

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE

Dryden Town Historical Society
36 West Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053
607-844- 9209

History House Hours:
Saturdays
10am to 2pm and by appointment

HOMESTEAD HARVEST FESTIVAL Saturday, October 5 Noon to 6pm Southworth Homestead, North St.



Come join us for a great family day of fun at our annual Agricultural Fair.

- Music: Mathews Family Tradition Band- great blue grass all afternoon
- Square Dancing- Everyone welcome
- Black Sheep Hand Spinners at their spinning wheels
- Local crafts and fiber arts
- Honey producers and bee rescue
- Great food by the Dryden Community Cafe
- Kids games
- Pumpkin Contests - Largest and best decorated ribbons
- First Annual Pumpkin Pie eating contest - Trophy awarded
- Sheep shearing
- Goat milking
- Blacksmith at the forge
- Local produce
- Quilt show

All under a great tent! Admission is FREE.
Major sponsor - Town of Dryden.
Made possible by the Dryden Town Historical Society
Questions check web at drydennyhistory.org
or email drbobjacobson@gmail.com

BLUEGRASS MUSIC AT THE FESTIVAL

The posters for the Homestead Harvest Festival all announce that there will be Bluegrass Music! This is not just any Bluegrass music band. It is the Mathews Family Tradition Band.

We first met Roy and Calvin Mathews when they visited the Dryden History House last year. The reason they stopped in was to see the two Jansen Miller violins that are in the DTHS historical collection. They, too, have a Jansen Miller violin that has always been in their family. On their recent CD, that fiddle is played on the last song.

So come to hear the Mathews Family Tradition. Make them feel welcome, because their music is fun and Dryden has a connection with them through music and our well known 19th and early 20th century Dryden violin maker, S Jansen Miller.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Annual Pie and Bread Sale

November 2 - Saturday, 9am 'til gone, 1st National Bank of Dryden, Main St., Dryden

Come and get some wonderful baked goods!

"A Journey is a Destination"

November 13 - Wednesday, 7pm

(Doors open at 6:30PM)

Dryden Village Hall

Presentation by Cynthia Cantu' on her new Jim Shugg Trail Mobile application

Holly Tour

December 8 - Sunday, 1 - 4pm

Get a chance to visit some historical Town of Dryden homes.



Shown here is a 19th century girandola (mantle lamp) which rests on the 2nd floor fireplace mantle.

EXHIBITS

"History House, 1988" - Mini exhibit

Civil war exhibit – volunteers from Dryden who were in NY 76th regiment and the battle of Gettysburg

"Cheese Factories in Dryden" -



DTHS had a presence at Dryden Lake during the "Canines for Crohns and Colitis Walk" sponsored by Dryden Agway on July 27th.

SOUTHWORTH OPEN HOUSE TOURS, October 5

The Southworth House is still a construction site! Although the work is taking place in the interior of the east wing, packed boxes and furniture draped with sheets continue be in evidence in the main house. It is exciting to see the beauty of the house and check on progress of this ambitious project.

If possible, the Southworth House will be open during the afternoon on October 5, at the Harvest Festival. All donations benefit the Southworth Homestead.

FIRST ANNUAL DRYDEN ANTIQUÉ FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

Our first annual Dryden Antique Fair held on the grounds of the Southworth Homestead on August 3 and 4 was a great success.

Comments from attendees and vendors were uniformly good. The docent staff was excellent and over 300 persons took the tour and could see the Homesteads value and the serious effort this society is taking towards it's care.

The DTHS netted about \$2,500, which will be used for the ongoing work at the Southworth House.

We would like to offer tremendous thanks to the following:

- Dryden Mutual Insurance
- My co-chair Elsie Gutchess
- Indispensable do everything Bob Watros
- Ticket takers: Liz Richey, Sue Morrie, Don and Bonnie Scutt
- Lew Garrison: also everything from night watchman to moving tables
- Mary Hornbuckle, Joan Torello, Deb Fisher, others I am forgetting- History House Sales
- Muriel Likel and crew for books, raffle, etc.
- Leslie Chatterton, Gina Prentiss and entire docent crew
- Walt Torello - display of his truck
- Empire Tractor of Cortland for the load of the shuttle
- Neptune Fire Dept. for use of parking lot
- Willowbrook Apartments for use of lawn as walkway
- Harry Weldon- Shuttle driver extraordinaire

Dr. Bob Jacobson, Chair

NEW PUBLICATIONS AT THE HISTORY HOUSE!

