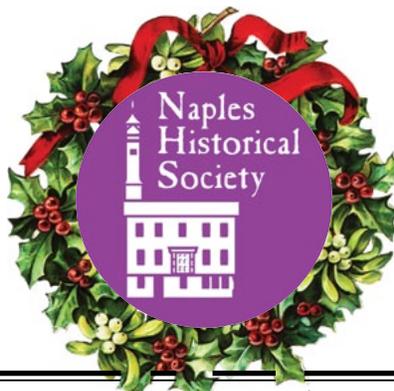


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Page 2: Recognizing Nancy Linehan for serving as our Treasurer for 27 years (here, with Cindy Scoda during our Spring '22 Yard Sale)

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Year in Review: 2022 A→Z

Shared by NHS President Trish Lambiase at the annual meeting on Thursday, November 17th, held at the Morgan Hose Building.

**A**rchives – Our team of Angels in the Archives each Thursday accept donations to add to the collections, organize and file ephemera, and do research. We are always looking for more angels if you are interested!

**B**arn Quilt Raffle – Thanks to members **Deb and Frank Lindbloom** for another beautiful square again this year; and to the winner from Spencerport who donated it to Naples Hospice House to be enjoyed!

**C**leveland House Museum – Two docent orientations were held, a worknight to clean up the grounds was well attended, the museum was open each Saturday in July & August, several tours were conducted throughout the year for school children by Town Historian **John Murphy**, 5 area artists displayed their creations during our Summer Artisan Series, and almost 100 visitors from the area and throughout the country signed the guest book.

**D**onations – We survive on them and thank you for additional contributions with your membership. This year we had \$3,000 in unexpected donations, far exceeding our budget goal.

**E**vents – We presented a Civil War series to commemorate this year's 150th anniversary of Memorial Town Hall, the last in the series being presented at the annual meeting by **Wayne Buchar** about Neapolitans' participations in the Underground Railroad.

**F**oundation Analysis – We received a grant last year for a foundation analysis for the Cleveland House Museum. Inspection was done this spring and in June we received a 98-page report suggesting remedies over the next 2-10 years at a staggering cost of over \$200,000.

**G**rape Festival – We continue to co-sponsor the festival with Naples Rotary. NHS members helped with set up, staffed the merchandise tent selling tee shirts and posters, helped with the grape pie contest and tear down after the festival. Members also marched in the parade and threw out candy donated by The Olde Country Store in Atlanta.

**H**istoric Districts – This year the Central, South Main and Vini-culture Districts as well as Fairview Cemetery were all listed on the State Register of Historic Places [and 3 of the 4 have now been listed on the National Register as well — See page 4 for updated news!] Member **Paul Lambiase** chaired the committee, made up mostly of historical society members.

**I**nsurance review – This resulted in savings of approximately \$315 per year (insurance coverage is a large budget expense).

**J**oint Community Collaborations – We decorate a wall at Caruso's Café in Naples with photos and bulletin boards that are refreshed several times a year, we had a display of Civil War artifacts at a Bristol Valley Theater production this spring, and we continue to collaborate with several retail locations to sell our notecards and books.

**K**ids Corner @ Cleveland House Museum – Thanks to former teachers **Margo Ulmer** and **Priscilla Crawford** for creating children's activities for our youngest visitors!

**L**ight up Naples – Flory Park and the basement of the Morgan Hose Building came alive during the holidays!

**M**embership – Our membership grew by nearly 10% this year to almost 150 members and we would love to welcome more - encourage friends and family to join!

**N**ote Cards – Four prints of Naples landscapes by Naples artist **Sten Persson** have been reproduced on note cards and are available for your holiday (or anytime) shopping.

**O**ral Histories – **Blanche Warner** and **Kim Torpey** preserved local history and stories by recording four oral interviews which will be added to our YouTube Channel.

**P**ie Baking Workshop with 14 attendees instructed by NHS member & past grape pie contest winner **Meghanne Freivald**.

**Q**uestions – We love to receive them via our website! This year, 24 requests inspired further research, response or information.

**R**ed Mill – The storage container and old beams were moved from the front and clean up was done around the building. The exterior is in need of repairs/re-siding and this will be a priority in 2023.

**S**ocial Media – Our digital online presence is constant and growing, thanks to **Blanche Warner** for weekly Facebook posts, and **Jun**

**Liu** for Instagram posts. We have 2,600+ followers on Facebook, and 770+ followers on Instagram, most of whom are not members - if you know of any way to convert them to members, please let us know! In print media, four newsletters were produced (also available online via our email list and website archives).

