

JAMESVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM
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 jamesvillemuseum.org



Museum Hours

- May through December
Sundays 1-4 p.m.
- March through April
Sundays 2-4 p.m.

The museum is open anytime by appointment. Please call Greg Trius at 492-0681.

NOTE: Your membership is current for December 31st of the year shown on the mailing label.

Membership Application 2015

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Supporting	\$50	*Patron	\$300
Family	\$25	*Benefactor	\$150
Individual	\$15	*Sustaining	\$ 75
Senior/Student	\$10	*Suitable for Corporate Members	

Please make your check payable to: Jamesville Community Museum. Your contribution is tax-deductible.
 Check here if Membership cards are desired.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

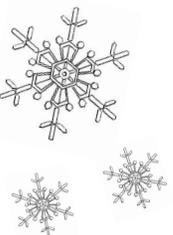
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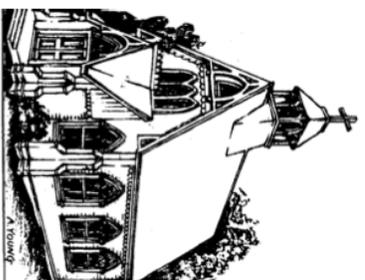
I am interested in:

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| _____ helping with Memorial Day parade activities | _____ landscaping and gardening |
| _____ planning exhibits for coming year | _____ helping with refreshments |
| _____ planning children's activities (field trips from the elementary school and/or kids' corner) | _____ telephoning |
| _____ carpentry, exhibit setup, etc. | _____ publicity |
| _____ helping with cataloging and record keeping | |
| _____ serving as host/greeter on Saturday and Sunday afternoons | |



Museum News

Jamesville Community Museum January 2015



Letter from the President

The Jamesville Community Museum looks forward to the New Year and the challenges it presents. This past year challenged us with the replacement of the museum roof. A project that was necessary, difficult, expensive, and long overdue. This issue was the main topic of many museum meetings to discuss the scope of the work and how to finance it! With the generosity of our museum members and the community at large, as well as the outstanding effort of the American Roofing Company, the job was completed in September. Special thanks go to museum trustee Gordon Hyatt, Sr. for supervising the project.

The long term objectives of the officers and trustees of the museum are to maintain and also improve or upgrade the facilities. With this in mind we now look ahead to our next project with great anticipation! Should we rebuild the front entrance or install a bathroom? Either option will contribute to the function of the museum in the case of safety and comfort. Since we know that funding is a concern, we will extend our capital fund drive to aid in financing this project. We also thank the continuing museum members, we welcome new members, and we invite past members to consider rejoining.

Jamesville Community Museum Officers & Trustees 2015

President	Marvin Bodley
Vice President	Robert Catney
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Recording Secretary	Connie Barker
Corresponding Secretary	Jean Brown
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Newsletter Editors	Marvin Bodley
	Jean Brown
	Kelly Nye
Membership Coordinator	Mary Brown

Trustees

Jean Brown, Gerald Aloi, Lance Baker (2017)
 Fred Harle, Gordon R. Hyatt, Reger Baker (2016)
 Kurt Hill, Jim Schadt, Gordon F. Hyatt (2015)

Marv Bodley

We look forward to 2015 and will continue to preserve and present the history of this hamlet for all that are interested! If you have not had an opportunity to visit the museum, please try to do so.

Summer Sweet Corn and Garlic

While a large part of Jamesville's economic history is based on manufacturing and mining, agriculture has also been a long-standing staple of our local community. One of the oldest working farms in the Town of Dewitt is Mueller Farms. Located on Seneca Turnpike just west of the hamlet, it is owned and operated by seventy-eight year old Joe Mueller. Joe is the second generation of Mueller families to manage the farm.

Joe retired from the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School system where he worked as the Jamesville Elementary School physical education teacher. In his retirement, he devotes his full time efforts to the farm. I attempted to interview Joe this summer but found him loading bales of hay in the ninety degree heat and too busy to talk. Originally, a dairy farm, Joe raises a variety of crops on his one hundred acres and also uses adjacent leased properties. I consider this late summer sweet corn as the best tasting in Central New York. Joe's pumpkins close out the season.



In sharp contrast to the large, diversified Mueller Farm is the Ransom Hill Garlic Farm. Small and specialized, it is owned and operated by Larry Bonanni and his wife Edye. Located on the outskirts of Jamesville on Ransom Road, more than one ton of garlic is harvested annually.

