I would like to talk about volunteering at the Fenton History Center. Small museums such as ours rely heavily upon volunteers because we don’t have the funding to pay salaries for a large staff. It would be impossible to do what we do at the Fenton History Center if we didn’t have our volunteers. We do have a need for some more volunteers and would love to have you join our “family” at the Fenton. We understand that everyone is busy with family and have other commitments, but if you ever have a few hours a week or a month we would love to add you to our volunteer list. Here is our current wish list for new volunteers:

- Someone to clip newspaper articles and obituaries and organize
- Help with cataloging our collections
- Textile volunteer: photograph, catalog, and pack for storage
- Someone to scan photograph collection
- Receptionist & research at Hall House
- Receptionist and tour guide at the museum on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Assisting with education program
- Assisting Dr. Tom Greer with archaeology Monday & Tuesday mornings
- Many volunteers for our Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tours

If you are interested in any of these projects please call at 716-664-6256 or send me (Jane Babinsky) an email at director@fentonhistorycenter.org.

I would like to give a special thank you to Sharon Matson for planting flowers at the Hall House and in front of the museum; Lorna Parker for doing anything we ask her to do; Ken Parker for repairing our riding lawn mower; Rick Roll for keeping the museum open on Saturdays; Jim Wahlberg and Steve Johnson for portraying Gov. Reuben Fenton; all of the numerous volunteers at the Research Center; and last but not least, the staff and volunteers who participated in the July 4th parade in Mayville.

Speaking of volunteers: the Fenton History Center has a new garden club! We have a group from Aspire who come every Tuesday morning and agreed to formally become the Fenton His-
tory Center Garden Club. Jennifer, Jeremy, Kristal, Melissa, Alex, and Allyson can be seen every Tuesday morning planting, weeding, mulching and watering our flower beds. When the weather is not cooperating the group comes inside and does cleaning in the museum and the Hall House. We are very grateful to this group of volunteers from Aspire!

50% OFF Museum Admission for Seniors (65+)
FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH

FENTON CANTEEN WILL BE MEETING AT THE FENTON HISTORY CENTER BEGINNING JULY 9, 2022.
Happy 203rd Birthday Governor Reuben Fenton! Governor Fenton was born on July 4, 1819. This year we celebrated with a float in the Mayville 4th of July Parade. We were also thrilled to be able to include our first Soldier’s Friend Scholarship Award winner, Brianna Rosequist, and have the Governor provide her with a giant check! In addition, the Fenton won first prize for our float!

July is another busy month at the Fenton. On Saturday, July 16, is the Fenton Buildings and Grounds Walking Tour. This was rescheduled from July 9. If you have ever wondered about the construction of our three-story brick mansion, or about how the Fentons lived, join us for this exciting tour starting at 10 AM.

On the evening of Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 PM we will be welcoming author William Walsh and his friend Steven Corey for an author interview. Bill was raised in Jamestown and Lakewood and has now written a novel set in our very own Lakewood NY. Join us for an interview and book signing, and learn more about what inspired this book, the writing process, and more! There will be a questions and answers session as well.

On Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m. you can join us for a tour of the Jamestown Riverwalk. This educational tour covers the history of the river and many of the buildings and industries that were built around it. The tour starts in front of the National Comedy Center.

We are excited to bring back our Inside Jamestown Churches tour for the first time since the pandemic. On July 30 we will be giving guests the opportunity to learn more about, and get a peek inside four area churches. The tour will start at 10 AM at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church at 1011 West Third St Jamestown, then visit Temple Hesed Abraham at Bethel Lutheran Church, the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and then Saint Elia Albanian Orthodox Church.

For more information or to register for any of these events please check our website at fentonhistorycenter.org, or call us at 716-664-6256 or visit us at the Fenton History Center at 67 Washington Street Jamestown.
We are here today for a slightly delayed celebration of July 4, American Independence Day, one of the most thoroughly covered subjects in American history. Of course we are interested particularly in local aspects and even more particularly, Governor Reuben Eaton Fenton, born on July 4, 1819 in the nearby Town of Carroll.