Place Names of Tompkins County by Carol Kammen, price is \$24.00 includes postage/handling.

“Names are inherently fascinating. We all spend a good deal of time naming our children and we have given the same attention to places where we live. Some people name their houses. Most of us come to areas that are already named, or so we think, yet naming goes on, even today. The stories of the place names in Tompkins County are interesting for several reasons. They tell us something about the times when they were named. They link us to another era and help us understand something about the way the area developed.”

The Journey at Malloryville Bog by Bob Beck, price is \$24.00 includes postage/handling.

“An environmental success story. The author and his wife buy a long-desired home within an extraordinary piece of wild nature only to confront plans for a gravel mine and concrete plant next door, adjacent to their pristine wetlands. Faithfully relating a fifteen-year story in first person—a case study of sorts, fully documented with letters and memos of the many participants—this is the author's personal narrative of his home and the collective effort to protect his cherished land. Here is his account of glacier-formed eskers, kames and kettles, of diverse woodlands, swamps, fens and bog, of mining applications and recurring environmental reviews, of uncertainty and long struggle, and of diligence, awesome teamwork and phenomenal land deals. Ultimately, this is a story of conservation success, culminating in the establishment and dedication of The Nature Conservancy's magical and treasured O.D. von Engeln Preserve at Malloryville, located in the picturesque Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York.”

SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD BENEFIT RAFFLE 2013 DRAWING OCTOBER 5, 2013

This year the Southworth Homestead Raffle includes a handmade blue and white pieced quilt with sunflower quilted panels, donated by the Tompkins County Quilt Guild. It is 80 X 90 inches and fits a double or queen size bed.

Also included in the raffle is a traditional Nantucket Bench made by John Kiefer. It is made of red oak, and finished with Watco Danish Oil, Golden Oak.

Take a chance on these beautiful items and more in the Homestead Benefit Raffle.

Buy your tickets now! Tickets are \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. The tickets are available at the History House or from DTHS members.

The Drawings will be on Saturday, October 5th at *Homestead Harvest Festival*. It is not necessary to be present to win.

All proceeds benefit the Southworth Homestead Project.



HANDMADE BLUE & WHITE PIECED
QUILT 80 X 90 inches

OP SALE 2013

For anyone who missed this year's OP Sale, I can report that it was nothing short of spectacular! The event ran for two days in mid-June and the list of items offered for sale could easily go on for several pages. Shirley Price and I would like to thank everyone who answered our call for donations – our tent literally “ranneth over” – and especially the people who donated their time, their expertise and/or their trucks. It was a group effort that resulted in over \$4,000 being raised for the renovation of the Southworth House.

Ed Bell
Leslie Chatterton
Bob Jacobson
Muriel and Fred Likel
Annette Otis
Gina Prentiss
Shirley Shackelton
Phyllis Smith
Ginny Stairs
Joan and Walt Torello
Dick Van Pelt
Wayne Van Pelt
Joan and Bob Watros
Missy and Wayne Young

If I failed to mention anyone, please accept my sincere apology. Mary Hornbuckle



HANDMADE NANTUCKET BENCH FOR RAFFLE

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.

Such contributions are recognized by listing in our newsletter and receipt notices are sent to the donor and where appropriate acknowledgement to the family, organization or business. Congratulatory announcements are sent direct to the honored individuals.

The Dryden Town Historical Society is an Accredited Public Charity under 170 (b)(1)(A) and is a 501 (c)(3) Not-for-Profit Federal Tax exempt organization.

DTHS MEMBERSHIP

DTHS Memberships are always encouraged and always available. You will receive our newsletter with notices about all our fundraising events and articles about Dryden local history. Also provides support for DTHS and the SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD.



