



# NEWSLETTER

## **CIVIL WAR COLLECTION REPRESENTING STEPHENTOWN'S VETERANS**



In September of 2012 a series of binders and a photo-board showing a compilation of Stephentown Veterans of the Civil War was on display at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds. Pat Flint's research confirmed a total of 152 veterans who actually lived in Stephentown. Pat put many hours of research into putting these books together. Pictures of gravestones, Registration Records, Census Records and letters are included in the collection.

Veterans of Schaghticoke had requested the information from all town Historical Societies in the county to be used for display in their renovated Freihofer building, (now known as the Veterans' Building).



### **ARNOLD CEMETERY CREW**

The Cemetery Committee continues to work diligently on cleaning, repairing and placing signs. The Tinley stone that has been in storage at the Heritage Center for years has been returned to its proper resting place. They plan another cemetery clean-up in the Spring in the Greenman Cemetery. Mr. Greenman's stone will be returned to its proper resting place after many years of storage with the Rensselaer County Historical Society.

The Cub Scouts worked on the Arnold Cemetery this past Fall with permission of the land owners and placed a small tin sign marking the site.

### **TINLEY STONE IS BACK IN PLACE**



Isaac Tinley bought 33 acres in Stephentown on September 4, 1793. This black family was greatly respected in the community. They came to Stephentown from Pennsylvania in the 1840's. Isaac was a blacksmith by profession.

## STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

December 31, 2012

The Stephentown Historical Society made itself visible this year in a variety of projects. An improvement in the storage/display capacity was evidenced by the addition of a shed, a gift from Neil and Isabel Krebs. Improvements and repairs were done by carpenter Adam Squires and the painting by Marilyn Osgood. Other projects completed by Mr Squires were fixing the missing tiles from the north roof, enclosing the steeple, and restoring the woodwork and paint over the front entrance and side sill plate. The front railings, through community service, were repainted by youths who had damaged them earlier in the year.

Peony bushes were removed due to crowding; the non-working organ was removed from the stage, and a new serving table was found.

SHS was represented at the Schaghticoke Fair in the Veterans' Hall through an extensive exhibit of photos and documents assembled by Pat Flint. These dealt with Civil War participants buried here in Stephentown.

The Strawberry Festival took place in June but was not as successful as in years past, as shown by a decrease of volunteers and profits. The Community Tag Sale suffered the same problems.

The Cemetery Committee carried on several activities including a workshop on gravestone maintenance at Presbyterian Hill Cemetery, a clean-up of the Arnold Cemetery with a Scout troop, the restoration of the Tinley grave marker to Mr Tinley's gravesite, and the procurement of the long-absent Greenman marker

from the RCHS, where it was being stored. In addition, the Committee has begun the installation of small metal signs and posts at the abandoned woodland cemeteries in an effort to keep the sites visible, and perhaps from being overrun by logging activities.

The Program Committee has fulfilled its duty of providing interesting speakers on varied historical topics for the twelve regular meetings.

The Curator has accepted for the Museum memorabilia donated by Mr Elroy Face, a famous MLB pitcher, now retired. Other gifts of note were a child's dress and Girl Scout articles. The out-reach exhibit at the Post Office has been maintained by Pat Mohos.

The Officers and Trustees and the various committees worked behind the scenes on the revision of the by-laws, which were accepted at the December meeting, an audit of the treasury, and an update of the membership lists and forms. They purchased fuel and appropriate insurance for the building, and have monitored the languishing website. They have designated Duane Booth as the new webmaster. Discussions have and will take place on cost-cutting issues.

In closing, Mr William Zimmerman should be singled out for his dedication to the well-being of the Heritage Center, in particular in his role as the emergency contact person and his late-night responses to various emergency situations which occurred this year, and his ensuing actions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Osgood, President

THE HERITAGE CENTER IS OPEN AND STAFFED BY THE  
STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOST  
**FRIDAYS FROM 1 PM TO 4 PM.**

VISIT TO SEE THE EXHIBITIONS AND CAREFULLY  
CATALOGUED ARTIFACTS FROM THE LOCAL AREA.  
ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT TIMES CAN BE MADE WITH  
CURATOR BEV MCCLAVE AT 733-5170.

## INCOMING OFFICERS 2013

President - Bill Zimmerman  
Corresponding Secretary - Marilyn Osgood  
Treasurer - David Flint  
Program Committee - Pat Flint  
Tag Sale - Millie Smith



*PROGRAMS FOR THE  
STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY*  
**February to August**

*All programs are free and open to the public. They begin after a short business meeting held at the Heritage Center on the corner of Garfield and Staples Roads at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.*

February 4 - Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg  
this Summer  
Mac McEvilly and Bob Shuey

March 4 - Berkshire Glass Works  
Presented by Julie Sloan

April 1 - Covered Bridges  
Presented by Lloyd Schliesser

May 6 - W. J. Cowee: the Man and the Company  
Presented by Sharon Klein

June 3 - The 18th Century Woman: Her life and  
Her Needlework  
Presented by Pamela Strousse

July 1 - Pot luck supper at 6:30, program to follow  
Birds and Wildlife: How Times have Changed  
Presented by Gayle Tardif-Raser

August 5 - The Knickerbocker Mansion  
Presented by Stana Iseman

**ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL JUNE 23 (TENTATIVE)

TAG SALE JULY 27



**Log onto the Stephentown Historical  
Society's Website:  
[www.stephentown-historical.org](http://www.stephentown-historical.org)**

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DECEMBER 2012



The annual Christmas Potluck Supper was held December 3. Marilyn Osgood entertained with a Civil War Song. Sharon Klein, the Berlin Town Historian, spoke on The Dutch Church in Berlin.

No gift exchange was done at the annual event. The monies collected were donated to the Food Pantry as there was a real need this year.

## STORAGE SHED DONATED



This older storage shed was donated by the Krebs and moved to the Historical Society property. Adam Squires built a door and did repairs to the shed. Marilyn Osgood painted the shed. They have done a wonderful job.

# STEPHENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *President*

**Bill Zimmerman** 794-8430

### *Vice-President*

**Lorri Parisi** 733-6455

### *Recording Secretary*

**Joyce Armstrong** 733-0830

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**Marilyn Osgood** 733-0010

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**David Flint** 733-5871

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**Millie Smith** 658-2605

## COMMITTEES

### *Cemeteries*

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Bev McClave 733-5170

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### *Fundraising*

Bill Zimmerman 794-8430

### *Genealogy & Heritage Center*

Bill Zimmerman 794-8430

### *Hospitality*

Patricia Mohos 733-5054

### *Membership*

Lorri Parisi 733-6455

### *Newsletter*

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### *Nominating*

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### *Program*

Isabel Krebs 733-5935

Meredith Rhindress 733-5675

Marilyn Osgood 733-0010

Patricia Flint 733-5871

### *Strawberry Festival*

Lorri Parisi 733-6455

### *Tag Sale*

Millie Smith 658-2605

Bev McClave 733-5170

### *Technology*

Jeff Brokalis 733-0303

Brad McClave 833-6899

### *Webmaster*

Bob Tibbetts 733-6086

### *Town Historian*

Pat Flint 733-5871



*The Heritage Center is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and by appointment.*

*It will be closed for the following dates in 2013:* Presidents' Day (2/22), Good Friday (3/29), Memorial Day (5/24), Strawberry Festival (6/21 tentatively), Independence Day (7/05), Tag Sale (7/26), Labor Day (8/30), Columbus Day (10/11), Veterans' Day (11/8), Thanksgiving (11/29), Closed for the Month of December



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