

## History of the Fairport Welfare Association

*By Nancy Antell Slaybaugh*

*One of my projects during this stay-at-home period has been to transcribe the 99 pages of handwritten minutes contained in the record book of the Fairport Welfare Association. Turning the substance of such minutes into an article also requires research into institutions mentioned and the time period covered, in this case the years 1914 through 1920.*

Founded by ten New York City women in 1886, “King’s Daughters” was an interdenominational organization to support Christian philanthropy. Membership quickly grew to 50,000 women worldwide who formed “circles” at their churches, each circle choosing its own service mission. In 1914, more than 200 women were members of King’s Daughters circles in the village of Fairport’s five Protestant churches. Names included Scatter Good Circle at First Baptist, Loyal Circle at First Methodist, Seekers Circle at First Congregational, and Mutual Helper’s Circle at Raymond Baptist. No circle name has thus far been identified for St. Luke’s Episcopal.

On April 8, 1914 members of these church circles gathered for the annual meeting of the “United Circle of King’s Daughters” and voted to change their name to the Fairport Welfare Association. The stated object in its constitution was to “develop spiritual life and stimulate Christian activities.” In practice, the organization’s mission was to help Fairport’s Italian immigrants assimilate into American life.

The officers elected by the United Circle became the Executive Committee of the Fairport Welfare Association, hereafter FWA, which created the following committees to carry out its mission:

**Place and Furnishings**—Chaired by Alice Westerman Hupp, the committee found two rooms in the Schummers Block, “heated and lighted,” to rent for \$10.00 per month. Furnishings for these “welfare rooms” were donated by FWA members, except for chairs which were purchased.

**Memberships**—Victoria Holmes Vickery was chair, and 131 women signed up as members of FWA. While not on the membership list, church ministers were active in the associa-



Early meetings of the Fairport Welfare Association were held in the Schummers Block, seen here at the far left of the image in this photo from March of 1914. The view is of the commercial district of West Avenue, looking east.

*Photo from the Town of Perinton Archives*

tion, including Reverends Kenyon, then Carman (First Baptist), Torrens, then Davies (Congregational), Saunders (Raymond Baptist) and Sandmeyer (Methodist).

**Finance**—Chaired by Anna Eastman Becker, the five members secured pledges from the five churches, the primary monetary supporters. Additional donations were obtained from Fairport Grange and Fairport Fire Department, Eastern Star, the Chamber of Commerce and Fairport Historical Club.

**Supervisors of Work**—Fairport’s librarian, Ida Cheesborough chaired this committee, which oversaw the work done in the welfare rooms. In April 1914, Miss Concettina Argento, a settlement worker from Rochester, was hired to do outreach to the Italian households and to teach English three nights



~ **Bob Hunt** ~

## Comments from your President

**A**ugust 14, 2020: I am not writing from my office in the old carriage barn, but from my new office in the basement of our new townhouse. We are finally getting settled in, having moved to our new home on July 10th. I am still searching for some items which I hope to find in the few remaining unpacked boxes.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we are still being fairly cautious with regard to what we do and where we go. On Wednesday, after a bicycle ride, we headed to a Seneca Lake winery to pick up this quarter's selections from a wine club of which we are members. We also stopped to visit some friends who live near Watkins Glen, and had a nice chat, while of course, maintaining proper distancing.

Yesterday, August 13th, was International Sinistrality Day, a day set aside honoring left-handedness. Most of you probably did not know that I am left-handed, or mostly so. I eat, write, and throw with my left hand, but I bat, play golf right-handed and kick a football right-footed. And by the way, I shake hands right-handed. The word sinistrality is based on the Latin word "sinistra" for "on the left." But as time wore on, it began to accumulate associations with evil that still persist today. Throughout the ages, left-handedness has been associated with weakness, impurity or evil. Today, few consider the left-handers as evil, but we do have to endure numerous inconveniences of a right-handed world. For example, scissors are designed for right-handed use. About 10% of the world's population is believed to be left-handed. In a study by Harvard Medical School, researchers found that orthopedic surgeons, librarians and mathematicians were mostly right-handed, while attorneys and architects were as a group "either the least right-handed or the most left-handed." Other studies have shown that there are more left-handed people working as artists, musicians and in university settings. Interestingly, more than 20% of Apollo astronauts were lefties.

