

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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HOURS
Saturdays, 10am – 1pm



HOLLY TOUR of Holiday Homes *Sunday, December 7th, 1 - 4PM*

The Dryden Town Historical Society is proud to announce the **2014 Holly Tour** featuring five fabulous houses decorated for the holidays.

Once again the tour will feature homes of architectural diversity and historic significance. The locations include: 26 East Main Street, a home built between 1894 and 1897 by Franklin Hutchinson, a one-armed Civil War veteran; 27 East Main Street a house that may have out started in the Greek Revival style of the mid-1800's but over time acquired a Queen Anne addition and a Colonial Revival front porch; 19 Union Street, a striking 2-story house in the Victorian Gothic style of the 1880's with an Eastlake porch; 384 Virgil Road, a charming Greek Revival style built in 1865 and currently in the hands of its 16th owner; and, 380 Freeville Road, the W.R. George House on the campus of the former George Junior Republic (now the William George Agency), built in 1899 with a 1902 addition that houses a library with an intriguing history.



HOLIDAY WORKSHOP *Saturday, December 6 10am – 1pm Southworth Homestead*

This year's special Holiday Workshop will be held in the newly created activity space in the east wing of the Southworth Homestead. The event will be held on Saturday, December 6th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Visitors of all ages will be given the materials and instruction to create their own traditional "straw" ornament. All supplies will be provided free of charge.



The Southworth Homestead is the new home of the Dryden Town Historical Society and we are eager to show the community the progress we've made in developing a center for the advancement of local history. Stop in on Saturday mornings (10 AM to 1 PM) to view the current exhibits, research your family history, or see how you can become a part of our efforts to restore this beautiful and historic piece of Dryden's history.

FYI: The Historical Society has a good selection of local history books for sale that make wonderful holiday gifts.

HOLLY TOUR continued

Each of these houses has its own unique story to tell. Two are listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places as part of the Dryden Village Historic District, one has a total of 6 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms, one is called by its owners a Greek “revived” Revival and one was once the home of a prominent 19th century Dryden physician.

The Holly Tour will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from 1 PM to 4 PM with a reception to follow from 4 to 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 6 North Street, in Dryden.

Tickets for this event are \$10 per person (no children please) and are available at the following locations:

- Back to Basics
- Dryden Village Offices
- Dryden Wine and Spirits
- Dryden Agway, and the
- Southworth Homestead history center on Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM.

For more information contact: Joan Torello ([607](tel:6078448156)) [844-8156](tel:6078448156) or Betsy Cleveland ([607](tel:6072271627)) [227-1627](tel:6072271627).

Southworth Homestead News

We continue to perform repair projects as funding becomes available. The adjacent photo shows a before/after photo of the recent foundation and basement window project. Funded by a generous donation from Betsey Van Sickle, the project repaired badly deteriorated foundation stone and brick and replaced seven windows. Chris Lowe of CCSN Woodworking in Freeville built the windows to duplicate the originals, which were completely rotted. Expert Building Services of Cazenovia did the masonry repairs and restorations. Earlier in the fall we installed gutters and downspouts and took competitive bids for both copper and aluminum. The low bid for copper was very reasonable and a donor stepped forward to fund the upgrade to the historically correct material. The list of needed work at the Homestead is long and we gratefully accept donations so that we may continue our repairs and renovations. Please stop by and have a look!



The Southworth Homestead has four doors and MaryEllen Rumsey has given four beautiful matching wreaths trimmed with red ribbons and frosted decorations. MaryEllen says she is thinking of the happy times over many years that she shared tea and rug hooking with Becky Simpson. So, she gives these wreaths to honor Becky and in support of all the good work at the Southworth Homestead. Many thanks, MaryEllen.



Southworth Homestead "Best wishes for the holidays"



Southworth House wreath, west side



Southworth House south entrance wreaths and filled urns

Bob Watros hangs the wreath
on the lower level door



2014 Pie and Bread Sale

Once again, the success of our annual Pie & Bread Sale is well worth noting. On Saturday, November 1st a wide variety of pies and breads (plus brownies, muffins, and a spectacular cake) donated by the generous and gifted bakers of the DTHS entered and quickly left the lobby of the 1st National Bank of Dryden. Presentation was a key factor in this success. Everything looked as good as I'm sure it tasted. Even Martha Stewart would have been impressed. In less than two hours we grossed over \$600 – not too shabby!

Shirley and I want to thank everyone who played a part in this project: Jean German (calling), Patti Kiefer (calling), Sue Morrie (calling and sales), Gina Prentiss (greeter/photographer), Ginny Stairs (calling), Trish Sprague (calling), members of the Program Committee for distributing posters around town, the 1st National Bank of Dryden for hosting the event, and all the wonderful DTHS members who took the time and effort of bake the delectable treats that made this sale both fun and profitable.