Chautauqua County is actually mentioned, in a manner of speaking, in the Declaration of Independence, itself. One of the list of complaints against King George and the British government enumerated in that document is this one. “For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies.” The neighboring province the Declaration is talking about here is Quebec which the British crown acquired by the Treaty of Paris in 1763 at the conclusion of the French and Indian War. By the Quebec Act on June 22, 1774, the British expanded that province to three times its French size to include Ohio, Michigan and even out to what are now Minnesota and Wisconsin. Previously, New York had asserted claim to much of that territory. The new boundary was the south shore of Lake Erie. Today Chautauqua County extends out to the international boundary at the middle of the lake, so technically, all that under-lake portion of Chautauqua County was included in this grievance expressed in the Declaration.

During the Revolutionary War a major force moved and a minor skirmish happened as close as Warren County. Late in the war a substantial raiding force of Senecas under Sayenhquarghata, not Guyasthuta as the history books tell you, passed through here and raided Hannastown, Pa. on July 13, 1782. So they may have been encamped on Chautauqua Lake as early as July 4, but probably a few days later.

Of course we are all familiar with the facts that the names of six of the Signers of the Declaration are memorialized as names of as many of our towns: Sherman, Clymer, Carroll, Ellery, Stockton, and Gerry. We also have record of 367 veterans of the war buried in the soil of Chautauqua County, all of them, of course having moved here well after the termination of the conflict. And surely a sizable additional number lived here for a while then moved on to have died and been buried elsewhere.

We know that in the 1780’s Cornplanter and his large extended family enjoyed bear hunting on the shores of Chautauqua Lake every summer, but I’m sure they did not celebrate the 4th or even keep track of calendar days.

In the summer of 1798 Holland Land Company survey crews were crisscrossing the county...Continued on Page 6
Take a look inside some of Jamestown's churches. Tour starts at 10:30 and will follow this route:

10:30 Christian Missionary Alliance  
1011 West Third St. Jamestown
11:15 Temple Hesed Abraham  
(at Bethel Lutheran Church)  
904 W. 3rd St. Jamestown
12:00 St Nicholas Greek Orthodox  
Mt. Vernon Place, Jamestown
1:00 St Elia Albanian Orthodox  
103 Palmer St., Jamestown

Guests will need to be able to drive between locations.

10:30 AM to 2 PM  
$10 Adults  
Fenton History Center Members & Children 17 and under Free

For more information or registration please contact us at  
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or on Facebook
laying out the township and range lines every six miles. July 4 was another work day, but many of the surveyors paused or observed the day in some small fashion. The head surveyor of the later (1807 and 1808) lot surveys, John Lamberton, was born on July 4, 1776.

On July 5, 1812, 113 Chautauqua County men marched off to fight a second war with Great Britain. There is a story recorded of county residents being surprised by the opening shots of the war on the Lake Erie shore as they were listening to a patriotic speech, but this had to have been a product of confused later recollections.

In 1816, Stephen Frank, in what is now Busti held a 4th of July party that was remembered as long as the pioneer generation survived. Ellicott Republicans predominated and partisanship, along with drinking, ran quite strong. The Republicans were celebrating a sweeping victory in the April town election where John Frew unseated James Prendergast as supervisor, and the opposing Federalist Party was in the process of dissolving. Nevertheless, some Federalists staged an allegedly less partisan and less successful celebration in Jamestown. Ellicott then embraced its present territory plus Jamestown, the east part of Busti, and all of present-day Kiantone, Carroll, and Poland. At least seven Revolutionary War veterans were in attendance: Jacob Fenton, Homer Wellman, John Owens, Jasper Marsh, Stephen Wilcox, Joseph Loucks, and Eliphalet Steward.

People arrived on foot or horseback. The liquor was plainly awful and no one got excessively drunk. Rev. Lemuel Smith of Sugar Grove gave an invocation and there was a dance at night done to the fiddle of Ebenezer Davis of Kiantone. The ladies wore white dresses and got very cold on the trip home. There was a hard frost.

At the Jamestown party, James Prendergast was elected “President of the Day,” and other officers including an orator (Abner Hazeltine) were installed. The Declaration of Independence was read aloud at all such parties. Ebenezer Cheney organized a “military style band” consisting of three clarinets, two clarions, and a bassoon. Actual brass bands were yet in the future.

