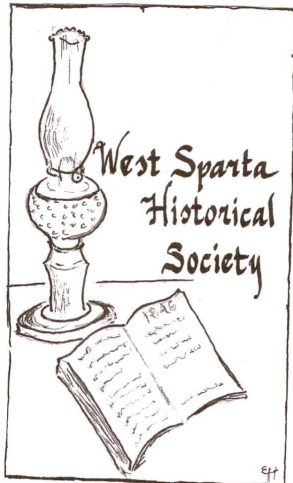


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The West Sparta Historical Society Newsletter

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HOW TIME FLIES

West Sparta Historical Society will celebrate it's 10th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting next February. Our organization has accomplished a lot since our founding in December 2006. If you have ideas of how to celebrate it, would be willing to serve for several months on a committee to prepare a celebration or are willing to make something that could be on display at our Feb. Annual Meeting please contact our President, Sue Erdle. Her email is

SJErdle5249@gmail.com.

2016 COLLECTION NOTES;

WOLFANGER ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW:

An oral history interview has been conducted with West Sparta resident and Historical Society member, Ralph Wolfanger. The interview was conducted at Ralph's home 8503 Kysorville Byersville Road on May 8, 2016 by Fred Bundschuh and Sarah Booher and included Ralph's daughter, Marjorie Cansdale. The interview is on audio tape, partially on video disc and includes notes and copies of photos all of which are added to West Sparta Historical Society's archival collection. Ralph is a West Sparta native, attended Dansville High School and Rochester Institute of Technology, was married to the late Corinne (Miller), and worked 18 years at Foster Wheeler Company. Ralph has been active lifelong in public service serving among other things as

Town Supervisor, on the County Board of Supervisors, and as administrator of the Livingston County Campus in Mt. Morris. Throughout this time he worked constantly to improve public health services. Thank you Marjorie and Ralph for giving us the opportunity to record this interview.

THOMAS H. SLAIGHT MEMOIR:

Thomas H. Slaight, son of the late Bill and Ruth Slaight of West Sparta has recently completed a seventy page memoir of his father Bill. The memoir starts with Bill's birth but back tracks into the earlier generations of the family and well as telling of Bill's life and his life together with Ruth and their descendants. Tom was kind enough to share this with West Sparta Historical Society via email and has given permission for it to be printed and shared with anyone interested in this history. A copy has been placed into the archival collection of The Society. Thank you Tom Slaight.

19th CENTURY TAX RECEIPTS:

Received July 11, 2016 from Todd Powell with thanks:

- 1891 Tax Receipt for \$12.74 to Mrs. June Wallace signed by Jacob Wolfanger
- 1898 Collector's Receipt for \$18.16 to Mrs. June Wallace signed by Charles Curry, Collector.

- The purpose of the West Sparta Historical Society is to collect, preserve, interpret, and make accessible to the public the history of the town and the people of West Sparta

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WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

We are about to wrap up a successful year of informative and entertaining programs, research on local history, productive meetings, and projects. It's time we begin to plan for next year.

What interests you?

Genealogy, cemetery preservation, architecture, maps, historic sites, Native American culture, traditional farming techniques, photography, daily life in the 1800's, antique tools, blacksmithing, folk music, video interviews, or ???

If any of these topics interest you, then West Sparta Historic Society needs you!

We've accomplished a lot in the past 10 years since we began but there is plenty more to do. Your membership dollars help us fund our programs and research. Your ideas, enthusiasm, and assistance help us develop programs and projects that preserve our Town's history and allow us to pass that history along to our fellow West Spartans.

What interests you?

Let us know. This is your historical society. We're always looking for new ideas, new members, and people interested in our history. The membership form is on page 13, we hope that you will fill one out for yourself, AND fill out another membership form as a gift for a friend.

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SAVE THE DATES

Saturday March 12, 2017
Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction

Saturday July 29, 2017
our seventh annual
West Sparta Old-Fashioned Day,

A GOOD TIME AT OUR ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual Meeting held at the West Sparta Methodist Church in February was preceded by a dish-to-share dinner and a musical program. Everyone agreed this was the best food we had ever had. During dinner Harper, Mary Lester, from Hemlock, NY played the harp and sang ancient Scottish and Irish songs, perhaps ones that Scottish families who settled in West Sparta in the early years had enjoyed. The program was well received with a large round of applause given to thank Mary for her music.

