

2024 Programs & Events

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2024 Programs



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Our New Building Addition is Complete!



The construction, which started on April 8, 2024, came to a conclusion with the installation of flooring and woodwork in the two new rooms on June 18th. Check out the photos showing the entire process on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

The 2023-24 NHS Capital Building Project actually began in the spring of 2022 as our Board made a list of “needs” and “wants” that would move us forward in meeting our mission and goals. The most pressing need was the repair to our building’s original stucco façade. These repairs were made in the late summer of 2022. We then decided on three major goals: adding new archives and multi-use space, updating our heating and air conditioning system, and improving both the aesthetics and efficiency of the exterior of the remainder of the building.

With the help of Hark Homes of Dalton and Architectural Designer Gina Pestillo, project plans were prepared. The estimated cost of the project was \$160,000. At that time the NHS had \$70,000 set aside in its building fund account, so a capital building fund campaign was launched in February 2023 to raise the rest of the money needed. By March of 2024 we were in sight of the goal, so the go ahead was given for the construction to begin. The main construction was completed by the middle of May, with the exception of laying the tile floors that had to wait for the concrete slab to cure.

The finished project includes a 42’ by 20’ addition consisting of a 19.6’ by 21.8’ archive room and a 19.6’ by 19’ multipurpose room, an upgraded and expanded HVAC system, new Hardie Board siding, a new main entrance door, an exterior door on the addition, drainage work, an improved parking lot and more.

The actual cost of the project was \$167,656.00. The total funds in our building fund as of June 11th was \$166,776.42. That means we raised over \$95,000 during our sixteen month fundraising campaign! Some of this came from NHS fundraising activities such as our annual yard & bake sale and the sale of books and other giftshop items, and from a small endowment the Society receives each year. The majority of the funds came from the generous donations from our members, local businesses, and the general public. Without these donations, our project would not have been possible!

We plan to have a formal ribbon cutting and open house in the fall after we have moved into our two new rooms. We will also be having a special event honoring the donors who will also be recognized in a special memorial book that will become a permanent part of the NHS collection. Watch for details!

Finally, we would like to publicly express our gratitude to Vinnie Hark and the rest of the folks at Hark Homes for all they have done to make this project a success!





South wall of multipurpose research room interior view. Lots of light!



Addition ready for siding



Climate control in new Archive Room



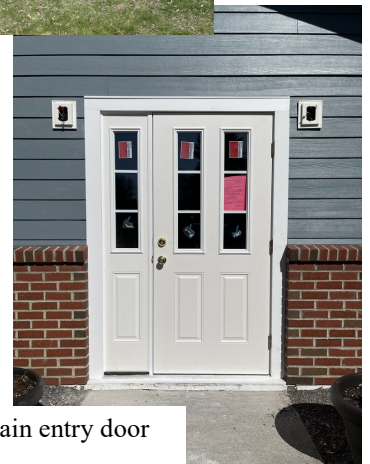
New floor in new Archive Room



Wood trim being installed



New main entry door



The President's Corner

Welcome to the second issue of "Historic Nunda" for 2024. As you will see in the pages of this newsletter, spring has been a busy time for all of us at the Nunda Historical Society! The biggest news is the successful building project that, at the time of this writing, nears completion. Details are found both in this issue's cover story and the photo spread on pages 2 and 3. As we state in the article, this major project was made possible by the wonderful support of our members and the greater Nunda community!

Speaking of membership, page 7 has a current list of NHS members. The list is growing and we should surpass our 2024 goal of 150 members! We have also included updates on our History Adventure Room in the Dalton Building and some images from our spring programs and activities.

And don't forget - you can keep up with NHS news and activities through our Facebook page and at www.nundahistory.org!



Tom Cook

Dalton History Room Update



We have had a busy spring at the Dalton History Room with our volunteers taking several classes on special local history adventures. We also hosted the First Graders at our Museum and arranged for an exciting program for Fourth Graders about Native history and cultures by members of the Seven Generations of Stewards. We will wrap up this school year with meetings with the different grade levels to plan for the 2024-25 school year! The NHS thanks the Keshequa Central School District for partnering with us in this project!



All programs free and open to the public

Saturday, July 6 Nunda Americana Day - This celebration of Nunda's history is a community wide event. We are pleased to join the Village of Nunda and other local organizations in hosting a variety of activities for people of all ages. The NHS events will include a local history walk, a quilt show in the new addition at the Museum, our popular guided history wagon rides in the afternoon, and several Native American presentations sponsored by Once Again Nut Butter. See nundahistory.org for our schedule!

Saturday, August 17 Town- Wide Yard Sales The NHS will be holding our annual garage sale and bake sale in our annex and pavilion. Watch for times and details!

