

The Valley Historical Society.....

In our Valley area, archeologists who have worked here believe Indian occupation dates back 10,000 years, with many different cultures. Indian artifacts from our area are in museums located in Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, Jamestown and Harvard University.

During the period 1809-10, white settlers came to the area, over the hill, down Chautauqua Lake from Lake Erie and up the Alleghany tributaries. Wherever there was water power, saw mills were constructed, followed by other pioneer industries.


In 1845 the Museum in Sinclairville was built as a store for Mr. Mitchell. It was also used as a post office, Catholic Church, the library and lodge rooms.

Exhibits in the Museum reflect early settler life and industries, featuring butter, cheese and maple syrup making. Quilts and clothing, a spinning wheel, swift, loom, farm machinery and tools are on display.

Mr. Mitchell's cider business (later known as Colburn's Cider) is reflected in our big wheel and cider barrels.

The Museum also houses many records from area churches, schools, stores and farms.

One of the projects of The Valley Historical Society has been to erect historical markers in the area.

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April 2019




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~ For The Year 2019 ~

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The Valley Historical Society, which has the same boundries as the Cassadaga Valley School System, is supported by its towns of Charlotte, Gerry, Stockton, the Villages of Sinclairville and Cassadaga. The historical society was chartered in 1984 by the New York State Board of Regents.

Meetings are 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and are often held in the Museum in Sinclairville, New York.

The Museum is open from 2 - 5 pm on Sundays from May through September, and other times by appointment.

New members and visitors are always welcome!

Valley Historical Society

Officers for 2019

President-	Larry Barmore
Vice President-	Betty Jean Ridout
Treasurer-	John Sipos
Secretary-	Bonnie Larkin
Curators-	Bonnie Larkin Diane Shaw
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Visit our Annual Quilt Show on
Saturday, August 3rd, 10 am- 4 pm
Sunday, August 4th, 1 pm- 4 pm

-No Admission Charge-

Coordinators: Betty Jean Ridout, Lois Anderson & Mary Shearman

Take Part in the 21st Annual History Fair: Museum Tours, Grand Parade, Contests, Farmers' Market, Craft Show, Car Show, Pie Contest, Chain Saw Contest, Food Stands, Dinners, Dance, Fireworks.

-Saturday, September 14th, 7 am - 9 pm

-All Are Welcome-



Valley Historical Society Calendar of Events for 2019

Tuesday, April 2nd, 7 pm: At the South Stockton Wayside Chapel for the *Maple Sugaring Party*.
Dues are payable then.
Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, May 7th, 7 pm: At the Museum.
Program: *Norman Carlson, "The History of Phillip Phillips, Cassadaga's Famous Son."* Refreshments will be served.

Memorial Day Parades

Sunday, May 26th at 2 pm in Gerry

Monday May 27th at 9 am in Sinclairville & 11 am in Cassadaga

Tuesday, June 4th, 7 pm: At the Museum.
Program: *Traci Langworthy, "Women's Suffrage in the Valley."*
Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, July 2nd, 7 pm: At the Museum.
"Happy Birthday America." Patriotic Moment by Diane Shaw.
Refreshments by John & Susan Sipos

July 15th - 21st: *Chautauqua County Fair Display in Floral Hall*
Set up prior to July 15th and take down on Monday, July 22nd

Friday, August 2nd, 6 pm- set up for Annual Quilt Show.

Saturday, August 3rd (10 am - 4 pm) & Sunday, August 4th (1 - 4 pm):
Quilt Show at the Museum- No charge for admission.
Coordinators: Betty Jean Ridout, Lois Anderson & Mary Shearman

Tuesday, August 6th at 6 pm: Sinclairville Village Ball Park
Annual Family Picnic- bring a dish of food to pass, table service & beverage.
Program: *"Treasure Trove"*

Tuesday, September 3rd, 7 pm: At the Museum
Program: *Finalize plans for the History Fair.*
Refreshments: Apple Pie and Cheese by Larry & Carol Barmore

Saturday, September 14th, 7 am - 9 pm: *Twenty-First Annual History Fair*

Tuesday, October 1st, 7 pm: At the Sinclairville Library.
Program: *George Clever, "American Indian Education in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus area and the Thomas Indian School in Irving, New York."*
Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, November 5th, 7 pm: At the Cassadaga American Legion #1280
Program: *Amanda Shepp, "Colonel Bob, Robert Burns, and the Early Days of Lily Dale."*
Nomination of officers for 2020
Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, December 3rd, 6 pm: At the South Stockton Wayside Chapel
Annual Christmas Gathering and Potluck Dinner-
bring a dish of food to pass & your own table service.
Program: *Summarize Research Projects & Election of Officers for 2020.*