Death, Hell or Canada: Dryden and the War of 1812

A big thank you to Simon St. Laurent for his wonderful presentation on the Dryden militia’s role in one of the early battles of this often forgotten war.



Southworth House September 26, 2013



Clerk of the works, Bob Watros, relaxing for a moment



Southworth House up on steel beams - Albert Heidt, Bob Watros



Southworth house, steel beams removed and ready to complete the foundation



Contractor, Mike Walker begins removing cribbing supporting steel beams



Bob Watros installs Brad Perkins' invention. A roller bar is suspended from the beam in order to facilitate removing the steel beam.

FROM GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Dear Genealogy Querist:

We are happy to share what information we have at the History House to assist you in your research.

A donation is required for non-members to help maintain the Research-Archival Database.

\$15.00 Basic Research Donation Fee
\$ 5.00 Postage, Handling and Photocopying
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\$20.00 TOTAL Paid in Advance (US Dollars)
(Mail check to DTHS, PO Box 69, Dryden, NY 13053)

- Research is conducted by the Society's Collection-Genealogy Committee of experienced volunteers, for a maximum of 3 person hours per query. Additional time is subject to pro rata charges. (The average query requires one to three hours of on-site research. This research does not include any material outside of the Society's own collection, nor off-site research. Off-site research is not provided).
- A fair portion of the prepaid Research fees will be returned, should the results found not to be worthy of the Research Donation—in the judgment of the research volunteers.
- Includes up to 10 photocopies or 2 photograph (8-1/2 x 11 scan copies) of research material. Additional photocopies (at 20¢ per copy) can be made available; you will be notified of any extra costs. Photographic reproduction of any material may be subject to copyright and/or written permission with any costs borne by the querist.

Full payment of all charges is required before any research is undertaken.

Thank you sincerely,

--- DTHS Collections/Genealogical Committee www.drydenNYhistory.org

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Listings of Appreciation as of September 12, 2013**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (SINCE April, May, June 2013 newsletter)****May 2013**

William G. Bailey — In memory of George Price

June 2013

Elizabeth Gutchess — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Mary Hornbuckle — ½ (half) cost of tent rental for Annual Op Sale

Michele Hoestetter & Mariah Prentiss — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Shirley Price — ½ (half) cost of tent rental for Annual Op Sale

Steve Ridone — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Betsey VanSickle — For the Southworth Homestead Project

July 2013

Nancy & Stephen Brown — For the Southworth Homestead Project (In Memory of George Price)

Eleanor Day — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Dryden Mutual Insurance Co. — For the Southworth Homestead Antique Fair

John & Patti Kiefer — For the Southworth Homestead Project

Robert & Joan Watros — For the Southworth Homestead Project (Phase #1 construction)

August 2013

Fred A. Williams — “PLEDGE” for the Southworth Project

September 2013

“Anonymous #1” — “Pledge RECIEVED” for the Southworth Project

Betsy VanSickle — For the Southworth Homestead Project

NEW MEMBERSHIPS (SINCE April, May, June 2013 newsletter)**June & July 2013**

Donna Nielson — Individual

James O’Shea — Individual

August 2013

Ann Brady — Individual

Trudy & Paul Cedar — Family

Rachel Stuhlman — Individual

My Cookie Jar Collection By Shirley (Van Pelt) Price

If you attended the 1st Annual Antique Fair on August 3 & 4, you may have noticed part of my cookie jar collection, as I was trying to sell approximately 140 of my collection. I did sell approximately 40 of the cookie jars that weekend. As I was never sure how many cookie jars I possessed, my niece Alicia counted 139 cookie jars on my tables, then counted them again and came up with 141. After trying to sell them all on Saturday, I went home and counted the cookie jars that I was keeping and came up with approximately 97 more of them in my house.

How does one collect so many cookie jars, you ask? It begins very innocently by acquiring your grandmother's, then your mother-in-law's and then your mother's cookie jar and then everyone in the family is on the lookout for cookie jars for your birthday, Mother's Day and Christmas, or any of the remaining 362 days a year. I must confess that I have many favorites given to me by friends and family and yes, I have picked up many at garage sales.

