

Museum of Rhinebeck History

Celebrating Rhinebeck's Rich Heritage

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Holiday Auction!

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend the 6th Annual Holiday Auction on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Rhinebeck Town Hall from 10-2. There will be dozens of Silent Auction items and a selected number of live auction items. Don't miss out!



Message from the President

History has been a passion of mine since I did a genealogy project in the 6th grade, so when I was elected as president, I was happy to take on the responsibility of guiding the museum. When I took office, I did so knowing that I wanted to continue the traditional activities of the museum, but I also knew we needed to make some changes. In this day and age we have an enormous amount of technology available to us and we were not taking full advantage of it. I plan to use this technology to increase the public awareness of the museum and its collections.

In the past, we had set up a catalog with other local historical organizations and we had set up a Facebook page. These initiatives made many aware of what we had to offer and also put us in contact with people around the world, both researchers and former Rhinebeck residents. One of these individuals contacted us as they were writing a book about the Beekman Arms and made use of our materials while researching. So with this fabulous response to our online initiatives, I wanted to take it a step farther. We began redoing our cataloging procedures so that the information put into the catalog would allow users to more easily locate items. This has been completed so as we go forward adding items to our collection, they will be more available to the public. We have also continued scanning a large number of images and placing them online in the catalog as well as on Facebook. We invite you to check out what is available online.

We will be updating our website in the coming months to make it more dynamic and user friendly with a calendar that updates automatically with events and meetings. With this in mind, I would like to pose a question to you our members. We want to increase our online presence and contact our members and interested parties more directly through email. So I invite you

to let us know what you think of receiving this newsletter via email instead of through the mail. If you have an email address that you would like to share with us please include on your membership renewal form or you can send us an email at our new email address

museumofrhinebeckhistory@gmail.com.

We will not share your email address with other organizations and it would be used only to send the newsletter and for occasional emails about Museum events. We fully realize the amount of junk email that we all receive and would not abuse the privilege of having your email addresses. It will also enable us to share the newsletter more directly with those who have reached out to us around the world.

In conclusion, we are making some technological changes to how we provide access to our materials and we feel it is time to upgrade our outreach activities to correspond with the time we live in now. While a lot of this is a radical change from the past, we continue with our mission of preserving Rhinebeck's history and we cannot do this without you, so please remember to send in your membership forms and if you have any items that you feel should be part of the Museum's collections no matter the size, please let us know. Thank you.

Elizabeth Clarke

Answers for What is it? 1. Astor Gatehouse 2. Hillside Chapel 3. Ice harvesting on Crystal Lake 4. Wey road Cemetery 5. Rhinecliff Dock 6. Foster's Coach House Tavern 7. Blue Moon, corner 9 & 96



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Exciting and Enticing 2015 Exhibit on Rhinebeck Schools Planned

Exhibit Chair Steven Mann is already at work with President Elizabeth Clarke on the exhibit for this coming year. The "YE OLDE SCHOOL DAYS" Exhibit will feature photographs and limited memorabilia from the former district schools. There were 12 district schools including, in numeric from 1-12: Morton; Brick (Rhinecliff); Hook; Hillside; Village (Rhinebeck); Stone Church, Ackert Hook; Wurtemberg; Eighmeyville; White Schoolhouse (at corner of Slate Quarry); Miller; and Flat Rock.



Hillside School

Another part of the exhibit will feature some of the many private schools that were located in town over the years including DeGarmo, Crow Hill, Fox Hollow, Cardinal Farley, and Rhinebeck Country. "The

information I have compiled over the past few years on the DeGarmo Institute is absolutely fascinating”, said Mann, who noted, “some very influential Americans passed through Rhinebeck and were educated at the Institute when it was located on Livingston Street”.



Fire at District 5 School

Besides photographs, a display focusing on the building of the “new” schools following the great 1939 fire at the Buckley School will be included. Photographs and quotes from oral history related to the fire will also be included. Late residents Barbara Vaughan Frost, Ralph Haskins, and Betty Decker will be among those whose remembrances will be included in the section on that fire. Old yearbooks, high school play programs, and high school graduation programs will be available for visitors to actually sit and read. A collection of children’s class papers from the late Mandeville Frost, who was a school teacher in the late 19th century, will also be included. For the first time a group of early 20th century class photographs from the late Margaret Bowman of Rhinebeck,

onated last year by her nephew and niece, James and Donna Closs, will be on display.