Politics aside, four of the past seven presidents have been left-handed: Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford. Paul McCartney plays the guitar left-handed. Economists from Lafayette College and Johns Hopkins University found that "among the college-educated men in their sample, those who report being left-handed earn 15% more than those who report being right-handed."

Let's all remember to get our daily dose of Vitamin N (Mother Nature) as we tiptoe through this pandemic. Please stay healthy. Thanks for your support of our society, it is genuinely appreciated. We will chat with you again next month.

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## Upcoming Programs & Events

**Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM**

Program: The Architecture of James H. Johnson,  
Architect of the Mushroom House

Presenters: Katie Eggers Comeau and Christopher Brandt  
Registration required.

**Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM**

Program: Dr. Seuss in World War II

Presenter: Rosemary Irwin

Registration required

Please note that there will be no in-person Tuesday presentations at the museum for the rest of 2020 due to the pandemic. We are partnering with the Fairport Public Library to offer Zoom presentations instead. Please see each Zoom presentation listing for information about registration, which is required.



## Volunteer Voices

**O**n February 29th, more than 30 museum volunteers came together to usher in the 2020 museum season. Little did we know that, just weeks later, the museum would be shuttered for nearly five months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In June, volunteer coordinator John Laurence began contacting each of our 50+ volunteers to see how comfortable they felt returning to the museum upon its reopening. About 15% made the difficult decision not to return this season. We support their choice and look forward to their return whenever they deem it wise and feel comfortable doing so.

A few volunteers came together in late July in a socially-distanced meeting (above photo) to learn about the new protocols pertaining to the pandemic. Visitors to the museum are required to wear face masks and signs throughout the building remind everyone of this fact. A hand sanitizing station has been set up in the atrium. Volunteers must sign a health log and record all visitors on the daily chart. There is also a cleaning regimen that occurs during each volunteer shift.

John and Vicki hosted weekly Zoom meetings with volunteers from May through July during which guest speakers presented topics of interest in 20-minute time spans. The weekly Zooms have been put on hold as we navigate the museum reopening, but we look forward to resuming them in the future. The meetings were a wonderful way to connect with our volunteers while everyone was away from the museum.





Marjorie Snow Merriman  
1886–1966  
99 and 143 South Main Street

## PHS Pioneers: Merriman for President! Clark for Vice President!

*By Lucy McCormick*

*The Perinton Historical Society House Tour of South Main Street scheduled for September 29, is canceled, but the 2021 Tour will feature this lovely area. This month, enjoy meeting two former South Main Street residents vital to the formation of the Perinton Historical Society.*

She was Madame President, the very first president of an organization devoted to Perinton's history. On October 25, 1935, ten women with an interest in local history gathered at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bruner Bown at 127 South Main Street. On November 1, 1935, less than a week later, they met again, this time at the home of Mrs. Clarence Moore, 23 Pleasant Street, and formed a club for recording and preserving Perinton's history: The Perinton Historical Society.

They made a wise choice in electing as president a woman deeply committed to collecting, preserving, and sharing history. **Marjorie Merriman** was a collector of historical books and information and old maps. She had contributed historical research to the Collection of Regional History at Cornell University and genealogical material to the Genealogical Round Table of Rochester.

Merriman was a meticulous recorder of information. She traced the ownership titles of many of the original sixty-six lots into which Perinton had been surveyed. Some of her research was transferred to a map with the help of PHS colleague Adelaide Clark. Merriman researched histories of early Perinton families and wrote their genealogies. She interviewed elderly residents and recorded their memories. She wrote "Early Days in Perinton," and numerous articles for the local newspapers about Native Americans, pioneers, Irish and Italian immigration to Fairport, the Erie Canal and prominent settlers. Her donations to the Fairport Museum and Perinton's Historian's office include the history of local roads, photos and documents on historic structures, and transcriptions of headstones from local cemeteries.

