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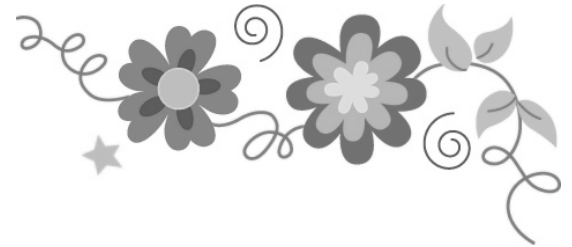
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New Beginnings

From the desk of our President

Living in New York State, we're blessed with all four seasons. Winter can be beautiful, but it is often harsh. Which is why the arrival of spring make so many of us happier! Budding flowers, birds returning, warmer air, plenty of sunshine, weddings, graduations, and more help to inspire us and take on new challenges.

I'm honored that my newest challenge is assuming the mantle of society president. I look forward to assisting in any way possible as we continue to grow and develop our organization together, while also striving to maintain the long-lasting traditions carved out by our many members over the years.



As a third-generation member of the Newfane Historical Society, I'm proud to be part of a family who has passions for both giving back to the community and helping preserve local history. It is my privilege to continue this volunteering legacy with a group that has become invaluable to the community and works tirelessly at any challenges placed in front of them.

*Vicki Banks
President*

Minute History

The Newfane Historical Society was officially formed in 1975. On May 16, 1976 the society held its first fundraiser, called the Apple Blossom Festival, at the Wrights Corners Fire Hall. Nearly 800 people signed the guestbook, although attendance was much higher. Included in the event was contests, live music, character actors, and plenty of food.

On October 28, 1977 John and Helen Hrvol donated their log cabin home on West Creek Road. The donation included the cabin, land, garage/ barn and a house, all for historical & educational use. Starting in the spring of 1978 (and through the present) all Apple Blossom Festivals are held on this site, early on known as 'Museum Grounds' and the 'Country Village' since late 2013.

Constructing Pole Barns

From basic building to long-lasting structures, we're looking back at original American architecture.

Pole barns have origins from 1930's in America, at a time when the country was deep in the economic hardship of both the Great Depression and dust bowls in the southern plains. A need came for practical, affordable buildings and structures.

H. Howard Doane is credited with being the innovator who, in 1930, first combined the availability of poles and metal roof sheeting into a modern building concept. The founder of Doane's Agricultural Service, Doane was looking for a way to reduce the cost of agricultural structures. He did not



believe the traditional barns being built on farms could be economically justified. Doane believed that the "pole" building could provide the needed economy in construction and still have necessary durability.

This simplified building technique (pole frame construction) standardized production, helping shrink construction times while improving creation quality. To save costs...(continued on page 2)

(continued from page 1)...people recycled materials for new builds, including using wooden telephone poles and old metal sheeting. In fact, the modern phrase, “pole barn,” is a shortening of “telephone pole barn.”

Pole frame buildings are crafted using large poles or posts buried in the ground (or on a foundation) to provide the vertical structural support, along with girts to provide horizontal support. Most of them are composed of trusses, purlins, girts, bracing and sheathing. The primary element of the design incorporates square posts or wood columns, which are typically embedded in the ground or surface-mounted to a concrete or masonry foundation.



The efficiency of pole barns' construction meant that cash-strapped farmers and others could get the maximum return for a minimum material investment. A few old poles and some sheeting was all it took to put up a new structure, versus the substantial time and materials needed for a full foundation with crossbeam supports. Unfortunately the limited life-span of poles in contact with the ground made them unsuitable for use longer than a few years, except in very dry areas or when rot-resistant strains of wood were used.

During World War II, pole barns' streamlined nature came in especially useful when the government imposed a \$1,500 cap on the construction of all new barns in order to conserve materials for the war effort. Requiring so few materials, pole barns became the obvious solution for many trying to stay in the allotted budget.



Following the war, two significant technological developments in the twentieth century allowed the post-frame building to develop into a viable, long-lived structural system. First, pressure-treated (chemically-

treated) materials that provided excellent durability, particularly poles initially developed for the electrical industry, became available for the construction of buildings. The availability of pressure-treated wood replaced continuous concrete foundation in conventional buildings with a vertical structural member, which carries the live roof and dead building loads directly to the ground below the frost line.

Secondly, large, lightweight metal sheeting was produced that could span supports spaced several feet apart. What remained was for builders to optimally use the advantageous features of these two materials in what is now known as the post-frame or laminated column building. These new methods of reinforcing wood trusses with metal plates also meant that pole barns could be built larger and taller than previously possible.

