

Stephentown Historical Society

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Pat Bowman	(413) 738-5420
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<i>Refreshments:</i>	
Alice Mather	733-5668

Members Honor Pat Bowman for Outstanding Service

If you've been to any of the Ste-
phentown His-
torical Society's
field trips or
monthly pro-
grams during the
past 20 years,
you'll agree that
they're consis-
tently interest-
ing, educational
and fun. You
wouldn't be sur-
prised, then, to
learn that Pat



Bowman is the Chairperson of the Program Committee. You might be surprised to learn that she's chaired that committee for every one of the past 20 years - that's more than 200 programs! In recent years, Pat has been ably assisted by committee members Isabel Krebs and Meredith Rhindress.

"Pat is an incredibly creative and dedicated person," noted president Bill Zimmerman, "and she has repeatedly demonstrated her many talents in the selection of speakers and programs. We are deeply indebted to her for her commitment and decided to honor her at our July meeting as a small way of saying thanks."

Don't Forget: Tag Sale August 5th



Now's the time to dust off usable but unwanted items for the annual SHS Tag Sale. It's scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 5 (Rain date is August 6). Your contributions help support the Heritage Center and its programs. Items must be clean and in working order. No clothing or large appliances, please, and no one on the field before a SHS representative arrives.

Or, for \$10 per vendor, you may bring your own table and chairs. For more information, call Bev McClave (733-5170) or Libby Cogan (733-6662).

Generosity of Area Donors Will Help Us to Preserve our Past

The Stephentown Historical Society was the beneficiary this spring of a generous donation from the Estate of Carol D. Knoblock, a former member. In addition, the items listed below, some of which are now on exhibit in the Heritage Center, were recently received:



Elizabeth Southard contributed the pair of high button shoes (l.) that belonged to her aunt. David Larkin gave five books written all or in part by him; Arthur Koepp contributed an At-

water Kent gasoline gauge; Paul Sykes, Sr. gave a hay fork and the 45 rpm record *Stephentown* written and sung by Marsha Cutting; Robert J. Lilly contributed a book he authored on the Wynants Kill; and Laura McEwan gave imprinted stationery from the Taconic Valley Grange No. 1538 of Stephentown when Charlesetta Carpenter was Master (date unknown).

If you would like information about contributing funds or historical items to the SHS, contact Bev McClave, Collections Chairperson, at 733-5170.



AREA SENIORS SALUTED AT APRIL LUNCHEON

On one of the brightest days this spring, members of the Stephentown Historical Society held a luncheon event especially for senior citizens living in the Stephentown area. SHS members Alice Mather (r., behind flowers) and Howard and Sylvia Leibensperger, talk with guests before luncheon was served.

Intriguing Programs to Illuminate our Area & Our Past

The upcoming summer and fall programs of the Stephentown Historical Society promise to teach us much about the history of our area and our country and will provide opportunities for enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. The Program Committee, comprised of Chairman Pat Bowman, plus Isabel Krebs and Meredith Rhindress, has selected the following programs and activities for our enjoyment:

- ◆ **July 26 - *Field Trip to Bennington*** area: the Barnett Homestead and Bennington Battlefield in the morning, bag lunch at the Battlefield, with a tour of the Park-McCullough House in the afternoon. For info, call Meredith Rhindress at 733-5675.
- ◆ **August 7 - *Ballooning*** - presented by Dawn Morin
- ◆ **September 11 - *Women in Medicine*** - presented by Clellie Lynch
- ◆ **October 2 - *Immigration, Overpopulation & Abandoned Children*** - presented by Nancy Payne
- ◆ **November 6 - *Underground Railroad*** - presented by Scott Christianson
- ◆ **December 4 - *Christmas Potluck Party*** (note 6:30 p.m. starting time)
- ◆ **January 8 - *Arthur Cowee the Gladioli King*** - presented by Sharon Klein

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. (with the exception of the Christmas potluck party, as noted above) on the first Monday of each month. Following a short business meeting, the featured program of the month is presented.

