

Museum of Rhinebeck History

Celebrating Rhinebeck's Rich Heritage

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2013 Progressive Dinner Sunday July 28, 2013



Our Annual Progressive dinner will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013. The location of the dinner will be The Tannery, an historic property located at the corner of Route 308 and Pilgrim's Progress Road. Appetizers will be in the lovely main house with dinner in the beautifully restored barn.

The waters of the Landsman's Kill were the reason this site became as a woolen mill and later as a tannery. In 1795 George Ring selected it as his home site. The property was eventually purchased by Dr. George Miller, owner of the Schuyler House and incorporated into his estate "The Grove." Today The Tannery retains its integrity as a separate and tranquil site nestled in a bend in the ancient stream.



Dessert will follow at Sepascot Farm, located about 1.5 miles further east on Route 308 at the corner Cedar Heights Road. This 19th century farm with Hudson River bracketed Italianate style farmhouse is still operated as a working farm offering a wide variety of local products

This event is being co-sponsored by the Rhinebeck Historical Society.

Tickets are \$40 per person before July 22; \$50 after July 22. For information and reservations call 845.8763.2436 or email bklaproth@ymail.com



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Bowman Collection

Through the generosity of Donna Closs Anderson of Florida and her brother Jim Closs of Rhinebeck, we were given some important material from the estate of their aunt, Mrs. Margaret (Coon) Bowman. Mrs. Bowman, who died February 8, 2006, at 91, resided at Wabasso, FL. She was a Rhinebeck native born March 13, 1914, to the late Ethan A. Coon, the violet king, and Alice Traver, and a (1938) graduate of Rhinebeck High School and Elmira College.

She was a noted environmentalist in Florida and was the second woman to be elected Indian River (FL) County's Commissioner, serving from 1983-92. During WWII, she was a member of the Women's Army Corp (WACs). She later was a teacher of the deaf in Iowa and Ohio, a buyer for B. Altman in NYC, NY; and floral designer/shop manager at E. A. Coon & Co., Florist of Rhinebeck, NY. She served on the Florida State Board of the Audubon Society, and wrote a book entitled Where to Find Birds in Florida. She was involved with many other groups including the Friends of St. Sebastian River, the Pelican Island Preservation Society, and Marine Resources Council.

Mrs. Bowman was the sister of Mrs. Catharine Rhoades of Scottsdale, AZ and the late Mrs. Eleanor T. Closs of Rhinebeck, NY. Her late husband, John M. Bowman, was the longtime postmaster at Clinton Corners. The couple had no children of their own. She was buried in the Coon family plot at the Rhinebeck Cemetery.

The collection has some very important early photographs of students with their teachers at the Rhinebeck School. In some photographs one can see in the background what was then known as The Church of the Messiah (now Good Shepherd) on East Market & Mulberry Streets. Five photographs

have no year on them, but all the people are identified. There is also a larger Class of 1938 photograph which shows all the scholars graduating that year. There is also an undated 5 x 7" photograph, shown here, of seven girls and their teacher.

Two photographs have no year or names on them, but they are of students in front of the Rhinebeck School. That can be ascertained by the architecture and surroundings. There are photographs dated 1890, 1892 and 1894 with the students identified. Also in the collection was a notebook that had information on the DeGarmo Institute and some general information on the town's history. Pages had been ripped out of the book previously.

The photograph below was taken in 1893 by G. Wallace Wright, of Rhinebeck on Hudson, NY. **First row:** Kittie Sleight Priser, Alice Traver Coon, Edythe Grube. **Second Row:** Lena Sheak Geraghty, Teacher Grace Dietz Hoick, May Ritter Turton. **Third Row:** Mabel Saltford, Bertha Pitcher.

We are grateful to the Closs family for this important donation. The Museum encourages other families to follow their lead and consider donating any important photographs or local memorabilia to the Museum so that it can be shared with others in town. These photographs have been put on the Museum website and the Museum's inventory on the Consortium of Rhinebeck History's website.



