

Canaan Historical Society

Annual Meeting

Saturday,
August 20, 2022

3:00 PM

Reception to follow



At the Canaan Historical Society Meeting House

13 Warners Crossing Road,
Canaan, NY 12029

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President's Message

New Programs! For the first time, we celebrated the winter holidays with caroling and readings from different faith traditions at **"The Hanging of the Greens"** on a moonlit night last December at the Meeting House. The Society's season began with our inaugural **Declaration Day Celebration** on June 25th, which was a great success!! Close to 100 people participated, and the day included an opening parade and ceremony. Ian Hooper gave context to and then read the June 24th, 1776 King's District resolution to separate from the British crown. Visitors were entranced by the historically accurate Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps and by the a capella singing of patriotic songs by Capitaland Chorus. Neighbor Sherrie Van Tassel's CowGirl Up ranch brought a dozen or so flag bearing riders to enhance the parade! The entire board contributed to the success of this inaugural event. Thanks to local EMS, sheriff and state police for traffic control

A new **Historic Marker** now graces the front of the Meeting House. Funded by the W. G. Pomeroy Foundation in response to a request prepared by Dodie Gearing, Curator and Ginny Nightingale, the plaque unveiling was a part of the Declaration Day program.

We partnered with the Society of New Concord on Heather Bruegl's presentation on Indigenous Lands. Max Cane's report on his archeo-detecting work was fascinating.. We welcomed Heidi Bock from Columbia Land Conservancy who related the history land conservancy in Columbia County. Board. Through the summer Board Member Peter Flierl kept our programs prominently in the press!

Progress! While the Meeting House needs lots of additional work, I am happy to report that repairs up under the eaves on the lintels, cornices and pediment were undertaken by master carpenter volunteer Kurt Hoelter last September. He earned an **Honorary Life Membership** award for his two weeks of working up there on an 80-foot lift. As the lift was available for another two weeks, the bell tower was repaired and painted - an improvement in our "look" for the upper part of the building.

Sadly, we had to remove the hundred-year-old silver maple trees that flanked the front of the building. They were rotted and the board was concerned that falling branches might destroy our two original triple hung windows flanking the door to the Meeting House or the Palladian window over the doorway. This work was supported by a grant from The Bank of Greene County.

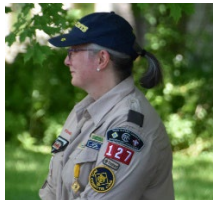
This year the Capital Campaign Committee has raised over **\$20,000 for Meeting House preservation**. A **Building Condition Report** has just been delivered by our Preservation Architect Mark Thaler, which delineates and prioritizes the necessary stabilization work to be done on our 1829 Meeting House. This means we can get hard cost estimates on the required work. The report will be a great assist in our foundation and capital campaign funding endeavors.

None of our success, progress or programs would have been possible without the hard work of the Board and committees, nor would they be possible without the support of you, our friends.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauree Hickok
President

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DECLARATION CELEBRATION

JUNE 25th 2022



Photos by Richard Lindmark