What Will \$10 Buy?

by Dale Riggs, Membership Chairperson

It's summer of 2006 and what will \$10 buy? Well, you can probably get a decent lunch for \$10.00. Depending on where you go, you may be able to see one movie. But you can't get into Hancock Shaker Village for \$10.00, and a 1 ½ hour Mountain Adventure Park ticket at Jiminy will cost you three times that. BUT: \$10.00 will buy you a year long membership for the Stephentown Historical Society, giving you twelve interesting, fact-filled meetings per year, including not one, but two scrumptious potluck dinners. And \$25.00 will give an entire family a membership for the year. Hmmm, one pizza dinner for the family or twelve great meetings a year.... Should be an easy choice. So join us today. Bring your dues to the next meeting or send them to: Stephentown Historical Society, PO Box 11, Stephentown NY 12168.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please join us to learn about the history of the Stephentown area and its residents, help preserve that knowledge for future generations and enjoy our programs and activities. Our membership year is January 1 to December 31 and all memberships are tax-deductible. Individual, Supporting and Life memberships are for individuals only. For more information, call Dale Riggs at 733-6772.

Individual Member	\$ 10.00
Family	\$ 25.00
Supporting Member	\$ 50.00
Life Member	\$ 200.00

Make your tax-deductible check payable to:

Stephentown Historical Society
P.O. Box 11
Stephentown, NY 12168

Our meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first non-holiday Monday of each month — join us!

In Memoriam

Theda E. Elwell 8/29/1919 - 3/26/2006
Shirley A. Gursky 7/26/1919 - 3/7/2006
Carol D. Knobloch 7/21/1932 - 12/26/2005

Sally Ingersoll Fox

1925 – 2006

by Bill Zimmerman



Sally Fox was a quiet doer within her several careers. She was a wife to her husband Ed and a mother to four daughters. She was a Professor of Biological Sciences at the College of St. Rose. Along with these two careers she was active in community, educational, and social justice causes. After summering in Stephentown for several years, Sally and Ed moved to Stephentown full time in 1972. She and Ed are Charter Members of the Stephentown Historical Society, and both have been active members of the organization. In addition to her work with the Stephentown Library and Literacy Volunteers of America, Sally did much for the Society. She worked in various roles, serving, as a Trustee and as Recording Secretary. She was instrumental in the planning and the execution of Stephentown's Bicentennial celebration. More often her work was behind the scenes. She was a resource for our Collections Committee, and she served as Curator of Collections for several years. She cataloged and preserved items, deaccessioned extraneous items, properly preserved and stored artifacts and documents, worked on exhibits and displays, and involved the Society in projects like the Schaghticoke Fair. One of the post-cards for sale at the Society was her entry in a photo contest that the Society ran.

Sally Fox didn't advertise her many talents. She didn't have to. Her works speak for themselves. And they continue to do so.



Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Festival - September 17
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Along with pumpkin painting for the kids, apple and pumpkin pies, cider and other baked goods will rule the day at the Fall Festival. To learn how you can help make this fund raising event great fun for the kids and a success for the SHS, call Sandy Hamer (733-0196) or Dale Riggs (733-6772).



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June 25th Strawberry Festival was a Delicious Success!

Mmmm! There's nothing like strawberry shortcake! Brianna Liebenow savors her first bite of shortcake, while her brother, Jordan claps his hands in anticipation (or maybe he's urging grandma Jeannie Liebenow to speed up the delivery of his dish of strawberries!).



Helen Koepp is all smiles as she picks some of the 164 pounds of strawberries used in this year's Strawberry Festival.

Heritage Center Closures: The Stephentown Heritage Center will be closed on June 30 (Independence Day Weekend), September 1 (Labor Day Weekend), October 6 (Columbus Day Weekend), November 24 (Thanksgiving Weekend), December 22 (Christmas Weekend) and December 29 (New Years Weekend).