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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Below is the letter I sent to Lindsay on October 31st. She has been so busy with family/health issues and work at the college that she asked for help in getting this fall newsletter out! I may make it with technically 1 day! So, you are stuck with me again for a time or two. Please bear with me.

Sooo, we just got back from a wedding and visiting both sides of the family, a trip down south. It was great fun but tiring! But it brings to mind the discussion board that Lindsay put in the last Communicator. We need to talk about any ideas, and what we all think about how to share/dispose of, our lifetime of research and genealogy! Over the summer I gave 4 boxes of books etc. that my mother and myself had collected over our lifetimes, (on Presidents and first ladies) to my Politian nephew. A few on the Erie Canal, I will donate to the historical society. But all the local history books and genealogy notebooks I have researched, I would love to go to a child/niece or nephew, who is interested or who really cares!!! Don't you feel the same? A lot would be duplicates at the historical society, and I doubt they would want them!? We also have some family artifacts, but the kids do not want everything, they already have a house full of stuff. How about you?? Have you thought about what will happen to the items you most care about? I had gotten the info about *Crafting Your Genealogy Will*, by Denise May Levenick. I have not had time yet to listen or research though.

I do have a niece who has expressed interest in my side of the family info--- but then there is the Mabee stuff. I still need to write the 2 year planned

in my head, genealogical article. Perhaps this winter I will have time. It was started twice and I keep getting interrupted, with no time to finish, and then the computer updates itself and I lose documents I was working on that were not saved. sigh---being a computer idiot has cost me a lot through the years!

I am currently half way through my DAR Regent term. Now it seems downhill with only a year and a half to go, so not as overwhelming. I cannot wait to do the 250th Boston Tea Party Commemorative on December 16th! The reports in January I dread!

We still need someone to take this job!!!! 10 years is a long term! We need some new blood! Some fresh ideas and perspectives! Is there anyone out there who has been learning the ropes of research and genealogy??

Please share any ideas YOU may have on what you plan to do with the fruits of your labors!! Inquiring minds want to know!!!

Thank you, President Kim

Brick House Help

I/We just got a begging letter from the Schenectady County Historical Society. They usually send one out every fall to ask for donations for various projects by the end of the year to catch donations from people to receive a tax break. The subject of this year's ask is, the half brick/wood house at the farm. It seems to me we did a restoration back in? I would have to go look for photos to date, but perhaps it was 20 years ago. So, what it says is, that being constructed about 1767, the building is in need of more help. They had a team of engineers in to assess it for further preservation. They reported

that it was leaning east (the front of the building tilted outward?) and needs stabilization. They need to rebuild the basement bilco/doorway and staircase also that will all cost over \$76,000. They are asking for donations. If you are so moved, just send a check or credit card number to 32 Washington Ave Schenectady, NY 12305.

My problem is their first paragraph saying that the building's most historically significant role was as housing for enslaved people. I totally disagree with that. Not that yes, I am sure, slaves were housed there at one time, as they were in the stone house and barns, but that it was built for them. I believe they do NOT understand, or are not very familiar with, the family dynamics/history that well, or care. If you study the documents and genealogy and family events and upheavals, then they might realize at that exact time, was a couple of big changes with deaths and ownership. That is one of the things I plan to write about.

Kim

America 250 and the New Netherland 400

<https://youtu.be/c-UGFyIp6xw?si=MDjU6dpbkx5V3FC>

This is a 6-minute clip narrated by Russell Shorto and others. One of the locations he speaks from and stands at right on the corner of Broad and Marketfeld where Pieter Casparzen and Achtje Jans owned a home and their children were born! If you search more on YouTube you will find there are a series of clips on New Amsterdam and New Netherland. They are done by channel New Netherland Now.

There are also tours done through the NY visitors <https://untappedcities.com/tours/NYC/dutch-new-york/>

Then I hope you have heard of the relatively new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia!? We have been there already and it is very nicely done. I would like to get to the new one

in Yorktown also! The Philly Museum did borrow the Schenectady Liberty Flag. It is the only one known to still exist. You can read about it here! Or go to see it if you are able!

https://www.amrevmuseum.org/news/now-on-view-schenectady-liberty-flag-an-early-american-flag?utm_source=news&utm_medium=facebook-post&utm_campaign=news-facebook-post&fbclid=IwAR2eQXldKms5if5gS_KHK4GvX9Et0q9FXDuhS_AcmxWcEbn6ldJM6YSf5c8

The reason I tell you about this article is because on January 12th Schenectady is staging a reenactment of the Flag raising on the exact spot the first one went up in 1774! The hole is already prepared! The Historical Society, Reformed Church, our DAR chapter, and the city historian Chris Leonard are partnering to plan and organize it. So, you know where I will be that day at noon!

Nowwww, did anyone besides me watch the live video of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party last Saturday evening??

Guess what!? You can still see it here. It is about 40 minutes long. I paid attention because I really wanted to be there in person, but there was too much going on. The DAR supported and helped with a number of tasks for it too. Quite a number of chapters sent in loose tea leaves for the tossing! Ours was one of them. I am sure there will be quite a number of upcoming events to watch or take part in.

