



**NAPLES HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019**

**REMINDER- Spring clean-up Scheduled for June 8, at 9 AM**

Meet at the corner of Main and Mill Streets with your rakes etc.

Wayne Buchar was appointed president by the Board to fill the remainder of John's unexpired term after John announced he was stepping down as President at the January board meeting. Thankfully John remains on the Board.

**Building and Grounds Committee Report, Wayne Buchar, chair:**

Spring is here and that means there is a lot for us to do. This is the time when we all pitch in to clean up our historical properties and inspect our buildings. With the addition of the Cleveland House, this task has become even greater. The main repair/renovation projects this year will be to repair the front porch on the Cleveland House to get it ready to open as a museum; to address the siding on the Red Mill and to repair and paint the siding on the Tin Shop. There is also a desire to empty and move the storage unit that is in front of the Red Mill. We are reluctant to move the contents of the storage container back into the Red Mill until we have a plan for where to put them.

The thing that we need the most is old barn wood siding to repair the Red Mill. As I drive along the roads, I see many collapsed old barns. (Does anyone know of any one willing to donate that siding?)

There is a grounds clean up day on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. If you can join us, it would be greatly appreciated. Meet at the corner of Main and Mill Streets and bring your tools.

**Messages from Vice-President Trish Lambiase:**

The Website Task Force benchmarked 25 local, regional and state historical society websites. Much information was gleaned to help us improve our website. Several changes have been made and more are coming. A calendar has been added listing our board meetings and events. Visit us often at [www.naplesnyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.naplesnyhistoricalsociety.org)

The Governance Committee recommended a new board member – Jessie Olney who joined us in April. She serves on the Collection Committee and the Website Task Force. Her computer skills have helped us tremendously. Welcome Jessie!

The committee is about to release a Director's Handbook which contains our policies and procedures. It will be a helpful tool in the orientation and education of new board members.

**Need notecards with a Naples theme?** The society has produced "Portrait of Naples Notecards" (8 notecards with 4 scenes) created by Naples artists - Ira Randall, Cynthia Amrine, Carole A. Battle, and Kit Corti. The cards can be purchased at the Naples Apothecary and Joseph's Market.

If anyone is interested in preserving Naples History and serving on our board, please let us know.

## 1910 Beckwith Organ is back!



Thank you to **Parson's Organ Company** for repairing our 1910 reed organ that was donated to the society in 1978 by the Fleischman family. Last fall the organ was taken to the Parson's facility for repair work on the pumper and main pneumatics, leaking leather gaskets, pumper straps and stop engravings. We are grateful for their donation of parts and labor. An organ concert will be scheduled in the fall.



## Thank you!

We have received \$755 in donations from 18 contributors since our annual meeting. We appreciate their generosity.

We also received several artifacts and other items for our collections. Items include local ephemera, framed photos, vintage clothing, musical instruments, paintings, trailer, and replicas of early Indian artifacts, arrowhead collection and Sutton spoon collection.

## Community Expo:

The Society participated in the Community Expo held at the Naples High School on March 30. Trish, Blanche and Nancy developed and staffed the display. Since the Expo was a few days before the annual Naples Trout Derby, the display focused on the history of the derby with items from the NHS archives.



## Exhibit on Prohibition opens:

Ontario County Historical Society (OCHS) opened an exhibit on Prohibition at the Ontario County site. Several artifacts from the Naples Historical Society are on loan to the exhibit until next spring. Our copper still is a highlight in the exhibit (missing parts were fabricated by OCHS). Other loaned items include a grape press, wine labels and bottles, and temperance music and pamphlets. When in Canandaigua, stop by and check it out.



### **Museum news:**



The Society is planning to open the Cleveland House Museum for a few days in late August. Committees are working on displays of a preliminary nature.

### **Spring History Walk:**

Mrs. Cowley recently guided students on the Spring History Walk. This year the focus was on what was once considered as that “undesirable tract” of land, today known as the Naples Village.

### **NHS participates in Busk and Balter:**



A display of Naples musical history was presented in the lower level of the Morgan Hose Building during the Busk and Balter event on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Coming Soon.....**

Programming for the remainder of the year will be coming soon. A major fund raiser is being planned this summer.