

Frontenac

*Historical Society and Museum
Summer 2020*



Strange Times

Little did we know last March that when the Curating Team finished our Tuesday work it would be our last time meeting for some time. The new rugs were in place in our two freshly painted exhibit rooms and we were on a roll, giving a much needed cleaning to each piece before returning it to its spot on exhibit. Now it is three months later and we are still wondering when it will be safe to return and open our doors.

In preparation for that day, Marilyn Baader and Pat Kimber participated in a training session on re-opening requirements which was sponsored for libraries and museums by the Northern New York Library Conference. What we learned is that safety must always come first, and that means much more than a good cleaning before opening our doors. A written Safety Plan must be completed and approved by New York State in advance of opening—surfaces must be sterilized, volunteers must be trained, rules regarding admission must be communicated and expenses for masks and cleaning must be incurred—and even more! Once the requirements are lifted, we will need to first re-install exhibits in the two renovated rooms.

To respect safety first, the Board of Trustees will be evaluating our readiness and ability to re-open on a month-to-month basis. We fall into Phase 4; however, given the requirements and costs, we may look and operate differently than we have in the past. We have the best interests of our community and members in mind and will do what is right for you and the museum.

Thank You Sawdeys!



Each year, Tom and Mary Sawdey of the Produce Place have graced our front urns with a lovely assortment of their plants, and this year was no exception! We thank them for the beautiful mixed arrangement of annuals. The urns are bursting with color and variety, making a beautiful addition to our façade. We wish Tom and Mary all the best as they continue on a new adventure—retirement! It is well earned and much deserved. Our community will miss them and the pies, plants, and produce – especially the pies!!



**We will
ring the
Museum's
bells on Ju-
ly 4th!**



Our porch benches, donated to the Frontenac Historical Society and Museum by Terry Dewis and Andy Casas, were recently painted by John Kimber and Dale Katovitch.





History Remembered

Remembering and celebrating history is the goal of all museums. Some museums focus on local, state, and national history. However, all history impacts our lives over generations. The significance of national holidays and special commemorative celebrations need reflection to understand our history.

June 14th – Flag Day became official with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was the 2nd Continental Congress who approved a national flag on June 14, 1777. The stars and stripes and their colors all have significance.

June 19th – Juneteenth Day is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It dates to 1865, when the Union soldiers, led by General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended two years previous and that the enslaved were now free.

President Abraham Lincoln gave his **Emancipation Proclamation** in 1862 which announced that all slaves held in the states “then in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.” This took effect in 1863.

The 13th Amendment was passed on January 31, 1865 and was ratified by the States on December 6, 1865. The 13th amendment abolished slavery in the United States. Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865 and never saw the ratification.

The 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868 granting citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States – including former slaves – and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.”

The 15th Amendment was adopted in 1870 granting African-American men the right to vote. However discriminatory practices were used to prevent blacks from exercising their right to vote. It wasn’t until The Voting Rights Act of 1965 that legal barriers were outlawed at the state and local levels. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed this into law on August 6, 1965 aimed to overcome legal barriers to vote.

The 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920 and officially adopted on August 26, 1920 giving women the right to vote. The substance of the current amendment was initially introduced in 1868.

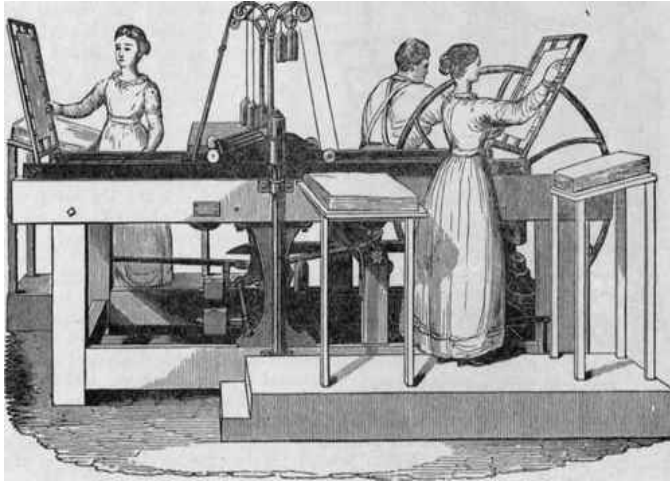
THANK YOU, TOM!

A huge thanks goes to Tom Parsnick, Life Member of the museum, board member for the past nine years and president of the board for the last three years. Tom stepped up to the plate when no one could or would serve as



president. Tom brought a great concern for fiduciary oversight of the museum during his tenure. He has served as the point person on several projects, including the major roof repair project of 2018/2019. Tom was a president who demonstrated patriotism and great confidence in his board throughout his entire term. Tom even battled Zoom and WebEx to a final score of 1-1! We won’t talk about the one loss. Not only are we grateful for Tom’s service as president but his willingness to continue to serve on the board for another term. We look forward to and welcome his counsel.

Thank you, Tom!



ROLL THE PRESSES!

The Board of Trustees is pleased and excited to welcome you to the new website for the Frontenac Historical Society and Museum, which became active on June 5th. The Frontenac engaged the services of David Homick, web designer, to create an appealing and robust website with the help of Marilyn Baader, Pat Kimber, and Dona Ross. If you have not already visited the site, you must! Not only are there many photos, both present and past, videos, and links to area history sources, but also a spot on the home page where you can sign up to automatically receive announcements of museum events and news. Give the site a visit at <https://www.frontenacmuseum.org> and share with your family and friends. You will be glad you did! Now, it our responsibility to keep it updated. Pat Deller and Marilyn Baader have received instructions, as well as an administrator's guide, and will work to keep information current.

Check back often!



DON'T FORGET!

Doug's Fish Fry will be in Union Springs on **Mon. July 6th.**

A chicken BBQ will be held on Sat. July 11th. Both events will benefit the Frontenac Historical Society and Museum.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MUSEUM

This year has been a challenging year for all of us as we adapt to the rules of staying safe to prevent COVID-19 transmission. This has impacted the museum's ability to offer the summer programs as initially planned. However, it is important that an annual meeting be held, as officers and new or returning board members need to be approved according to our Constitution and By-laws. The annual meeting was always held at the beginning of one of these programs in August. This year, all active members will be receiving the annual report and a ballot in the mail. We ask that you complete the ballot and return by August 28, 2020. This will assure the business of the museum can continue uninterrupted.

The annual report for all members and friends of the museum will be on the website. If you have not given us an email address and would like to receive notifications this way, please send an email to frontenac178@gmail.com. This saves the museum costs associated with printing and mailing.

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JOIN US!



Join the interesting and exciting events that take place at the Frontenac and send in your membership for 2020. If you would like to make a special or a memorial gift, **please contact the Museum at (315) 889-7273.**

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Basic Individual One-Year Membership	\$10
Basic Family One-Year Membership	\$15
Bronze Level Community Activist	\$25
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Gold Level Community Angel	\$75
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The Membership Year runs from January 1st-December 31st each year.

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