**T**in Shop – The building was on this year's agenda to tackle. In April, board members started to clean out and gut the building and prepare to possibly rent it out. NHS fan **Judy Cermak** created a beautiful mural for its windows to enhance its sidewalk appearance. In June, an opportunity to sell the property was proposed. In September, the building was sold to Hollerhorn Distillery with plans to give it new life as a tasting room. Unfortunately, as renovation work began on the building, it was determined not to be salvageable. You will soon begin to see a new building, retaining the same footprint on the site. An enhanced Flory Park will remain. (The Cermak murals are now in the windows in the Morgan Hose Building basement.)

**U**nderground Railroad – In August, the Naples Library Teen Advisory Board visited the Cleveland House Museum for a special presentation by **Wayne Buchar** about the URR exhibit.

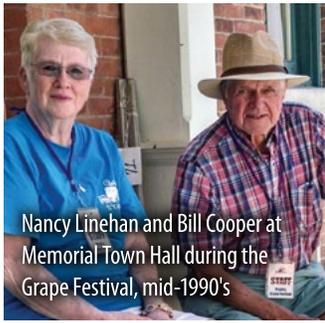
**V**olunteers – We are an all-volunteer organization and could not have accomplished all that we did without member help. 292+ hours were logged at the Morgan

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**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.

# Thank you, Nancy Linehan, for serving as our Treasurer for 27 years!



Nancy Linehan and Bill Cooper at Memorial Town Hall during the Grape Festival, mid-1990's

On November 16, 2022, the Naples Historical Society recognized **Nancy Linehan** for her contributions of service as our Treasurer during the past 27 years. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, flowers, was made an honorary board member, and given life-time membership in the society.

Born in Elmira, NY, Nancy arrived in Naples in 1959 when her husband, Robert Linehan, accepted a 5th grade teaching position at Naples Central (eventually becoming a beloved elementary School Principal). In 1961, Nancy began working at Security Trust in Naples, and then Fleet Bank. She capped off her banking career as the first Manager at the new Naples branch of Bath National Bank (now Five Star), overseeing every detail of the growth of the new location from day one. She describes banking as feeling very “personalized” during her career, and still meets people around Naples who thank her for helping them through financial milestones.

Nancy first volunteered in Naples during the 1960's Grape Festivals (of which she has also become an integral part for many years). She laughs about making toilet paper flowers for the Widmers float, honorary seat to the Grapefest parade's “King & Queen”. In 1987, at age 50, Nancy was the first woman in Ontario County to become a Rotarian, and in 1991 she became the first female president of Naples Rotary!

In the mid-1990's, Bill Cooper invited Nancy to take over as the historical society's Treasurer. Nancy says her banking experience made her a good fit for the role, and she comfortably took on the society's accounting

needs. Later, when retirement from her career allowed her to spend winters in Florida, the society hired a separate accountant, while Nancy continued to manage other Treasurer duties.

The Naples Historical Society has grown significantly during Nancy's tenure. She fondly remembers Beth Flory, the society president when she joined. At that time, board meetings were held in the Naples Library basement, and the society's primary focus was on restoration of the Morgan Hose Bulding. Nancy recalls Bob Harris doing much of the remodeling, along with several other members including Beth Flory, Bill Cooper, Proctor Smith, and Walt Zerrhan. She says it was an exciting time - seeing properties added to the society's holdings, as similar projects continued when Bill Vierheile left the Mill to the society, and then with the society's acquisition of the historic Cleveland House.

In recent years, the society has engaged in more social events and fundraising efforts, and Nancy has been a reliable presence greeting visitors, and managing income and correct change when needed. Her favorite memories include the Gingerbread Villages organized by Elisabeth Cowley, the Chocolate Cake Contest, and this past summer's Yard Sale, where she got a kick out of talking to visitors about the society's items for sale.

Nancy looks forward to spending more time on knitting projects, and summers with her family on Lake Ontario. She continues to volunteer her talents in Naples as a Rotarian and with the Grape Festival, and remains an advocate for the Naples Historical Society whenever possible.

**In one hundred years, what do you hope the Naples Historical Society will tell folks about what Naples was like today?** Nancy: “I hope people will value everything the present-day society has accomplished - all the local history we preserved, through the archives and the important structures.”

— Kim Torpey

## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

### Jeff Wells



Jeff

I grew up on my family's dairy and sheep farm, about five miles outside of Honeoye Falls, NY. My family moved to Naples after purchasing my maternal

grandparents' 55-acre farm near the south end of Eelpot Rd., locally known as the “Prof. Merrill Farm”, for my grandfather's position as Principal at North Cohocton-Atlanta Union High School and later at Wayland's elementary school.

I left school at age seventeen to join the Army where I earned my high school diploma. After eighteen months stateside, I received orders for Mainz, Germany where I met my German wife, Claudia. We raised two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Denise, who grew up speaking both German and American English. After nine years of active-duty, I received an honorable discharge with two Good Conduct medals, one Overseas Service Ribbon, and

the NCO professional development ribbon.