Marjorie Snow Merriman's donations of historical information were recognized at a special meeting of the

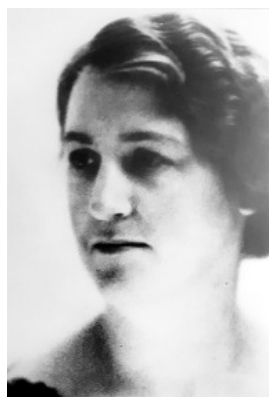
Perinton Historical Society on November 16, 1965, in the new Fairport Central High School auditorium. Attendees to this surprise tribute included historians, genealogists, librarians and others from Fairport, Rochester, and Canandaigua. Seven members of the PHS gave testimonials to Merriman, speaking on different parts of the collection housed in sixteen "prettily covered boxes" plus two volumes.

Marjorie Snow Merriman was born in her great-uncle Henry DeLand's house on 99 South Main, the former Green Lantern Inn, and lived there for eleven years. In a 1964 letter to her great-niece, she asked, "Would you like to hear about a little girl who lived in Fairport a long time ago?" She then describes the Green Lantern home, the grounds, the carriage barn, and the games she played. She told of playing dress-up in the attic, of swinging on a makeshift swing in the barn, and of playing hide-and-seek in the dining room. She loved the observatory, which was filled with unusual plants, an alligator, and two mocking birds. "What fun for a little girl!" she remarked.



Marjorie and her husband, Paul, lived at 722 Ayrault Road, a saltbox home they had designed by an architect. After Paul passed, Marjorie moved to an apartment at 143 South Main, pictured above.

**Note:** In 2011 the Perinton Historical Society ordered commemorative postal stamps to honor Marjorie Snow Merriman's dedication to history and community. These stamps were sold in our museum gift shop. As of June of this year, the United States Postal Service no longer offers customized stamps.



Adelaide Clark, 1896–1988  
249 South Main Street

**Adelaide Clark** had a keen interest in history and was a charter member of the Perinton Historical Society. From 1940–1941, Clark served as the Society's first vice-president. In 1945 she painted 750 service members' names on honor roll plaques at Potter Memorial for the Brooks-Shepard American Legion Post.

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per week to the immigrants. By July, there were 61 men registered in her classes. FWA members volunteered to teach English and gymnastics to boys and girls and sewing to girls aged eight and older. Attendance for all classes totaled 178 people in 1915 and 41 in 1916.

**Sunday Work** in the rooms began in September 1914 at the request of the men, and Italian hymnals were purchased. Sunday services were originally held for children at 2:30, men at 4:00 and "factory girls" at 5:30. This changed to a class for children at 9:30 (23 attendees in 1915, 35 in 1916) and the men's Bible class in the afternoon (29 men in 1915, and 22 in 1916).

**Work in Homes** was started in 1915 because the Italian women were reluctant to go to the welfare rooms. Miss Lena Crumb supervised FWA members who volunteered to teach English, writing, baby care and "domestic arts" to women in their homes. Three classes served 23 women during 1915-1916.

**District**—Phoebe Burnham chaired this committee of 25 women. FWA divided the village into six districts, with four women from the church circles assigned to work in each. Their mission was "to call on the Italians and study ways and means of helping them." The districts were: No. 1—West of Main & North of Canal; No. 2—East of Main, North of High; No. 3—South of High, North of Canal; No. 4—West of Main, South of Canal, North of W. Church; No. 5—East of Main, South of Canal; No. 6—West of Main, South of Church. From 1914 to 1916, over 250 garments were donated to needy families, as well as food and financial assistance. The district women also encouraged children to attend their churches' Sunday schools and ten men and one girl converted to these denominations. They also helped 25 men apply for U.S. citizenship.