Doane's Agricultural Service received a patent for the “pole building design concept” on June 6, 1953. Rather than protect the patent, they widely publicized the concept and encouraged its use throughout the United States. Doane's Agricultural Service made its pole barn building plans available worldwide to anyone interested in the concept, helping the design's popularity.

It wasn't long after that the availability of lightweight, formed metal roofing material permitted the use of spaced roof decking. This resulted in a significant portion of the lateral building loads being transmitted to the end walls, to reduce the load on the supporting posts. The availability of trusses for a wide variety of spans further enhanced and aided in the development of the pole frame building. Whereas trusses in conventional light-frame buildings are generally spaced 2-ft. or less on-center on stud walls, trusses became readily available that permitted truss spacing of anywhere from 4 to 12 ft. in post-frame construction. In 1959, the Truss Plate Institute developed design criteria for connecting timber

trusses. For pole buildings this meant stronger trusses with longer roof spans of at least 100 ft. Each of these features contributed to the evolution of the modern post-frame building and its increasing popularity.

Early pole barns were largely...(continued on page 3)

(continued from page 2)...cheap, easy structures for those who couldn't justify the time and expense of putting up traditional permanent structures. Over time they became sturdy, reliable structures for a variety of uses. Scientific tests were completed that showed the superior structural performance, and so by the 1960s, the concept was adapted for other uses, including farm storage, animal shelters, retail, offices, schools, garages, open shelters, homes, fire stations, airplane hangars and more. The method's name also changed from pole construction to post-frame construction around this time, as round poles became less commonly used. Post-frame was distinctly improved from the "pole buildings" of the past by use of rectangular solid-sawn posts, laminated columns, and enforced building codes.

Today it makes little difference whether the purchaser favors the esthetics of wood siding, brick or stucco; virtually any look is available in post-frame. New concrete siding materials have even made it possible to build a post-frame that looks like it was made of cement block, at a fraction of the cost. They are aesthetically pleasing and durable structures that can be typically easier on the eye than most commercial buildings.

The development of modern post-frame building continues today. New developments in building materials and design will lead to further improvements. The economic and strategic advantages of the post-frame design ensure the industry's continued success well into the future.

Today, post-frame buildings have as many purposes as you can envision. They are no longer just for animal barns and agricultural buildings. There have likely been many times you've been looking right at a post frame/pole building and didn't even realize it. If you're looking to save money and get a sound building look no further, a post-frame building is your answer. ♦



Modern Post Frame Home

High Tea at the Van Horn Mansion

A benefit for the Newfane Historical Society



*Saturday, April 14th
1-4pm*

Van Horn Mansion

2165 Lockport-Olcott Rd. Burt, NY 14028

Enter our Basket Raffle

*Victorian era (1837-1901) attire
& accessories encouraged,
but not required.*

*\$25 adult | \$15 for 12 & Under
includes full tea*

Reservations Required: Please call Rose at 716-727-9816 (if needed, leave a message).

Donate to our High Tea

Please support our annual tea by donating gift baskets for the raffle. We're also accepting empty baskets and new items to create more gift baskets, along with bite sized pastries to include in the tea service (please call ahead to reserve a baked good). Please contact Rose at (716) 727-9816 to arrange delivery or pick-up. Thanks ahead of time!



**FREE
ADMISSION!**

The Newfane Historical Society invites you to the 42nd annual

Apple Blossom Festival

Sunday, May 20th at 10am

at our **Country Village**
2685 West Creek Road
Newfane, NY 14108



FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

TRACTOR & FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW
LIVE PERFORMANCES | CRAFTS
HISTORICAL DEMOS | GREAT FOOD
HANDS-ON FUN | LOCAL PRODUCTS
ATTRACTIONS | FLEA MARKET
PLUS...
ALL VILLAGE EXHIBITS
WILL BE OPEN!



Make sure to come early before our best-selling foods are gone! It would be appreciated if pets were left at home.



For information & to participate or volunteer:

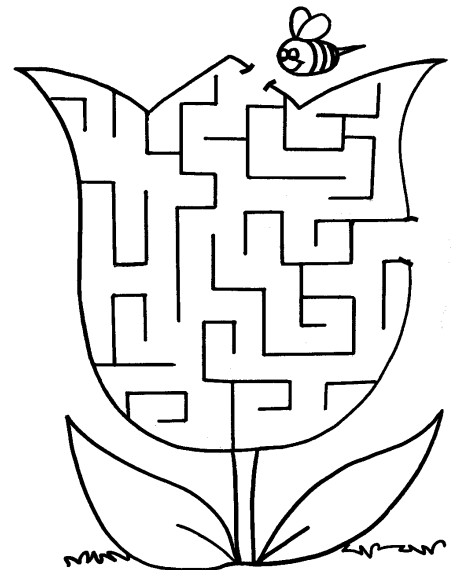
NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com



Donate to Our Bake Sale

Our annual bake sale during the Apple Blossom Festival needs your help. Donate a batch of your favorite cookies, brownies, breads, donuts or other desserts. Make sure they are pre-wrapped and in disposable containers. Funds raised support the Newfane Historical Society. Thanks for the help!