<https://www.bostontepartyship.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PD6RHwAHkoM>

Truax connections--- for any of you that have them in your lineage, you may want to join the association to participate in their Reunion this upcoming June 1st. That was the closest date we could come up with because the exact day/month is unknown. The first Dutch ship, *New Netherland* landed in Beverwyck and New Amsterdam in the spring of 1624. Phillippe du Truix and family were on it. So, this will be to honor 400

years of the Truax family in America. It will be held via Zoom, so no need to travel or have much expense. We are lining up some great speakers! Russell Shorto will be the headliner. He has already agreed. I also believe the **Bradt** Association may be doing their reunion this summer by Zoom. I know it is better in person, but this way is better than none. We will have to think about this for ourselves in 2047!?! Guess we have awhile if we are still here!

Housekeeping

Paul and Ann just renewed our website for the next year. It does cost \$200. We are okay for now. Paul has been working on revamping it to make it more user friendly. I did not have time to worry about a Christmas tree in the Maybee Society name at the SCHS Festival of Trees this year, so hopefully I can try again next year. I have an idea for skeletons in the closet!?

Reunion

It is still scheduled for Sunday July 13, 2025 12:00 noon at the Mabee Farm Historic Site. Let me know if you are coming from a distance and would like to make a weekend of it. I would then put some effort into planning what the interest is. We are always up for a tour of the stockade, etc. etc.

A New Mabee

November 7th the Mabee family grew by 1, Welcome Stella Rose Mabee weighing in at 6lbs. 14 ounces! She is the daughter of Bryant J and Quiashawn Mabee and the first grandchild of Bryant and Kelly Mabee.



Maybees in the Arts

Even though the time has passed already, it is good to know what is happening. It caught my attention because of the name—all our relations. We do have a branch that is still there at the Seneca Nation in western NY. They descend from a Maybee that married a Seneca woman in the 1800s.



“All of Our Relations” Exhibition Celebrates Native American Heritage Month at the Carnegie

October 26, 2023

[Jamie Moses](#)

The Carnegie Art Center is pleased to announce “All of Our Relations,” a month-long celebration in honor of Native American Heritage Month, featuring the rich cultural heritage of the Seneca and Tuscarora Nations. This significant event will take place at the Carnegie Art Center, located at 240 Goundry Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, from November 1 to 29, 2023.

In partnership with Seneca Nation community member Olivia Maybee, the Carnegie Art Center will host a compelling group art exhibition, showcasing talented artists from the Seneca and Tuscarora Nations. The exhibition will feature visual artists including Seneca artists Hayden Haynes, Sam Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, and Olivia Maybee, as well as Tuscarora artists Robert DALimonte, Erwin Printup, and Kehala Smith. The event aims to highlight the resiliency of Indigenous communities and shed light on their cultural significance in the Western NY region.

“We hope you can join us for ‘All of Our Relations,’ a unique opportunity to experience the vibrant artistry of the Seneca and Tuscarora Nations,” said Natalie Brown, Program Coordinator at the Carnegie Art Center. “This exhibition and the accompanying events will foster important conversations about historical and contemporary impacts faced by Indigenous communities, while also celebrating their enduring strength and cultural contributions.” The exhibition will kick off with a free Opening Reception of the group exhibition on Thursday, November 2, from 6 to 8 PM. Throughout the month, the Carnegie Art Center will host a series of free and public Special Events, including a Cultural Storytelling Event titled “Re-Thinking Thanksgiving” with Perry Ground on Saturday, November 11, at 1 PM, and a Smoke Dance Demonstration with Q&A featuring Jordan Smith & Co. on Saturday, November 18, at 1 PM. The exhibition will culminate in a Closing Reception & Artist Talk on Wednesday, November 29, from 6 to 8 PM, featuring the artists from the group show.

“We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the creativity, resilience, and cultural heritage of the Seneca and Tuscarora Nations,” added Brown. “This exhibition and the associated events are open to all ages, offering a unique opportunity to engage with Indigenous art and traditions.”

The “All of Our Relations” exhibition and events are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by Arts Services Inc.

Special thanks to the JC Seneca Foundation and Gail’s Tobacco & Gas on Tuscarora Reservation for their generous support of “All of Our Relations.”

For more information about the exhibition and the Carnegie Art Center, please visit www.carnegieartcenter.org or contact Natalie at info@carnegieartcenter.org or 716-694-4400.

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Dues

The officers of the Maybe Society would like to make clear that the payment of dues, while greatly appreciated, is not required to maintain good standing as members. Specifically, we understand that some of our members are senior citizens living on fixed incomes, and we do not want anyone who cannot afford it to feel obligated.

Many of you have kept up to date on your dues – Thank You. For those who haven’t, dues are \$5 per year if you select the e-mail version of the Communicator (in color!), and \$10 per year for the black and white, hard copy version sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Please note that no new orders for the hard copy version are being accepted. All dues should be sent to our Treasurer, Ann Christmann at the address above. Checks should be made payable to Ann, NOT to the Maybe Society. Checks should be made out to Ann Christmann.