The work of the Welfare Association changed after the United States entered World War I in April 1917. Miss Argento, who had continued to do friendly visiting, religious work, and teach English to the Italian men, resigned that April. Work in the six districts was reported by the newly named "Relief Committee," which made 76 calls and distributed food and clothing that year.

The welfare rooms in the Schummers Block had been given up in 1916 and taken over by the newly formed chapter of the Red Cross. FWA left their sewing machine and one long table for their use in making garments for the war effort. English instruction returned for June through August, 1917 when Mr. Isgro, a seminary student from Brooklyn, was paid \$50.00 per month to teach. Rooms were rented for \$8.00 per month at the building of the Monroe County Chemical Company on North Main Street for this purpose.

That September, the welfare rooms moved again to the Grange building at \$16.00 per month and the Finance Committee determined that \$700 would be needed for that winter's work. Reverend Carman suggested that FWA put on an Italian bazaar with admission charged as a fund raiser. This event was held in the Grange rooms during three days in November and attended by 900 people. Held in conjunction with the Fairport Historical Club, the total raised of \$131.46 was split equally by the two groups. A November 14, 1917 Fairport Herald article stated, "If the exhibits and programs have given a broader and better understanding of Italy's wonderful past and her present courage and patriotism, then the objects sought

## THE MONROE COUNTY MAIL

NOVEMBER 8, 1917

### Italian Bazaar Program.

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##### THURSDAY.

Afternoon—Chautauqua Day.  
Piano duet—Misses Warner and Holmes.  
Movies—The Sidney Drews.  
Song—Italian Children.  
Duet—The Misses Chesbro.  
Evening—Patriotic League, Chamber of Commerce, Military Night.  
Movies—Mary Pickford.  
Solo—Miss Eston.  
Living Pictures—Italian Paintings.  
Solo—Mr. Parce.  
Talk—"Mickelangelo," Rev. R. S. Carman.

##### FRIDAY

Afternoon—Views of Italy, W. W. Chapin of Rochester.  
Solo—Rev. R. S. Carman.  
Talk—"Dante," Rev. J. W. Davies.  
Solo—Mrs. Boyland.  
Evening—Red Cross night.  
Piano solo—Miss Miner.  
Movies—War Scenes.  
Solo—Miss Pannell.  
Folk Dances.  
Talk—Savonarola, Rev. J. H. Sandmeyer.  
Solo—Mrs. J. H. Snow.

##### SATURDAY

Afternoon—Children's Day.  
Movies—Christmas Story.  
Solo—Miss Reed.  
Solo—Miss Deva Ellsworth.  
Song—Italian Children.  
Evening—San Sebastiano, Grango.  
Movies—Views of Italy.  
Solo—Mr. Bonoli.  
Solo—Miss MacDonald.  
Talk—"Garibaldi," Rev. H. R. Saunders.  
Solo—Mr. Horn.

Program of the Italian Bazaar, organized by the Fairport Welfare Association and the Fairport Historical Club.

The event took place over three days in November of 1917.

by the bazaar have been accomplished."

The November 18, 1917 minutes note that the San Sebastian Society had raised \$250.00 for people in the north of Italy who lost homes in the war. This society, to which most of Fairport's Italian men belonged, had been formed in 1915 as a mutual aid society to be sure all of their own had food, health care and a place to live. This undoubtedly had an effect on the original mission of the FWA.

An FWA leadership problem started in May 1916,



Alice Westerman Hupp (left) with her husband Albert, and Helen DeLand (right), two of the women dedicated to the ideals of the Fairport Welfare Association.

when Mrs. Elizabeth Thistlethwaite, who had been president since its formation in April 1914, resigned. After seven months with no president, she agreed to retake the position, serving until May 1918. Again, no other member agreed to be president so no slate of officers was voted on. Instead, a new committee of three women from each of the then four participating churches was formed to oversee FWA work, with Helen DeLand named chair.

