

SPRINGWATER-WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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IT IS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TIME

Membership year January 1 - December 31

Membership carries the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing some small thing to preserve artifacts and historical stories about our community. Membership has its benefits; but also carries with it responsibility. Would you be willing to work on the collections committee? Could you help set up the Town Hall on program nights for the dish-to-pass dinner? Do you have fund raising ideas? Would you chair a fund raising event, or lend a hand at a fund raiser? Contact either President Donna or Treasurer Brenda to offer your assistance (contact information on another page where the board members are listed).

2014 Programs & Accomplishments

As we are asking for your continued support of our organization, we want to give you a short summary of this year's educational programs and accomplishments.

In **March** we had scheduled a talk on the Fenian Revolution by a SUNY Geneseo professor. Unfortunately on that date he suffered a death in his family and was compelled to cancel. We had the great good fortune to have as one of our members, Doug Morgan, who so loves the history of our area that he is able to give an impromptu presentation at any given moment. He spoke on the Mason organization.

In **spring**, four girls from SUNY Geneseo volunteered to come to the museum to perform

any task we needed. This is such a help to us as well as the girls can be quite entertaining. It is good for the older ones to work along-side of the younger ones. This year they washed the windows, sorted and moved several boxes to the attic. They put us in shape having cleaned the museum making it ready for our annual Mother's Day Sale fund raising effort.

In **April** another of our members, David Parish, gave an interesting talk on "Bringing Major McNair Home".

May came and our good friend Doug Morgan again gave an informative pictorial presentation of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The members of the Corps did much in this area during the Depression. In **May**, SWCHS was invited by the American Legion Post 908 to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Our float was a display of military uniforms WWI, WWII and Cold War eras.



They too are now on display in the museum.

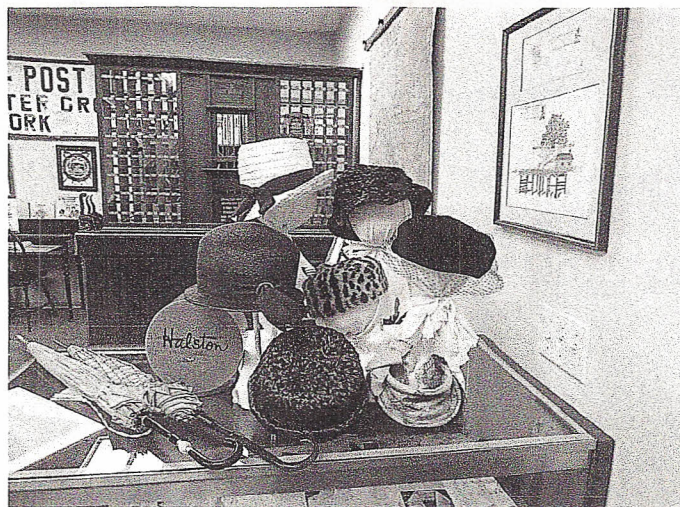
Chase Weber, Wayland Cohocton Central School Class of 2014 won the SWCHS Scholarship.

At the time of the Seniorama, this photo became available through Doug Morgan of SWCHS Board member, Florence Perkins, Springwater's 2014 Senior of the Year, and Havilah Toland our Town Historian!



June, not to be forgotten, is the month the Springwater Gala takes place. This year our part was to host croquet games with Livingston County Historical Society at the venue – the Larry Canute Memorial Park. It was fun to play and fun to watch the play. The museum was also open that day and on June 15 for visitors, as well. This year the museum continued its display of items from the milk plant in Webster's Crossing and our Victorian parlor. We added to the parlor a display of circa 1890's The Ladies Home Journals and a table setting of china, both donated from the June Perkins estate.

July, once again this year we were able to host the children of Springwater's park program at the museum. It's always a fun day for us when they come, as they point out items they have seen in their homes or heard of, but never seen, in their life. There are new items on display almost every time the Museum is open. The exhibits, like the beautiful doll house complete with interior furniture or the antique women's hat exhibit spark memories and conversations that are unique.



Hat Exhibit set up by Donna Walker's daughter

Sunday, the last day of **August**, SWCHS hosted the Pulled Pork BBQ prepared by **Ted Canute & Scott Standish** for the third year in a row. If you have come before, you know how delicious the meal is – and you will want to attend next time. Many people supported this event to help us pay for the repair of the Museum roof. Piggy posters were distributed around town by Brenda Haywood, and other board members helped the day of the BBQ. Christmas Cookie Sale information was available, including cookie samples to eat. Board members took turns taking people through the Museum exhibits.

Since we take summers off from meetings, Doug enjoyed a short rest; but in **September** he came through again for us with an extensive pictorial history of Hemlock Fair which has been an influence in all of our lives. **October** brought David Palmer, West Sparta Historian, to give us a talk and show us many examples of antique wooden tools made by our ancestors, and how they were used.

September, the 6th annual Fiddler's Fair display had a music theme, complete with pictures of local artists and musical harmonicas. But what stole the show was Joyce O'Neil's ukelin and violin-uke. We had them on display and questioned passers by "What are these?" and "How do you play them?" They were of great interest at a festival of musicians.