A fun and busy time on Saturday morning at the Pie sale at 1st National Bank of Dryden. From left: Sue Morrie, Ray and Rita Harris, David Smith, Jean German and Phyllis Meekin



ANTIQUE DRYDEN QUILT FUNDRAISER

Lettie Burch antique quilt Fundraiser. This lovely antique quilt made by Lettie Burch more than 100 years ago was donated by Joan Watros. Donation Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be December 13th. Tickets can be purchased Saturdays at the Southworth House.

All proceeds benefit the Southworth Homestead.



One of the beautiful loaves for sale. Many thanks to all who made DTHS 2014 Pie and Bread sale a huge success.

HOMESTEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL



Lois Fox and Carl Taylor, DTHS members, enjoyed demonstrating their skill at chair caning. In the background, Jan Hollenbeck, DTHS member, sold cider.



The noisy goats fascinated Joshua while Nancy Munkenbeck and others watched their antics.

September 20th was a perfect day for Harvest Festival at the Southworth Homestead. There was sunshine and music all day. Kids, kids' games, goats, sheep, craft demonstrations like chair caning, lace making, wool and linen spinning, horse shoeing, pie eating contests, good cider to quench your thirst, good food from the Dryden Community Cafe' and neighbors and friends to visit with. Tours of the Southworth House attracted folks all day long.



The remains of the pie eating contest and some pie on the winner. In the background, Elsie Gutchess, DTHS member, enjoys the good chili sold by the Cafe'



After all the fun festivities, there is always the "not so fun" clean up to do. Shirley Price and her crew did the honors.

Homestead Harvest Festival

A big thank you to the wonderful artisans and crafters and musicians who participated, and to the group of DTHS volunteers who spent the day making this all work so well. (*Apologies if we have omitted anyone*).

- Matthews Family Tradition Band- great music all afternoon.
- Brian Magee- for bringing sheep needing to be sheared
- Kirk Smith – for providing the equipment needed to shoe horses and do blacksmith work.
- Fran Levy- for providing the goats and the milking demonstration.
- Wayne Harbert, Jean Tyler and the Blacksheep Guild- For their demonstration of spinning, including using the 1858 DTHS Richard Townley spinning wheel.
- Hollenbecks Cider Mill - for the cider.
- Chris Baurle- for providing hay for seating.
- Keith Harter - square dance caller.
- Dryden Community Center Café - full service lunch and snacks.
- Lois Fox and Carl Taylor- Chair caning demonstration.
- Cathy Whalen - Fingerlakes Lace Guild.
- Sue Quick - Flax spinner.
- Neptune Hose Company/Dryden Fire Department for loan of tables and chairs.



daguerreotype /də'ge(ə)rə,tīp/ (also ***daguerrotype***) noun. photograph taken by an early 19th century photographic process named after L.-J.-M.**DAGUERRE, LOUIS**, its French inventor.

In September, Rachel Stuhlman visited the Southworth Homestead. Rachel is a friend of Betsey Van Sickle and was a very good friend of Tom Simpson, Becky's son. Rachel was a curator, emerita, in the photograph collection at Eastman House in Rochester. She spent some time looking at Southworth photographs and daguerreotypes. She was especially impressed with the well preserved daguerreotype of John Southworth when a young man. We look forward to her return visit in the future.



LISTINGS OF APPRECIATION As of November 14, 2014***CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (since July, August, September 2014 Newsletter)*****September 2014**

Anonymous #6 — For the Southworth Homestead Project (towards copper gutters & downspouts)

Bruce & Janet Hollenbeck — Proceeds from sale of cider at Annual Homestead Fall Festival (2014)

Betsey VanSickle — For the Southworth Homestead Project and For the Southworth Homestead Project (Windows)

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Dock Curtis, Memorial Fund — DTHS General Fund

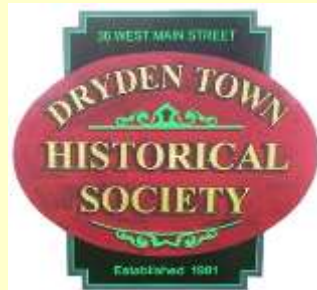
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Elizabeth Gutchess — 1) For Donation-in-kind (Copies of “Dryden’s Second Hundred Years”); 2) For the Southworth Homestead Project

Shirley Price — For Donation-in-kind (Three packets 4x6 photo sleeves – for DTHS Photo Collection)

Robert Watros — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Memorial Tribute



The phrase “In Lieu of Flowers or Gifts” appears quite frequently in obituaries, wedding announcements and other events. Memorial gifts are gifts to the Dryden Town Historical Society, Inc. in memory of a friend or a loved one; Honor gifts are in recognition of an individual’s accomplishment in the Historical Society and/or community.

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Starting January 2015

1st and 3rd Saturdays

10 AM – 1 PM

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