In August 1918, FWA decided to stop renting the Grange rooms and put their furnishings in storage. The Relief and Finance committees each had four members, one from each church, as did a new "Visiting Committee," which was created "to do systematic friendly visiting among the (Italian) women" in their homes and "teach the use of wheat substitutes and other helpful ideas" to deal with war time rationing.

While the word "sick" appears four times in the 1918 FWA minutes, "Spanish Influenza" is not mentioned. However, after four flu-related deaths occurred in Fairport between October 16 and 22, officials closed the village for one week. FWA joined the Red Cross Relief committee to create a soup kitchen at First Baptist Church. At least one meal per day was delivered to families whose whole household was sick. Christmas baskets were distributed to 96 families that December.

The year 1919 saw the original model of FWA operation abandoned. No night school was offered, \$5.00 was paid for an agent from the Monroe County Home Bureau to give a

food demonstration to Italian women. Two women were assigned "to look after the needs and comforts of the needy" in each of the six districts. Payment was made for food and clothing to four families. In November a decision was made to keep the Fairport Welfare Association name but to change the mission to "stand for relief work, such as sending out groceries & clothing." Christmas baskets with meat provided by FWA were distributed to 17 families.

In 1920, since no night school was held, storage of furnishings for the welfare rooms ended and items were returned to their owners or given to the library and the school on West Church Street. Only one or two women were a "calling committee" in each of the six districts. Ten people, none with Italian surnames, were helped with food and clothing. There were fewer FWA meetings and attendance dropped significantly—January (7 members), August (3) and November (6). On December 3, 1920, with five members present, a motion carried to pay the Fairport community nurse for a woman's orthopedic shoes. These are the last recorded minutes of FWA and a newspaper search through 1925 found no further mention of the organization.

While the Fairport Welfare Association ceased operation almost 100 years ago, today the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons (at their request, men were included in 1887) remains active and, since 1972, has been headquartered in Chautauqua, New York.





In 1951 Clark designed the Society's seal. In 1959 she drew an illustrated map of Perinton as it appeared in 1852, based on the research of Marjorie Snow Merriman. This 1852 early map, still on display at the Fairport Historical Museum, depicts the

roads, railroads and the Erie Canal in Perinton. Included on the map are historical notes from the research committees directed by Merriman.



249 South Main Street

Clark's interests extended to the medical field as well. From 1938 to 1949, she was a member of the Monroe County Health Committee on Tuberculosis, arranging for the Iola Sanitarium mobile x-ray unit to come to Perinton so residents could be screened for TB. She was the first female resident of Fairport to receive a patent. Her 1958 patent was for a medical device known as a colostomy belt with improved construction for more sanitary and comfortable use. She may have been inspired to design this device because of her role as a primary caregiver for her parents.

The Clark family came to Fairport from Michigan in 1907, when Adelaide was 11. At this time, Charles Clark, Adelaide's father, purchased 249 South Main Street, a home built for Civil War veteran Captain Simeon Howard. An article in *The Monroe County Mail* of June 23, 1904 details the extent of the orchards at this property: fifty acres, 2500 peach trees, 2500 pear trees, 600 plum trees, 500 cherry trees, 500 prune trees, 300 quince, and a quantity of apple trees.

Adelaide graduated from Fairport High School in 1915. She attended Wells College and the Pratt Institute of Art in New York City. She never married or left the home of her parents.



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Phone: 585-388-1270

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103 North Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450

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2000 Winton Road S. Bldg. 1, Rochester, NY 14618

Phone: 585-303-6607, Web: [bobruhland.yourkwagent.com](http://bobruhland.yourkwagent.com)

### The Inn on Church

11 West Church Street, Fairport, NY 14450

Phone: 585-678-1106

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Betty Hurdle Marshall

Pat and Bill May

Jane Cleveland McComb

Juliette Moynihan

Richard Phillips

Bill and Irene Poray

Vicki and Charles Profitt

Charlie and Suzanne Tholstrup

Jim and Karen Unckless

Dave and Linda Wiener

Anonymous (2)