The West Sparta Historical Society Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Susan Erdle. Attending were members Sarah Booher, Shirley & David Palmer, Fred Bundschuh, Gene & Diana Moffat, Gerri Long, Sue Erdle, Marvin Yamonaco Sr., Barbara Kurtz, Elsie Hartmann, Jan & Gary Roth, Rick Pfaff, Darlene Baird, Edyth Martin, Sue Noragong, Pam & Howard Perry, Cathie & Kreag Cotter, Wixee McMaster and guest, Sheila Gibson.

In the absence of Treasurer Linda Johnson, Sue Erdle presented the financial statements for WSHS and Old-Fashioned Day 2016. WSHS started the year with \$3914.25 and ended the year with a balance of \$4763.18. Old-Fashioned Day 2015 started with a fund total of \$1736.95 and ended with a fund total of \$2005.87. Combined fund balance 12/31/2015 was \$6769.05. Committee Reports were given as follows: Audit Committee chaired and reported by Gerri Long. Gerri reported the committee of herself and Rick Pfaff had reviewed the 2015 finances for West Sparta Historical Society, including a separate statement for West Sparta Old-Fashioned Day and found the books in good order. Nominations Committee chaired and reported by Howard Perry. Howard reported that the committee of himself, Sarah Booher, Fred Bundschuh, and Shirley Palmer had met and reviewed the nominations and resignations and determined that the Society needed to elect four trustees and all four officers for 2016. Calls were assigned to find out who was willing to serve and a ballot of nominations filling all 8 positions was prepared with names of those who accepted a nomination. Howard passed the ballots to all members present and people marked their ballots. While the ballots were tabulated President Erdle Sue gave a review of the Historical Society's past year, saying once again it was a productive and successful year. The Election results were announced by Howard as follows: Officers; President Sue Erdle, Vice –President Fred Bundschuh, Secretary Marge Cansdale, and Treasurer Gerri Long. Trustees: Shirley Palmer and Howard Perry for their second three year term, Sarah Booher and Sheila Young as first term trustees. All were congratulated and sworn in by the Honorable Eugene Moffat.

Those thanked for faithful service are Linda Johnson after a three year term as treasurer, Sarah Booher after two one-year terms as Vice-President, Rick Pfaff after a three year term as trustee and Linda Johnson after one-year service as trustee. Continuing trustees are Sue Mahany (until 2017), Marge Cansdale (until 2018), and Fred Bundschuh (until 2018).

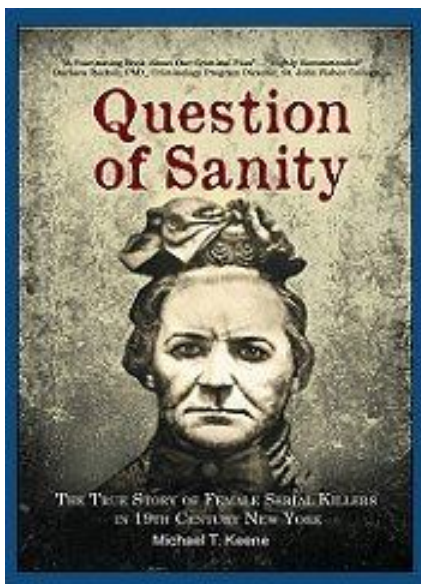
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A Presentation by West Sparta Historical Society

Question of Sanity:

The True Story of Female Serial Killers in 19th-Century New York

Thank you to all who attended this program by award winning author and film maker, Michael T. Keene. Mr. Keene discussed the lives and times of some of the seventeen female serial killers featured in his latest book about heinous murders set in New York State during the nineteenth century. The Town Hall meeting room was full to capacity and audience members reacted with gasps of horror as true stories of the murders of husbands, children, parents, and friends unfolded. Mr. Keene, who has also done research and written books on madhouses (asylums) and orphanages stayed to answer audience questions after the talk, and also had copies of his books for sale.



The subjects of Mr. Keene's book were women with compelling stories, for the most part living in North Central New York along the Erie Canal in small, isolated rural communities. "...a fascinating look into our criminal past" says the director of Criminology Program at St. John Fisher College, Barbara Rockwell, PhD.

For information on upcoming programs please contact Sarah at gefbooh@stny.rr.com or 585 335 5094.