In 1817 some partyers from Dunkirk took a jaunt out on Lake Erie and saw a sea serpent. There had been some drinking.

The first steamboat on Chautauqua Lake made her maiden voyage July 4, 1828, from Jamestown to Mayville. It carried a cannon and another was fired at Mayville. Mayville merchants had acquired fireworks from Buffalo, the first seen in the county. Everybody enjoyed a picnic when the boat arrived, the earliest picnic I know of recorded in Chautauqua County.

In the 1830’s local Independence Day celebrations were typically conducted by Sunday schools and their choirs. Jamestown and other communities also had “glee clubs,” small singing societies, that performed. In 1840 Jamestown held a temperance party with the glee club performing.

In 1845 Dunkirk residents took advantage of the short stretch of tracks that had been laid east from their village for the uncompleted Erie Railroad. They mounted a horse car on the rails and rode out to have a picnic, anticipating by 35 years the era of horse drawn street cars.

In 1842 Jamestown got its first resident brass band but there is no mention of a band performing on the 4th until 1843. In 1844 the band played at the Whigs’ celebration and in 1844 it was at Sugar Grove.

In 1846 according to Kiantone’s Mark Cheney there was a large celebration featuring four surviving Revolutionary War soldiers riding in wagons and a squad of War of 1812 veteran along with a 12 piece band, 11 woodwinds and a trombone. The Jamestown Journal on the other hand reported the day was not celebrated in any formal manner. There were fireworks, bell ringings, cannons fired and as in 1816 the very dangerous practice of anvil firing.

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In 1861, just three months after the Civil War broke out, Jamestown people held a deliberately low key observance. Not so in 1865 two months after its victorious termination. Their efforts were blessed by felicitous weather. Cannon firings, as we have seen, were a popular element of 19th century celebrations and Jamestown had just acquired a 12 pounder, which, along with ringing bells, was heard for 30 miles. Edward R. Bootey, an English immigrant, was in charge of the firing. On the 31st round, it fired prematurely and slightly injured John Tuttle. The ramrod has still not been found.

At 9 or 10 a.m. the parade procession formed at Third and Main under the direction of Lt. Col. Dunham. There was no standard time then and the two local newspapers disagree by an hour on everything. One may have been using sun time and the other railroad time. At 10 or 11, parade participants began marching out Third Street to La Fayette, then down to Second, east on Second to Fourth, Fourth to Main, down Main, across the old wooden bridge and through the flats only recently then called Brooklyn and up to the grove between the Hall House and the Fenton mansion. There was Bootey and his artillery piece and a float with pretty girls decked out in patriotic colors and each carrying a flag with the name of one of the then 36 states, the names, not the state flags. I don’t think they had state flags then.

It isn’t clear how young these girls were, but I suspect about 10 to 13 because older girls and young women then didn’t publicly flaunt their beauty not if they were well mannered anyhow. The float also featured evergreen boughs and American flags. The float was the entry of the Mineola Boat Club, which I never otherwise heard of. A Mr. A. Tallent, piano maker and some 70 employees, led by a mule and holding a banner made of shavings was a big hit.

Some members of the general public joined the parade and others came directly here, about 4 or 5 thousand of them. Seating was inadequate and many sat down on the grass. Richard P. Marin was President of the Day. He called the assembled to order. The Ellington Brass Band played. Rev. Henry Benson, lately chaplain of the 49th New York Volunteers delivered a fervent prayer.

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The two papers don’t agree on the order of events. I’m mostly following the *Chautauqua Democrat* here. A choir sang. William Bradshaw read the Declaration of Independence. The band played. Then Alex Sheldon delivered a welcoming address to the returning soldiers. The choir sang and Col. C. B. Curtis from the 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers gave an eloquent speech. Marvin made a few more remarks and everyone adjourned to eat.

The food was prepared by volunteer local women, the crowd being more than any local restaurant or caterer at the time could handle. The returning soldiers and their wives and the veterans of 1812 had seats of honor and ate free. The ticket holding public was fed 600 at a time, four times in succession.

