

# HISTORIC PROGRAM



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## **Museum Driveway Sealed and Paved**

As part of our ongoing effort to maintain our fine old building, the Society through the Village of Fairport, has paved over our concrete driveway with asphalt. Over the years, the original driveway poured in 1937, has pitted and tilted in places leaving standing water near the building. The drains in the center of the driveway had become plugged with debris and the approach to the handicap ramp needed to be reworked.

Bill Matthews, our President and building consultant, contacted the village, which owns the property, and made arrangements to have the

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drains filled and the driveway paved so that the water drains away from the building.

Thanks Bill for a job well done.

UPCOMING PERINTON  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 at the  
Fairport Museum.  
Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the  
Fairport Public Library.  
*Historic and Stylistic Connections  
Between Silver and Pewter* presentation  
by H.P. Prazear.

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the  
Fairport Museum.  
*Classical Place Names in New York  
State* presentation by the author William  
Farrell. Books will be available and  
signed by the author after the meeting.

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the Fairport  
Museum.  
*Patents and Trademarks from Perinton  
and Fairport, Part 2*  
A slide and overhead transparency  
presentation by Bill Keeler curator for  
the Fairport Museum.

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at the Fairport  
Museum.  
*Treasures from the Rochester Historical  
Society* by Ann Salter, Executive  
Director of the Rochester Historical  
Society.

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Perinton Park.  
Annual Perinton Historical Society  
Picnic and election of officers.

## The Society is Looking for Authors to Help Write Another Book About Perinton and Fairport.

The book *Perinton, Fairport, and the Erie Canal* published by Arcadia Press is now almost two years old. Bill Keeler has received permission from the Board of Trustees to write another book using volunteers as co-authors.

The last book was written by 10 members of the Society and has sold over 1,230 copies. The book took almost a year to complete and was truly a group effort.

The working title for this new venture is *Perinton, Fairport, and the RS&E Trolley*. The authors will be required to work on a single chapter, which will be on a pre-selected topic. They will select 25 photographs, pictures, advertisements and other documents, research the topic and write captions of 4 to 5 lines to describe the picture. There has to be a beginning, middle and end to each chapter and the author must be able to attend a meeting every other Saturday for the next 8 months to share their research and discuss their chapters. Bill is currently writing a proposal to the

publishers and should hear sometime in January if the proposal is accepted.

No experience is necessary but you must be a member of the Society or join in order to participate. The first meeting for those interested will be January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 9:00 AM at the Fairport Museum. All proceeds and royalties from the book go to support the Perinton Historical Society.

## A Letter from the President.

It may not take a village to run a museum or a historical society, but when you add them all up, it does take a fair number of volunteers to keep the Perinton Historical Society up and running. While raking leaves recently, I reflected on the hedges so neatly maintained all summer, the lawn mowing, and the grand landscaping and gardening work done by the ladies of the Greenbrier Garden Club. Inside the brick walls we have the Curator, Museum Director, Board Members, and all the weekly volunteers who interact with the public. Vital but often unseen is the help and relationship we have with the Village and it's various departments who never fail to be

supportive when called upon for help.

So, to each of you, whatever part you play, many thanks. We couldn't get along without you!

*Bill Matthews, President*

### Special Donations Made to the Perinton Historical Society This Year.

- From the Settler's Club in recognition of the Society's invaluable service to the Community.
- From Deanne Molinari in honor of Ruth Ewell's long and dedicated service to the Society and the Community.
- From Donna Bisset, former volunteer at the museum who has moved out of state, in thanks for the many enjoyable hours spent in the museum.
- Annual donation from the Fairport Historical Club.

## Bill Matthews Looking for Moving Pictures.

No, Bill is not looking for motion picture films but rather pictures of houses being moved! Aside from first being built, this is perhaps the most significant event in the lifetime of a house.



There are 13 houses that we know of that have been moved from 1872 to 1954 but the Museum does not have a single photograph of these "moving experiences".

Bill Matthews is on a quest to find photographs of houses in the Perinton and Fairport area being moved. If you have photos of this type of activity in your attic or shoebox, call Bill Matthews at 377-8456. Also, if you know of a house that has been moved that is not on the following list, please drop a letter to the museum staff and we will make a note of it in our files.

### PERINTON AND FAIRPORT HOUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN MOVED

*NOTE: THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST. THERE MAY  
BE OTHERS UNKNOWN TO THE MUSEUM STAFF*

2677 Baird Road. This is the old Rowell House built around 1872. It was moved around 1906 from across the street by the RS&E Railroad so the trolley tracks could be built across the property.

9 Filkins Street. This was the old Congregational Church Sunday School room. It was moved to this location between 1872 and 1876.

18 Filkins Street. This was originally a tavern or canal house on the north side of the canal at Turk Hill Road. It was moved across the canal to where the Cobb house later stood and still later moved to 26 Perrin Street where the house became completely covered with ivy. When Charles Howe later built on the Perrin Street site, he sold the

house to George Filkins who moved it to its present location on the west side of Filkins Street.

10 East Church Street. In 1823 this was a post office and tavern on the canal at Fullamtown. It was moved to East Church Street and rebuilt in 1853. The first library was established in this building.