I first met Larry in 1973 when we both entered the Syracuse Police Academy. Larry retired in 1998 as a School Resource Officer. He was also a well-respected street cop throughout his career. Larry's wife Edye is a schoolteacher. After moving to Ransom Road, Larry's sister suggested that he carry on the family tradition of growing garlic. What started out as a hobby soon grew into a thriving business. Their garlic has been a blue ribbon prizewinner at the New York State Fair. More information for his prizewinning garlic is available at ransomhillgarlic.com.

How fortunate we are here in Jamesville to have the taste of summer sweet corn and blue ribbon garlic right in our own back yard.
Roger Baker



2014 Museum Activities

Greg Titus, our museum curator, has had a busy year at the museum. This past fall he entertained two Cub Scout dens at the museum, one in November and one in December. They held their regular meetings at the museum and after the meetings they toured the exhibits. Greg also shared some of his Cub Scout treasures from fifty years ago. The scouts were interested in his stories and had many questions for Greg. Does anyone remember the Pine Wood Derby?

Last September, Boy Scout Haberte Conlon, contacted Greg. Haberte needed eight hours of community service for a merit badge. Therefore, he and Greg spent a whole day cleaning the museum from top to bottom. Haberte did an excellent job!

We have also added two large items to our ever-growing collection. In August, a one horse open sleigh (cutter) from the Hayes family was donated. They are descendants of the Burke-Burns family of Jamesville. Barbara Hayes said she was glad the cutter was back home in Jamesville where it belongs.

We also acquired a large, oak, roll top desk from the estate of Hazel Siegel. It belonged to her uncle, A.M. Preston. At one time, the desk was at the Jamesville passenger railroad depot.

We welcome any scrap books, articles or anything that has to do with the community of Jamesville and its people. It is our heritage and we must preserve it for future generations to come.

Jamesville Community Museum

Calendar of Events, 2015

No Regular Board Meetings:
January, February, December

Regular Board Meetings, 7:30 PM:

All meetings held on the third Monday of the month.

March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20,

August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16

Trustee meetings are at 7:00 PM (called by the Chairman)

Special Events:

May 30th Memorial Day Celebration
December 5 Open for "Light up Jamesville"
December 6 Holiday Party and Quilt Raffle

Newsletters:

January Regular Newsletter with membership drive
and year end recap
July Regular Newsletter
November Mini Newsletter with raffle tickets,
calendar, officers and presidents letter

Holiday Party and Quilt Raffle

The museum was open on the night of "Light up Jamesville" as were a number of local businesses and organizations. While actual numbers are never recorded, the crowd was large and very lively – the Christmas spirit was in the air. Most started at the old firehouse where they could enjoy popcorn, cider, and cookies before visiting the museum. Here they could view the current exhibits and decorations. The younger children could visit with Mrs. Santa (Luanna Jampelizzeri) or make decorations in the children's corner staffed by Muriel Bodley. Our curator, Greg Titus, was available to answer the visitor's questions. It was crowded but people enjoyed the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors without being rushed. At 7:00 pm, the museum bell was rung so that people would know that it was time to move to the old train station for the arrival of Santa.

The museum was beautifully decorated for our annual holiday party! With wreaths in the windows, lights at the entrance, and a lovely, colorful, twelve foot tree. We thank everyone that was involved in making this happen! The tree was a gift from the Alvi Family and we appreciate their generosity. Those that attend the holiday party are also treated to cookies, cider, a Christmas carol sing-along and a time to visit before we have our quilt raffle. I'm not sure how many years the museum has been raffling off a quilt but I do know that it is a very popular event. Everyone that purchases a ticket hopes that their name will be called as the winner. Unfortunately, there is only one quilt! We did have four gift certificates that were donated by local businesses listed below, and we thank them for supporting us. Not to be forgotten is long time pianist, Louise Stoner and the choir singers that helped us celebrate this special season.

Winners

Mary Steiner	King Size Quilt
Kurt Hill	Gift Certificate to Ruston's Diner
Annette Warren	Gift Certificate to The Jamesville Depot
Terry Middleton	Gift Certificate to Cutter's Corner
Elizabeth Schetic	Gift Certificate to Robbie T's



Capital Campaign Project Application

I am interested in helping with the fundraising for the Capital Campaign projects by:

- Contributing to the Capital Campaign projects in general
- Contributing to a specific Capital Campaign project:
 - Roof replacement total cost \$35,000
 - New unisex bathroom facilities \$25,000
 - Upgrade front entrance of museum \$40,000
- Helping to identify potential donors and soliciting them for contributions.

Contributions may be made directly to the Jamesville Community Museum in the form of cash gifts, check or pledges. Any amount is acceptable and much appreciated. The success of the campaign will depend on the generosity of many individuals, corporations, and foundations working together to ensure the preservation of this important landmark.

Please make your check payable to: Jamesville Community Museum. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____
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