

Canaan Historical Society

Canaan, New York

Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 21st, 2021 2 PM

At the Canaan Historical Society Meeting House

13 Warners Crossing Road

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THE CANAAN SHAKERS

Presented by Jerry Grant, Director of Research, Shaker Museum

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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AUGUST 21, 2021

AGENDA

Welcome.....Lauree Hickok, President
Pledge of Allegiance.....Gary Flaherty Past President
President’s ReportLauree Hickok, President
Treasurer’s Report.....Brenda Adams, Treasurer
Curator’s ReportDodie Gearing, Curator

Resolutions for Membership Approval:

- 1. To Adopt Revised Bylaws**
- 2. To Adopt the 2021 – 2022 Budget.**
- 3. To Adopt Revised Membership Categories and Fees**
Individual \$25. Family \$40. Business \$100. Life \$200 per person

Election of Officers:

Slate of Officers: All offices are for a term of 3 years.

PresidentLauree Hickok
Vice President.....Jennifer Ambrosio
Treasurer.....Adrian Doherty
Recording SecretaryNancy Ordman
Corresponding Secretary.....Susan Connolly

Slate of at Large Directors: (5 – 12)

Brenda Adams,
Peter Flierl,
Ian Hooper
Marlene Tuczinski,

Canaan Historical Society President's Message, 2020 -2021

It has been a remarkable year since we began work in October of 2020; a steering committee of seven and a slew of volunteers got us off to a great start. If we haven't called on you for help yet, don't worry - we will soon! The Society needs many heads and hands to meet our goals of maintaining our wonderful 1829 Meeting House which is approaching 200 years and to run interesting historical programs. Please be generous with your time, talent and treasure.

We have a new roof!!! With support from two local foundations (HRBT Foundation, and the Veillette-Nifosi Foundation) and many individual donors, we re-roofed the building with historic materials. Historic Preservation Carpenter Kurt Hoelter, our super volunteer, repaired openings in the building and now, with an 80 foot lift, is repairing cornices, fascia boards and the bell tower itself. I nominate him for an Honorary Membership!

Without a program chair in hand, everyone pitched in and we had a full summer of successful programs. And, courtesy of archeologist Steve Oberon's leadership, with an assist from Max Cane, and the Belknaps, we held archaeological workshops where attendees cleaned artifacts from our 1998 archeological dig at the Warner's Tavern site next door to the Meeting House.

We overcame administrative challenges – re-establishing the Society's tax exempt status and even revising our charter to meet Federal standards. We revised the By-laws and planned a Capital Campaign to fund \$100,000 in required building repairs. And to show the community we are back in business we garnered four articles in the local press.

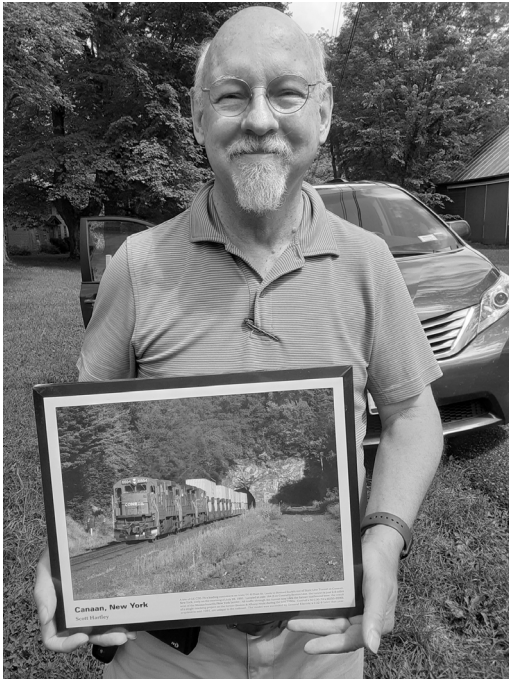
The Membership Committee (Nancy Jackson, Dodie Gearing, & Jennifer Ambrosio) reached out and achieved 85 new members. We have also re-connected with our Life Members. As a result, our coffers have been adequate to operate the Society and to begin work on the restoration of the building.

Collections Committee, under Dodie Gearing's leadership and including Jennifer Ambrosio, Liz Chapman, Nancy Jackson and Kathy Bott cleared the meeting house of debris and cleaned the entire nave and the collection cases. Today Dodie, as Curator, will show two of William Henry Warner's uniforms (from 1836 and the 1840's), both of which were conserved with funds we raised for that purpose.

Lastly, we have a new website (CanaanHistoricalSociety.org), and email address (CanaanHistoricalSociety@gmail.com) thanks to Jennifer Ambrosio.

Excelsior! Lauree Hickok

Summer 2021 at CHS



Pieter Lips - Canaan Area Railroads



Jack Steffiak - Antique Tools



Roof repairs



Memory Circles: Shared Stories of Old Canaan



Archeological Artifact Cleaning Workshop