Please deliver donations to Kris DeGlopper-Banks (716-778-9344) by May 19th, or to the festival's General Store on May 20th before 10am.



Also take a short drive north to visit *The Van Horn Mansion*
Open for tours Sunday 1-4pm | 2165 Lkpt-Olcott Rd. Burt, NY 14028

Van Horn Mansion public tours return April 8th!

Stop in for a complete guided tour of our living museum, which lasts about ninety minutes. It includes a journey from cellar to attic, covering everything from local history to architecture, along with our resident ghosts! The mansion is open for tours from 1-4pm on Sunday afternoons from April 8th through November 18th, and Wednesdays in July and August (*excluding holidays*). The cost is \$5.00 per person and free for society members. We also offer special tours and private rentals, visit our website for details: NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com.



Recipe Rewind!

This recipe was published in Radio and Television Mirror Magazine, June 1948.



Moulded Chicken Salad

contributed by Kate Smith, Radio Mirror Food Counselor & host of MBS network's radio show Kate Smith Speaks

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| 2 cups diced cooked chicken | 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper |
| 1 tablespoon chopped onion | 1/4 cup mayonnaise |
| 1 cup diced celery | 1 cup cooked rice |
| 1 teaspoon salt | |
| 1/4 cup French dressing | |
| 1 tablespoon gelatine | |
| 1/4 cup cold water | |
| 1 cup chicken stock or water | |

Combine chicken, onion, celery, salt and French dressing. Soft gelatine in 1/4 cup cold water. Add to hot stock or water and stir until dissolved. Place green pepper in a layer on the bottom of a 2-quart mold which has been rinsed in cold water. Add 2 tablespoons gelatine mixture and chill 15 minutes. Add mayonnaise to remaining gelatine mixture. Pour over chicken and celery, add rice and mix thoroughly. Turn into mold; chill until firm. Serves six.

Participate in this year's Apple Blossom Festival!

Plans are underway for this year's annual Apple Blossom Festival! This year it will be held on Sunday, May 20th beginning at 10am. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Flea Market & Craft Show, let us know! Vendor spaces are 20x20 and cost (if paid ahead): \$25 Vendors/ \$50 Food.



Contact Rosemary: 716-433-3065/ rosie311@roadrunner.com.

We also love new volunteers! Tasks include set-up and tear down, working in our various buildings, helping guests, donating baked goods, promoting the event and much more. Volunteers can be ages 14+, and we accept help from school groups and students who need volunteer hours. For info. on



volunteering visit: NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com or contact Jill Heck: 716-390-9679/ jill@newfanehistoricalsociety.com. ♦

Membership Application

For new members and renewals. Membership includes our quarterly printed newsletters

Today's Date: _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Select One:

- Renewal New Member

Your Membership May Have Expired! Renew for 2018 Today!

Would you be interested in learning about or becoming a volunteer? Yes No

Our membership year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

Annual Membership Dues (Check one):

- Family Membership \$10.00
- Individual Membership \$10.00
- Life Member \$100.00

Tear off this portion and mail with a check to: Newfane Historical Society c/o Rosemary M. Miller 3531 Ewings Rd. Lockport, NY 14094

Please make all checks payable to (or to the order of): Newfane Historical Society

Or visit our website and join online: www.NewfaneHistoricalSociety.com

Calendar

For more details, please visit our website.

April 8th- Public Tours of the Van Horn Mansion Begin (through November)

April 13th- Full Tea at the Van Horn Mansion

April 17th- Trustees Meeting

April 22nd- Earth Day

May 1st- May Day

May 13th- Mother's Day

May 15th- Trustees Meeting

May 20th- Apple Blossom Festival

May 28th- Memorial Day

June 17th- Father's Day

2018 Officers & Trustees

President: Vicki Banks

Vice President: Melissa Schaeffer

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Corresponding Secretary: Janet Capen

Financial Secretary: Rosemary Miller

Treasurer: David Steggles

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Spring Rain



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