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Perinton Historical Society  
Home of the Fairport  
Historical Museum



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The mission of the Perinton Historical Society is to promote community interest in the preservation of local records and artifacts for posterity, and for the enlightenment of the Perinton Community.

## Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women.

Every organization needs a dedicated staff to keep things running smoothly. The Perinton Historical Society has been fortunate over the years to have a group of people who have helped to make this Society run like a well oiled machine on a day to day basis.

A committee study chaired a few years ago by T.C. Lewis, concluded that there was a core group of twelve people who kept the Society running. Recently, we have had some departures from this core group who have not been replaced. There are now only 7 people or positions left that were identified in this report that are running the Society and the Board is having a hard time finding dedicated long term leaders to fill these positions.

The Perinton Historical Society is not a flashy organization and our traditional method of asking people the Board feels are qualified or obtaining leaders by word of mouth has not been effective in recent years. We have

found that recent retirees and other people, who we have approached, are volunteering at other organizations or don't have the time they thought they would after they retired.

Our request last year for volunteers was met with an enthusiastic response from members of the Society, but now we are in need of leaders to direct these volunteers and complete projects here at the museum. The following is a short description of leadership positions. More detailed job descriptions will be attached to you membership renewal in August.

- ▣ Maintenance Coordinator. (day to day operation, more than one person could apply. Retirees preferred.) Maintain supplies, set up meeting room, clean up after meetings, and seasonal building changes.
- ▣ House Tour Coordinator. (January to October, more than one person preferred.) Find 4 houses for the tour, organize house captains, press releases and photographs.
- ▣ Newsletter Editor. (8 issues, August to May, more than person can apply.) Compose text and keep the membership informed of events. Another committee sends out the newsletters upon completion.
- ▣ Membership Coordinator. (Computer knowledge not required but it does make the job much easier, year round, also organizes the newsletter mailing August to

April. More than one person may apply.)

- ▣ Gift Shop Account Manager. (Quarterly report, 1 person only. 4 days a year.)
- ▣ Board of Trustees. (5 year term, monthly meeting 7:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from September to April, more than one person, you will be put on a list for consideration. 7 meetings a year.)
- ▣ Executive Committee. (1 year term, various positions. Immediate need for President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. 7 meetings a year)

When you receive you renewal form in the mail this August, take a look at our leadership applications and consider signing up for one these important positions. You will be invited to a Board of Trustees meeting and given an opportunity to meet the Board members and get a feel of how things are done in the organization.

We need to pull together to keep this Society a strong working organization in the community.

#### **Corrections to the March Issue:**

. Page 1 column 3. Book signing will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> not the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Page 8 paragraph 3. The directions should read: "South on Jefferson, then west on Pittsford-Palmyra Road and then turned south on March Road to where the Irondequoit Creek meets the Erie Canal's Great Embankment."

## **Additional Donations to the Society**

Wayne Harris

### **Upcoming Perinton Historical Society Meeting Speakers and Events**

. Saturday April 24, 10 to noon  
at the Fairport Public Library,  
book signing by the authors of  
the book "Perinton and Fairport  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century".

. May 11 Society Picnic in  
Perinton Park. 6:00 PM. Special  
presentation of signed books to  
authors of the new book  
"Perinton and Fairport in the  
20<sup>th</sup> Century".

## **Historic Recipes.**

This is a series of articles of favorite recipes from women who lived or are still living in Perinton and Fairport, as well as, recipes from local business advertisements and cook books. Biographical information was collected by Fairport Museum volunteers.

**T**he pinnacle of food preparation is to have one of your recipes endorsed by a national publication.

In 1936, Mrs. Ralph Wilson of 58 East Church Street, Fairport was awarded a certificate of Recipe Endorsement by *Better Homes*

and *Gardens* magazine for her recipe Noodles and Tuna. She received signed copies of her endorsed recipe bearing the Better Homes and Garden stamp of approval.

The recipe passed the magazine's test kitchens for dependability, taste and family usefulness. The *Fairport Herald Mail* reported that "In awarding these certificates, it is the magazine's aim to provide proper recognition for the creative work done by women in their own kitchens...".

If you get a chance, try this award winning local recipe.

### **Noodles and Tuna**

1 six ounce package of  
noodles

1 can tuna (about 7  
ounces)

1 cup milk

1 can mushroom soup

Cook the noodles in boiling, salted water until tender, then drain, rinse and drain again. Rinse the tuna in cold water, add the milk and mushroom soup and heat to boiling. Remove from the stove, add the noodles and place in a greased baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 20

minutes or until brown. Remove from the oven and serve hot from the baking dish. Serves six.