In late afternoon balloon ascensions were scheduled but were at best partially successful. These were probably war surplus balloons floated with hydrogen generated by dropping zinc into hydrochloric acid. The first balloon, supposed to represent the Union broke free and ripped. It was patched up and managed to make it half a mile. Another balloon representing the Confederacy was sent up. “After a very brief ascent it took fire, and disappeared.” Presumably these were unmanned.

The subsequent “Dead Beats” comic costume parade seems to have been the hit of the day. Eighty people participated, some mounted on horses or mules. I can’t figure out what all was involved but I suspect it may have been politically incorrect by modern standards. This either included or was followed by a parody re-enactment of the capture of Jefferson Davis, not as it really happened but according to the then universally believed legend that he was trying to escape in women’s clothes.

Fireworks climaxed and closed the celebration. The *Democrat* put the number of people in town at 12,000, the *Jamestown Journal* said 13 to 20,000. The population of Jamestown was then a little over 3,600.

In 1922, private fireworks were outlawed in Jamestown. In 1936 we had our first Chautauqua Lake flare lighting and in 1934 the statue of Governor Fenton was unveiled in front of the mansion.
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More exciting news from the Gift Shop. We are currently holding a Christmas in July Sale for the entire month of July. There are some super great BARGAINS, beautiful ornaments and Mystery bags for both adults and children. The plan is to clear out excess inventory to make room for T-shirt and Mugs that carry the Fenton logo. Andrew Kolstee, our new Office Manager, is working hard to create an online store on our Web Site. Stop in and see what’s new!
Genealogy Support Group Presents:

**New York State Research Workshops**

a 6 part series

May 21, June 11, July 23, August 20,
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$20 per session or $100 for all 6 sessions if you sign up all at once
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Workshops are being held both in person and on Zoom. Space is limited.

Please see the Fenton History Center Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/FentonHistoryCenter
or the website www.fentonhistorycenter.org
This month I’d like to take you through the process of the months of preparation in order to open the 2022 Summer Exhibit – St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church – The First One Hundred Years.

Our Curator, Victoria Parker, had already been working with the Church committee regarding the photos, information, and items they would lend for the exhibit for the summer. They had an enormous amount of important and historical materials and together with photos and items from the Fenton archives, the story all came together. Many church members helped with proofreading and adding information as we went along.

As Project Coordinator of Vets Finding Vets, I had offered to highlight the Veterans of the Church. As the names were furnished by Elizabeth Fredericks, it became clear that the Veterans of St. Nicholas had been well appreciated all along. Some of the members had served in the Greek Army before coming to Jamestown, and some of those men stepped up again. On my end, the resources at the Research Center were so valuable in order to flesh out the military details of many of the Vets, especially those who have passed. An exceptional resource is the JHS Class of 1943 Honor Society Project using 5x7 cards for each JHS student who was serving our country that year. The students were dedicated to their mission to clip the soldier information and photos from the newspaper. (Some of us wish it had been a project for all of WWII, but I digress...) Another amazing source was an intended scrapbook which became too bulky to put together. The news blurbs and photos of each soldier serving throughout the war was painstakingly clipped by a student from Frewsburg. Every other scrapbook of WWII that I have seen doesn’t include everyone, usually just neighbors, friends, and other local students. Frances Dallas included men, women, and all races.

Another important source for WWI through the current wars is the Chautauqua County Veterans Listing Project, which was collecting information from Veterans and their families in the late 1990’s, and we continue to add new info. We also used Jamestown City Directories, online newspapers, and individuals who knew the families helped in the search for photos of the Veterans. We will continue to

by Barb Cessna

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
The 2022 Featured exhibit “Saint Nicholas Church: The First 100 Years” opened on June 22nd. We welcomed guests from the church congregation and community at an open house where we enjoyed punch and Halva, a dessert that dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, which was provided by church member Liz Fredricks.

This exhibit was completed in coordination with the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church as part of the larger Centennial Celebration they are planning this fall. The exhibit tells the story of the founding and growth of the church over the last 100 years and highlights the impact of the church, and the congregation on the broader community in Jamestown.

