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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**COME,
MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR
AND
SEE THE SAILLY-WARREN HOUSE!!!**

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10, 2000 at the Sailly-Warren House, 3 Cumberland Avenue.

• Come and see the interior of the Sailly-Warren house. The first floor of the house will be open to the members attending the Annual Meeting. The Association will have a special exhibit of special new acquisitions and Sailly-Warren artifacts.

There will be drinks and hor d'oeuvres by Robert Ballard, a Silent Auction, and selected Museum Shop items available for purchase.

The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$50.00 to be a Patron, payable in advance or at the door. Donations are always welcome!! RSVP to the Association office, 561-0340.

There will be street parking and limited parking at the Law Offices across the street. Invitations are being sent to all members by separate mailing. If you do not receive your invitation prior to December 8, please call the office at 561-0340, for information.

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR

John Tomkins, III

John has most recently been employed as a Project Director/ Archeologist at Hartgen Archeological Association, Inc. John is an academically trained, cultural anthropologist with over 13 years experience conducting archeological and historical research in the Northeast.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a Master of Arts in Anthropology/Cultural Resource Management from The State University of New York at Albany.

A NY State licensed guide, John also has an Advanced Open Water Driver and Research Diver Specialty Certification, and is an 18th century re-enactor. John is, as well, a collector – his personal collection includes three 18th century period tents, two 18" birchbark canoes, and a host of accouterments.

Notes and Advice from the Past

Many cultural beliefs change over time, many do not. We thought it might be interesting to hear how people from the last century saw and interpreted the 'wintery' world around them. Items are excerpted from Dr. Kellogg's Collection of Folklore, Weatherlore and other Aphorisms.

Weather Lore

If we don't get sleighing in January that which we get in February won't be good for much. Said to me by a French truckman at the watering trough.

If the corn husks are thin, it will be an open winter. If the corn husks are thick, it will be a hard winter. D.S.K., Jan. 18, 1886

A horse yawning is a sign of a thaw. Dr. E.S. Howe, March 5, 1895

If the breast bone of a chicken be light coloured there will be plenty of snow, if dark coloured the winter will be open. Dr. E.S. Howe, March 5, 1895

The Clinton County Historical Association Museum Shop offers a wide variety of books to meet your shopping requirements. Following is a listing of Titles and Shop items for your perusal. If you should have any questions, please call the Museum Office at 518-561-0340. Please allow for shipping time. Some items are available only in very limited quantities.

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Adirondack Odysseys by Elizabeth Folwell and Amy Godine	16.95
Antiquarian Back Issues (limited year issues)	5.00
Battle of Plattsburgh Bay	4.50
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Forgotten Summers by Donald M. Kingston	18.95
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George Washington's French Canadian Spy	18.95
Historic Courthouses of New York State	19.95
Historical Review of the Town of Mooers	10.00

History of the Altona Flat Rock, in Clinton County, New York by Larry Gooley	11.95
History of Lake Champlain, 1609-1814 by Herbert Alan Johnson and Ralph K. Andrest	14.50
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Mapping of the Adirondacks, The by J. Kellum Smith, Jr.	10.00
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Sails and Steam in the Mountains, A Maritime and Military History of L. George and L. Champlain by Russell Bellico	25.00
The Steamboats of Lake Champlain by Odgen Ross	29.95
The War of 1812, A Forgotten Conflict by Donald R. Hickey	24.95
Women Who Kept the Lights: An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers by Mary Louise Clifford and J. Candace Clifford	19.95
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If it thunders in the fall, there won't be any snow for two months in the winter. Lorenzo Clay, Dec. 1902

FOLKLORE

If you first see the new moon when you have money in your pocket, it is a sign of good luck. Mrs. Weed

If a person's initials spell a work, that person will grow up to be rich, Adaline L. Martin, Feb. 13, 1900

If your left hand itches it is a sign you are going to have money paid you. If your right hand itches, it is a sign you are going to pay out money. Isaac Merkel, 1896

If you forget anything and come back into the house for it, you must sit down before you go out again, or something bad will happen to you. Lizzie Knowles, Jan. 8, 1901

If you wear your heel you will spend a great deal

if you wear at your toe you spend as you go

If you wear at your ball you will spend all

Wear your shoe at the side, you're a rich man's bride.

Mrs. J.H.M., Jan. 19, 1886

HOME REMEDIES

Pare your nails of Friday and you will never have the tooth ache. J.W. Tuttle, Jan. 15, 1886

To cure warts, come up behind your mother and rub your warts down on her dress without her knowledge and your warts will go away. Miss Kati Sperry, Oct. 6, 1897

For asthma, go out in the night without letting any one know it, measure your height against a post, pull out 3 locks of hair from the top of your head. Bore a hole in the post at just your height and put the 3 locks of hair into this hole and plug it up, and you will never have any more asthma. Joseph Hoag, April 2, 1896 (Jo. said Charlie Premore had told him that he was cured in this way when a young man and had never had any asthma since. He had given the remedy to others who had been cured.)

The Museum Shop

In 1980, "*A History of the Altona Flat Rock, in Clinton County New York*" by Larry Gooley was published. In the year 2000, this fascinating book is once again available through the Museum Shop. Priced at \$11.95 plus tax and shipping and handling, this book full of facts and photographs is a must for your area history gift-buying needs. Many thanks to Mr. Gooley for supplying the Shop with this hard to find book.

Reminder of Operating Hours

As a reminder to our members, the Museum will be closed December 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th so the volunteers and staff may celebrate the holidays with their families. The Museum is also closed the entire month of January 2001 and will re-open for normal operations on February 6, 2001.

WE WISH ALL A VBRY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON!!

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