

Otsego County Historical Society Newsletter



February 2009



FROM THE PRESIDENT



And the whirlwind begins! We are busy doing lots of rearranging of our artifacts at the Museum. As most of you know, we close the Otsego County Historical Society Museum from November 1st to June 1st each year in order to bring out different artifacts, furniture and pictures to keep the Museum interesting for members and visitors.

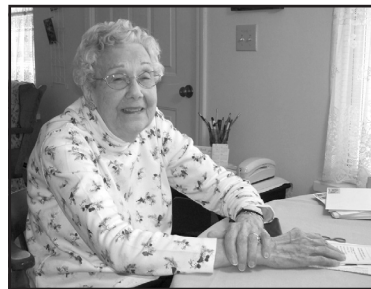
Doris Schulz, Bea Axford, Roseann Kujava and Judi Estelle are the four main workers who have all been very busy since we closed. They have been wrapping, storing and cataloging much of the artifacts that have been on display this past year. Then they have been bringing from the basement storage those items to unpack, refresh and put on display for our grand opening coming up around the first of June.

Ann Wright, our Coordinator, is on a well deserved vacation until the end of April and when she returns we hope to have a lot of the work done. We went over the plans before she left so the right hand would know what the left hand is doing!

I am continuously amazed at what Doris and her helpers accomplish in the few months we are closed. I know you all will be surprised again this year at what these ladies have done. See you in June!

Ginny Brozowski

ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS



June Strappazon, first contributor to the Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund for the Otsego County Historical Society is flying high! We are well on our way for meeting our 2009 pledge of \$15,000. To date \$2215.00 has been contributed to the Fund. June Strappazon was our first contributor. The OCHS Board donated monies

from Phil Alexander's retirement gifts, and other generous people contributed also. Now we need others to step up to bring us to our goal. Ideas for fund-raising activities are also needed. Please contact any member of the Board if you care to contribute money, suggestions, or ideas to raise additional needed funds.

The new brochure for the Endowment Fund has been completed and published. It is included in this newsletter. I hope you find it interesting reading.

Spring is coming! The Museum will open to the public June 1st. I will be needing volunteers to work in the Museum. If you are willing, and prefer certain days or hours to work, please call Pat Sepura at 989-705-7329 to be put on the schedule. I will be contacting you later to fill the schedule.

Pat Sepura, Liaison - The Endowment Fund

PIROGI COOKING CLASS

"Chef" Rudi Edel and his wife Sandi taught the Pirogi Class November 11, 2008, at the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School. The participants made pirogis with 3 different fillings. Not only did they enjoy sampling the pirogis in class, but they also took home a batch for their families to enjoy. The class was full with a waiting list so look for more cooking classes to be offered thru the museum and sign up early! Ann Wright and Rudi Edel pictured.



2009 Historical Society Calendars are still available at \$7.00 each.

CONTACT US AT: 989-732-4568 (Please leave a message)

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MUSEUM QUILT RAFFLE

And the winner was . . . John Kelso, who was so surprised when we called him! John and his wife Gail live in Dryden, Michigan, so it was a few weeks before he drove up to get his quilt (had to be here for deer season, you know)! His mother, Rhoda Kelso, is on our Museum Board of Directors, and she came in with them to pick up the quilt. Shown with John and Gail showing off the quilt are Rhoda and Ginny Brozowski, President.



Left to Right: Ginny Brozowski, Rhoda Kelso, Gail and John Kelso.

Museum Gift Shoppe

Ginny Brozowski, manager of The Gift Shoppe is looking for smaller type crafts for The Museum Gift Shoppe. Everything for sale in The Gift Shoppe must be made in our wonderful state of Michigan and more specifically, from Gaylord and Otsego County. If you have an item you think would sell well (space is limited so the items must be small), give Ginny a call at 732-9406 to make an appointment for her to see what you have. She does not take any items on consignment so she will have to see and buy your items and then resell them in The Gift Shoppe for a small profit which helps the Museum with utility bills.



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PRAYER

by NF Marti

Lord, Thou knowest better than I that I am growing older,
That the years ahead may be bright or bitter
According to my own actions and attitudes.

Keep me from being talkative; from thinking
That I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Free my mind from endless detail;
Give me wings to come to the point.

Give me the grace to listen to the pains
And problems of others; help me to
Endure them with patience and understanding,
But seal my lips, O Lord, to my own trials -
And no less to my triumphs - for my love
Of rehearsing them grows sweeter with the years.

Teach me the difficult truth that I may occasionally be mistaken.
Help me to look ahead, not ever-backward;
To broaden, not narrow, my interests;
To smile often even tho it may sometimes be an effort.

Absolve me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs,
With my store of knowledge and my unspent talents it's a
temptation to overwork them.
But my I be mindful that a few enduring friends are
likewise important. Keep me, above all,
Amiable and reasonably tolerant; thoughtful but not moody,
Helpful but not boss, not a saint O Lord
For some are hard to live with,
But remind me daily, that a sour old person
Is the crowning work of the devil!

Written by 93 year old Uncle of Brenda Brummel of Gaylord.
Mr. Marti lives by himself and is very self sufficient.