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BIG NEWS: Fairview Cemetery has just been listed on the National Register of Historic Places! Shown here: Naples historian John Murphy giving a talk at the cemetery in early November.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022-23 "By the Numbers"

Shared by NHS President Trish Lambiase at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 16th, held at the Morgan Hose Building

161 Memberships

...could be an individual, family or student membership. We have members in 14 states:

- 87 from the Naples
- 50 from other communities in NYS
- 1 (member unit) each in FL, CT, MD, NM, OH, VA
- 2 (member units) each in CA, NC, NH, PA, TX
- 4 (member units) each in FL, MA

Thanks to all for supporting our efforts by being a member, it's our members who sustain the organization!

729.75 Volunteer HOURS

These are recorded hours only (likely a conservative number!) and do not take into account the meetings, research, and other hours spent folding tee shirts, working a shift at the Grape Festival, raking hundreds of walnuts at the Cleveland House, folding newsletters, attending a work day at one of our buildings or helping in any way to maintain our properties, being a docent at the Cleveland House, creating an exhibit or program, maintaining the website, creating social media posts, etc.

16 Directors

- 11 elected [see Page 4]
- 3 honorary (Bill Cooper, Bill Trude, Nancy Linehan)
- 1 past president (Wayne Buchar)
- 1 town historian (John Murphy)

Social Media, Website, & Communications

- 2,819 Facebook followers
- 1,014 on Instagram (We're reviving our YouTube presence where the annual meeting program will be posted.)
- 3 newsletters
- 2,210 unique visitors to our website
- 23 questions answered via website inquiries

Programs & Events

- "Naples and the Underground Railroad" presented by Past President Wayne Buchar
- Dec. '22: our 1st Cookie Sale & Holiday Boutique
- Feb. '23: our 2nd Chocolate Cake Contest ~ [More about next spring's contest on Page 4]
- Spring '23: We sold grape festival posters, jewelry, books & more at Community Yard Sale
- May '23: Capital Campaign Kickoff ~ dessert & champagne reception at Bristol Valley Theater ~ Wayne Buchar presented "The Red Mill – Past-Present-Future" ~ three honorees received historic preservation awards.
- Summer '23: new exhibits debuted at the Cleveland House, including a member Preview Party held before opening day.
- Sept. '23: we got our grape on ~ - we sold Grape Festival tee shirts at the Celebrate Naples Street Fair sponsored by the Naples Fire Department.
- we held a Grape Pie Making Workshop
- we ran the Grape Festival merchandise tent with several volunteers selling tee shirts, grape juice, stickers, and vintage posters.
- Oct. '23: co-sponsored "Re-thinking Thanksgiving: Native American Views on an American Holiday" [see Page 3]

Community Collaborations

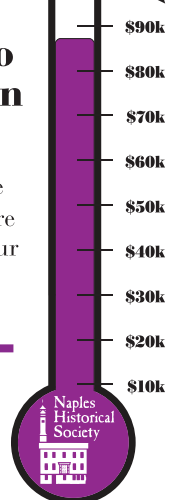
- partnered with Naples Rotary on the Naples Grape Festival
- local history displays at Caruso's Café
- partnered w/ Naples Library on programs
- coordinated tours/activities for Naples Central School and home school families
- Worked with other area historical societies
- Worked with local government on NY Forward Grant Application

