

PEPPERMINT PRESS



Pat Gorthy and
Sodus Students
on Tour



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT PEPPERMINT PATTY:

Hello Members,

What BEAUTIFUL weather in both June and now July! Great for tourists and our season at the Museum.

May started with Clean-up Day and our first visitors on a tour. They were Boaters from Washington State. May also was busy with the restoration of the exterior of the building. We have had ONLY RAVES about the new siding, and am so glad people like it. The old shingles dated back to

1919 and THANKS to Arthur Santelli and LNB, it was accomplished! Randy Kelley did the painting of the exterior of the windows with a grant from the Hoffman Foundation.

Most of May and June, however, has also been spent on trying to save the Church Street buildings from demolition. As I write this, they will be up for auction this week, July 7th.

Our Open House for Pathway thru History and our "Nights at the Museum" during Lyons Night Out were fairly successful. Many thanks to our docents who make it possible to open the museum for visitors!

Gearing up right now for the 26th Annual Lyons Peppermint Days! Hope you have a good time and come visit your MUSEUM!

Patty

OUR RESTORED BUILDING!!!!



Due to a substantial donation by Ann Bohner, we were able to improve the electrical system in the Hotchkiss Building. THANKS SO MUCH, Ann!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- LYONS PEPPERMINT DAYS- JULY 13-17
- "NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM"- JULY 22
- CANAL SPLASH WEEKEND-AUG 6-7
- YARD SALE – AUG 6
- ANNUAL PICNIC – AUG 22
- BAKE SALE – AUG 27 FARMERS' MARKET
- SEPTEMBER 22- ANNUAL DINNER
- PEPPERMINT MUSEUM IS OPEN ALL FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST from 10-3! Or by appointment, call 315-946-4596.**





We recently received funds from the Boehmler Foundation earmarked for archival materials and our Annual Dinner!



RESEARCH ON YOUR MIND?

Have you been thinking of researching something in LYONS history and/or related topics like the Erie Canal? Try coming to the Peppermint Museum and using our LHS Office and Research Center. Upstairs above the Bottle Room is a section of book shelves and a round table and chairs. You are welcome to come and look through our resources having to do with local history.

Recently, Dorie Talbo and Patty Alena have been reorganizing the Research Center/Office to make it more user-friendly.

Some of the topics you may want to pursue might be the Erie Canal, Lyons Special Events, Lyons Heritage Society History, a specific historic Lyons building or home and

maybe some family history.

For example, in our library, we have two binders filled with Buzz Stoetzel's Lyons Republican articles, which are a wonderful source of Lyons activities, historic buildings/ homes and family photos. We also own copies of Lyons History books.

ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM

On May 28th, thanks to David Alena, Jr., Bob MacDuffie and Stuart and Ann Salerno Smart, the gardens around the Hotchkiss Building were weeded and planted. Volunteers like them is what keeps the society going and the museum in good care!

Sodus school children visited the museum during the first two weeks of June. What a joy to have them learn about peppermint and of course, the Erie Canal.

We have moved the Anne Hotchkiss exhibit to the President's Office, which seemed quite appropriate. In turn, we are using the showcase in the Lyons Room to exhibit "LOCAL LYONS ARTISANS". Some featured are: Phil Paliotti, Dorothy Madden, Kay Ohmann, Jane Wilkinson, Thora Weeks, Josephine Fabino and Jen Kingsley.

We are participating in Lyons Main Street's, "Lyons Night Out", by opening the Museum from 5:00-8:00 and calling it "Night at the Museum". Many local residents who have never visited have been coming in and taking tours. It is just another opportunity to have local people be able to visit the museum.

TWO BUILDINGS SAVED

Due to the efforts of many of our LHS members and along with concerned citizens, the County owned buildings of the Park Bakery and the Arseneau House were saved from demolition.