The Museum was also open on Sundays, September 7 & 21 from 2 to 5 PM, to showcase the exhibits. Board members had the pleasure of showing people around.

September is also the month the Museum roof was replaced, thanks to the many donations of time, efforts, and money. Thank you to all – you know who you are and SWCHS appreciates you.

September Program by Doug by Brenda Haywood

If Doug Morgan's goal when he presents one of his power point historical programs is to cause his audience to take a trip down memory lane; he was very successful with me on September 9th with his History of the Hemlock Little World's Fair. Hemlock Fair was a very important event in our household.

We girls all belonged to 4-H, with our mother and aunt as our leaders. That meant that we'd have to complete sewing and cooking projects throughout the year, all with the expectation that they would be entered to be judged at the Fair. The keynote always was a garment we would make for ourselves that we would have to model and be judged for workmanship and fit at "dress review". The judgment received at dress review was the judgment awarded at the Fair and all girls were to model their garment at the Fair as well. Mother was a teacher and daughter of a seamstress, so we were well instructed to say the least. My older sister listened and by rote obedience did just as she was told, and always received an excellent award. My younger sister never was obedient, did nothing by rote obedience, but was very talented and able to do things her way ending up with beautiful results and usually won an excellent award. I, on the other hand, was neither obedient nor talented, and rarely won an excellent award.

Hemlock Fair back then was in late June and it always rained, ruining everything, which meant the midway for me. The week before the Fair would be hotter than hot. But hot or not mom would have dad light the wood cook stove (what we had to cook with at the time), and we three girls would have to each make a white 2 egg cake, peanut butter cookies, sugar cookies, a sponge cake and an angel food cake, all from scratch, without an electric mixer (We didn't have one.) These, too, were entered in the 4H exhibit at the fair with us present when each of our items was judged. I've said all this to say, the Hemlock Fair was talked about and planned for all year long in our household.

Doug's pictures were great, touching on the buildings and the progression of how they have changed both in use and looks over the years. He took a nod at harness racing, an important part of the Fairground's history. He showed pictures of people who came to the

Fair, how they got there, where they came from, and how they were dressed. Doug did not forget to include farm animal pictures. He had beautiful pictures of the more modern midway as well as old pictures of early Ferris wheels. Some pictures he related to the community surrounding the fair grounds to help us understand what we were looking at. If you have not been able to visit the Fair and see their new permanent displays, put it on your must do list for next year. His historical building pictures whet the appetite to go.

Doug's pictorial history of the Hemlock Fair was truly a walk through time. Well done, Doug, and thank you.



Penny Social **Saturday November 1** Doors open 12 Noon at the Springwater Firehall 8145 South Main Street State Route 15 Springwater, NY

We have received great donations, good stuff!
Sponsored by Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society

The Eleventh Hour, of the Eleventh Day, of the Eleventh Month

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day

Today known as Veterans Day
a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Our November 11 Program
In keeping with Veterans Day,
Honor Flights for WWII Veterans
Steve Rapp, Speaker

has been privileged to serve for several flights.

6:30 PM - Pot Luck Supper at
American Legion Post 905
School Street, Springwater
7:15 PM - Program

NOTE the Change in location, since our program night fell on Veterans Day the Legion Rooms seemed to be the appropriate place to have our meeting.

Tuesday, December 9

Springwater / Webster Crossing Historical Society program at the Springwater Town Hall. **Antique Road Show and Tell** similar to last year. Participants bring something special and share the article's history with the group that attends. 6:30 PM – dish-to-pass dinner and 7:15 PM program.

Saturday, December 13

10 AM – 3 PM participate in, and stop by to see, the Historical Society table at the **Springwater UMC Bazaar**, at the Fire Hall.

December - Community Christmas Tree Display – Adopt-A-Tree, Year Three

Christmas trees will again be solicited from the tree farms. Businesses and organizations can adopt, light & decorate one or more trees for \$25 to contribute toward the work of gathering, preserving, and sharing Springwater history for the Springwater / Webster Crossing Historical Society. The lighted display brightens and beautifies our Town of Springwater and can be seen by all who travel through on State Routes 15 and 15 A, a prime site!

November / December Cookie Sale –

We will be looking for cookie makers and cookie eaters to help us with this new fund raiser. An assortment of cookies will be joined with a few healthful fruits to bring Christmas cheer to those that have no time to make preparations for the holidays. Please contact a Board member if you are willing to bake or are interested in purchasing. Information and request forms are available.

Springwater Liberty Pole Road School #14, 1904 – photos submitted by Doug Morgan provided by June Perkins estate.