Wednesday, September 11, 7 PM -"The Mindset and Background of the Erie Canal and Genesee Valley Canal" by Craig Braack. Allegany County Historian Craig Braack will explore the origins of New York State's great 19th century's engineering projects with a focus on the famous Erie Canal and our local Genesee Valley Canal. Those who are familiar with Craig's program know the enthusiasm and insight he brings to his topics and this program will not disappoint as he examines the "can do" spirit that made the projects possible and the lessons they hold for our modern day.

Wednesday, October 9, 7 PM - "The Perry Gang, Ossian Train Robbers" by William D. Burt The Perry Gang rampaged through western New York from 1905 to 1929, robbing trains at gunpoint, looting moving freight cars, breaking into cars sitting in yards, and blowing safes in railroad stations. Though they started out in Niagara Falls and haunted the New York Central Falls Road and Ho-jack, some of their most memorable heists were on the Erie between Hornell and Portage and the Lackawanna between Atlanta and Wayland. The burglary that sent Bert Perry to state prison in 1929 was at the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern station in Birdsall.

Wednesday, November 13, 7 PM - "We Were There, Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times." by The Geriactors. This theatre troupe who call themselves "mature actors" will be presenting a series of short true plays about the effect of wars from the Napoleonic Wars to WWII on ordinary people, leavened with songs. The Geriactors have been performing at Rochester area venues for over 20 years including local colleges, festivals, and nonprofit organizations.

Sunday, November 24th, 2:30 PM - "Music in Miniature", a program by Dennis James, a concert featuring miniature musical instruments throughout music history. The program will be hosted by Trinity Church. Watch for more details!

Saturday, December 7th - Be sure to stop by the Nunda Historical Society during **Christmas in Nunda!** Enjoy our traditional Christmas decorations and special holiday displays and pick up some local history holiday gifts! Watch for more details!

Tuesday, December 17th 10 AM Members are invited to join our Tuesday Morning museum crew for our Christmas party! Watch for details.

Photos from Spring 2024 NHS Programs & Activities



Wednesday March 13: "Ran Away With the Circus!" by Jane Oakes

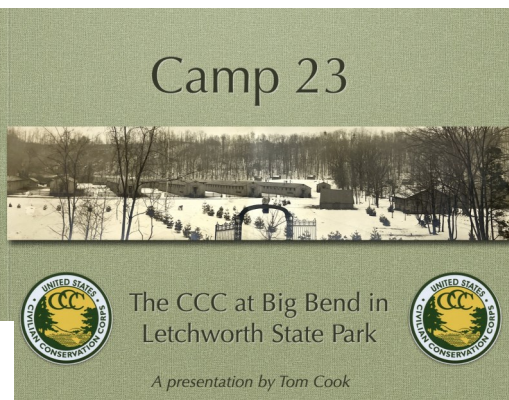


**Friday, May 31 - Saturday June 1:
The NHS Booth at Nunda Fun Days**



Wednesday April 10: "Women as Family Documentarians, from the Family Bible to Home Movies" by Corinne Elsie Hooker.

Wednesday, May 8:



Our Mission

The Nunda Historical Society collects, researches, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history, heritage, and culture of the area of western New York in and around the Town of Nunda and educates the public through its collections and programming.

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From the NHS Collection: The Erie Railroad played an important role in our history and we have several items in our collection connecting that famous railroad company to the Nunda area.

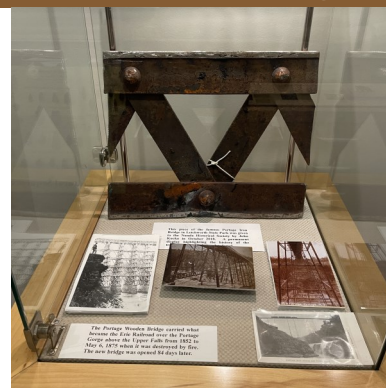


We have a beautiful photograph of the Erie Depot in Dalton, shared with us by NHS member Jane Schryver.

Award presented to Nunda native Thomas D Caine (NCS Class of 1943) recognizing his work with the Erie Railroad Company.



Display case in the museum hallway with a piece from the Portage Iron High Bridge that was built in 1875. The relic was given to the NHS by our friend John Kucko who obtained several pieces of the old trestle.



An Old Fashioned Quilting Bee and Quilt Show!

Come Join Us During Nunda's Americana Day

By Laura Thornton



Quilt made by Nunda native Elizabeth Robinson in 1893



Please stop by and enjoy our new space in the recently completed NHS addition! We will be setting up the quilt show and some interactive displays in the new research/classroom space and the new archive area. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to learn hand quilting? We will have the practice quilt from Trinity Church of Nunda all set up on the frame so you can try it out! Sue Long will also demonstrate quilting with a hoop, and Carol Weber will be teaching the old-fashioned skill of English paper patchwork piecing (also known as "hexies"). All materials and tools will be provided at no cost.

