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SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST 2

LMS YARD SALE

AUGUST 9

BAKE SALE

SEPTEMBER 18 -

ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING
DINNER

FROM PRESIDENT PEPPERMINT PATTY:

Dear Members,

BUSY SUMMER for the Lyons Heritage Society so far! We changed the hours for the museum from 1-4 on Saturdays to 10-3, which has worked very well. We are still open on Wednesdays from 1-4 and on call for tours. Our first boaters came in early June from Michigan and we continue to have a steady flow of visitors.

"Pathway thru History", an "I Love NY" campaign concentrating on bringing visitors to historic sites, is our opening day(s) weekend in early June. Lyons Peppermint Days was again successful both at the building and in the park. Many thanks to those who helped in either or both places! "Cycling the Erie Canal" is another wonderful event for us, as it gives us visibility to over 200 bikers.

This summer we have been fortunate to have County Workforce employees in the form of young ladies to help

with the work at the museum. The building has never been cleaner!!

Also, with a grant from the school, we will be working with teacher interns on various projects that will aide in their teaching of research and museum skills to pass on to their students.

Please check our calendar of events for the rest of the summer, as we will need some volunteer help.

What a pleasure it was to have Author Richard Reisem at our June meeting and to learn much about our prestigious Lyonian, Myron Holley. If you missed out on that program, we acquired some extra books on sale in our Peppermint Shoppe.

LHS is constantly striving to improve the Hotchkiss Building so this summer we have taken on an initiative to replace the

windows. Gehrig Lohrmann, an LHS Trustee, is leading the Capital Fund Drive and Dave Alena with help from Dan Biliancini doing the "bulk" work. More in this newsletter!

Check out our calendar and hope to see you at any or all of our events!

PATTY



**Pat Gorthy,
Board Trustee,
At
May Clean-up
Day!**



NEW WINDOWS!!

YARD SALES

In cooperation with the Lyons Main Street Program, the Lyons Heritage Society is planning a Yard Sale.

The sale will be located on the front yard of the Hotchkiss Building on August 2nd from 9-3:00.

Another sale is being planned for October

Please feel free to bring your garage sale items to the BUILDING before both sales. If you need help or need to drop them off, please call 946-4596. Also, if you would like to help or more information, please call. 315-946-4596.



TOURISTS: HIKERS, BIKERS, AND BOATERS!!

BIKERS INVADE THE HOTCHKISS BUILDING!!!!

On July 15th, over 200 bikers stopped by the Hotchkiss Building because we are a major WATER STOP on their route from Buffalo to Albany. They not only stop for water, but visit the building, take a tour, rest and cool-off. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to show off our museum and they seem to LOVE IT!! Some come back when they have more time or want to visit Lyons. They use our restaurants and enjoy seeing our historic downtown buildings!! As well as the CANAL!



LYONS PEPPERMINT DAYS 2014

LOTS OF FUN!! THANKS to Annette Harris, Theresa Streb, and Will Pulver for riding/walking in the Peppermint Days Parade! We also were present at the Park and giving tours at our building! Thanks to Pat Gorthy, Patty Alena, Theresa Streb, Maddison and Will for the many, many tours that were given on Saturday and Sunday!!

Carol Agnew and Patty Alena set up the Park booth. Thanks to Carol Agnew, Nancy Basche, Mike and Edna Gansz, Phyllis Smith, Lorraine Wolfer, Anne Bohner, Marti Dodson, Dorie Talbo and Carol Bailey who "manned" the booth.

Another successful Lyons Peppermint Days! The 24th!!

Will
Pulver

Annette
and
Theresa



Special thanks to many of our members!!

What makes this society "tick" is its members:

Thanks to the docents, who worked the building all summer:

Theresa Streb, Carol Bailey, Pat Gorthy, Carol Agnew, Will Pulver, Maddison Shuler, Chris Davis, Judy Russi, Priscilla Paliotti and Patty Alena.

Thanks to our Treasurer and Maintenance Man, Dave Alena, who spends hours in and outside our building! His helpers: Dan Bilancini, Gehrig Lohrmann and Carl.

