

# Walworth Historical Society Newsletter

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## OUTHOUSES!

Now that I have your attention, I just wanted to let you know that will be the topic of our September meeting. It seems that these necessary little buildings of the past have created a lot of interesting conversation. There was even a calendar produced recently that pictures 15 different outhouses around Wayne County. We are pleased to have Town of Marion Historian, Carolyn Adriaansen as our featured speaker on the topic. The meeting will be held at the Walworth Museum on Monday, September 16 beginning at 7:30. And, as usual, delicious

## Our Fall Celebration

For the past several years, we have been holding a fall celebration at the Museum on a Sunday in October. This year, our theme will be Firefighting in Walworth, and we look forward to working with our 3 Fire Departments to put together some interesting displays on the topic. SAVE the date. It will be Sunday, October 20 from 2 to 5 PM. If you have any photographs, toy fire trucks, or memorabilia related to fires or firefighting, please consider loaning this material to us for that day. Call Jessie

## We Won!

This year the Walworth Historical Society won the "Best Original Unit" prize for our float honoring our firefighters in the Walworth Festival Parade. In fact, several people also came up and thanked us for presenting that theme, and that's the best prize of all. We also had our booth at the Festival and had a chance to talk with several folks. Thanks to all who assisted with the Float or helped in any way with the Festival. A special thanks to our President, Jessie Kevmel for her

Is there a **RED DOT** on your mailing label?

OOPS! You forgot to pay your Walworth Historical Society Dues for this year. We can only continue to operate when we have the support of our members and friends, so please bring your dues to the meeting, or mail your check to the Walworth Historical Society at PO Box 142, Walworth, NY 14568. Also, please consider asking a friend to join as well.

Dues categories are as follows:

Individual	\$ 6.00
Joint or Family	\$ 10.00
Student	\$ 3.00
Supporting	\$ 25.00
Corporate/Business	\$ 25.00
Sponsor	\$ 40.00
Patron	\$100.00
Benefactor	\$150.00
Life Membership	\$100.00

THANK YOU for your support in this, our 27<sup>th</sup> year.

### News from our Neighbors in Ontario:

September 18 – General Meeting at 7 PM in the Meeting House at Heritage Square.

September 28 - **Country Faire**. For more information call Ray Todd at 524-7756.

## THANK YOU, DOROTHY YUKER PETTY!

Most all of you know Dorothy. She is a charter member of the WHS, and has been very active in this organization and our community all of her life. For many of us, she was our teacher at Walworth Elementary School. What some of you may not know is that Dorothy is a HISTORIAN EXTRODINAIRE! Sometime in the 1940's (and maybe earlier), she began making scrap books of anything and EVERYTHING that happened in Walworth. Recently she was forced to give up living independently on the family farm on Boynton Road due to failing health. The farm has been sold and she now resides at the DeMay Center in Newark. About 20 of those WONDERFUL SCRAPBOOKS have been donated to the Walworth Historical Society. They are a TREASURE of information. We welcome you to visit our Museum and take a look. AND, once again, THANK YOU, Dorothy. We love you!

### Thank You, John Traas

For the past several years, John has served as our Newsletter Editor. Recently, he announced his "retirement" from that position. We appreciate his efforts for all these years.

### Museum Open

Wednesdays and Sundays

2 PM to 4 PM

Through September 29

### Newsletter Editor Needed

With John's "retirement" there is a void to fill. I have agreed to do this edition, but I'm not sure I want the responsibility forever, so if there's a person who would like to take over, I'll be glad to hand it off! Give me a call! Gene Bavis 986-1474

### Do You Remember Jane Armstrong?

Jane was the School Nurse at Walworth Elementary School for many years. She was a friend of neighbor to many of us. Jane passed away on May 29, just 2 days after her 90th birthday.

## From the Prez

Do you remember when " Jo " ran the millinery store on Main Street in Walworth? Now that is history. Do you remember when the West Walworth Baptist Church burned, or when the Town Hall was built? That is history too, you can find accounts of these events at the Museum in Walworth. It is our mission to preserve the history of our small corner of New York State for all our residents now and in the future. Unfortunately much of our history gets thrown out when we clean out our attics and old barns. We appeal to you to think of us as caretakers, when you see that old diary, old yearbook, or family photos of service men, and past activities, and pass them on so that we may keep them for future generations.

Jessie Keymel, President, Walworth Historical Society

Today's Events are Tomorrow's History. Help us preserve the memories!

Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments Available

See the ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

## More from the Prez

The Walworth Historical Society takes our role as caretakers of the artifacts of historical importance very seriously. Unfortunately as the years pass our membership has become smaller. We need your help to promote our purpose and increase our membership. Thanks to the generosity of past members, we have a permanent building to store and maintain our many collections. Now we need to honor their trust in us by making our Society an active, growing organization.

### Did you know?

Walworth became a Town on April 20, 1829  
having been separated from the

## From Anna May's History

Eliab and Theron Yeomans started the nursery business in 1840 west from the four corners on the property now owned by Robert Wignall (update to 2002: now owned by Sonny & Dorothy French). They grew and sold fruit trees, shade trees, evergreens, berry bushes, and grapevines. The business was known all over the country as the Walworth Nurseries. Anything that was needed to conduct their business was manufactured on their property by themselves.

Theron Yeomans conducted a contest in which the person who planted the most trees in an acre received an award consisting of money. This contest greatly increased the acres of timber in Walworth. Mr. Yeomans is also responsible for planting the rows of trees along Main Street.

## Preserve History