We will have several quilts from local families and from the NHS collection on display in the new archive room. Laura Thornton will have books about dating your quilts based on the styles of construction and fabrics used. We will have worksheets available to take home for dating and documenting your own family quilts.



2024 Members

John & Stacey Alioto
Jeremiah & Susie Axtell
Eva M. Barbour
Michael Bauer
Duane & Rosemary Bennett
Gary Bentley
Audrey Blakely
Peg Billyard
Sandra Bonadonna
Ethan Boss
Rich Boylan & Donna Moore
Patricia Brady
Jody & James Bray
Jo Anne Brocklehurst
Alberta Brown
William Burt
James Byrnes
Thomas & Barbara Byrnes
Jerilyn Clark
Diana Congdon
Tom & Anne Cook
Philip Cox
Eric & Wendy Curry
Ivan Davis
Gail Diemoz
Patricia Dieter
Joseph DiPasquale
Robert & Michele Donovan
Pam Ells
Robert & Peggy Ellsworth
Alberta Essler
Barbara Etingoff
Luke Faulds
Frank & Linda Foley
Marge Foose
Theron Foote
Toni Fuller
Doug & Judith Galbraith

Patty Galbraith
Jeremy Galton
Paul & Nancy Gebauer
Cathie Gehrig
Ira & Nancy Gelser
James Gelser
Robert Gelser
Maureen Goho
Ray & Joanne Goll
Vicki Goll
James Goodrich
John & Karla Gordinier
Tricia Graf
Angela Graves
Mary Ellen Graves
Brenda & Gary Green
Carol Griffen
Don & Valerie Griffing
Beth Carpenter Griswold
Margaret Grosse
Paul L Grover
Susan Hagens
Carolyn Hark
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Alex & Debra Heinonen
Sue & Ray Hengelsberg
Peggy Hooker
Frank Howe
Janet Hughes
Vera Hurd
Paul & Diane Jackson
Dennis James
Byron Jefferies
Valerie Jessen
Geraldine Kennedy
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Lynne & Clair Lawson

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Rennay Maker
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RJ & Karen McColl
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Joyce Marie Moore
Douglas Morgan
Janice Morris Pirrello
Judy Murray
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Gretchen Sepik
Patricia Serafine
Daniel Shannom
Richard & Mina Sinsabaugh
Patricia Simpson
Nedra Smith
Sue Smith
Maxine Snelgrove
Ron & Charlene Strain
Ted & Karen Gibson Strang
Charles Strickland
Clayton Taft
Anne Theders
Alice Thompson
Barbara Thompson
John & Sandy Thompson
Tom & Laura Thornton
Beverly VanCamp
Jennifer Van Houton
Earl Veley
Lynn & Erica Waite
JoAnn Waldon
Merilee Walker
Steve & Linda Walker
Karen Ward
Brenda & Ken Weaver Sr.
Carl & Carol Weber
Isabelle Weir
Jean Weiss
Norman Wetterau
Shareen & Tyler Whitehouse
Jessica & Colin Wilcox
Fred & Sharon Willis
LeRoy & Theresa Wood
Charles Woolever
Eleanor Wright

Local House Tours at June Meeting



Wednesday, June 12: A members only tour of two of our area historic houses. It was followed by a program by musician and storyteller Don Dwyer "The Music of the Women of the American Civil War"



*See www.nundahistory.org for updates:
everything happening at the Society, our Gift Shop, and
the History Room with ways to explore Nunda's history, and more.
Visit Often! This is Your Historical Society*

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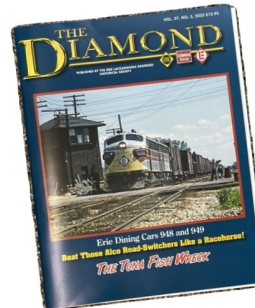
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Visit www.nundahistory.org for more items from our Gift Shop:

Local Railroad History By William D. Burt

Bill Burt, a NHS member, is a respected railroad historian with deep ties to Dalton. These two glossy magazines were published by the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society. One contains an article on Dalton's Tuna Fish Wreck of 1958 and the second is the complete history of the now abandoned River Line that was built from River Junction near Hunt to Cuba, NY in the early 20th century. Both contain many illustrations.



Tuna Fish Wreck
\$12.95



The River Line
\$25.00

These two publications are available by mail from the NHS Gift Shop. Send check or money order made out to the Nunda Historical Society to NHS, Box 341, Nunda NY 14517. Please add the following postage: Tuna Fish Wreck, \$3.00; River Line, \$4; for both, add \$5.00.

*Nunda Historical Society Museum & Rose Shave
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2-4 pm, on 1st and 3rd Sundays
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