With pressure put on the Supervisors, the County delayed the demolition,

and decided to put the buildings up for auction

The auction took place on July 7th in which Richie Santelli and Ernie Evangelist, both Lyons residents, purchased the buildings. Our mission statement supports preservation of historic

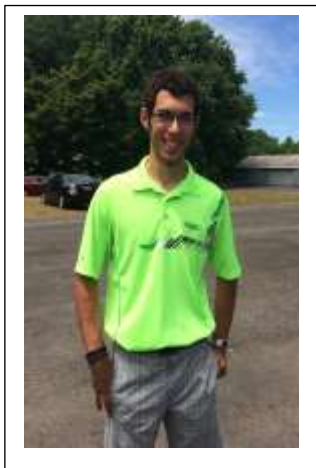
buildings and I feel LHS carried out our mission statement. It was truly good of our LHS Board to take the lead and help accomplish this.



ODIN PATANZO, 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Every year, Lyons Heritage Society gives a college scholarship to a deserving senior. The criteria is a graduating senior who displays good citizenship, love for their community, community service work and an interest in local history.

This year we are honored to present our award to Odin Patanzo, who will be attending Hilbert College, Hamburg, New York for Pre-Law in September.



CYCLING ON THE ERIE!

Over 650 cyclists "hit" the Erie Canal Trail from Buffalo to Albany and came through Lyons on July 12th. Our Peppermint Museum was the major REST STOP!

We provided donated water bottles (Tops, Kinney and Dobbins), a restroom, air conditioning and TOURS.



THANKS SO MUCH to our CORPORATE SUPPORTERS:

- Dobbins Drugs
- Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Wolfer
- Dr. Randolph Mitchell
- Hotchkiss Family Assoc.
- Lyons National Bank
- Lyons Public Library
- Ruspak Corporation
- Santelli Lumber Co.
- Wayne County Council for the Arts
- Wayne County Historian
- Wayne County Tourism

STUDENT INTERN ASSIGNED TO LHS

This summer we are pleased to have join our Society family, Katelyn Case. Katelyn will be a Junior at Lyons Central School this coming September and is working for the Youth Employment Program of Wayne County.

Katelyn will be doing odd jobs around the museum, but especially keeping it 'clean as a whistle'!

WELCOME KATELYN!!



"A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO SEAN DOBBINS FOR UNDERWRITING THIS



NEWSLETTER!

NEW ITEMS IN OUR PEPPERMINT SHOPPE

Visitors delight in our Peppermint Shoppe! The best sellers are our own Hotchkiss Peppermint oil in small cobalt blue bottles and the Leman Mints from the Company that once rivaled Hotchkiss and who Ann sold to in 1984. Some new items in our shoppe are Peppermint

bug spray, postcard tea towels, Michigan chocolate mints and Peppermint gel.

Books are always a favorite and "Peppermint Summer" by our own Pat Gorthy is still a BEST SELLER! We also sell

many of the children's history of the Erie Canal books.

THANKS to Joan Wallis, Manager, and Carol Agnew, her assistant!

Come visit the shoppe!



SPECIAL THANKS

to the HEWES for the donation of Peppermint TEA! (from their travels)

IT OF HISTORY.....

AM HOUSE...

...cts a leading bottling business in Lyons and also a wholesale and retail liquor business. He became a resident of Lyons in 1885, coming here from Scranton, Pa., where he had carried on a glass blowing industry. In 1900 he purchased the Nellis Block (Dance Studio

today) and erected a bottling building and has built up a large business here. Mr. House served as President of the Village of Lyons for two years, and was also upon the Board of Health. His a member of the Odd Fellows, Masons, Elks and the German Mechanics and is a public spirited and highly esteemed citizen. He is

ably assisted in the conduct of his business by his son, Walter, who is manager of the bottling department. They employ a force of some ten assistants.

LYONS, NEW YORK, 1911, written by CHARLES BETTS, FORMER EDITOR OF THE LYONS REPUBLICAN

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DAVID ALENA, JR.
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WEBMASTER!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FALL PROGRAMS:

SEPTEMBER- at our Annual Dinner, Eleanor Stearns as Elizabeth Cady Stanton

OCTOBER- Tracy Murphy will present "SPIRITUALISM"

NOVEMBER- Seneca County Historian, Walt Gable TBA

Dave Alena and Ross Marshall have been restoring the Hotchkiss Bookkeeper's Desk. NOTICE: NEW GLASS PANELS!



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