



FOREST FRAGMENTS

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From the FCHS President

We continue to make history as we work through a modern pandemic. Time always marches on, but I think this year will be marked by special turning points in our thinking and planning.

FCHS opened a little late this year, and I believe our numbers are down due to fewer travelers this year. However, we have continued our tours with safety as our top priority. Masks were provided for everyone and hand sanitizers were available throughout the building. Most of our Tuesday Talks were moved to the porch or lawn.

Much time has been spent

by our volunteers on the roof project, making the landscape the best it can be, and raising funds through our cookie barn and new activity book.

We also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Our seasonal display case is dedicated to this cause. The *Notable Women of Forest County* book is filling up, but we can still take submissions. We hosted a Celebration Parade in Tionesta on August 15, in which over 46 women participated, and we hope to finish the celebration at the fall dinner.

Please help us, if you can, to build up our membership. This is so particularly important in any organization. Please invite others to join FCHS!

As we end this season, I would like to thank all the volunteers for their service. A special thank you to the Board of Directors who have invested many hours to make the Museum not only a storage place for our heritage, but a valuable resource and gem of pride for our community.

Respectfully,
Mary Alyce Knauff,
President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Fall Banquet
October 22, 2020

Trick or Treat
October 31, 2020

Tionesta Lights Up
December 5, 2020

FCHS 2020 Fall Banquet

We will hold our annual Fall Banquet on October 22 at St. Anthony's Social Hall on Bridge Street in Tionesta.

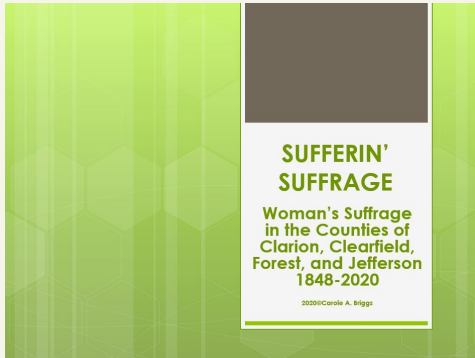
The menu will be stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, coffee, tea or punch and homemade pie. **Reservations are due by October 12th.**

Social distancing will be observed and wearing masks will be advised when guests are not seated.

See the article on page 2 of this issue for details about the evening's program.

You will find the Dinner Reservation Form on page 3. We hope to see you there!

Fall Dinner Program Continues 19th Amendment Theme



The guest speaker for the evening was to be retired teacher, Carol Briggs, from Brookville, Pa. Carol is a published author, workshop presenter and recipient of many awards for her dedication to preserving history.

She has served as volunteer Executive Director/Curator of the Jefferson County Historical Society. Carol has also created over 50 exhibits, ranging from a single case to a 1,400 sf exhibit. Her most recent is "Gone! But Not Forgotten", an exhibit of paintings.

Carol's husband is 91 years old and, out of concern for his health, she is not doing "in person" presentations due to the Corona Virus epidemic. Instead, she has provided FCHS with a program she created to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S.

Constitution. The PowerPoint presentation and narrative will give us all many interesting insights into the struggle women have gone through for equal voice in government. Women's Suffrage has been this year's theme at the History House.

The evening will be devoted to honoring women and the role they play in our world. Please plan to join us and learn more about our fellow Forest County residents from the past who did their part to give women the right to vote!

Suffrage Parade Re-enactment Held in Tionesta



About 50 women and girls gathered at the History Museum on August 15 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The marchers were dressed in white and had yellow sashes like the original Suffragettes. They marched to the Market Village, crossed Elm Street and returned to the History Museum. State Representatives Kathy Rapp and Donna Oberlander both spoke from the porch of the History House to help celebrate the day.



A Local History Activity Book for All Ages

The Forest County Historical Society wanted to create an educational coloring/activity book that would tell the history of our area and make people aware of the conservation issues that are a part of our heritage.

A grant to prepare and print the book was received from the Forest County Conservation District & Planning Department.

FCHS Board members selected historical events, themes and people they

felt were important to be included. Gibbons Business Solutions, LLC of Franklin, PA, was hired to make the dream a reality.