Farewell to a valued Board Member

We are sorry to report that Jan Stickle has resigned from the Museum board. Jan has served for over 10 years and has been our corresponding secretary. She was the one who sends those nice "Thank you" notes when we receive your membership dues or other donation. She assures us that she will continue to make peanut brittle for the Holiday Auction though!!!!

Jeffersonian Cornice Donation



Jim Donnelly has donated 3 "Jeffersonian cornices" that belonged to his step-father, Rad Heermance, formerly of Rhinebeck. They are donated in Mr. Heermance's memory.

The painted wooden cornices are about 50" long and about 12" inches high. The fluting that caps the whole piece is made of tin. The painting is still vibrant and in very good condition. They are a stunning addition to our collection.

Quilt Raffle!

Please help to support the Museum AND get a chance to win this stunning quilt.



The Guild who made the quilt had a professional appraisal done and it appraised at \$4055.00. It has won ribbons at the Howard County Fair (Maryland) and the Maryland State Fair. It's beautifully hand applied, paper pieced, machine pieced and machine quilted.

The colors are stunning, if you'd like to see picture in color check out our website or Facebook page

Chances are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Tickets will be for sale at the Progressive dinner. You can also email or call Beverly for more information. Neilbev81@hotmail.com; 845.876.3894

Change in Museum Schedule

This year we will be open on Saturdays, May through September from 1 – 4. The Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House and Palatine Farmstead will be open at the same time.

Auction items needed

Once again, the Annual Holiday Auction is being planned for November. Those with quality items to donate such as unused holiday gifts, unused pocketbooks, hand made items, good jewelry, small pieces of furniture in good condition, and collectibles such as old glassware, china or figurines, may donate at any time. Please contact Steven Mann at 876-6892 or smann320@yahoo.com who is willing to pick up items that can fit in his Nissan Rogue.

Acquisitions

The following is just a taste of some of the incredible donated objects we received into the Museum's permanent collection in 2012. Some can be seen in this year's exhibit on textiles now on display.

- Postcards with violets from various occasions
- Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts memorabilia from Frost estate and others
- Photographs from the Keily/Debus estate of Rhinebeck
- Photographs from Frank Asher Collection that are not of Rhinebeck scenes
- First National bank advertising/customer giveaways/promotional pieces
- More Rhinebeck photographs from the Hobson Brothers
- Ephemera re the proposed Palermo Project of Rhinebeck c 1970s
- Local political buttons including FDR
- Jacob L. Tremper's meat market business ledgers
- Song Lyrics from the Civil War

- Poem of Captain Emory's Brigade
- Old metal milking stool in black paint from Frost family
- Percy Tremper's collapsible top hat with original Knox hat box
- Hannaburg family mid-19th Century Hudson Valley spool chest/sewing table
- Documents from the Ostrom and Tremper families in museum-quality framing
- Wooden ammunition Box in green paint
- Metal ammunition box from WWII
- WWII ammunition belt; aviation goggles; metal mess kit; US Army gas mask with carrying case
- Photographs of violet house remains on Ackert Hook Road
- Pieces of the violet house from Ackert Hook Road
- First National bank wooden shield-shaped sign
- Traver family photographs
- Piece of track from Vincent Astor's miniature railroad at Ferncliff
- Seven arrowheads from a local collector
- Late 19th century perfume advertisement sign
- Wooden pair of shoe inserts c 1900 from Fichera's Shoe Store
- Exterior photographs of Grasmere
- Local event and school commencement programs
- Rhinebeck Tricentennial quilt made by Mina Brun
- J. F. Teal, Rhinebeck, N.Y. glass bottle
- Railroad lunch pail from Rhinecliff

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DUES INVOICE FOR THE PERIOD January 1 through December 31, 2013

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 2013 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 May 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

July 28th Progressive Dinner

May through September 2013

Museum Exhibit – Textiles in Rhinebeck's history

November – Holiday Auction – date to be determined

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you expect any change in your address, or if you are aware of any fellow Museum members who have recently moved, please notify Janice Scriber, the keeper of our membership records, at 845-876-6864, or email her at jabs43@frontiernet.net.

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