My post-military career began at Europe's largest glass manufacture, Schott Glas. During fourteen years at Schott, I went from line work to being head receptionist for Schott's headquarters, and then into IT. My successful implementation of the first computer-based solution to Schott's handwritten visitor registration system led to my next major move to work at EDS (Electronic Data Systems), later HP after a 2008 acquisition of EDS.

After thirty-two years of marriage, my wife passed away from unforeseen complications following a routine surgery. Two years later, my daughters and I moved back to Naples, purchased the historic “Olde Country Store” in North Cohocton, and embarked on a new beginning with enthusiasm and an ounce of trepidation. I am now co-owner of two growing businesses, “The Olde Country Store and More - 1849”, and the “Green Heart of the Finger Lakes”, with a registered trademark under the same name. The past seven years, I have been an active member of the Marketing Committee of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance (FLTA), of Penn Yan, as well as an active promoter of the Finger Lakes region

through sales and promotion of their Green Heart of the Finger Lakes® brand. I happily live with my life-partner, Julie, in South Bristol, and enjoy genealogy, photography, playing guitar, and walks in the woods.

**In one hundred years, what do you hope the Naples Historical Society will tell folks about what Naples was like today?**

In 2022 Naples, NY was a town of hope and endurance for new and existing businesses recovering from two long years of uncertainty, due to the devastating global effects of COVID-19. Local organizations upped their creative efforts by encouraging pop-up shops in vacant buildings on main street, giving small business owners a low-risk opportunity to try their hand at becoming an active part of the Naples Village charm. All the beloved events, like the Naples Trout Derby, and Vintage Vines & Valentines in spring, the Naples Open Studio Trail in summer, and the Grape Festival in Fall, were back in their full glory! The Naples Valley was alive again, nestled between its rolling hills, blanketed in summer green, fall foliage, and winter white. All and all, Naples was OPEN for all their seasonal fun and sports.

### Will Sutherby



Will & Kendyl

Hello! I am excited to be welcomed in as the newest board member and treasurer for the Naples Historical Society. A passion for history and community involvement drew me to NHS and I am looking forward to the work to come.

I was born and raised in the foothills near Boulder, Colorado and moved to New York roughly 3 years ago. I bring a diverse background of skills and experience including cooking, theatrical lighting, and facility management. I am proud to be recently married to our town librarian Kendyl Litwiller-Sutherby and spend my days cooking at Roots Café while I am not gardening or hiking with our dogs.

**In one hundred years, what do you hope the Naples Historical Society will tell folks about what Naples was like today?** ... that our town, back in 2022 was a strong and thriving little village. That the greater world around us was moving and changing at an intense rate but that we had done our best to maintain and build the charm of our village, kept industry and business alive, and had a deep sense of community.



**Christmas Cookie Sale & Craft Boutique - Saturday, December 10th @ Morgan Hose Building**

Thank you to all who helped to make our holiday fundraiser such a great success! To the Board members, cookie bakers, artists and crafts people who each donated their time and talents to make our show top-notch; and to everyone who came to hear our President, Trish Lambiase, play Christmas carols on the Fleischman Family reed organ — we thank them all! Photos at top: A small sample of the cookies offered. Board members Joan Luther, Cindy Scoda, and Trish Lambiase setting up displays. (Photos by Blanche Warner)



Above: items available for purchase included original artworks by Charlie Kingsley and Darryl Abraham, "Better than Bernie" mittens by Joan Luther, vintage Grape Festival posters & much more! Jeff Wells enjoying a German carol. At left: Trish at the organ, teaching the Middleton family about the history of the historic organ. (Photos by Blanche Warner)

*Save the Date!*

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY  
11th, 2023**

(during  
Naples's annual  
Vintage Vines &  
Valentines)

**@ Morgan  
Hose Building  
22 Mill Street,  
Naples, NY**



**ABOUT THE CONTEST**

Vintage Vines and Valentines allows Neapolitans and visitors alike to eat and drink their way down Main Street, while enjoying the hospitality and warmth of our community. To add to the tradition, the Naples Historical Society is once again proud to host a chocolate cake contest. Our chocolate cake contest invites bakers to share their works of sumptuous, chocolatey perfection in the hopes of joining the annals of Neapolitan history as Vintage Vines and Valentine's next Royal Concocter of Cocoa.

Vintage Vines and Valentines revelers may partake in the pageantry by purchasing a slice. All proceeds will benefit the Naples Historical Society, ensuring that the memories of this and other events will be preserved for generations to come.

**HONORS & CERTIFICATES**

granted to the top 3 entrants:

- 1st place: will be crowned Champion of Chocolate
- 2nd place: celebrated as the Dean of Decadence
- 3rd place: lauded as Salutatorian of Scrumptiousness

**COMPLETE RULES & ENTRY FORMS**



Check for updates on our website at

**[naplesnyhistoricalsociety.org/  
naples-chocolate-cake-contest](https://naplesnyhistoricalsociety.org/naples-chocolate-cake-contest)**



The first-place winning cake during our 2020 Chocolate Cake Contest!

