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This photo, taken in 1871, is purported to be the oldest-known photo of Naples. Though much has changed, the Cleveland House is visible in the same place where it still stands today! See this photo and more at this summer's museum displays - Info, Page 3

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YOU'RE INVITED!



The Naples 1815 Red Mill (on Mill Street, behind the Morgan Hose Building) was a full-service grist mill that attracted people from the entire area because of its modern grinding equipment and the high quality of its products. It had the same kind of attraction to the people of that time that Wegmans has today. Learn why people came from miles and miles around Naples to get their grinding done at the Red Mill and to do their shopping on Main Street, as well as exciting plans to welcome new and future generations to the Mill!



to a Naples Historical Society Presentation

Naples Red Mill
PAST~PRESENT~FUTURE



Illustration by Hank Ranney

Thursday May 18th, 2023
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
at BRISTOL VALLEY THEATER
151 South Main Street, Naples

COME HEAR:
Past President
Wayne Buchar
present the Mill's History

The Society's Plans for
Stabilization & Restoration

Our First Recipients
of the newly created
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
AWARDS

followed by a
DESSERT & CHAMPAGNE
RECEPTION

The Naples Historical Society Historic Preservation Awards Program recognizes and supports the efforts of individuals, businesses and organizations who have made significant contributions to the preservation of buildings, neighborhoods, traditions and other historic resources in Naples, New York. Eligible are private citizens, organizations, businesses, municipalities or any group who recently preserved an historic structure. Yearly honorees will receive this recognition for difficult, time-consuming, and costly historic preservation projects that enhance the vision of the Naples Historical Society.

Our Mission: The mission of the Naples Historical Society is to promote an interest in the history of Naples, New York and the surrounding area by maintaining and displaying historical collections and exhibits, and by providing educational programs.

Our Vision: The vision of the Naples Historical Society is to spread a love of the Naples community by preserving our local history, discovering new knowledge together, and sharing our resources with all.



IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened to share news of the passing of **Woody Hawks**. Woody was a huge NHS supporter and was always available to lend a helping hand. He was a very clever gentleman and a joy to be around. He will surely be missed. Our condolences to all of Woody's family and friends.

At left, Woody helping to patch holes in the Naples Red Mill siding in 2019.



Tree Removal @ Cleveland House Museum, Thursday, April 13th & Friday, Apr. 14th
With intention to be good stewards and take care of our properties as best we can, we had five trees, which needed to be removed, cut down. It's always sad to see a tree cut down, but we have to protect the historic Cleveland House and the quilt shop next door. Thanks to Tree Bros of South Bristol for the great job, especially on two of the hottest days this spring! (photo by Cindy Scoda)

Sonnenberg Docents tour Cleveland House

MUSEUM UPDATE



Mary Clark Thompson

On Sunday, January 15th, the Naples Historical Society welcomed a group of Sonnenberg docents to the Cleveland House. The connection between Sonnenberg and Naples is Naples native **Mary Clark Thompson**. Mary's father was Myron Holley Clark, who was a Governor of New York state from 1852-1854. The Clarks lived in what is now the Haeefe house on Mount Pleasant Street, across the street from Fairview Cemetery.

Mary Clark married Frederick Ferris Thompson, who was a prominent American banker and railroad president who co-founded the First National Bank and what is now Citibank. He and Mary were noted philanthropists and they made Sonnenberg their summer home.

It was fun to give the docents a tour of the house (photos below) and show them its notable wall stenciling by Mary Clark's uncle, Stephen Clark. Naples Town Historian, **John Murphy**, made the ultimate sacrifice of giving the tour instead of watching the Bills game live... but he did tape it. Cleveland House Docent, **Rose Mary Hooper**, and Society board members, **Jun Liu**, who also works in the gardens at Sonnenberg and who organized the tour, and **Blanche Warner** also played host to the visitors.



Rose Mary



Jun



*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

Saturday May 6th
10am-5pm
RAIN OR SHINE!

Naples Community Park
8091 NY Rt. 245
Naples, NY
More Info:
(585)484-9413



Great Naples Valley Mea Market

The Naples Historical Society will be at the return of the **Great Naples Valley Flea Market & Craft Fair!** We'll be selling vintage jewelry, books, note cards, vintage Grape Festival posters and much more!