Scott W. Swarts, Teacher

School Officers: Charles Swarts, Trustee; Wilson Humphrey, Clerk; Erwin Perkins, Collector

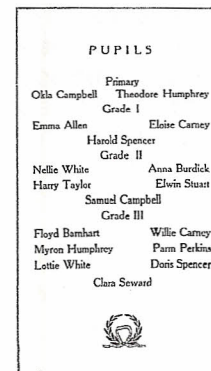
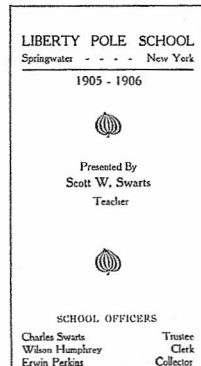
Pupils:

Primary: Okla Campbell, Theodore Humphrey

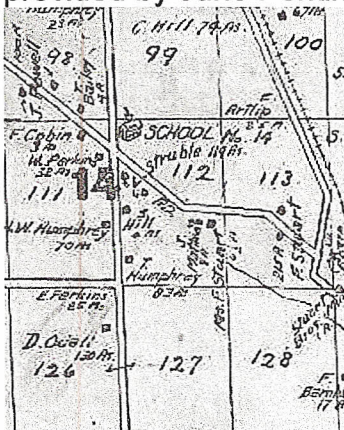
Grade 1: Emma Allen, Eloise Carney, Harold Spencer

Grade 2: Nellie White, Anna Burdick, Harry Taylor, Elwin Stuart, Samuel Campbell

Grade 3: Floyd Barnhart, Myron Humphrey, Lottie White, Willie Carney, Parm Perkins, Doris Spencer, Clara Seward



Thank you, members for all your support. If you or your family or friends can donate time, artifacts or special skills to the society, please contact any board member. With your help, we will strive to make 2015 a successful year for the SWCHS. There is a membership application on the back page of this publication. If you are not already a "Life Member", please renew your membership for 2015.



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Everyone can be a part of the **Springwater Bicentennial** (200th anniversary in 2016-17) in several ways. One is to fill out the Family Tree form provided in the last newsletter or pick one up at the Town Hall or at any one of our program meetings coming up.

Please share your family's history in celebration of the:

Springwater Bicentennial

1816-2016

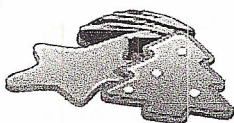
Family Tree

www.FamilyTreeProject.org

Please include any additional interesting information about your Family's History in Springwater.
Return completed documents to the: Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society, PO Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

Plan a **MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Relieve seasonal stress!

Order cookies baked by
Our own best bakers!

Orders will contain an assortment of several kinds of cookies!

3 dozen cookies - \$10.00

6 dozen cookies - \$18.00

Name _____

Telephone number _____

How many dozen are you ordering? 3 doz. _____ 6 doz. _____ More? _____

Limited Production Project, Pre-orders only

Orders must be received by:

Monday, November 24, 2014.

Fill out this form & send to:

P.O. Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560

Orders will be ready for you to **pick up** on Saturday, December 6, 2014,

At the Springwater Town Hall, 8022 Main Street, Springwater,

Between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4 PM.

Questions? Telephone: 669-2376 or 669-2478

This is a Holiday fund-raising project to support the Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society.



2014 Adopt a Christmas Tree Create the Christmas Spirit in Springwater

This is our third annual Adopt a Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Springwater Webster Crossing Historical Society will set up a Christmas tree, donated by a local grower, at the junction of Routes 15 & 15A (the 4 Corners in the Hamlet).

For your donation of \$25.00,
YOU can decorate the tree in any theme you desire.

Examples: Sportsman, Angel, Memory tree, Veteran, Firemen, Wildlife, reflection of your business, etc. The Town will provide electric to light the trees. The trees add beauty and joy during the Holidays here in Springwater.

RULES: Trees will be erected by December 1, you have it decorated by December 13. Trees will remain on display until January 3 and removed by January 10. Decorations remaining on trees January 10 will be discarded.

Fill out form below and return with donation of \$25.00 to:
SWCHS, P.O. Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560

Contact person: Pat Willsea 585-669-2376 or 585-728-5552

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

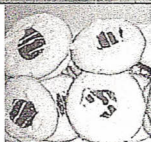
SPRINGWATER WEBSTER CROSSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE



Trays will
contain an
assortment of
different kinds
of cookies



3 dozen cookies--\$10.00



6 dozen cookies--\$18.00

**This is our Holiday fund-raising project to support the SWWC Historical Society
8130 Route 15 Springwater, NY 14560**

Relieve seasonal stress - order cookies prepared by some of our town's best bakers!

Limited production project, first come, first served.

Orders must be received by Monday, November 24, 2014.



Larger tray appropriate for businesses, offices, the workplace, social gatherings, hostess/other gifts or cookie-loving family.

**Trays may be picked up on, Saturday, December 6, 2014, at the
Springwater Town Hall, 8022 Main Street, between the hours of 12:00 noon
and 4:00 pm unless other arrangements are made.**

Springwater-Webster Crossing Historical Society
Membership form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone # _____

Membership Levels

() Individual \$10.00

() Family \$ 15.00

() Sponsor \$25.00

() Life Membership \$100.00

() Donor of Artifacts or Memorabilia

() Additional Donation()

() Donation valued more than \$50 Patron Level for one year

Mail To: S-WCHS, P.O. Box 68, Springwater, NY 14560



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