

CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays, Everyone!

The Candor Historical Society has had a busy year! We've had several great programs, an awesome fundraiser, and much of the renovation work on the History Center has been completed, although there is still more to be done.

We have owned the History Center for five years now, and our wonderful volunteers have faithfully met every Monday morning to read through and catalog the thousands upon thousands of articles, photographs, books, and other items that had been collected over the years and stored in various places around town. Several grants have helped us with renovations. Those completed so far are a new porch, a new basement entrance, insulation of the building, two new handicapped restrooms, new tables, file cabinets, a printer, a computer, and scanner.

Our file cabinets are brimming with information in many categories: Candor History, Annual Events, The School, Candor Businesses, Candor Organizations, Obituaries, Railroads, Maps, Social News, Town and Village Government, Military, Legal, Family Information on hundreds of local families, Candor Couriers and other newspapers, many genealogies, and much more.

We are not technically a museum but do have several small items that we display at various times. Our most recent display was on the veterans of Candor from the Revolutionary War to the present. This exhibit even traveled on Veteran's Day, making a well-received appearance at the Legion, and the next day it was a welcome presentation at the Veteran's Breakfast sponsored by the Baptist Church. We continue to seek names and stories of veterans.

Two new exhibits at the Center are on the Grange, the organization that owned the building prior to the Historical Society, and on the Candor Fire Department. We also have on display the bell from St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which was located on Prospect Valley Road.

Please come and see what we have available at the Center. We welcome visitors at the Center on Mondays from 9 a.m.-Noon, or otherwise by appointment. Our mission is to preserve the history of Candor for generations to come and to share local history with interested persons. We encourage you to become involved with the Historical Society by attending our programs, using the History Center, helping at the Center, and donating to our renovation fund.

We look forward to an exciting year and hope to see you at one of our programs, or at the History Center.

Nancy Riggs
President





**OUR PROGRAMS ARE BACK,
AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

January No Meeting.

February 22 – Tom McEnteer—the history of the re-shaping of Tioga County from it’s very early days. Candor Fire Hall.

March 29 – Maple Syrup Roundtable. Various local producers share their experiences. Candor Town Hall.

April 26 – To Be Arranged

May 31 – Meet the Amish. Candor Fire Hall

June 298– Annual Meeting,

August 12 – Annual Picnic. Please bring a dish to pass, and historic items to share. Moyer Park.

September 27 – Roundtable Discussion. Town Hall

October 25 – Phil Jordan. Candor Fire Hall.

◆ Ideas for programs are always welcome—contact one of the Board Members listed on the following page.



ONGOING RENOVATIONS PROJECTS—

Renovations to your History Center are on-going—inside and out. Siding and insulation, handicap facilities and a chairlift to the second floor, safety measures as well as the aesthetics are still in need of funding. Donations to the renovation projects are gratefully accepted. The Candor Historical Society appreciate all who have supported us in the past. Without your help, and donations we wouldn’t be able to serve your community and offer programs that enrich Candor’s historic heritage.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

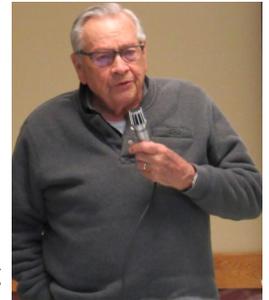
OVERVIEW OF OUR 2022 TALKS/EVENTS:

2/23: Angel Eyes Animal Rescue & Wildlife Rehabilitation’s Executive Director of Wildlife Division, Denise Liske of Willseyville gave a talk on being a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator, and the AngelEyes Animal Rescue & Wildlife Rehabilitation Center that provides rescue, rehabilitation, transportation and professional care to distressed, displaced, injured or orphaned wildlife that are eventually released to their natural environments.

3/30: Historic Candor Market site in the Village of Candor by Historian Carol Henry, delved into the past when the location was once Young’s Hall, Candor Town Hall, Candor Opry House, and an assortment of grocery stores. From meeting rooms, to popular shows and entertainment, to basketball and a high school shooting range in the basement, these are a few of the events that went on between 1875 to the present at this historic location. Also included in this talk, Melvin Foster shared his memories of working at the Candor Market.



4/18: Bob Pantel shared his observations about bird species which have increased and decreased in Candor over his birding years, and some of the habitat changes driving these demographic shifts. Bob is a licensed bird bander who has worked for decades with the Eastern Bird Banding Association. He is currently the editor & production manager of The North American Bird Bander, a quarterly periodical.



5/25: Tom McEnteer talked on various notable people of Tioga County, recounting a few stories about people who had an impact far beyond our local area, including men, women, some of them business people, politicians; scientists, and military.



OVERVIEW OF OUR 2022 TALKS/EVENTS CONTINUED:

8/13: August Picnic was held at Moyer Park

9/28: Candor High School Principal, Wayne Aman, lead a walk-through of the High School, highlighting some of the changes in the facilities over the past decade, particularly changes made from the previous building project, and shared some of the new academic opportunities they offer students, which support college and career readiness.

10/9: October Fall Festival Phil Jordan's Annual Maple Grove Cemetery Walk recounted tales of many of those buried there.



10/26: Talk Phil Jordan Gave a talk on his rendition of notable people that lived in Candor during his growing up years.



EAGLE SCOUT CONTINUED:

he could not determine with certainty the name of the cemetery. Daniel officially became an Eagle Scout on 9/14/2022.

7/6: Ed Roberts was honored by the Candor/Spencer Lions Club with a bench dedicated, with a plaque, presented by the Lions Club. Because of his integral connection to the Candor Grange it was decided that the bench's ideal location was on the Candor History Center's front porch, formerly the Candor Grange.



~~~~~ **REMINDER**

YOUR HISTORY CENTER IS OPEN

Your history center at 25 main street is open Mondays from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, or by appointment. Come check out what the History Center has to offer. Call Georgia Westgate at 607-659-7769, or Nancy Riggs at 607-759-4001, to make an appointment if you are unable to come on Monday morning.

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## ~~~~~ **ADDITIONAL CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS**

**Raffle of painting by local artist Kay Stash**—And the winner is: Kaitlyn Edwards who gave it to her mom, Meg Olmstead, Rosie Olmstead's daughter. The painting was in honor of Rosie who raised money for dam repairs.



**Eagle Scout David Vega** has restored a small and long neglected cemetery on Fairfield Road for his Eagle Scout project. David, a senior at Candor high school, began planning his work on the cemetery in March of 2022. The cemetery is located at approximately 337 Fairfield Road and is marked "Burial Ground" on a town map, but despite inquiries through several channels,

## **2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES RAFFLE**

**Signing up a New Member could make you a winner!**

**If a current member renews, and then signs up a new member, your name will go into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card.**

**The drawing will take place at the February 22, 2023 program.**

**Enclosed/Attached is the 2023 Membership form, or you can contact Patti Reichert at 607-760-7551 or email [pmreich22@hotmail.com](mailto:pmreich22@hotmail.com). You can also go to the Historical Society's website <https://candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com> to subscribe & PayPal payments. Donations are available as well!**

**Your membership is what keeps your Historical Society/History Center Open.  
THANK YOU.**

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