A Variety of Vendors
Selling Second-Hand Goods
Tools - Refurbished Items
Antiques & Bargains - Local Artisan's Organizations & Craft Items! And the Yummiest Chicken BBQ in the Valley!

Cleveland House Museum



open on Saturdays:
July 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26
12pm-4pm

at the corner of Rt. 245 & Main Street, Naples

PREVIEW PARTY Be the first to see our new exhibits!
Friday July 7th
5-7pm
FREE for members, non-members \$5.00

- Cleveland Family Genealogy
- From Nundawao to Naples: The Early Years to 1850
- Naples Mills of the Past

Summer Artisan Series

A big hit last year! Local artists will display their works, demonstrate their talents, and talk about their creations. Watch for more details on our Facebook page.

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Learn to make grape pie

Saturday September 16th
12-3pm

Trinity Federated Church Kitchen
123 N. Main Street
Naples, NY



Learn to make a grape pie from former Grape Festival Pie Contest winner **Meghanne Freivald**. This is excellent practice if you would like to participate in the contest yourself*, or just to enjoy the uniquely Naples tradition of baking grape pies!

* This year's Naples Grape Festival is Sept 23rd & 24th, Rain or Shine — Grape Pie Contest details: naplesgrapefest.org/pie.php

Grape Pie - Making Workshop

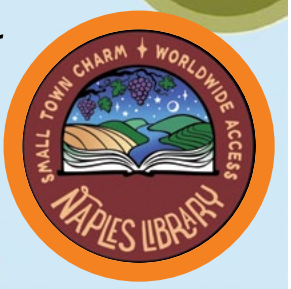
Experts Among Us this Fall!

Coming this Fall: The Naples Library will be hosting a lecture & workshop series highlighting local businesses, artists, makers & experts.

Our own Society experts **Blanche Warner** and **Wayne Buchar** will present a series about how to research your favorite history and Naples-related topics, covering both in-person and digital online resources. Learn to navigate local archives at the Naples Historical Society, Naples Library, Ontario County Clerk's office, Ancestry.com, Findagrave.com & more!

Check back on our website or Facebook page for date TBA

Learn more about the entire series at www.NaplesLibrary.org





Naples Chocolate Cake Contest



Saturday, February 11th
@ Morgan Hose Building

Thank you to everyone who made this year's event another fun & memorable success — We even sold out of cake slices early!

Congratulations to this year's winners! 1ST PLACE: **Carbrie Manley & Nicole Wight** (above, right), 2ND PLACE: **Becky Lombardo**, 3RD PLACE: **Elizabeth Mosher** (above, left). Each winner received a certificate & gift card from one of our local business sponsors.



We had six great judges:

Valerie Knoblauch, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection President and CEO; **Karin Bowersock**, Retired Artistic Director of the Bristol Valley Theater; **Angela Einwachter**, President of the Prattsburgh Historical Society; **Cody Grabhorn**, Executive Director of the Ontario County Historical Society; **Steve Mumby**, Secretary of the Gorham Historical Society and a longtime employee of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office; **Dan Robinson**, Retired Naples High School Chemistry teacher. He also worked as a winemaker at wineries both in New Zealand and in New York State.

Our local business sponsors donated prizes for our winners & helped with supplies: **Roots Café**, **Old School Café**, **The Social at The Naples Hotel**, **Green Heart of the Finger Lakes**, **Caruso's Café**

And extra-special thanks to all of the Naples Historical Society board members and volunteers who gave so much of their time, talents and efforts before, during and after this event ~ We can't wait to see you all again next year!
(All photos this page by Jun Liu)



2023 Wish List

- ✓ Wegmans gift card for 2023 event supplies (\$200)
- ✓ Beverage donations for 2023 events (wine, craft beer, bottled water)
- ✓ Grant Writer
- ✓ Packages of AA and AAA batteries, for office and archival tools
- ✓ Gift cards for office supplies
- ✓ Rolls of stamps
- ✓ More member involvement :)

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our efforts! If you are interested in contributing towards this wish list or any of our other initiatives, please contact NHSNYinfo@gmail.com



The printing of our Spring 2023 newsletter is sponsored in memory of Past Naples Historical Society President **Beth Flory** by her family.

STOP, DON'T RECYCLE THIS PAPER! (*yet*)

Please share this newsletter with a neighbor and urge them to join NHS!

MEMBERSHIP to NHS is a great gift idea! Find the membership application on our website.



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