# Naples Historic Districts Update - Status as of December 13, 2022

In its 2019 Naples Historic Resources Survey, the Landmark Society of Western New York (LSWNY) identified 3 districts, plus a single site, within the Village of Naples as eligible to pursue national register designations. These are:

- **Naples South Main Historic District**
- **Naples Central Historic District**
- **Naples Viniculture Historic District**
- **Fairview Cemetery**

In February 2020, the Village Board charged the Historic District Committee (HDC) to carry out the process of completing the required applications, as well as identifying the resources

to support this initiative. Grants were applied for and awarded from the Preservation League of NYS and the Rochester Area Community Foundation to fund a consultant to prepare the substantial documentation required. LSWNY was identified and engaged for this purpose. These grants, along with local contributions, covered the full cost. **No community tax dollars were required.**

The application process involved an exterior, detailed review of properties within each district to determine which were contributing, and which were not contributing, based upon national register standards. Contributing properties become eligible for specific benefits.

Upon completion, all four applications were sent to the (NY) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for an initial assessment. With SHPO approvals, each application was then forwarded to the National Register. **As of this writing, three of our four applications have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.** The fourth application, the Naples Central District, is up for review over the coming weeks.

Once all four districts have been approved on the National Register, the HDC will begin researching preparations for permanent signage, including verbiage, locations, costs, approvals, and grant support opportunities. This would likely be started in early to mid-2023.

— Paul J. Lambiase, Chairperson, Naples Historic District Committee

**What does listing on the National Register of Historic Places mean?**

The National Park Service administers the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state, or the nation. Nominations for listing historic properties come from State Historic Preservation Officers, from Federal Preservation Officers for properties owned or controlled by the United States Government, and from Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for properties on Tribal lands. Private individuals and organizations, local governments, and American Indian tribes often initiate this process and prepare the necessary documentation. A professional review board in each state considers each property proposed for listing and makes a recommendation on its eligibility.

## EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! Breaking news learned just before going to press!

### The Sutton Company receives Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization Grant.

The Sutton Company has been awarded \$50,000 to complete a series of necessary and urgent extreme structural repairs to the historic store building, which was built in the 1800s. It is a contributing structure to the Central Naples Historic District, which was recently listed on the State/National Registers of Historic Places. The Sutton Company was added to the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry in September 2022.

THANK YOU to members **Bruce and Maribah Mansfield** for a year-end donation of \$250 for the Cleveland House Museum in honor of **Christine and Wayne Buchar** (our Past President).



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Hose Building working in the archives and on projects; 390+ hours were logged at the Cleveland House. These were only recorded hours from sign in sheets, there were numerous other hours expended in committee & board meetings, at home research, and coordinating projects.

**Website** – This year, we added a blog section to feature interesting stories, and a newsletter archive. The average number of visitors each month increased from 165 during 2021 to over 250/month during 2022 so far!

**Xmas** – Carols [played by NHS President, **Trish Lambiase**] on the Fleischman Family organ during our **Christmas Cookie Sale & Craft Boutique** @ the Morgan Hose Building on Dec. 10th during Light Up Naples! (see photos on page 3)

**Yard sale** – our first ever, held as a very successful fundraiser in May!

**Zealous Board** – We welcomed two new board members: **Will Sutherby**, who will also serve as our new treasurer; and **Jeff Wells** as a new director. In addition to joining volunteer activities and organizing our various events through the year, board members provided general ongoing maintenance of our properties, attended online workshops and other related educational sessions via Zoom, and the Executive Committee produced a balanced budget! Board members also defined a new vision statement (which appears in each newsletter and on our website), a new privacy policy (on our website), and established a Capital Reserve Fund for restoration of our buildings – started with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Tin Shop. This is a dedicated fund, with a starting balance of \$30,000. We hope to continue to add to the fund with annual giving campaigns.

### 2023 Wish List

- ✓ Rolls of stamps
- ✓ Grant writer
- ✓ Sponsor the printing of a newsletter (\$175)
- ✓ More member involvement
- ✓ Gift cards for office products

MANY THANKS to everyone who has donated to our efforts this year!  
If you are interested in contributing towards this wish list or any of our other



initiatives, please contact [NHSNYinfo@gmail.com](mailto:NHSNYinfo@gmail.com)



### 2022-2023 Officers & Board Members

President:	Directors:
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Vice President:	Jun Liu
Blanche Warner	Joan Luther
Secretary:	Shane Stone
Cindy Scoda	Michael Terry
Treasurer:	Kim Torpey
Will Sutherby	Margo Ulmer
	Jeff Wells