



Scriba Historical Society

NEWSLETTER for 2024

Purpose: *“To preserve the cultural and historical records of the early Scriba pioneers and future pioneers including, but not limited to , early schooling, early industries, cemeteries, burial records, school districting and craftsman”. Chartered 1978*

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A Word from the President

I never thought I'd be president of the Scriba Historical Society when asked to be a trustee a few years back, but here I am. I grew up in Scriba during the 60's and 70's and I've always missed it even though I thought it was boring as a kid. Remembering all the things I did then sure proves me wrong on that point. So my plan for this year is to sell my house in Fulton and purchase a smaller place in Scriba. I am looking forward to coming home.

As you know, Covid and Charlies passing really put the society on a downward spiral. I am happy to announce that last year a group of hardworking people who love Scriba history came together and began the work anew. We are small in number, but we have a huge desire to restore the society to its previous glory and even more!

We have been researching the history of the society itself and have learned that there is much work to be done. The original founding members left us some very good minutes that we are learning from. We are also very fortunate to have input from a founding members daughter, Connie Elen. We as a team would like to get your input as well. Please, if you have any ideas, history to share and especially old newsletters or any other correspondence from the society in the past, we'd love to see it. While we have a lot to learn from the things preserved in our archives, we are missing a lot from past years. I'm hoping that you all loved to save things over those years and that you can help us fill in the gaps.

So here's to a new year of history in Scriba! We will do our best to keep you informed of meetings and presentations. Also, please feel free to contact any of us listed in this newsletter if you are interested in coming on board as an officer. We have 5 who are dedicated, but we need more to keep our society thriving. Oh yes - you also may see us @Dahl's diner quite often as we do love to eat and talk Scriba History!

Hoping to hear from and see you in 2025!

Mary Himes

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

President Kelly Harris called the May meeting together to start the season off. She presented a program about the Graziano family and we discussed the upcoming months.

The June meeting had the author Lee Ellen Hickey present her book "The Girl in the Glass Coffin", "Tonkin Affairs". A fascinating historical event that occurred in Oswego during the 1890's concerning a prominent family and their loss of a child. The family kept the deceased at home while a proper interment structure was built, which took quite a spell. Meantime a little girl named Cora Sweet was murdered on the Middle road in Scriba. Was this connected? Will we be reading of this in the near future???

August arrived and it was time for elections. Kelly was retiring and vacancies needed filling. A new Board of Trustees was formed to carry on the traditions of compiling historical records and sharing the lives of the families of Scriba.

President Mary Himes called the September meeting to order and a general discussion was held for setting goals and agendas. The Board traveled to the Starr Clark Tin Shop in Mexico on September 12 to learn about that historical building, how it was acquired and the work that went into the restoration. A great travel back in time was had. A week later the board went out to the Little Red School in Sterling to hear George Clark relate about the search for a B-24 that disappeared in 1944 presumably in Lake Ontario. Much of the subject can be found in the book by Tom Wilber, Vanishing Point, a very good read.

Our October meeting was what we called a Kitchen Table Chat where we got to share family histories amongst the attendees. We enjoyed the chance to learn about the different families and plan on doing this again.

November 2 we had a table at the Craft Show being held at the Scriba Volunteer Fire Hall where we had the chance to engage people about history and also learn more about the early settlers of the Town. Some questions and followups confirmed our belief that there is an interest in history.

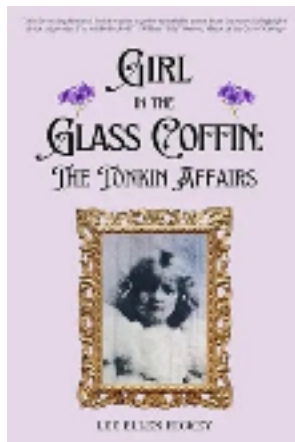
November 12, our regular meeting time, was honored by Todd and David MacLean and their Magic Lantern show. Their equipment is a replica of the ones developed in the 1600's to project images onto a flat surface and were popular up into the 20th century. The subject presented was Edgar Allen Poe's The Telltale Heart. Great entertainment.



Pens arrived and are ready for sharing with visitors, thanks to the perseverance of Pat Parkhurst, Secretary.

November was the last public meeting until April of 2025. The Board will be working on scheduling and many projects that are needed over the winter.

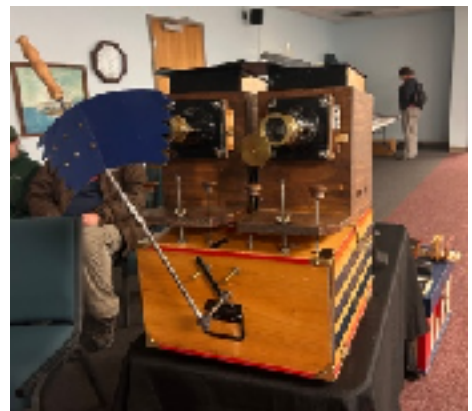
The Gallery



David & Todd MacLean



The Doorman Bruce Picorella



The buisness end



President Mary Himes Trustee Nancy Hopkins Treasurer Kathy Nemier Secretary Pat Parkhurst



A closer look at the historical items at the Scriba Craft Fair 2024

Okay, time for the hook. The Board of Trustees has been working hard to meet or exceed the standards that have been handed down by the generations of history believers. History is how we live. The Town of Scriba has been creating local history since the establishment of the fort at the harbor, an area that became Scriba, later annexed by Oswego. According to Crisfield Johnson in his book "History of Oswego County" The earliest settler to arrive was Henry Everts who settled in the southwestern part of the Town in 1798. About 1804 William Burt and Heil Stone arrived at the center of town now known as Scriba Corners. Since then many pioneers have arrived, some staying, some moving on but all leaving their mark for our history, to be recorded and shared with each generation.

That is a goal of the Scriba Historical Society, collect, record and share.

Each of you has a story and we should like to have you share that with us in any form that you wish. Our meetings, resuming in April, are free and open to the public where we will have as many presentations as possible, good old fashion gab sessions and hopefully entertainment. We are also entertaining the thought of having a daytime meeting in lieu of or beside the traditional evening meeting. Your thoughts on this are appreciated.

To tweak your interest of what we can do we suggest that you visit our bulletin board located in the hallway between the front and rear entry doors. Projects, items of interest and schedules will appear here as well as on Facebook and our web site.



Of course we are searching for a "home" for the Society where we can display the artifacts and documents of Scriba for all to see. Yes, it will take money and yes we will have a tin cup to fill, but that will be on our agenda throughout the year.

Go for a ride and visit some of the surrounding societies such as the Little Red School in Sterling, The Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland, the Richardson Bates House in Oswego, The Pratt House in Fulton, Mexico Historical Society at the Starr Clark Tin Shop, Cleveland Historical Society at Cleveland.

Membership is encouraged and dues will be posted on our web page, scribahistoricalociety.org, soon. Follow us on Facebook@scribahistoricalociety.

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