A few of my favorites that come to mind are my grandmother's Little Red Riding Hood jar, a Barnum & Bailey jar, a walrus jar, a Campbell Soup jar, a Winnie the Pooh jar, a Mickey and a Minnie jar, a Keebler elf tree jar, a Disney castle, a Pillsbury doughboy, a rooster jar, a Batman car jar, a garden shed jar, many cow jars, a Christmas tree jar (came from Chappell's Department Store), a Spaulding cookie crock (purchased at a sale that Ruth Sweetland had and she said that it belonged to her mother), a zebra jar and of course my mother's clown jar (the head had been glued several times).

Every one of my cookie jars has a history of what they are, where I acquired them and who gave them to me which makes them all special to me. My brother and sister-in-law would give me many cookie jars and whenever they traveled and I watched their dog Linus, they would pick up another cookie jar from wherever they went. I started taking them to my work and filling them with candy on my counter and changing them out with the seasons. I have given many away if a person especially likes a certain cookie jar. They are reminiscent of a past era when your grandmother or mother baked cookies and stored them on the counter full of cookies.

Cookie jars can be very emotional when you see that cookie jar from your childhood. Do I keep cookies in my jars? Only one, and my grandson knows exactly which one has the cookies and I am hopeful that he will remember the cookie jar and hold fond memories of it for his lifetime. I know there are a lot of you collectors out there, who collect some very unusual items and it would be fun to hear your stories of how you started and about your collections.



Part of Shirley Price
fun cookie jar
collection



DTHS membership Booth. Quilt and Nantucket Bench Raffle. Muriel Likel

DTHS booth at the Antique Fair
Joan Torello,
Mike Lane in the background



Betty Marion recently donated her sewing items and two Halloween noise makers to DTHS Historical collection



SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD PROJECT



I would like to make my pledge to the Southworth Homestead Project

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/we pledge \$ _____ towards The South Homestead Project with a one-time payment of \$ _____

OR

I/we pledge \$ _____, with an annual payment of \$ _____ for _____ years.

Signature _____ Date _____

I/we wish to remain anonymous _____ (Y/N)

The Southworth Homestead Project

Great things have been happening at Southworth Homestead. It is a site of constant activity. The East wing is being completely repaired. All the missing and weak sills, beams and rafters have been replaced by contractor, Mike Walker and his crew with wood as hefty as the original. The old floor boards have been removed, saved and will be reinstalled. The north addition is complete and adds three stories of new space. At present the entire east wing and new north addition are faced with green board and ready for replacement of the siding. The north addition as well as the furnace room in the main house have beautiful new cement floors. There will be all new windows in the north addition and the original windows in the east wing will be repaired if possible. There will be space for reference, exhibits, community activities and the archival collection. The transformation is awesome.

This is a huge undertaking for our organization. The beautiful Southworth house built in 1836 stands proudly at 14 North street with its equally old wood frame east addition in tact. Because of the repairs, now the east wing is as strong, or stronger, as it was when built in the early 19th century. The interior framing, wiring, insulation, and heating need to be completed before we can make use of this terrific new space. We have had many contributions and major donations that have allowed this much work to be accomplished. Now we have reached the limit of our funds and the task of fundraising must begin in earnest.

Thirty two years ago DTHS took on the challenge to start our historical society. We were cautious, frugal and conservative with all our resources. Twenty five years ago DTHS made the bold step to rescue the History House on West main Street. Both these efforts were accomplished by the most amazing out pouring of volunteering, financial support and friendship. Today we have taken another brave challenge. To make the Southworth Homestead the most perfect place for our headquarters as we can, and to honor the vision that Becky Simpson had when she bequeathed her home to us. The hours of volunteering and work and financial support that are needed are again breathtaking.

The support and dedication and pride that are constantly displayed make Dryden Historical Society and the Southworth Homestead unique. Your continued support in volunteering, contributing, and attending all the fun events is critically needed. The success of this ambitious project depends on us all.

With appreciation, Gina Prentiss, chair, Southworth Homestead committee

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