The exhibit is located on the first floor of the Fenton Mansion and will be on display through November 1, 2022.
2022 Featured Exhibit
Learn more about the community that built the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and their history here in Jamestown.
Exhibit opens June 22 and runs through October 31st.
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Open Mon-Sat 10-4
$10 Adults
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Most of our members already know that the Fenton History Center launched Vets Finding Vets on Nov. 11, 2014 as a free program for Veterans who would like to make use of the Research Center for delving into their family history or learning more about the Veterans in their family. We then added Fenton Canteen so that Veterans could get together over coffee and cookies and enjoy each other’s company. We have added Veteran Talks, bus trips, Quilts of Valor, and continue the ever-popular Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.

This year we have added a scholarship opportunity for High School graduates who are pursuing a military-related career, used free time to gain experience toward that choice, and/or volunteered in their community while keeping a good grade point average.

The Soldiers’ Friend Scholarship, named in honor of Governor Reuben E. Fenton, a Veteran himself who spent much of his political career as a Representative for Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. He authored a bill for support of the surviving invalids of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, which was passed. During the Civil War, as pressure to raise more troops was applied by President Lincoln to support the war effort, Fenton held many rallies to raise the needed troops. He was also very approachable as soldiers and their families sought out his help to resolve issues, for instance, trying to find their wounded or deceased sons, or to resolve the paperwork issues of pay due to the wounded in hospitals who had been labeled as deserters. As Governor during the last few months of the Civil War, he continued his hospital visits of the wounded which often led to late night trips to the War and Navy Departments as he worked through the needed paperwork to ease the burdens on the men and their families. Even after the end of the War as surviving troops returned home, he continued many long months to see to their needs while also going about the business of rebuilding his state.

The Soldiers’ Friend Scholarship also honors the many Veterans

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and Patriotic organizations who held their meetings and events inside the Fenton Mansion after the City purchased the home and property in 1919, deeming it a Soldier and Sailor Memorial Park.

The very first recipient of the Soldiers’ Friend Scholarship is Brianna Rosequist, a graduate of Frewsburg Central School. We are very pleased to present the $1000 award toward her chosen field of study. Brianna has enlisted in the NYS National Guard and has already left for basic training. While carrying a high GPA as a member of the Honor Society, she volunteered her time with Habitat for Humanity, Community Blood Bank, and Chautauqua Humane Society. She also worked as a STAR Swimming Lifeguard, a Pumpkintown Staff member, and as a member of the Relief Zone Summer Staff.

After basic training and other training, Brianna will enter the University of Buffalo in the fall of 2023 with a major in Business. We certainly wish her well and if her past activities are any indication, Brianna will stand ready to make a difference wherever she goes.

The Fenton History Center is now a Blue Star Museum!

Free admission to all active military and their family through September 5, 2022!

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JOIN US JULY 19 FOR BILL WALSH BOOK SIGNING LAKEWOOD: A NOVEL

by Janet Wahlberg PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Fenton History Center will welcome Bill Walsh and his friend Steven Corey for an evening of conversation about his new book Lakewood, set in our town of Lakewood.

Bill was born in Jamestown and raised in Lakewood. He now resides in Atlanta, Georgia where he is the director of the undergraduate and graduate creative writing programs at Reinhardt University. He is the editor of the James Dickey Review and when not writing, he spends time with his family, enjoys competitive tennis and golf, as well as playing chess internationally.

Bill describes his book, Lakewood, as follows:

Wrought with angst over his young sister’s death, nineteen-year-old Robert English returns to his childhood town to discover family secrets, adventure, and the love of his life.

In 1973, in idyllic Lakewood, New York, this beautiful coming-of-age story is about a lonely college student who returns to his hometown eleven years after the death of his twin sister.

Robert English accepts a summer job housesitting for his history professor. If Thomas Wolfe’s Look Homeward, Angel proclaimed you can never return home, Robert attempts the impossible, to return to his childhood to reconcile his past, to find answers to his sister’s death, to have a summer of adventure and love, and ease the guilt he suffers. Along the way, he finds adventure, love, and sex. This young medical student, flawed like all men and women, loses the one woman he truly loves and finds himself alone again. Lust, lies, and seduction tempt him away from her and leave him damaged, almost beyond repair, but he must find a way back into her heart. This is the first book in a series of three.

