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The Meeting Schedule

November 4, 2002 - The Spanish Flu Pandemic and the North Country, 1918 – 1920, a lecture with Mary Anne Ducharme will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public. Ms. Ducharme will explore the effects of influenza on Clinton County and the North Country in the period of the Great War. This exploration is based on the research Ms. Ducharme conducted for her article in *The Antiquarian* 2002, "The Spoils of the Great War – North Country Experiences with the Spanish Flu."

December 2, 2002 – Ms. Kenda James and Ms. Karen Glass will present a short play, "Two Ladies, Two Lights," at the Saily Warren House, 3 Cumberland Avenue at 7:30 p.m. This a story of two women lighthouse keepers in the late 1800's as presented by *Adirondack Women in History*.

Special Museum Hours Valcour Bay Exhibit

Sunday, November 3, 12:00-4:00 p.m. The Museum will be open to the general public to view the Battle of Valcour Exhibit. We are proud to be an institutional partner with the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's Valcour Bay Research Project, and are pleased to be open during these special hours so that our community may have an extra opportunity to view these Revolutionary War artifacts. Come and see the exhibit and bring a friend. Normal museum fees are: Adults - \$4.00, Seniors (60) - \$3.00, Students \$2.00. MEMBERS ARE FREE!!

NEW ACQUISITIONS

The Museum has recently acquired some new artifacts of interest:

Mrs. M. Renadette has donated a set of 8 photographs of buildings and scenes in Plattsburgh. These are unusual as they measure 1½ by 2½ inches. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Renadette.

Number 3611, An Adirondack Community Gold Bond of 1000 coupons, dated 1872, has come to us courtesy of long time member, Mr. B. Lewis. This coupon was redeemed for \$30.82 on July 10, 1882. Thank you, Mr. Lewis!

Mr. G. Chartrand has donated 4 original newspapers, *The Independent Chronicle, October 10, 1814*, that report the story of the Battle of Plattsburgh. Thanks to his efforts and generosity, our community can now see these original newspapers.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER CAMPAIGN

In September, the Association launched a membership campaign based in Clinton County. Letters were mailed out inviting county residents to join our organization. We need new members to add to our rosters to help us find new trustees, project volunteers, docents and committee members.

As a result of this campaign, the Association has gained 40 new members (listed in previous Notes) and more are coming in. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

Current members should be receiving renewal letters during the month of October. It is projected that membership rates will increase in 2003, so please renew by December 31, 2002 or you may experience an increase for 2003! If you have not received your renewal letter yet or have a friend who would be interested in joining the Association, please call the CCHA, 518-561-0340, Tuesday thru Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to assist you.

What's new? See page 4 or www.clintoncountyhistorical.org

MEMBERS IN TRANSITION TO WINTER ADDRESSES

Members who are moving to their winter addresses are reminded to send the CCHA a change of address notice or call the CCHA so that the Notes and other mailings can reach them!

CCHA COOKBOOK "TASTEFUL TRADITIONS"

A collection of recipes gathered together in a beautiful and sturdy 3-ring binder is going to make a great present for the cook in your family. This book contains recipes of historical interest, members favorites, pictures, and "old timey" homilies. Sure to become a favorite, copies are available for purchase at the Museum. for \$14.95, \$1.05 tax, and if you would like to have us mail your copy, please include \$2.00 for postage.

Need more info on the cookbook? Check out the new website:

clintoncountyhistorical.org

MUSEUM SHOP

We have copies of Willard Sterne Randall's *Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor in the Shop* as well as Kenneth Roberts *Arundel* and *Rabble In Arms*. Also as a special Battle of Plattsburgh and Battle of Valcour Celebration offering, from November 1st until December 31st, *North Country Century* (a \$2.50 value) and Allan Everest's *Briefly Told* (an \$8.95 value) will be offered as a special package - both books for \$9.00 tax included. Mailing requests will require a \$2.00 shipping fee.

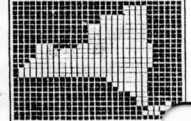
We also have historical coloring books, pencil sharpeners, fans, paper dolls and boat building kits for the children.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Craig Allen, one of the Association's newest Trustees, we currently have a website under development. Please take a moment to look it over and let us know what you think. Did you experience any problems with access? Any comments or feedback are welcome. We envision that this tool will provide us with an opportunity to post current information regarding programs and activities and will also serve as a place for the general public to fund us and get to know us. The address of the site is: **www.clintoncountyhistorical.org**

Again, bear in mind this site is still under construction and so is far from complete. Our initial goal was to get it up and running to give the Association members a sense of what can be done. Any and all feedback is encouraged.

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