

# Frontenac Historical Society and Museum



Summer 2018



## **LOCAL GRADUATE WINS THE 2018 FRONTENAC MUSEUM SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations to Ms. Elizabeth Sherman, winner of our 2018 Frontenac Historical Society and Museum Scholarship. Elizabeth joined the board as a Union Springs High School representative in 2016. She proved to be a very active

board member and participated faithfully in Museum and community activities. We wish her much luck as she pursues a degree in Theatre Arts Administration at Pennsylvania's Slippery Rock University.

## **A HEARTFELT LETTER OF THANKS FROM OUR FRONTENAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Hi Everyone! My name is Elizabeth Sherman and I have been a board member at the Frontenac Museum for the past two years. In the fall I will be attending Slippery Rock University, working hard to earn my major in Theatre Arts Administration. My two years as a member of the museum have been full of a lot of fun and joy. In those years I have done many things. For example, I helped give out candy to children on Halloween, baked some delicious treats for the annual bake sale, worked as a docent at the museum, sat in on monthly meetings, and helped at the Christmas parties and Open Houses, just to name a few things. I thank all the lovely board members for making my time there full of smiles, laughter, and joy. I am so happy to have gotten the chance to have served with all of you. Though I'm sad that my time as a member has come to a close, I'm very happy to know that my seat will be well taken care of by Faith Heath. I know very well that she will do great as a member of this amazing group. I wish her all the luck in the world and I hope she enjoys her time as much as I did.

Love you all,

**Elizabeth Sherman**



## REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF OVER THE EXHIBIT AREA

It is far better to be proactive instead of reactive. This is what we are doing in regards to replacing the roof over the exhibit area. Its present condition is not dire, but it is on its last legs. Using metal roofing instead of asphalt shingles seems to be the better choice due to its longevity and comparable pricing. Asphalt shingles have a life span of about 15-20 years while metal roofing has a durability of about 35-50 years. Three estimates were obtained. The best bid for asphalt shingles was approximately \$15,000 and the estimates for the metal roofing

ranged from approximately \$16,000-\$17,000 depending on either a 40 or 50-year warranty. There will be a discussion at the board meeting regarding shingle choice, but there will need to be a major community campaign to assist in this necessary project.

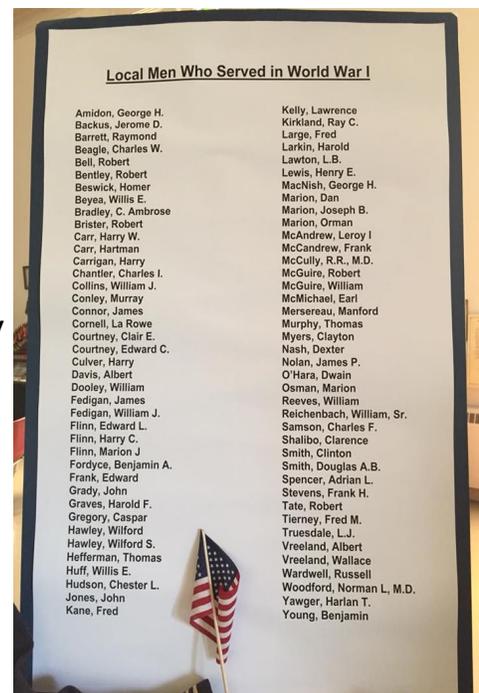
Additionally, our President would like to have a good gutter cover installed to keep the women on the curating team from climbing the ladder to clean them out!

## UNION SPRINGS SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I

In preparation for the museum's Spring Open House commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War I, our Curating Team used many resources to research the three Union Springs men, Frank Beyea, Wilford Hawley and Eugene McAndrew, who were killed during this war.

Through *ancestry.com*, we connected to Debbie Parker Baker, the great niece of Wilford Hawley, whose family resided at 3 Anthony St. Through this chance connection, Debbie provided us with several photos relating to her great uncle, one of which captures his flower laden grave at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. The overwhelming number of floral arrangements pictured gave us a true sense of the depth of tribute and patriotism felt toward young Hawley and our country. We were especially honored that Debbie and her husband, David, traveled from Canandaigua to attend the Open House. In touring our museum, Debbie was both surprised and pleased to find the Backus Bank Chair, which was gifted to the museum many years ago by her grandfather, Eric Parker.

Wilford's story, together with those of Frank Beyea and Eugene McAndrew, are just a part of the moving World War I display mounted by our Curating Team. If you can help us with a photo of Frank Beyea or Eugene McAndrew, please call the museum. We hope you can visit soon to see this exhibit.



## JOIN US!

Join the interesting and exciting events that take place at the Frontenac and send in your membership for 2018. If you would like to make a special or memorial gift, contact the Museum at (315) 889-7273.

Membership levels (please circle one)

Basic Individual One-Year Membership	\$10
Basic Family One-Year Membership	\$15
Bronze Level Community Activist	\$25
Silver Level Community Leader	\$50
Gold Level Community Angel	\$75
Platinum Level Community Star	\$100
Special Donation in memory of:	

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Please create my/our membership in the Frontenac Historical Society for 2018.

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Make checks payable to Frontenac Historical Society and Museum and mail to PO Box 338, Union Springs, NY 13160.

The Frontenac is a qualified not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and contributions may be tax deductible.

The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st, 2018.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Memorial Day, a time to commemorate those who died in service to their country. The Frontenac Historical Society and Museum helped celebrate this day by having a float in the Parade drawn by a Marine Jeep, owned and driven by **Bob Hill**. We proudly displayed our banner and threw candies to parade viewers along the route to Frontenac Park, where a remembrance service was conducted.



## WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION AWARD

The Frontenac Museum was awarded a grant to install a historical marker on the corner of Cayuga Street and Park Street, recognizing George Howland for providing the funds to build a school for young women in 1863. Dr. Franklin Pierce purchased the school in the 1880's and converted it to a sanitarium and hotel. It was transferred to F.L. Mason in 1912 and became known as the United States Hotel, later the Grand Union Hotel, until its closure in 1920.

The building continued to exist, and parts were used for other businesses or by civil organizations, which included the American Legion before it moved to its current location. The building was demolished in 1961, and Generations Bank now occupies a portion of the original site.

There will be a dedication ceremony when the sign is revealed. Special thanks to The William G. Pomeroy Foundation and Generations Bank for allowing the Museum to "keep history alive!"

**FRONTENAC MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING**  
AUGUST 15, 2018 at 5:30PM

Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend the annual meeting and dinner of your Museum. We gather together at 5:30pm with cocktails available at the American Legion followed by dinner served at 6pm. Following a delicious dinner served by the Women's Auxiliary, there will be a short business meeting where the year's events are reviewed and retiring members and new members to the board are recognized, thanked and welcomed. As a special event, the drawing for the MacKenzie Childs gift will occur. If you have not had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, they will be available at the dinner. This is a fund raiser for the Museum as we begin to save funds for a new roof over the exhibit area.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Chris Manaseri, who has a Power-Point presentation of his research completed in 2004 for his doctoral dissertation at Syracuse University. Dr. Manaseri visited 37 one-room school houses in western, central, and southern New York, including the stone schoolhouse in front of the USCS. His goal was to understand more about what motivated efforts in preserving schoolhouses as part of local history.

Reservations are necessary, so the Auxiliary can plan appropriately. Please call Glenn or Donna Bundy with your reservation at 315.889.5165 or send a check to cover the cost of your meal to PO Box 338, Union Springs 13160. Dinner cost is \$16/person and you won't be disappointed!



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