West Sparta Donors & Volunteers Pull Off A Great Event

West Sparta's Sixth Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction raised a record total of \$2099.70 for West Sparta Old-Fashioned Day 2016. These proceeds ensure Old-Fashioned Day's activities are totally free to everyone while providing history related education, quality entertainment, special children's activities and a family oriented gathering place for West Sparta residents and neighbors. An impossibly lovely day dawned March 12th in West Sparta. The doors at the West Sparta Volunteer Fire Department Hall were opened and the sun was shining as the Spaghetti Dinner got under way at Noon. A total of 39 persons volunteered their services in preparation and during the event. Teams from West Sparta Fire Department (set-up, cooking, dish-washing and service line), West Sparta Historical Society (ticket sales, pre-prep, cooking and food service), West Sparta Methodist Church (the pie auction and table clearing) and Town of West Sparta Councilmen and Supervisor Erdle (helping throughout) put on a full course dinner to be proud of. All who attended said the food quality was good and hot and that West Sparta's original handmade meatball recipe (Fred's secret) is delicious. Left-over meatballs were sold by the dozen to volunteers.

Before and after dining guests were invited to browse a display by David Palmer, West Sparta Historian. David showed various historic tools and oddities, but also demonstrated miniature handmade models of various types of stump pullers used in the settlement and clearing of the once heavily forested West Sparta to prepare the way for cropland, roads and the canal in West Sparta.

Fred Bundschuh was chairman and master chef for the dinner. Total income for the dinner was \$1491 with expenses of only \$581.30. The profit of \$909.70 was made possible by the donation of generous amounts of food and supplies that were given in kind by West Sparta individuals and businesses along with a donation of 60 pounds of pasta and 48 jars of spaghetti sauce from Barilla Pasta of Avon, NY. One-hundred and fifty three adults and seven children's meals were served. It seemed most people came to eat and be here for the pie auction with most arriving within the first hour of the doors opening and causing West Sparta Chief Pearson to remark "this may have been the largest crowd ever seated for a meal at the Fire Hall in our forty year histo-

Spaghetti Dinner continued

ry". On the other hand there were fewer who asked for Take-Out this year so total persons served was 40 less than 2015. Thirty-nine delicious homemade pies of every imaginable kind and a few yummy homemade breads were all donated by 25 individuals and 2 businesses for the Annual Pie Auction organized ably by Pam and Howard Perry. With no expenses recorded the total raised by the pie auction was an amazing \$1190.

Auctioneer, Gene Moffat, handled the lively bidding for the baked goods, with winning bids ranging from \$9 to \$85 and the average price being \$29.01. Certain people came determined to purchase the pie from their favorite pie maker. There was a good amount of friendly banter spicing up the action during the auction and entertaining those who were not bidding. Generosity and surprise were also part of the atmosphere when several people with winning bids immediately donated their paid for pie to one of the other bidders. It's believed that every family who got in on the bidding eventually went home with something delicious and some bought a stack of items. When the pie racks were emptied most folks were done with their meal and headed for home. Doors closed at 3:30 pm.

Don't forget to put this great West Sparta happening on your calendar now so you don't miss it next year. It is always the second Saturday in March. Number seven coming up.

It takes a community to put on such a successful event and the following lists the volunteers and in-kind donors who made this possible. Our sincere thank you to all who helped and gave. Let us know if you want to help out next year:

Donations In-kind - Estimated Value of Donations Food & Supplies (Not including baked goods or loaned equipment that was returned) - **\$ 525.40:**

Barilla Company Inc. – 60 lbs. Pasta & 48 Jars Spaghetti Sauce (Estimated \$200)

Fred Bundschuh – Meat, meatball spices, misc. utensils & supplies, salad dressings (Wegmans, Tops, Walmart's – Total cost \$145.90) **Country Corner General Store** – butter, sugar/cream/sweetener/ coffee filters , cooking/coffee water (\$44.50 total)

Sue Erdle/Marvin Yamonaco, Sr. Cookies (\$50) & 2 Dozen Eggs (\$5)-

Barb Kurtz – 2 Dozen Eggs(\$5) and wine bottles for Candles \$0

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Sarah & Bob Booher – 3 Cases Bottled Water & 120 Pops (\$75).

West Sparta Fire Department – Facilities, Equipment & Supplies

Glen Piper– Loan of Wax drip candles for tables, previous gift of checked table clothes re-used in 2016.

Barry Pratt/Twin Creeks Maple Syrup – Loan of large water containers to transport water for cooking.

Donors of Pies, Baked Goods & Cash to Pie Auction – Howard Perry, Deb Mott(2), Dawn Love (3), Wixee McMaster, Ann Forbes (2), Diana Moffat, Carol Haight, Barb Kurtz, Shirley Palmer, Greg Kysor (2), Jan Roth, Millie Munger, Barry Pratt (2), Steve Foster, Alice Muchler, Judy Foster, Shirley Nickerson, Nicole Graham, Renee Green (2) Lorri Pearson, Cathy Giles (2), Edyth Martin, Cathie Cotter, Marge Cansdale, Sue Noragong (2), Country Corner General Store (5), Lisa Sansone, The Johnsons.