Bill will be signing and selling copies of his book. Please join us for this evening of delightful conversation and entertainment. There is no cost.
Tuesday, July 19, 6:30pm
In-person and Live on Zoom and Facebook
Join us for a fun, live virtual interview with author Bill Walsh and his friend Steven Corey for an evening of conversation about his new book Lakewood, set in our town of Lakewood, what inspired him to write it, and more!
There will be a question and answer time at the end of the interview.

This event is FREE and open to the public.
For more details visit our website www.fentonhistorycenter.org, call us at (716)664-6256 or find us on Facebook.
Please join us for another exciting year of interesting local history topics!

**May 11th:**
Randy Elf,
Constitutional Lawyer,
on Judge Robert H. Jackson’s case
WVA vs Barnett

**June 8th:**
Norman Carlson,
Collections Manager of the Fenton History Center on the Prehistory of Chautauqua County

**July 13th:**
Fletcher Ward, Local Author, and Historian on the Muskellunge of Chautauqua Lake

**August 10th:**
Wendy Straight Mapping Assistant, Chautauqua County 19th Century Sites on Mapping Jamestown Sites of the 1880s

**September 14th:**
Paul Johnson, Property Developer, on the History of the Packard Family in Chautauqua county

**October 12th:**
Tom Greer, Fenton Archaeology Director, on the 2022 Archaeological Dig Results

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**Wednesday April 20:**
Sara Reale, Former Education Director at the Fenton History Center on The Ringling Legacy: The Circus and Beyond
Genealogy Support Group

The Fenton History Center’s Genealogy Support Group serves to support to both experienced and amateur researchers. Meetings feature invaluable lectures, discussions and are an excellent way to become familiar with the Fenton History Center’s impressive collection of resources.

The Support Group typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the Fenton History Center in the historic Hall House building, located at 73 Forest Avenue in Jamestown, New York. Doors open at 6, and the meeting begins at 6:30 with a brief business meeting followed by a program. Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Meetings are also often held via Zoom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 21, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
New York Workshop III: Early British Period and German Palatines

*presented by Andrew Kolstee*

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Book Review of New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer

*presented by Janet Wahlberg*

Saturday, August 20, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
New York Workshop IV: 19th Century New York

*speaker TBD*

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Immigration and Naturalization

*speaker TBD*
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
• Unlimited complimentary admission to the Governor Reuben Fenton Mansion.
• Unlimited access to the Hall House Research Library.
• Reduced fee for Fenton events and programs unless specified.
• A discount to the museum gift shop.
• Members only e-mail updates.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
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• Educator $30
• Individual (under age 62) $40
• Family $75. Includes 2 adults and up to 3 children.

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• Supporting $120, can be paid monthly ($10). Includes 4 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Friend of Fenton $250, can be paid monthly ($20.83). Includes 6 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Representative’s Circle $360, can be paid monthly ($30). Includes 8 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Senator’s Circle $500, can be paid monthly ($41.67). Includes 16 complimentary admissions for guests, lunch with Executive Director, and a behind the scenes tour of the Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion for up to four people.
• Governor’s Circle $1,000, can be paid monthly ($83.33). Includes unlimited complimentary admissions for guests, lunch with Executive Director, a behind the scenes tour of Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion for up to four people, and a behind the scenes tour of Hall House Research Center for four people.
Phoebe Forbes, our volunteer Textile Curator, has managed our extensive collection with her amazing expertise for many years, and she could use some help.

We are now in need of someone to photograph and box the items that she has catalogued. We would provide direction on what needs to be done and you would set your hours.

If you are interested in helping with this project, contact us at 716-664-6256.

by Janet Wahlberg 
PRESIDENT

Caring for our exhibits and artifacts requires constant temperatures and levels of humidity. Our basement area can get quite damp in the summer and requires that we run a dehumidifier continuously. We would welcome a new one if you are able to help us out.
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