### Potter (\$250-\$499)

Marjory and David Hall

Norman Horton

Jack and Nancy Slaybaugh

Dorn and Janet Ulrich

Doug and Jean Whitney

### Perrin (\$500 and above)

None this month

### Memorial Donations

Warren and Pat Knapp - in memory of Al and Harriett Knapp

Mary Masciangelo - in memory of Henry Masciangelo

Juliet Moynihan - in memory of Carl and Becky Miller

Caroline Smith - in memory of Alberta W. Cleveland

Edward H Steve - in memory of Christina B. Steve



## Correction

In our *Historigram* of July, 2020, William Allen authored an excellent article on the Spanish Influenza of 1918–1919. On page 4, we mistakenly used the phrase “antigenic drift” twice, when in the second instance, the phrase should have read, “antigenic shift.”



## The Motorship Day Peckinpaugh

*By Keith Boas*

**B**uilt in the year 1921 by the McDougall-Duluth Shipyard in Duluth, MN, for cargo-carrying service on the Barge Canal and Great Lakes, the motorship Day Peckinpaugh is the last surviving vessel of her kind. At 259 feet long and 36 feet wide, this historic craft was one of the largest to travel on the canal, and the first vessel ever designed specifically for the canal's lock dimensions.

The Day Peckinpaugh was originally launched as the ILI 101, and later christened the Richard J. Barnes. The "Barnes" served her country with distinction during WWII, carrying coal along the East Coast in the service of the U.S. Merchant Marines.

The Erie Sand and Gravel Company purchased the vessel and made extensive modifications in 1958. At that time, the company bestowed on her the now famous moniker Day Peckinpaugh. Her namesake was a freight businessman in the Great Lakes region and brother of New York Yankees manager, Roger Peckinpaugh.

In 1961, the ship was converted again to haul cement from Oswego to Rome, which she did regularly until her retirement in 1964. The Day Peckinpaugh is the longest serving of all the motorships that worked on the canal, transporting freight from the Great Lakes to New York City. While more than a hundred of these vessels traveled the canal's waters during her heyday, only the "Peck" remains.

The photos here show the boat approaching the Route 31F (Fullamtown) bridge and then passing through the village of Fairport. On that long trip, she went from Lockport to Waterford at the eastern end of the canal, passing through Fairport on October 20th, 2005.

In 2013, the Day Peckinpaugh was towed into the Canal Corporations' drydock in Waterford. Three years later, in May of 2016,



The historic motorship Day Peckinpaugh passing through Fairport on October 20, 2005

*Photos by Keith Boas*

she was moved to the Matton Shipyard on Peebles Island, between the villages of Waterford and Cohoes.

She is now owned by the New York State Museum and continues to be docked near Waterford. The long-term goal of the museum is to make "Peck" a floating museum and classroom to teach visitors about the history and significance of the Erie Canal. But money currently seems to be the big issue. According to Brad Utter, museum historian, "The project is at a standstill."

If any of our readers has an extra three million dollars they'd like to donate for the restoration of the Day Peckinpaugh, I'm sure the museum would welcome the gift.

### **Sources:**

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Brad Utter, Historian, New York State Museum  
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor  
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## The Architecture of James H. Johnson

Architect of The Mushroom House

—VIRTUAL EVENT—

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR LINK

Presented by—

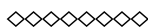
Katie Eggers Comeau and Christopher Brandt

Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m / LIVE ON ZOOM

James H. Johnson, Rochester's most imaginative mid-20th-century architect, is best-known for the renowned "Mushroom House," a Perinton designated landmark. Over his almost 60-year career, Johnson designed over 400 projects, but only a handful ever received public acclaim. Our team\* spent a year and a half reviewing original drawings, interviewing colleagues, sorting through original slides and clippings, and visiting strange and marvelous buildings to develop a fuller picture of this stunning, and largely unknown, body of work. This talk features original photographs and videos from Johnson's personal collection that will take you inside some of the Rochester area's most daring and audacious buildings.