4 Buildings

- **MORGAN HOSE BUILDING (1830)**
Serves as our headquarters, host to our archives, and event venue through the year. 49 – days open to the public for research and visiting
18 – people donated one or many items to add to the collections
5 – "Archive Angels" worked weekly filing donations and documents, researching, answering e-mail history questions, cleaning and setting up for meetings and events and anything else requested.
- **CLEVELAND HOUSE MUSEUM (1794)**
8 – Saturdays were open to the public, but many additional private tours were given
94+ visitors – this is the number of visitors that signed the guest register (not all do)
6 – special artists/activities were on the grounds during the summer hours
1 – grant for an aluminum handicap ramp, awarded to us by the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection "Accessibility for all Fund".
- **CARRIAGE HOUSE (1850)**
A rental unit on the Cleveland House site, former home of Carriage House Quilts. We are in the process of subdividing the property and selling this commercial property. Proceeds from the sale will be invested in the Cleveland House.
- **NAPLES RED MILL (1815)**
Currently used for storage of collections and artifacts. We had 2 workdays sorting and cleaning at the mill, the first phase of a 4-phase project to restore the building and create a future Naples History Museum (for which our Capital Campaign is raising funds). On the first workday, 1.7 tons of unusable wood and items from inside and out were discarded. The second workday was spent on the second floor cleaning and sorting items. [see Page 2] Additional workdays to be announced - Join us to take a peek inside!

Only \$12,862.32 to go on our Capital Campaign

...we are happy to report! In May, we announced a \$100,000 capital campaign to stabilize and re-side the mill. We thank those who have donated! [see Page 3] For those who are thinking about donating, remember us in your year-end giving plans. All donations to the Naples Historical Society are tax deductible.



2 Scholarships

Congratulations to the Naples Central School Class of 2023 students who were chosen as this year's recipients: **Zoe Bolton** and **Nicholas Hopper**. Best of luck to you both! Each year the Naples Historical Society awards two \$500 scholarships to Naples students who have a lively interest in history: one in memory of **Bill Vierhile**, former Naples Town Historian and an active member of the society; the other honors our former long-time Treasurer **Bill Cooper**.

Autumn Highlights



This year's Naples Grape Festival was an outstanding success!! Above, clockwise from top left: **Class of 2023 Grape Pie Baking Workshop** (Saturday, September 16), led by Meghanne Frievald (on far left in photo); NHS Board Director Joan Luther and member Shanna Williams prepare pie slices at the **World's Greatest Grape Pie Contest** (Saturday, September 23); 3rd place contest winners Ava Sheedy & Spencer Waldeis; 2nd place winner Gabrielle Yackel (Not shown: 1st place - Sue Kingsbauer, 4th place - Donna Years, 5th place - Inez Bradley); **Festival Merchandise Tent** volunteer staff - Board Director Jeff Wells, Carolyn Forrester,

Karen Schenk, Linda Strauss-Jones; members Gail Rumsey and Ray Mueller with NHS President Trish Lambiase; Board Directors Tracy Erwin and Jun Liu. (Photos: Blanche Warner and Trish Lambiase)

Stickers make excellent stocking stuffers!

Available for purchase at the Morgan Hose Building, 22 Mill St., Naples during open archive hours (Thursdays, 1-3pm):

- Grapefest sticker, shown above - approx. 3"x4" - \$5
- Round NHS sticker, at right - approx. 3" - \$2 (also in brown, white)



Mid-October workdays - Many hands made the work light (& full of smiles, even behind dust masks). At the Cleveland House and the Carriage House, we beat the squirrels to the walnuts this year, thanks to Carolyn Forrester and Dan & Margo Ulmer. Over at the Naples Red Mill, 11 volunteers cleaned on the second floor, logging over 22 hours of work. Thank you to all of our volunteers! (photo by Trish Lambiase)



During the last week of October, the Naples Historical Society proudly hosted several members of the YUPs (*see below) of Rochester who visited the Cleveland House and St. Januarius Catholic Church. Chris Brandt (shown at left) has done much research on James Johnson, the architect of the Church, and spoke about Johnson, who was also the architect of the famous "Mushroom House". Thanks to Jeanne Schenk for opening the church, and to Historical Society President, Trish Lambiase, and Docent, Rose Mary Hooper, for giving the tour of the Cleveland House. (photos by Blanche Warner) *Young Urban Preservationists, "an affiliate group of the Landmark Society and are an emerging generation of preservationists in the greater Rochester region dedicated to promoting inclusive, modern, and innovative preservation practices to help revitalize communities and our built environment." Learn more at landmarksociety.org/yup





Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Native American Views on an American Holiday

At left: **Perry Ground**, a Turtle Clan member of the Onandaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, has been a storyteller and educator for over 25 years and enjoys teaching people of all ages about the history and culture of Native Peoples. (photo provided)

We each came away slightly embarrassed about our lack of knowledge concerning the “First Thanksgiving”. Thank you to Perry Ground for sharing his knowledge and to the Ontario/Yates Small Historical Societies for sponsoring the program.