The end product, entitled "Forest County's Colorful Heritage", is a combination of word searches and coloring pages. The text on each page reveals interesting facts about our history. For instance, have you ever heard of the "Allegheny Brush Patch", or did you know who wrote the "Wilderness Act"? This book

has something for everyone. It is a true keepsake to help us understand what our forefathers experienced.

Each page of the book features "Pixon Pennesta", a Passenger Pigeon cartoon character and unofficial mascot of the Forest County Historical Society.

The coloring books are available at the FCHS and make great gifts! They sell for a \$5.00 donation, which helps FCHS continue its important work of preserving the heritage of Forest County.

2020 Fall Dinner Reservation Form

Wednesday, October 22, 2020 St. Anthony's Church, Tionesta

Registration & Social Time: 5:30 pm • Seated Dinner: 6:00 pm • Program: 7:00 pm

Name(s): _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Menu: Stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, coffee, tea or punch and homemade pie.

Number of Dinners: ____ x \$15.00 each

\$_____ Dinner Total

\$_____ Donation

Make Checks payable to: FCHS

\$_____ Total enclosed

Mail payment with this form to: Forest County Historical Society, PO Box 546, Tionesta, PA 16353

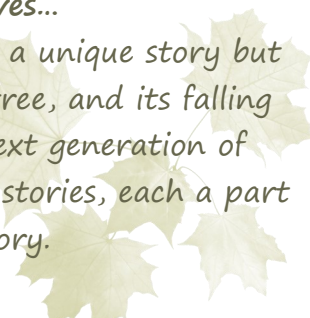
Join or Renew for 2021

We will be sending membership renewal reminders soon, or you may renew by credit card on our website today. Please send friends and family to our website to join too!

We appreciate your support!

History is like fall leaves...

Each colorful leaf has a unique story but is part of the whole tree, and its falling makes way for the next generation of new leaves and their stories, each a part of the tree's whole story.



Roof to be Completed this Fall

On August 12, the Forest County Commissioners awarded the bid for the roofing contract on the History Museum. A portion of the money will come from the County's Community Development Block Grant funding. Other funds are coming from a J. Bowman Proper Charitable Trust grant, a Forest County Community Foundation grant, private donations, and funds that the Forest County Historical Society has in an investment account.

The roof, including new gutters, is scheduled to be completed this fall. It is a large job and the FCHS is happy to be getting it completed!

Thank you to all who donated towards this project!

Intern Completes Summer Work

Aimee Haslet, our summer intern, has returned to college after completing a variety of tasks at the History Museum this past summer.

Her latest projects included a re-organization of our Heritage Room and the creation of several PowerPoint presentations for guests to use during tours. She also spent a great deal of time synchronizing the inventory of accessions and the room inventories.

Aimee has completed three summers of work for us at the museum and has been a real asset to the Forest County Historical Society. We wish her all the best in her third year of college at Clarion University!



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2020 Tuesday Talks at the Museum

This year, FCHS offered its lecture series on Tuesday nights, but got a late start due to COVID-19 restrictions. We seemed to have less people this summer, probably for the same reason, but had 115 Tuesday evening visitors by the end of the series.

We had a great line up of speakers, including Jackie Kuhn, Ron Heasley, Eric Cepak, Amanda Hetrick, Bernadette Holzer, Ashley Sweda, Burke Beach, Brian Hale, Nancy Sweda, Leonard Nickolas, and Scott Weikert. Each was interesting and offered some new knowledge about Forest County.

Our thanks to the speakers from this summer's series. We couldn't do this program without you!

If you have any ideas for a topic, or if you would be willing to speak next year when we repeat Tuesday Talks at the Museum, please let us know by emailing forestcountypahistory@gmail.com.

There is so much history in Forest County that we still just don't know about.

FCHS is trying to find people who have this knowledge and are willing to do a half-hour talk at the Museum. Let us know what history you can share!

Nancy Sweda (bottom) and Burke Beach (right) speaking at FCHS in 2020.