Co-sponsored by the Perinton Historical Society and the Fairport Public Library, the event is free and open to the public. Registration is required through the library and is limited. To register, visit: <https://fairportlibrary.libcal.com/event/6923099> or call the library at 585-223-9091.

\* Presented by Christopher Brandt and Katie Eggers Comeau. Please refer to the April issue of the *Historigram* for more information, and biographies of the presenters.



Registration info for the October 20th  
Dr. Seuss in World War II Zoom presentation:  
<https://fairportlibrary.libcal.com/event/6923113> or call the library  
at 585-223-9091.

## Caring During Covid

The Perinton Historical Society is fortunate to have received two sizeable donations recently that have allowed the Fairport Historical Museum to reopen on August 1st.

County Legislator Sean Delehanty of the 11th Legislative District has distributed 500 face masks to the museum. Sean, a long-time member and former PHS board member, personally dropped off the masks at the museum. The masks are used by volunteers as they greet visitors. Thank you for your support, Sean!

The PHS would also like to thank LiDestri Beverages, LLC, for its donation of eight gallons of hand sanitizer. The sanitizer has been placed at the museum's information desk so visitors can sanitize their hands upon entry.



LiDestri has two philanthropic approaches. They are donating sanitizer to non-profit organizations so they can safely open. They also are selling the 80% alcohol sanitizer and donating a portion of their proceeds to Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for seriously ill children and their families.





# Support the Perinton Historical Society with Your Membership

If you haven't already renewed your annual membership in PHS, or would like to join for the first time, please fill in the form below and send it now. While this year's house tour has been rescheduled to fall 2021 due to COVID-19, the *Historigram* will be published as usual, the museum is open for normal hours and some programs will be offered creatively.

**Special Recognition Levels:** Our membership form includes special recognition levels authorized by the Board of Trustees. Business memberships will be acknowledged as supporters of the Perinton Historical Society in each issue of the *Historigram*, on the PHS website and at the museum. The DeLand, Potter and Perrin memberships acknowledge greater monetary contributions. These members will be recognized once in the *Historigram* and listed on the website and at the museum, unless they prefer to remain anonymous.

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- ( ) DeLand .....\$100-\$249
- ( ) Potter .....\$250-\$500
- ( ) Perrin .....\$500 & above

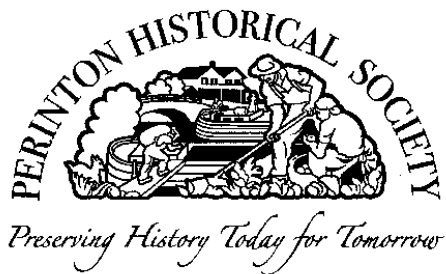
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The success of PHS depends on your gifts of time and talent.  
Consider volunteering by joining a committee.

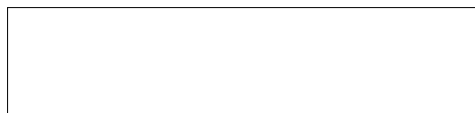
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- ( ) Museum Volunteer – 2 hours per month
- ( ) Inventory of Museum Holdings
- ( ) Property Committee – upkeep of the facility
- ( ) *Historigram* – articles, editing, production, distribution
- ( ) Historic Tours – house, cemetery, landmarks
- ( ) Technology Committee – assessment, planning, implementing
- ( ) Seasonal Projects – parades, Canal Days, Scarecrow Festival
- ( ) Other – Give us your ideas \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Perinton Historical Society, 18 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450.**



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Fairport, NY 14450



Our doors were locked for months, but we are open now! The Perinton Historical Society is thrilled to once again serve the entire Fairport / Perinton community.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the Fairport Historical Museum.

**Fairport Historical Museum, 18 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450**

The museum is open to the public on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Sundays and Tuesdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. Free admission. Group tours, presentations and special projects are by appointment. Please call and leave a message at **585-223-3989**.

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