Thanks to Priscilla for chairing the Annual Dinner once again and her committee: Annette Harris, Kay Bailey, Linda Andrews, Anne Salerno and Patty Alena.

Thanks to all the BAKERS and Lorraine Wolfer, Helen Jelemo and Bid Dobbins, our callers, we had a very successful Bake Sale in June!!

Thanks to our record keeper: Dorie Talbo.



Thanks to Theresa Streb and the Library staff for all the in-kind services.

Thanks to our Boat Greeters, who direct visitors to our building!!

Thanks to many of you for donating your Lyons memorabilia items!!

Priscilla Paliotti – 3 flour sacks

Pat Gorthy- Kingsley canal print framed

Bill Gavitt –framed Sugar Beet Stock and historic Gavitt Bank Notes

THANKS TO
**BOEHLER
FOUNDATION**
for grant money
for
entertainment
for our Annual
Dinner



Glass
Whimsies

WISH LIST:

dorm size
refrigerator

EXHIBITS AT THE HOTCHKISS

This summer we have two new exhibits at the Hotchkiss Building. Chris Davis kindly put in a "Whimsies" glass exhibit in the office room. "Whimsies" were made from left-over glass by the glassblowers and they represented all different items such as pipes, bracelets, powder horns, sock darners, etc. They were used mostly as decorative pieces in the glassblowers' homes.

Annette Harris created an exhibit on some of the history of the Lyons Central School District with photos of former classes and teams. Come visit the Lyons Room and enjoy the many artifacts on display about Lyons and its history!

BAKE SALE

***We are scheduled
for another BAKE
SALE on AUGUST
9TH***

***PLEASE BAKE
SOME GOODIES
FOR LHS TO
SELL!!
DONATIONS CAN
BE BROUGHT TO
THE PARK FROM
7:30 - 10:00***

Pictured below: P. Gorthy, B. Gavitt, J. Howell, Anne Salerno, J. McCranels, and Ed Polk Douglas

2014 FALL LYONS HERITAGE Society CALENDAR

AUGUST 2ND - LMS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

AUGUST 9TH - BAKE SALE- FARMERS' MARKET

AUGUST 18TH - ANNUAL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 18 - ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

OCTOBER(TBA) - YARD SALE AT HB

OCTOBER 18 - PUMPKINPALOOZA – PARK

OCTOBER 20 - MEETING AT HB, LOREEN JORGANSON ON WAYNE COUNTY CHURCHES

NOVEMBER 18 - MEETING AT LIBRARY, GENE BAVIS, A TOUR OF MURALS

DECEMBER 5-7 - CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AT WCHS



May
Clean-up
Day



WANTED!!!! Please remember LHS if you want to donate any antiques or garage sale items!!

GARAGE SALE ITEMS
for OUR YARD SALES!!

August 2nd and
October(TBA)

BAKED GOODS for
Farmer's Market Bake Sale
on

August 9th!!!

Lyons Heritage Society Picnic

On August 18th, LHS WILL hold their annual picnic!! Come spend a summer evening in Dobbins Park surrounded by wonderful people and good food!! All you need to bring are your table service, a dish to pass and a chair. Hots and beverages will be provided!

We may have some surprise gifts like we did last year, so come join the comradery and fun! Picnic starts at 6:00 behind the Hotchkiss Building.

HOTCHKISS GIFT SHOPPE

IF YOU MISSED THE JUNE MEETING FEATURING THE ROCHESTER AUTHOR, RICHARD REISEM, WE HAVE HIS BOOK, **MYRON HOLLEY**, IN OUR GIFT SHOPPE.

CAROL AGNEW HAS ALSO ADDED: PEPPERMINT LIP BALM, PEPPERMINT VANILLA LOTION, PEPPERMINT PATTIES, AND MACINTOSH GLASS ETCHED PITCHERS.