## May Picnic Set for May 11<sup>th</sup> in Perinton Park.

The annual Perinton Historical Society picnic will be held rain or shine in the shelter at Perinton Park at 6:00P.M. On May 11<sup>th</sup>. Hot dogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided by the Society. People wishing to come to the picnic need to make reservations by calling the museum at 223-3989 and leave a message. Please indicate:

1. How many people will be coming.
2. Whether they would like a hot dog or hamburger.
3. What dish you would like to bring (salad, a hot dish or dessert)

The charge is \$1 and will be collected at the picnic. You need to bring your own plates, cups and cutlery.

After dinner there will be the election of the executive committee for 1 year terms and a board member for a 5 year term. Due to the cancellation of the March board meeting due to

weather, no nominating committee was formed and no new candidates were selected for this coming season in time for this publication. The candidates, as they now stand, are:

President—no nomination

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—no nomination

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Bernedette McDonough.

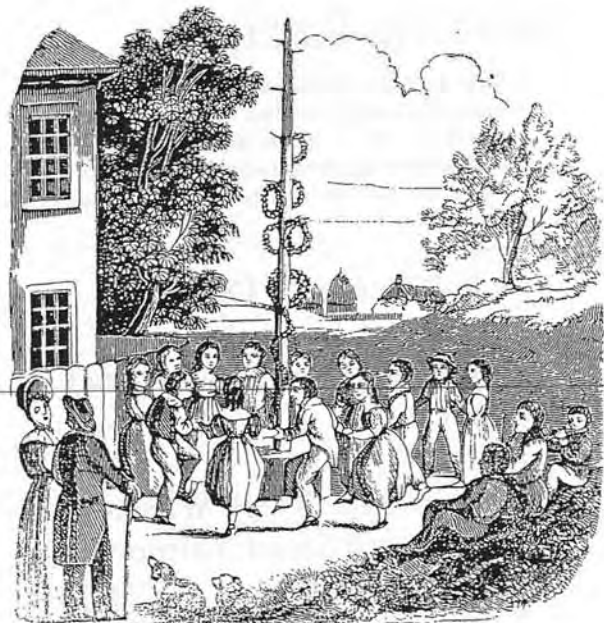
Recording Sec.--Bill Kinsman

Corresponding Sec.--Heather Bauer

Treasurer—May Thomson

Returning Board Member—John Jongen.

After the election there will be a presentation of signed copies of the book *Perinton and Fairport in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* to the authors in gratitude for their service to the Society.



DANCING ROUND THE MAY-POLE.

It is a pleasant sight, to see  
A little village company,  
Drawn out upon the first of May  
To have their annual holiday:—

The pole hung round with garlands gay;  
The young ones footing it away,  
The old, too old to trip it longer,  
Wishing, in vain, themselves were younger

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Ladies & Gentlemen of the Society:

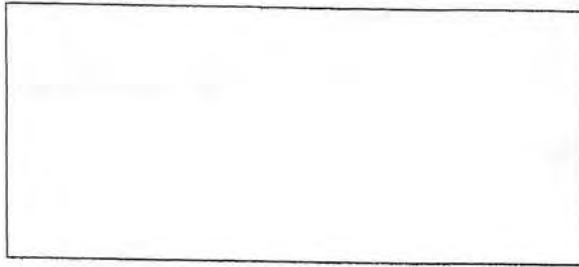
It is with sincere regret that I write to you to apologize for my 'absence' at your 9 March, 2004, monthly meeting where I was to present a program on Greek Revival architecture. This is a subject very dear to me, and when Bill Keeler asked me to speak to your group in the Spring of 2003, I was delighted that he felt this topic would be of interest.

Alas, from the beginning, I labored under the impression that the date of the meeting was 16 March, 2004, and I planned my schedule, including out-of-town travels, accordingly. Sadly, in a number of conversations with Bill in the months before March - including words about my 'blurb' for your news/letter - neither of us had occasion to mention the date: he was thinking "9 March", and I was thinking "16 March". And, other professional obligations took me away from my home for two weeks prior to the 9th, and, returning home on the 8th, I was rather ill and indisposed on the 9th.

So, there you were on the 9th, with no speaker! And, when I learned of this "misunderstanding" on the 10th, of course, I felt Terrible! This is the first time in my career that I have ruined one of my own lectures, and I hope you will forgive me - and invite me to speak again.

Good luck to you in your organizational endeavors, and I hope we can meet in the future "in better circumstances"!

Sincerely,  
Ed Polk Douglas



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- Thursday 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
- Sunday 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- The first two Mondays of every month the Archives  
are open for Researchers Only  
8 A.M. to Noon
- Visit our website at:  
<http://www.angelfire.com/ny5/fairporthistmuseum/>

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