VOLUNTEER TEAM - Darlene Baird, Fred Bundschuh (Chairman), *Bob Booher, *Sarah Booher, *Marge Cansdale, Kreag Cotter, *Sue Erdle, Chris Foster, Judy Foster, Steve Foster, Summer Foster, Megan Green, Renee Green, Janet Hartman, Jerry Hartman, Pete Kruchten, Barb Kurtz, Mike Levey, Gerri Long, Dawn Love, Don Love, Edyth Martin, Wixee McMaster, Diana Moffat, Gene Moffat, David Palmer, Shirley Palmer, Tom Pearson, *Pam Perry, *Howard Perry, Rick Pfaff, Alicia Pitre, Paul Pitre, Austin Powell, Gary Roth, Tina Sick, Steve Sick, Gerri Smith, Rob Smith, Friends of the Smiths. *Denotes Committee for Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction.

TICKET SALES - Sarah Booher, Fred Bundschuh, Marge Cansdale, Country Corner General Store/Sheila Young, Sue Erdle, Don Love, Fender Bender Mender/Greg Kysor, Groveland Station Mini Mart, Shirley Palmer.

In Good Old Colony Days There Was Singing

Report by Sarah Booher

Songs, instruments, costumes and a very special balladeer immersed West Sparta audience in Colonial America's atmosphere. On Sunday, April 24th, 2016 professional balladeer and recording artist Linda Russell put on a program called "In Good Old Colony Days, Songs of Early America" at the Town Hall in West Sparta. The little Town Hall quickly filled to capacity as forty-six people including children and youth filed in to enjoy the program. Most were from West Sparta, Dansville, Nunda and Mt. Morris, but Livonia, Rochester and Penfield were also represented.

Using mountain and hammered dulcimer, guitar and penny whistle Linda gave historical insight into the America which the colonists left behind as they headed west to resettle in our area. Wearing a colonial costume of buckle shoes, stockings, gown and shift and giving thorough historical context for each song, Linda traveled us back to before and during Revolutionary War days. Songs then had one of three roles: to signal something happening, to spread the news, or to provide music for dancing. Many of the songs had familiar tunes such as *Johnny has gone for a soldier* now known as *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*. But Linda explained how they were used differently in colonial times. Broadside songs were songs that told the latest news, often with a strong point of view or clear defiance. Taverns were where outsiders brought the news to town. In 1775 the broadside *Derry Down* told of the King's tax on tea and his denial of the colonists to fish in their own oceans.

Women never played wind instruments in colonial times, as it was unlady-like to distort your face, so only men played the penny whistle. Guitars and violins were common in the colonies; Ben Franklin played guitar and Thomas Jefferson played violin. But many couldn't afford either. So the mountain dulcimer was invented in those times. They were simple to make and simple to play so any farmer could play one for relaxation. In those days there were no plastic picks. Dulcimers and guitars were played with fingers or with the quill of a feather as Linda demonstrated. Linda had a child help her play *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* to demonstrate how easy it is to play a mountain dulcimer and to help her make her limber jacks dance upon the boards. The intriguing hand carved toys represented a man, and several animals including a cow, a dog, a horse and a chicken. She invited the audience to join in singing familiar songs and invited them to try out the instruments.

There was of course a great deal more. You had to be there, as they say. And there was of course the "after-event" when people talked with Linda, shopped for CD's of her music, visited among themselves, tested out the instruments and enjoyed some refreshments. It was all made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Livingston Arts Center, a member supported organization. The Town of West Sparta was the grantee and West Sparta Historical

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Society hosted the event and paid for the advertising. Sarah and Bob Booher provided hot and cold beverages and delicious cakes from the West Sparta Country Store featuring pictures of Linda Russell in costume. Other volunteers moved furniture and prepared and served refreshments including Supervisor Sue Erdle, Marge Cansdale, Sue Noragong, and Fred Bundschuh. Sharon Burr took some wonderful pictures. Thanks to our funders, volunteers and the Town of West Sparta for making this collaborative event a success.



