

# **Canaan Historical Society**

Canaan, New York

## **Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 2 PM**

At the Canaan Historical Society Meeting House

13 Warners Crossing Road

Mailing Address is P.O. Box 111, Canaan, NY 12029



### **THE CANAAN SHAKERS**

Presented by Jerry Grant, Director of Research, Shaker Museum

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**AGENDA**

**Welcome.....Lauree Hickok, President**  
**Pledge of Allegiance.....Gary Flaherty Past President**  
**President’s Report .....Lauree Hickok, President**  
**Treasurer’s Report.....Brenda Adams, Treasurer**  
**Curator’s Report .....Dodie 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.**

**President .....Lauree Hickok**  
**Vice President.....Jennifer Ambrosio**  
**Treasurer.....Adrian Doherty**  
**Recording Secretary .....Nancy Ordman**  
**Corresponding Secretary.....Susan Connolly**

**Slate of at Large Directors: ( 5 – 12)**

**Brenda Adams, Peter Flierl,**  
**David Botti 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.

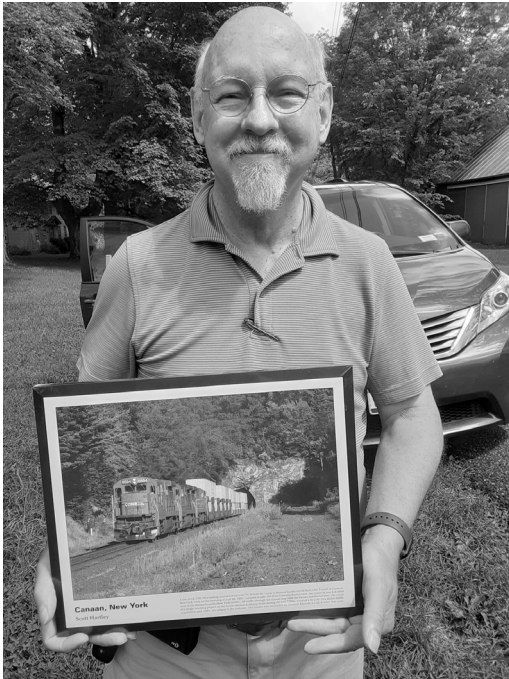
The Membership Committee (Nancy Jackson, Dodie Gearing, & Jennifer Ambrosio) reached out and achieved 85 new members. We have also re-connected with our Life Members. As a result, our coffers have been adequate to operate the Society and to begin work on the restoration of the building.

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](http://CanaanHistoricalSociety.org)), and email address ([CanaanHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)) thanks to David Botti and 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*