39 East Church Street. This is considered the oldest frame house in Fairport. It was built in 1817 for Isaac Beers on the site where the Green Lantern now stands. When Henry DeLand built his house in 1876 on the corner of South Main and Church Streets, the Beers house was moved to 39 East Church Street.

62-64 East Church Street. This was originally the James DeLand house on South Main Street, shown on the map of 1852. It was moved by George Bown to East Church Street about 1890 to make room for the Bown Block.

10 Clinton Place. This was a church parsonage on South Main Street, built in 1840. It was moved around the corner when Clinton Place was formed in 1884.

155 South Main Street. The original large farm (1852-1858) had orchards back to the cemetery. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the back end of the house was removed and placed toward the back of the lot, making the first house on Orchard Street.

205 South Main Street. This house, built 1844-1853, is shown north of 199 South Main Street on the 1858 map. In 1872 it was moved south two lots to form the base for the front section of the present house.

234 South Main Street. This house was moved by Simeon Howard about 1870 from a site on the east side of South Main Street, opposite the end of Hulburt Road, to the present site on the west side of South Main.

110 Hulburt Avenue. This house was built

between 1825 and 1840 as a tenant house on the Filkins farm. When the Minerva DeLand School was built in 1954 it was moved up the hill to its present location.

94 West Avenue. Shown on the 1852 map at the end of Cherry Street (now West Ave.) where it intersected with West Street. When Cherry Street was extended to Fourth Avenue sometime after 1858, the house was moved out of the way to the north side of the street. The old foundation is still under West Ave.

25 West Street. This house stood on the corner of West Church Street and West Street (northeast corner) until about 1890 when it was moved to its present location.

## Folk Singer Allen Hopkins to Perform at This Year's Christmas Party.

The Fairport Museum will host Allen Hopkins at our Annual Christmas Party December 3rd at 7:30 P.M. Allen has played for the Society many years ago for one of our programs. He is a gifted musician who plays a variety of old time instruments.

Over the past few years Allen has worked with the Stong Museum, Genesee Country Museum and school groups from Attica to Fairport. You may have even seen him perform at the International

Canal Conference several years ago.

**"Hopkins is recognizable as the guy who carries more instruments on stage with him than you'd see in a music-store window."**

Jef f Spevak  
*Gannett Rochester Newspapers*

Allan first began performing in 1966 at "open night" at Harry Raft's Denver Folklore Center. In 1971 he was an original member of the folk music club Golden Links. Since 1976 he has coordinated programs with the Genesee Country Village group Flint Hill Folk.

At the party, Allen will use several instruments and play historical as well as traditional Christmas tunes. There will also be songs which the audience will be invited to sing along.

**"Hopkins is one reason there is so much folk music in Rochester"**

Judith Reynolds  
*City Newspaper, Rochester*

Check out Allen Hopkin's web site for his calendar of engagements and biography.

<http://allenhopkins.org/>.

Take a break from your Christmas shopping and stop by the Museum on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a delightful evening of music and conversation. Refreshments will be served and this event is free and open to the public.

## January Meeting to Feature Presentation on Pewter and Silver

*By Bernadette McDonough*

Tuesday evening January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at the Fairport Public Library, Mr. H. Price Prazar will present a program on *The Historic and Stylistic Connection Between Silver and Pewter*. The program will include a slide presentation and several exhibits related to pewter and silver.

Mr. Prazar traces his interest in collecting to grade school years and has especially enjoyed collecting pewter and silver since 1970. He has been involved in the sale of pewter and silver since 1972 and has worked with the late Ed Cornwell in conducting appraisals as well as being a lecturer at St. John Fisher College.

Time permitting, Mr. Prazar will make a limited number of general appraisals of pewter and silver items brought in by Perinton

Historical Society members only.  
(only 1 item per person please)  
Because of limited seating, reservations should be made by calling 223-9091. The library is completely handicap accessible and the meeting is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy an educational evening.

## Matthews Building Movers Win Landmark Award.

*By Bill Matthews*

On Sunday afternoon, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Matthews Building Movers will be honored with an award by the Landmark Society of Western New York. Family legends credit 1867 as the year in which the founder, William Matthews, was in the house moving business. One hundred and thirty-five years later, the business is still going strong with Peter and Daniel Matthews at the helm. In Fairport, they moved the old railroad tower (now a canoe rental facility), "Stop 22" (the Dockmaster's office), and two years ago they moved the "Old Brick Outhouse" which is now located behind Potter Memorial. Over the years numerous buildings of historical and architectural significance have been relocated by this company, now in its third century.



## Revised Perinton Historical Society Membership List

Last month we published a list of members of the Society, but failed to include the title field, so that "Mr. & Mrs. John Smith" appeared as "John Smith." We regret any confusion this oversight may have caused. We have republished the list below, with the names as they appear in the membership rolls, taken directly from your membership renewal forms. This includes titles for those who included them on the forms. If you note an error in your name, or prefer your name to be listed differently than shown below, please let me know and I'll correct our records. Thanks for your continued support of the Society. Jim Unckless, Membership - (585) 223-8531.

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