Class Trip 1963

Come to the exhibit and don’t be surprised to find your great aunt or great-grandfather’s photo, name, or school work included. This is not to be missed!

Fox Hollow's Connection to College Rowing History **Elizabeth Clarke**



Fox Hollow

Marist College has been doing research on the Poughkeepsie Regatta for some time now. I have recently joined the project and have been conducting extensive research on this event using local newspapers,

including *The Rhinebeck Gazette*. The Regatta ran on the Hudson River from 1895 to 1949 with Cornell University, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, University of California Berkeley, Princeton University and more participating in this event. This race was an important part of Poughkeepsie's history, but it is not without connections to Rhinebeck. The crew coaches often came up to Rhinebeck for dinner or to give a talk. Famously, the Navy coach, Buck Walsh was injured while visiting Rhinebeck and was unable to go out on the water with his team during the race. Part of the research conducted by Marist College involves compiling all of the boathouse and crew quarters locations into a map. Very little was known about where the crews stayed until recently and during the course of this research, I discovered that the crew teams had stayed as far north as Rhinebeck. Fox Hollow, the home of Tracy Dows, had become a girls boarding school in 1930 and in 1934, the University of California Berkeley elected to stay at the school. This was a fair distance from their boathouse at Poughkeepsie at what is now Longview Park. The teams took a bus down to Poughkeepsie from the main house at Fox Hollow. That year, California won the varsity race at Poughkeepsie and the school's principal, Aileen Farrell, took credit for the victory because the crew had enjoyed staying there so much. This will all be documented in Marist's online exhibition on the Poughkeepsie Regatta, which will feature photographs of Fox Hollow from the Museum's collection. The Marist exhibit will be re-launched in 2015 with an in depth treatment of all crew locations and with a

more local perspective on the event. The history of the Fox Hollow School will be a prominent part of our upcoming 2015 exhibit on Rhinebeck's schools so please visit the Museum to learn more about this fascinating institution.

Where and What is it?

Do you know where these photos were taken? What does it depict? Hint - One building no longer standing.

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(Answers on page 2)

6th Annual **Holiday Auction** Fund-raiser



to benefit

*Chancellor Livingston Chapter, DAR
& The Museum of Rhinebeck History*

Dozens of Silent Auction Items
& some Choice Items Auctioned Live by our
Guest Auctioneer, Gregory Rakow

Saturday, November 22nd

Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 E. Market St.

Silent Auction from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Live Auction at 12:30 PM

Refreshments and Bake/Food sale tables throughout

~ Cash or Check Only, Please ~

Featuring Antiques & Vintage, Jewelry, Art, Housewares, Handmade Items,
Locally Donated Products & Gift Certificates.

Some items of note:

- Several lots of 1964 Beatles trading cards
- 19th century Hudson Valley provenance solid brass fireplace trivet
- Vintage cocktail glasses and shaker set in original box
- Large, barn board folk art birdhouse
- Historic three-hour driving tour of the Rhinebeck area

*NorthernDutchessDAR.org and Rhinebeckmuseum.com
for more information about our organizations.*

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DUES INVOICE FOR THE PERIOD January 1 through December 31, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible check in the amount of \$ _____

Please enclose your employer's form if your employer has a matching grant program (e.g. IBM).

Please apply my payment for the year 2015 as follows:

Lifetime.....\$1,000 _____ Family.....\$15 _____

Lifetime option \$250 x 4 years _____ Individual.....\$10 _____

Sponsor.....\$100 _____ Student.....\$5 _____

Business.....\$50 _____ Other.....\$ _____

Patron.....\$50 _____ Added Donation.....\$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

Please make checks payable to MUSEUM OF RHINEBECK HISTORY and mail to the Museum at the address above. Thank you!

NOTE: If you have family archives that you wish to donate to us, please check below and someone from the Museum will be in touch with you. _____

DOCENTS NEEDED

Attention Rhinebeck Natives!!!
Share your knowledge and wisdom of your town as a Docent at the Museum of Rhinebeck History. Hours for volunteering are Saturdays from 1-4pm during the period between June and September. Learn about this season’s collection and meet our visitors.

Contact: Mara Marrero 845-797-5070 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We depend on member dues. The cost of membership is very reasonable, a small price to pay to protect, preserve and display our growing collection. The membership form is on the other side of this page. Before you forget, please complete and send it in to us with your check. Your support is needed and very much appreciated.

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CALENDAR

November 22 – Holiday Auction

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