**GENESEE
VALLEY
ARTS
GRANTS**



Linda Russell

Photograph by Sharon Burr

Livingston County Inventions featured in Historian's Talk

West Sparta Historical Society hosted Livingston County Historian, Aimee Alden, at the West Sparta Town Hall on June 14, 2016 with twenty members and guests in attendance. After a welcome by WSHS President Sue Erdle, Aimee's program "Homegrown Inventions & Innovations" featured her original research on local inventors, the patent process and interesting innovations of our County.

Aimee introduced herself as one of only three full-time county historians in New York State. The Historian's Office, located on Murray Hill in Mt. Morris is open to the public and has extensive research materials. She invited people to visit the center but recommended making an appointment if help is needed to look up information.

Local Innovations: The talk started with an overview of some of the well-known innovations of our greater region including those of the Seneca tribe, their socio-political organization involving cooperation, matriarchal organization and innovative long house dwellings; the Shaker community with their cottage industries of simply designed hand crafted wood products such as the Shaker chair, broom making, women's bonnets, and new types of seeds; the Jackson Sanatorium where new approaches to wellness, and cold cereal were developed. Other local innovators were Eben Norton Horsford, inventor of baking powder, Hiram Sibley first President of Western Union, Seth Green Father of fish culture, Elizabeth Smith Miller developed bloomers (later popularized by Kate Jackson), Clara Barton invented a way to identify soldiers on the battlefield and started the Red Cross, and William Pryor Letchworth who among other accomplishments was a social reformer who got children out of poor houses in America by developing new ways to care for them.

The U.S. Patent System: George Washington signed the first patent act in 1770 to encourage American scientists, and entrepreneurs. Patents are only granted for new utilities, designs or plants. The first Patent Board was created and gave patents a 14 year limit. The first patent issued to Samuel Hopkins in Philadelphia for a new apparatus to make potash and pearl ash. Most patents are actually for improvements on existing patents. In 1836 patents were distributed to libraries around the country. The first Livingston County patent was for a stave making machine in Caledonia in 1824.

Livingston County Inventors: Inventors and patents are difficult to research for a geographical area as patents are not searchable by name or town. To easily search for a particular patent you need the date or name of the patent. Nevertheless, through many hours of searching, Aimee found and shared with us at least one patent from each of the fourteen towns in Livingston County. A West Sparta patent was elusive but she was determined and kept researching until she found Patent No. 5,493, dated November 28, 1848. This was a patent for a new and improved Cooking Stove with oven and cooking surfaces raised to the proper temperature by hot air channeled in and around the cooking areas by grates and flues connected to the fire chamber. The inventor was Leonard B. Field of West Sparta, a Vermont

native who moved to the Genesee Valley in 1824 with his family at the age of three, and to West Sparta in 1843 where he took up farming on 150 acres of land. Field was elected West Sparta Town Supervisor seventeen times between 1855 and 1879 on the Democratic ticket. Field, seemingly a spiritual seeker, grew up as a Methodist and converted to spiritualism in 1877, shortly before his political prominence ended. His will was written in West Sparta in 1887 and probated in Monroe County in 1891.

The program wrapped up with questions and answers followed by delicious refreshments organized and served by Wixee McMaster and provided by, Marge Cansdale, Cathie Cotter, Joan Schumaker, Betty Minemier, and Pam Perry. Host Sarah Booher, thanked Aimee Alden for her excellent program and all the guests for attending. Our thanks and recognition goes to the Town for use of its facility and to our volunteers for assisting with the hosting of this program.



County Historian Aimee Alden discusses the many inventions developed by the Shakers.

WEST SPARTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST 2016

Thank You Contributing Members who give extra support to the activity of the West Sparta Historical Society. Your names are listed in the membership list as **Supporters** (\$25 - \$49), **Sustainers** (\$50 to \$74), **Patrons** \$75-99, **Angels** \$100 – 499 and **Lifetime**. \$500 & above. **Increased support** noted with * **Multiple gifts** noted with **. Names in **bold** are paid through **2016**. Renewal payments are due by Jan. 1st each year. **Welcome to new members** noted with #.

Lifetime Members

Sarah & Robert Booher

Angels

Sarah & Robert Booher **

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Sue Erdle & Marvin Yamonaco, Sr.**

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Wixumlee McMaster

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2016 REMEMBRANCES

Doris McMaster

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WEST SPARTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2017 Membership Application and Renewal

Your name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Instructions: Check one Membership category:

Individual \$10.00 ____ Family \$15.00 ____ Business or Organization: \$20.00 ____

Supporter \$25.00 ____ Sustainer \$50.00 ____ Patron \$75.00 ____ Angel \$100.00 ____

_____ If you do not wish to join, but would like to make a gift to help the work of West Sparta Historical Society fill in the amount here: _____.