HOTCHKISS WINDOW CAMPAIGN

At a Board Meeting in June, Dave Alena proposed that we replace the windows in the Hotchkiss Building with more energy efficient windows of today. Without compromising the integrity and historical value of the building, it was decided that this would be ideal. When posed the question of a chairperson for a Window Drive, **Gehrig Lohrmann**, Board Member and Trustee, volunteered. With help from his wife, they built a thermometer sign for the outside of the building to keep track of funds raised for the windows. At the time of writing this newsletter, we have over \$4000 toward our \$7500 total!!

To arrive at our goal, you may participate and sponsor a window for \$300. Each window will have a brass plate in honor of you or your family, in memory of someone, or whatever you wish. Checks can be written to Lyons Heritage Society and sent to PO Box 150, Lyons, 14489.



Carol, Walt and Rita

HOTCHKISS BUILDING FEATURED IN "LIFE IN THE FINGER LAKES"

Last summer, a reporter from the magazine, "Life in the Finger Lakes", visited the building to interview Pat Gorthy and Patty Alena, both experienced docents.

She photographed and took extensive notes as she took a tour of the Hotchkiss Building. She also visited with Pat and Patty, the Bergen Land Preserve, left to the town by Anne Hotchkiss back in the 1990's.

The article gives a wonderful history of Lyons as the "minty town" and a good review of Lyons Peppermint Days.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER!!

As of this writing, Priscilla and her committee are preparing for our FIFTH Annual Dinner this year being held at Wayne Hills Country Club on **September 18, 2014**. Cocktails are at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00. Dinner will be a buffet with minty dessert!!

Dinner entertainment will be "Jump Start Barbershop Quartet", a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 each and will be arriving in the mail. Bring a friend or relative as all are invited to attend. Call Priscilla if you need more information at 946-6753.



"JUMP START" BARBERSHOP QUARTET

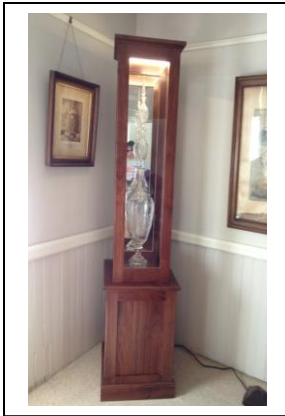
A BIG THANK YOU TO SEAN DOBBINS for underwriting this newsletter and for other in-kind services donated to Lyons Heritage Society!

THANK YOU, SEAN!!

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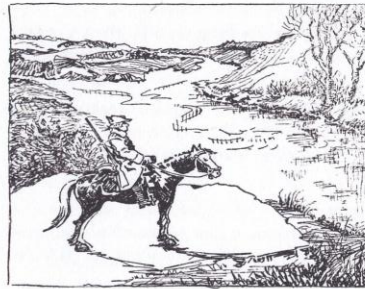
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THANK YOU DAVID
ALENA, JR. FOR BEING OUR
WEBMASTER!!

THE BIRTH OF LYONS.....

a bit of Lyons history

I love this interpretation by Arch Merrill of the naming of Lyons:



"Once Upon a Time"

THE tall man in the blue military cloak and the powdered wig reined in his horse and the little cavalcade came to a halt.

All that sunny day of 1794, Capt. Charles Williamson, agent for British interests that owned a wilderness empire, had been following the sylvan stream that flows northward from Canandaigua Lake. Now he and his men had to come to the junction with another rippling stream, the river called by the Indians Ganargua.

The bright blue eyes of the land agent glistened as they swept the landscape. Tall elms and drooping willows hung over the waters. A huddle of log cabins, reared by the first settlers five years before, bordered the place where the waters met. All about stretched the marshy meadows, the woodland with the sunlit openings, the periphery of rounded hills.

Williamson turned to Charles Cameron, his fellow Scot and his right arm in all his frontier undertakings, saying:

"This is in miniature the union of the Rivers Rhone and Saone in France and so I shall call the town I build here Lyons."

So it came about that a yet unborn village in the American wilds at the confluence of the Canandaigua Outlet and the Ganargua was given the name of an Old World city at the meeting place of two greater rivers.

CREDIT: Merrill, Arch, "The Towpath", 1945

Please forgive the Editor if
she missed thanking you!!!

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