Perry recommended a 2-part DVD series called *Saints and Strangers* which “dramatizes the Pilgrims’ harrowing voyage and arrival to America.” (product description)

* Some attendees were familiar with the Thanksgiving Address, also known as “the words that come before all else”, a practice with which the Haudenosaunee start their gatherings (social gatherings, celebrations, council meetings, the start of the school day, etc.) throughout the year. The Thanksgiving Address consists in acknowledging and sending greetings and thanks to the natural world for the ways it contributes to life on earth. Learn more at nysm.nysed.gov/education/videos/haudenosaunee-thanksgiving-address

Below: Perry Ground answers a question from NHS Secretary Cindy Scoda.



On October 22nd, the Naples Historical Society, as a member of the Ontario/Yates Small Historical Societies, helped to sponsor a program at the Middlesex Firehall called *Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Native American Views on an American Holiday*, presented by **Perry Ground**, Turtle Clan member of the Onandaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Perry kept a very interested crowd entertained and informed with his lively and fascinating talk. Before the program began, attendees were handed pencils and a quiz with 34 “true or false” questions about Thanksgiving. As we learned, most of what we were taught in school about the topic is incorrect.

A few examples:

- Native Americans had “Thanksgivings” long before the white man arrived.*
- The Pilgrims did not land near a huge boulder called Plymouth Rock.
- The “First Thanksgiving” was not a religious observance. The Pilgrims would fast on a religious occasion. Blanche Warner commented, “So all the illustrations we saw in school are wrong when they show a Pilgrim raising their hands in prayer.”
- There were more Native people than Pilgrims at the “First Thanksgiving”.
- Squanto learned to speak English when he was sold into slavery and taken to England.

Bill’s Dream Capital Campaign Update

We are so close to reaching our goal! We are grateful that donations continue to arrive, and would like to acknowledge below additional donations received since our September newsletter.* * see feature on Page 1

BILL VIERHILE LEVEL (\$5,000+)

Our sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Alan and Sandy Stone** for a generous donation of \$25,000

PLATINUM LEVEL (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Anonymous (2) - one in memory of Bill Vierhile
Jean Otto MacIntosh - in memory of Bill Vierhile

GOLD LEVEL (\$500 - \$999)

Edward Amaker
James and Marion Myers
Carol and Ross Thompson
Tracy Walker, in memory of
Cherry Tyler Walker

SILVER LEVEL (\$250 - \$499)

Tom Hawks II - in memory of Richard & Katharine (Skippy) Hawks
and Sally (Hawks)
Eleonore and John Herman

BRONZE LEVEL (\$100 - \$249)

Pam Anderson
Bernice Caprini -
in memory of Bill Vierhile
 (“Bill was my classmate in 1944”)

Jo Cornish
Steve and Sharon Mumby
Naples Valley Chiropractic
Will Sutherby & Kendyl
Litwiller-Sutherby

ADDITIONAL DONORS

Dennis and Edda Pulver
Lauren Sherwood
Marcia Smith

Give a gift of history: Donate to the capital campaign in honor of someone special in your life.



To make your tax-deductible gift online or by mail, visit the **DONATE** button at **NaplesNYHistoricalSociety.org**



We would also like to acknowledge our Anonymous Sponsor who has made possible the printing of our Winter newsletter ~

New Year’s Wish List

We are looking for 3 sponsors to cover printing costs for our newsletters in 2024 (\$175/newsletter)

To contribute in any way, please contact **NHSNYinfo@gmail.com**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We got a new scanner!