_____ If you would like to make a gift of historical documents, photographs or other historical artifact, or if you'd like to be interviewed about your West Sparta family history or home, please check here.

Details: _____.

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Name of recipient: _____

Recipients address _____

Make checks payable to **West Sparta Historical Society**.

Send with your form with payment to:

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Dansville, NY 14437

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS IN NUNDA

The Nunda Historical Society has some interesting programs coming up this fall.

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2:30 pm - "Gregory's New York Brigade: Blue-Collar Reserves in Dusty Blue Jackets" by Dr. Valgene L. Dunham follows General Edgar Gregory's Brigade made up of NY regiments 187, 188, and 189, including their formation, war activities, their presence at Appomattox and their peace keeping in Virginia as they marched back to Washington and then home.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 am - 3pm - NHS Annual Yard & Bake Sale –Members having items to donate for the yard sale may arrange to drop them off at the Historical building by calling Becky Pierce at 585-447-1165. Please to not include clothing and shoes. Contact Fran Ludwig at 585-476-2749 if you can provide baked goods for the sale. Thanks to all who make donations to this important Society fundraiser. Everyone remember to plan to come and shop.

Wednesday, Oct 12, 7 pm – "Portrayal of the Life of Moses VanCampen" by Brendan Heaney, Interpreter, Speaker and Fillmore Central School English Teacher. Moses Van Campen (1757-1849), a prominent figure in Pennsylvania and western New York and a soldier during the Revolutionary War fighting hostile Native American tribes, participated in the Sullivan Expedition in 1779.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 Fall Foliage Tour – (Save the Date) - We will spend the morning at the popular World War II Museum in Eldred, PA, have lunch at Sprague's Restaurant & Pancake House in Portville, NY, and stop at the recently restored Palmer Opera House in Cuba, NY, to visit the Cuba Cheese Museum and enjoy a Silent Film Matinee. Dennis James will be providing piano accompaniment to the following films: A Mack Sennett/Keystone Cops film: "Barney Oldfield's Race for Life" starring Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand; Buster Keaton in "One Week"; and Charlie Chaplin in "The Pilgrim." Advertising for this all day bus tour, including final details, timetable, cost, and registration form will be available soon.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 7 pm – "The Sullivan Campaign of the Revolutionary War: The influence on Livingston County by Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian. This program will give an overview of the westernmost battle of the Revolutionary War in New York State and how this event led to the opening of the Genesee Valley for white settlement immediately after the war.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OLD FASHIONED DAY POSSIBLE:

VOLUNTEERS

Darlene Baird
 Missy Baird with friend Brady
 Sarah & Bob Booher
 Fred Bundschuh
 Marge & Larry Cansdale
 Cari Durbin
 Susan J. Erdle
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 Matt & Tricia Wolfe
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 Marvin Yamonaco, Sr.



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Volunteers and Contributors continued

140th New York Volunteer Infantry Organization—Daniella Insalaca, Noah Petroske-Enedy, Tom Enedy, Steve & Doris Metzler, Mike Ryan—Civil War life

CONTRIBUTORS OF SERVICES & GIFTS INKIND for Old-Fashioned Day

- West Sparta Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction – Donated all proceeds.
- Town of West Sparta Old-Fashioned Day Budget – Ads & Misc.
- Town of West Sparta Youth Budget – Hiring Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
- Town of West Sparta Highway Department – Grounds prep & placing signs & banner.
- Marvin Yamonaco, Sr. and Sue Erdle – Farmer's Music Tent Rental
- Fender Bender Mender crew for banner date and direction signs placement
- Glen & Linda Piper – Multiple tents, Covered costs of Children's Fair
- The Green Family/Nunda Antique Tractor Show - Tractor Pull
- O'Brien's Septic and Portable Toilets – Delivery & Loan of Portable Toilet
- Barry & Jeremiah Pratt – Tractor Pulled Wagon Rides
- Trista Teitsworth with Boss Hog – Mustang Training Demonstration
- Carmen Vegder - Loan of Round Pen
- Bill Strobel/C&S Excavating – Loan of Back hoe for Tractor Pull
- Gene Moffat – Loan of Straw for Children's Fair
- Quilt Show & Demonstration – Kim Swink and Patricia Smith
- Town of West Sparta for use of grounds, facilities and pavilion.
- **A Special Thank you to all who worked to get the Pavilion done by Old-Fashioned Day.**

