974 Union Center Cemetery**



**Both Bostwick Brothers Fought in the Civil War and Returned to Lead Full Lives!**



Leroy



Milton is the father of Charles

A special thanks to Nancy Berry for her informative presentation about growing up in Endicott; including personal glimpses into her family and its connections to Endicott-Johnson. We held this presentation at the Endicott History and Heritage Center, 40 Washington Ave Endicott. Which is a location you must visit. Open on Saturday from 10 –2 call (607)727-2503 <https://www.facebook.com/EndicottHistoryandHeritageCenter/> . Thanks also to Ted Warner and Anita Shipway for arranging this joint meeting of our two historical societies. Located at 40 Washington Ave. they have two floors of exhibits covering the history of IBM Corporation and the history of Endicott NY including the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Company. This is a location is a must visit for all.



## IN MEMORIAM



Rick Darlin June 2, 2019

Philip J. Grady Jr. Aug 24, 2019

## COFFEE HOUSES

Join us when we start up again after our summer recess.  
We will be holding great live music and along with goodies from September—May  
Located in the Federated Church Fellowship Hall 7 PM  
One Saturday per month (for specific information go to our website).  
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**NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES CALL FOR MUSICIANS, ARTISTS AND VENDORS FOR 'THE MAINE FEST' ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

**Maine, NY.** The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society is now accepting applications from musicians, artists, and vendors to participate in the *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maine Fest* to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 in the Hamlet of Maine from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The day-long event will feature a Plein Air Painting event, local artists displays, a Flea Market, a Chicken Barbeque prepared by the West Corners Lion's Club, and musicians performing throughout the day. The Maine Fest will be held on the meadow behind the Maine Federated Church, Route 26, Maine, NY.

This year's event will feature something new in our area, a *Plein Air Paint Out*, with artists painting at locations within the hamlet and the surrounding countryside. "Plein air", a French term for "open air", has been used to describe people who take their easels outdoors to paint landscapes (as well as other outdoor subjects like buildings, cities, old barns, farm equipment, statues, flowers, gardens, and people). At 4:30 PM the artists will display their paintings (in the Maine Federated Church Fellowship Hall for the public to view and awards will be handed out separately for works done within the Nanticoke Valley Region and for works done within the historic part of the town (within the trolley route). Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Honorable Mention will be awarded in each category. Artists can register to participate by visiting [www.themainefest.com](http://www.themainefest.com)

The Maine Fest is a free family-friendly event and the public is invited to bring lawn chairs to enjoy the music, food and displays, to stroll through the hamlet, or ride the free trolley through the town. A schedule of performances, exhibitions and activities will be available on Facebook at 'The Maine Fest', or online at [www.themainefest.com](http://www.themainefest.com)

The Museum Buildings will be open for guided tours: Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Janet W Bowers Museum, 13 Nanticoke Rd. Maine (10 AM – 3 PM); Schoolhouse Number 4, 14 Nanticoke Rd., Maine (10 AM – Noon); and Pitcher's Mill, 2819 NYS RTE 26, Maine (10 AM – Noon).



**BBQ Chicken - West Corner's Lions Club Fund Raiser Available at the Maine Fest  
Presales call 862—3920 or buy tickets at Kelly's II in downtown Maine NY**

## Sponsorship Opportunities

- A “Maine Sponsor” - \$1,000 (limited to 1 sponsor)**
  - Signage on the event Trolley
  - Banner as the stage backdrop
  - Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
  - Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
  - Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event
  - A table or station at the event
  
- Trolley Car Sponsors - \$500**
  - Signage on the event Trolley
  - Large Banner on stage front
  - Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
  - Highlighted Through Social Media Channels
  - Your Name or Logo on the Back of T-Shirts sold at the Event
  
- T-Shirt Sponsors - \$250**
  - Banner on stage front
  - 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
  
- Stage Sponsors - \$100**
  - Stage signage
  - Inclusion in Advertising, Media and Marketing
  
- Family and Friend Sponsors - \$25**

**2nd Annual**  
**The Maine Fest**  
*An art and music festival to benefit the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society*  
**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
Hamlet of Maine, New York  
[www.themainefest.com](http://www.themainefest.com)  
**Contact: Gordie Gottlieb**  
607-232-0702 or [themainefest@gmail.com](mailto:themainefest@gmail.com)



The day-long event will feature a Plein Air Painting event, local artists displays, a Flea Market, a Chicken Barbecue prepared by the West Corners Lion's Club, and musicians performing throughout the day. The Maine Fest will be held on the meadow behind the Maine Federated Church, Route 26, Maine, NY.

## All sponsors will also be listed in our Special Newsletter

**Please return this form and payment no later than Spetember 1st, 2019**

**If you have a logo or artwork you would like to send us please email it to: [themainefest@gmail.com](mailto:themainefest@gmail.com)**

*Please check one of the above boxes to indicate your level of sponsorship and fill out the form on the next page.*

Business/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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