

Town of Huron Historian Monthly Report – October & November 2020
Huron Town Board
Dick Reyn – reporting board member
Submitted by Rosa Fox
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1. Webinars/Conferences/Meetings - Attended/Participated/Presented:

Please note: All activities below are possible because of Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Presentations:

10/14 Presented the Wayne County Bicentennial “Dog & Pony Show” to the Wayne County Teachers’ Sorority – Beta Theta – via Zoom. Program went very well. The ladies found the history and information interesting. I am planning to do this program in January for the “Old Wolcott” Bicentennial Committee – inviting historical societies from Wolcott, Butler, and Rose, as well.

Webinars:

11/2 The Arrest of Susan B. Anthony. Presented by the Dennis Carr, historian of Mount Hope Cemetery. Fascinating story of the events leading up to, including and after Susan B’s arrest and trial. When asked what Susan would have thought about being pardoned – Carr reflected and said she probably would have objected to the pardon.

11/16 Virtual Tour & Discussion: Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site (Albany, NY): Exploring Multiple Perspectives of Historic Interpretation.

Conferences: Coming up first week in December – New York State Preservation Conference – Virtually.

Meetings:

10/7 Wayne Historians Organization (WHO)

10/13 Bicentennial Challenge Committee

10/22 Bicentennial Dog & Pony Show Committee

10/30 Virtual APHNYS Region 9 meeting (we are Region 11 – I attended this to see how the Regional Coordinator, Matt Urtz, in Region 9 does his meeting. The program was about the new Local Government Records Schedule 1. Presented by Regional Archives Officer, Michael Martin, who serves this area.

11/4 Bicentennial Planning Committee

11/10 Bicentennial meeting with Wayne County Librarians

11/12 Bicentennial meeting regarding Rack Card and Brochure

11/13 Virtual Coffee with State Historian Devin Lander. My report to Wayne County Historians is included with this email.

11/17 Bicentennial Challenge Committee

11/19 Bicentennial Website meeting.

11/24 Bicentennial Dog & Pony Show Committee

Note: The various Bicentennial Committees are making excellent progress. Though COVID has us all concerned about the future and where we will be two-three years from now in regard to celebrating, each committee moves forward with the hope and anticipation that we will all be able to have live events for Wayne County’s Bicentennial. We are also, keeping in the back of our minds the possibility of having to do some events virtually. Thankfully, for now, our Dog & Pony Show works quite well virtually.

2. Research/Writing/Projects:

- Completed Bicentennial “Dog & Pony Show” program. We are now working on a 3-4 minute video for social media/YouTube. A longer version for service organizations, historical societies, town boards, etc. We have completed a rack card and brochure that our Dog & Pony Show committee designed.
- Helping Norma Stewart, Wolcott Historian, with a Bicentennial Minute about statue Venus.

3. Inquiries: from Sodus Bay Lighthouse museum – about Eagle Island mansion status and history.

4. Donations: none to report

5. Buildings: I am very happy to report that the books are all organized, cleaned, and shelved in the two cabinets in the Schoolhouse. The two cabinets worked out just right! I am hopeful that maybe, Sue would be able to catalog them – broadly at first and then more detailed as time goes by, so we have a record of what is there. She may be able to work on this during open houses during the summer.

6. 2021 Calendar Events for Historic Huron TBD:

Need to reschedule these 2020 event when the time is appropriate:

- Dedication of Pomeroy Historic Marker - Program about James Madison Cosad & the Freethinkers.
- Presentation of the Distinguished Volunteer Service Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Fox