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DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE Volum

Dryden Town Historical Society 14 North Street, Dryden, NY 13053 607-844-9209

Southworth Homestead Harvest Festival 2016

September 24th, from 10am to 3 pm. 14 North Street, Dryden

CALL FOR QUILTS!

Something exciting is being added to Homestead Heritage Day this year. In addition to quilting demonstrations, we invite folks to bring their local quilts or family quilts or special quilts to display and learn more about. Nancy Ostman, Tompkins County quilt researcher, will be on hand to talk about family quilts. A signature quilt and the 1997 Bicentennial Quilt from DTHS historical collection will be on display in the Exhibit Room. A "Butterflies" family quilt from the 1920s will be among the many local quilts on view.

The day will be filled with activities for all ages. The "Fingerlakers Good Tyme Band" will be making music from noon to 3 pm, and for fun, the band invites everyone to try participating with rhythm instruments. There will be kid's games, heritage craft demonstrations, including quilting, hand spinning, lace making, chair caning, blacksmithing and more. Dryden Community Cafe will have food for sale.

The Southworth House will be open for tours at 11 am, 12 noon, 1 pm and 2 pm. The Donation for the historic house tour is \$5.

So, come, bring the family, bring a quilt and share in the fun.

Dryden Mutual Insurance Company and Town of Dryden are our sponsors for Homestead Heritage Harvest Fest. The event is free and all are welcome.



Upcoming Events

Annual DTHS Pie Sale

Saturday, November 5 1st Natl. Bank of Dryden 9:00am – gone (and they go early!)

Fresh baked pies and breads.

All members are encouraged to donate their specialty, be it a pie, a loaf of bread, or the baked treat of their choice. Bring your donation to the bank as early as possible and, while you're there, buy something tasty to take home with you.

For more information or to arrange for your donation to be picked up, please call Shirley Price (844-8700) or Mary Hornbuckle (898-3461).

Holiday Work Shop December 3, Saturday 10 am - 1 pm Dryden Town Historical Society Activity

Room, 14 North Street, Dryden Make an interesting and unique Holiday Ornament. All supplies are furnished. Free and Open to all

Holly Tour Sunday, December 4 1 pm – 4 pm

Visit historic Dryden homes decorated for the holiday. Reception after. Tickets \$10.00

Becky's Birthday Tour at the Southworth House

October 1st, Tours at 10 am, 11 am, and 12 noon

Join us to celebrate Rebecca Wood Southworth, who was born on October 6, 1918. Each year friends and family planned a birthday party for Becky. This year, it looks like a party is going on in the big dollhouse upstairs, too. To mark Becky's Birthday, every tour guest will receive a free birthday present. \$5 Donation.



This past summer, DTHS was everywhere. The mini display about the Dwight family and Dryden Historical District was a big hit at the Beautification Open Gate Garden tour held on July 16, DTHS.



Sue Morrie and Mary Hornbuckle staff the DTHS table in Montgomery Park at Dryden Dairy Day on June 11th



Corriane Cornel and son, Marcus, were tour guests at the Southworth House on August 6th. Marcus always wondered about the big brick house and used his own money to take a guided tour.



On a beautiful June day, Muriel Likel sets up at the Farmer's Market at Dryden Agway, another place to view the Amish Quilt Raffle.

Antiques~Flea Market

Our 2nd annual Antique~Flea Market took place July 9, 2016 at the Southworth Homestead. We only had approximately 12 vendors this year in addition to our House Tours and our Quilt sales where we took in \$474.00. The big winner of the day was Mary Hornbuckle's Antique Corner in the barn that took in over \$1,100 in sales, with the assistance from Sue Morrie. We only got wet once and got to watch the Veteran's Memorial Ride as it came through Dryden on Route 38. Thank you everyone who donated items and/or helped to make this happen.

BECKY'S DOLLHOUSE

As previously reported, Jack Lowe has completed the restoration of Becky's dollhouse. The work was done with a sensitive hand resulting in a structure that shows its age while standing proud and sturdy and ready to enchant another generation of viewers.

Currently, the dollhouse features a charming 3 ¼" bisque doll that looks rather remarkably like Becky Southworth as a young girl. In keeping with the Southworth family's love of travel, the doll (Little Miss Becky) stands in front of a globe as if deciding where she'll visit next. Beside the globe is a steamer trunk ready to be packed for her next grand adventure.



The doll was made in Germany in the 1920's and has a five-piece jointed bisque body; painted face, hair, shoes and stockings; and original clothing. [The doll, globe, ladder-back chair, and trunk are on loan for house tours.]

On the October 1^{st,} Southworth House tours, Little Miss Becky will be joined by a few tiny friends to celebrate her birthday. There will be gifts for all. Why not stop by and join in the fun!

Bringing Becky's newly refurbished doll house around the corner in the front hallway and on the way up the stairs of the Southworth House.

The box on the back houses the electric "fire" for the fireplace.



"Hobby Club and the Greek Lady" DTHS mini exhibit

HOMEMAKER'S HOBBY CLUB OF DRYDEN

In March 1946 after the "end of WWII, the Homemaker's Hobby Club consisting of 18 members, volunteered to help the post war effort by adopting a family in Greece. The Greek Relief Society in Ithaca and CARE were the contact groups.

The written minutes of the club referred to the family as the "Greek Lady". Every three months especially during the holiday season packages of food, clothing and occasionally medicine were sent to the adopted family. Hobby Club was concerned at first, because there wasn't any correspondence from the "Greek Lady" and the club didn't know whether the packages were delivered to their destination. The first correspondence was received in 1948; a letter of appreciation, describing what they had received and the family's gratitude.

From 1948 and into the 1960s CARE packages and Hobby Club packages were sent to the "Greek Ladies" family. She corresponded at intervals during the years and sent embroidery pieces which were raffled off to the members with the money going to buy more products that the family requested.

In 1974 the club decided to discontinue sending packages writing to tell the family that the club was no longer able to send packages.



Detail from needlepoint tablecloth from Greece, ca 1948. the Dryden Hobby Club corresponded with the Greek Ladies family, 1946 - 1974



Letters, cards, photographs, and needlepoint table cloth, are shown in "Dryden Hobby Club and the Greek Lady" DTHS mini exhibit

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW --- ending: August 25, 2016

Southworth Homestead Project "Circle"

Albert Heidt (Parlor Air Conditioner) Robert Watros Harry L.D. Weldon

In memory of Willis & Betty Marion

Kenneth & Virginia Barton

In memory of George Price

Hammond, Lewis, Stone, et al

Donations-In-Kind Shared cost of Annual Op-Sale tentMary Hornbuckle, Shirley Price

Items to sell at Annual Op-Sale

Charles W. Hart (4 Dining Table Chairs)
Mary Hornbuckle (Numerous assorted items)
Kathleen Tyler (Table embroideries & Rockwell plates)
Robert Watros (Combo desk & cabinet)

Items of Federal Tax Value to Research Library

Janice Parsons (Donated for Society Research)



2016 DTHS QUILT RAFFLE

AMISH QUILT 9' X 9' (FITS HIGH QUEEN OR KING BED) Tickets ~ \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 Proceeds benefit Southworth Homestead Drawing: December 3, 2016

MANY THANKS TO:

Bob Timmerman for DTHS Banner rework **Bob Watros** for lawn mowing



DTHS participates in many community events. On July 23rd, Shirley Price and Mary Hornbuckle shared information about DTHS at Dryden Lake Festival.

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Every Saturday, 10 AM – 1 PM
or by appointment
Guided House Tours, first Saturdays,
May – October, \$5 donation

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