

# Canaan Historical Society

## Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 29, 2023

3:00 PM

At the Canaan Historical Society Meeting House  
13 Warners Crossing Road,  
Canaan, NY 12029

### Reception to follow



Canaan Historical Society Board

Left to Right:

Nancy Jackson, Brenda Adams, Susan Connolly, Buzz Doherty, Lauree Hickok,  
Dodie Gearing, Nancy Ordman, Marlene Tuczinski, Ian Hooper, Sally Dessloch.  
Not pictured: Jennifer Ambrosio, Peter Flierl.

**CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**.....Lauree Hickok, President  
**Pledge of Allegiance**..... Brenda Adams, Town Supervisor  
**Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement** .....Dodie Gearing, Town Historian  
**President’s Report** ..... Lauree Hickok, President  
**Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting**..... Nancy Ordman, Secretary  
**Treasurer’s Report** ..... Sally Dessloch, Treasurer  
**Curator’s Report**..... Dodie Gearing, Curator

**Resolutions for Membership Approval:**

1. To Adopt the 2023 – 2024 Budget. See Proposed Budget Insert
2. Raise Corporate Membership fee from \$100 to \$200 and change the name from Corporate Membership to Corporate Sponsor.

**Election of Officers:**

Board approved nominations for election to three-year terms by membership:

**Vice President** ..... Ian Hooper (3 yr)  
**At Large Member** ..... Max Cane (3 yr)  
**Annually Appointed Curator:** .....Dodie Gearing (1yr )

Current Officers & At-Large Members who have 1 or 2 years left in their terms:

President.....Lauree Hickok (1 yr)  
Treasurer.....Sally Dessloch (2 yr)  
Recording Secretary.....Nancy Ordman (1 yr)  
Corresponding Secretary .....Susan Connolly (1 yr)  
At large Board Members (By-laws allow 5 – 12)  
Brenda Adams (1 yr) Jennifer Ambrosio (1 yr)  
Peter Flierl (1 yr)  
Nancy Jackson (1 yr) Marlene Tuczinski (1yr)

**Adjourn the Meeting**..... **Reception to Follow**

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## Annual Meeting 2023

### President's Report

**Programs:** Hanging of the Greens opened the winter season in December 2022. Despite rain, we had a great Declaration Day celebration on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Meeting House was fresh and clean with thematically reworked exhibits courtesy of Curator Dodie Gearing and collections volunteer John Rivard, both in period costume. Marlene Tuczinski developed an historical script with three early Canaan luminaries engaging in a retrospective conversation. It was brilliant, hilarious, and brought those early Canaan men to life. What next Marlene? Other summer programs: Jack Steffak demonstrated his antique tools; The *Charcoal Burners of Taborton* (1990 movie) with Q & A by colliers Wayne Dobert and Frank Kehn was co-presented at the Society of New Concord; Dodie Gearing brought The Early Canaan Mormons, their lives, homes, and cemeteries to life. This year we raised \$1,500 from the listed corporate sponsors for programs. Please support them with your business.

**Membership:** Last year the Society voted to change the membership annual term to run from January 1 - December 31. Committee Chair Nancy Jackson used email exclusively to solicit renewals, once in December and again in the spring. Life Members received two mailings this year. Solicitations for membership and renewals yielded 38 regular members and 9 new Life Members. We believe renewals will improve when we can send an online request to renew with online payment, which we hope to achieve this year through the purchase and implementation of Donor Perfect software.

**Outreach:** In addition to Membership mailings, the Society had a booth at Canaan Days, Dodie Gearing presented at the Canaan Senior lunch program, and our summer programs were promoted courtesy of Peter Flierl in four Columbia Paper articles, in the quarterly Canaan Town Newsletter and in New Lebanon's Grow the Valley monthly newsletter.

**Board Work:** In addition to regular ongoing work, the Board developed the language for the Indigenous Lands Statement and appointed a Nominating Committee.

**1829 Meeting House Restoration:** With the roof repaired in 2021 and a Building Condition Survey in hand, last fall we commissioned a professional estimate of the cost of restoration. This spring and summer our preservation architect solicited bids to start the first of three stages of restoration: Structural Stabilization. We raised \$11,000 this year from HRBT Foundation, Bank of Greene County, and a matching challenge grant of \$5,000 from the Pomeroy Foundation. We are seeking your help to meet that match by October 1.

As always, the work the Board does relies on your volunteer and financial support. And we thank you for both!

Lauree Hickok  
President

# Canaan Historical Society Programs: 2022 -2023

## Hanging of the Greens



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Tom Daly & Jennifer Ambrosio, Nancy Jackson

## Declaration Day



L to R: Samuel Johnson (David Botti)  
Philip Frisbee (Greg Hickok)  
Col. Wm. Whiting (Peter Flierl)

## Declaration Day



Susan Connolly, John Rivard in costume

## Jack Steffak, Antique Tools



## Frank Kehn, Charcoal Burner