Thank you, **Jeff Wells**, for donating this very useful equipment. We will use it to digitize scrapbooks, letters, photos, ledgers, diaries, etc.

— Blanche Warner,
Society Vice President

-  on Facebook: @naplesnyhistory “Naples NY Historical Society”
-  on Instagram: @naples_ny_historical_society
-  on YouTube: Naples Historical Society Naples, NY



Season's Greetings from the Naples Historical Society

2023-2024 Officers & Board Members

The Naples Historical Society Board of Directors consists of a dedicated team of diverse community volunteers:

TRISH LAMBIASE, Board President - retired music teacher and hospitality industry professional

BLANCHE WARNER, Board Vice President - retired Director of the Naples NY Library

CINDY SCODA, Board Secretary - retired Clinical Laboratory Scientist, Supervisor of the Clinical Virology Laboratory at URM

WILL SUTHERBY, Board Treasurer - cook, Roots Cafe; owner and baker, West Hollow Homestead Farm & Bakery

TRACY ERWIN - Engineer by day. Outside of work - foodie, outdoor adventurer and passionate about everything Finger Lakes! You'll find me walking, hiking or biking the Naples area when not enjoying the local flavors.

JUN LIU - English-Chinese medical interpreter and translator, landscape designer; former translator for *National Geographic Magazine's Chinese Edition*, and guest services & volunteer coordinator for Sonnenberg.

JOAN LUTHER - retired, Ontario County Board of Elections; board member Eastern States Theater Association and Friends of Bristol Valley Playhouse, Inc.; serves on consolidated Board of Zoning and Appeals, Naples, NY

MICHAEL TERRY - Dr. of Philosophy in Geosciences with expertise in structural geology and tectonics; currently, Senior Geoscientist for Dakota Gold Corp.; pursuing passions in teaching, science, art

KIM TORPEY - graphic designer, owner of Strong Hill Studio; former animation artist at Walt Disney Feature Animation and publisher of *The Neapolitan Record* (2015-2020).

MARGO ULMER - retired secondary history teacher, NYS Education Department, former Curriculum Consultant, Naples Central School Board President 2013-2017

JEFF WELLS - Retail / Sales (The Olde Country Store and More - 1849 & The Green Heart of the Finger Lakes®); member Marketing Committee, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance; also a member of the Cohocton Historical Society

WAYNE BUCHAR, Immediate Past President Naples Historical Society - Physics/optical engineer currently employed at Myerson Dental (3D printing); owner, historic Maxfield Inn in Naples

JOHN MURPHY, Naples Town Historian - retired special education teacher K-12

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.



Learn the Essentials of
Cake Decorating with
Hannah Erhardt
January 27th
Saturday, 10am-12pm
@ Morgan Hose Building,
22 Mill Street, Naples

Hands-On

Elevate Your Cake Decorating Skills!

- Use of decorating tips to pipe borders, tips & tricks
- How to add layer fillings
- Basic icing flowers
- Storage, serving & more!



All decorators must pre-register by mail.
Visit our website for complete details* & registration form to print out and send in to reserve your spot!

- * including what cake to bring
- * \$15 fee to cover frosting ingredients



... & then show off your new decorating skills at our **3rd Naples Chocolate Cake Contest**, a popular new addition to the festivities during **Naples's 12th annual Vintage Vines and Valentines**, when Neapolitans and visitors alike are invited to eat and drink their way down Main Street, while enjoying the hospitality and warmth of our community.

The Naples Historical Society's Chocolate Cake Contest has a few new surprises this year, including a visitor from Naples history (!!!), new award categories, and oh yes, fun new prizes! Visit our website for all the details & entry form.



Save the Date!

February 10th

Saturday, 1-4pm

@ Morgan Hose Building,
22 Mill Street, Naples



COMPLETE RULES & ENTRY FORMS
napleshistoricalsociety.org/naples-chocolate-cake-contest