July is the month of our big Gala! We are looking forward to celebrating our 60th Anniversary as the Fenton Historical Society of Jamestown on Saturday, July 29th. The theme of the event is the Roaring 20s and will be a fun party for everyone. We will host a special VIP party for our sponsors at 5:00 pm, which will include piano music from the 20s, special hors d'oeuvres, party favors, and preview of our silent auction and basket raffle. The main party kicks off at 6:00 pm under the big tent. Sandee’s will be catering wonderful food, Gypsy Moon will be providing our dessert, wine from Merritt Winery, beer from Southern Tier Brewery, Pie Time Entertainment will be providing the 1920s music, entertainment by Tiffany Wakely Academy of Dance, and a Speak Easy in the basement will round out the fun. Many local businesses and individuals have donated wonderful items for our raffle ($5 for a card of 25 tickets plus 1 ticket for the Barrel of Booze) and special one of a kind items for the silent auction. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Winnings from poker, black jack, and nickel slot machines will be turned in for tickets on the Barrel of Booze. Please support the Fenton History Center by purchasing a ticket. Tickets are $100 for an individual or $175 for a couple. Come dressed for the Roaring 20s for the full experience, however, costumes are optional.

Don’t miss our Lecture Series on July 12th at 7:00 pm in the FHC Dining Room. The program is about prohibition in Jamestown with true anecdotes that you won’t want to miss! Our presenters are Karen Livsey and Sam Genco. Seating is limited, so come early. We will be serving some “Mocktails” for you to try, also. This program will get you in the spirit for our Gala and remember: it is free.

Our virtual video tour will be ready for everyone to see at our Gala. I had the pleasure of meet-...CONTINUED ON PAGE 2
ing one of our original members a few weeks ago, who is currently living in Jamestown. Carolyn Graham Volk is housebound, so I took the virtual video tour to her, which I had downloaded to our new laptop. The laptop was from an ASI grant we received and the video was made possible through a grant with HNY. Carolyn had not been to visit the Fenton in many years. After watching the video tour she had tears of joy! Carolyn said that all of the original members would have loved the virtual tour and it is going to be a great way to solve our problem with our visitors who can’t do the stairs when they visit. Carolyn and her first husband, Richard Graham, were very active in the newly formed Fenton Historical Society. She served as Membership Chair in 1963 and 1964, and secretary of the board in the late 1960s. The original members put a lot of sweat and tears into saving the Fenton Mansion and procuring it for a museum. Kudos to Carolyn for dedicating several years to the Fenton Historical Society of Jamestown, we are ever grateful!

Support the Fenton through recycling!

Bring your plastic and aluminum beverage containers to Southside Redemption Center in the name of the Fenton History Center. Proceeds will directly benefit the Fenton History Center. Plastic and aluminum must be separated. Just drop them off in the name of the Fenton and that’s it!

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Jamestown, NY 14701

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Thursday 9 AM to 2 PM
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Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM
CURATOR SNIPPETS:
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

by Therese Avedillo
CURATOR

The Fenton History Center’s 1920s Exhibition features a blue silk crepe dress trimmed with blonde lace. Textile Curator, Phoebe Forbes, describes this dress as decked with a full front bodice and floating lace panel at the back, in the Georgette fashion. Made and imported from Paris in the 1920s, in 1982 it was donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson Cass who wore it at the celebration of the completion of Hotel Jamestown on New Year’s Eve, December 31, 1924. The Gala was held in the Crystal Ballroom and Mrs. Cass wrote on a letter which came with her donation, that the “event held cherished memories”. She mentioned the “huge crystal ballroom, the beaded ballgowns, the jeweled tiaras, fan-shaped combs, the men attired in tailored tuxedos, and the formal printed menus, molded ice cream and petit fours”. Mrs. Cass also felt quite grown-up “being sent home, alone, in a taxi cab while the merry bells of the New Year rang out”. Mrs. Cass’s uncle, Frank O. Anderson, was the first President of Hotel Jamestown and her father, Oscar E. Anderson, was the owner of Monarch Furniture. The hotel was known to accommodate many attendees of the famous Furniture Exposition in Jamestown. The dress was purchased at Best & Co., an exclusive 5th Avenue store in New York City.

Another item in the spotlight in our exhibit, is a watch presented to Frank A. Johnson, Jamestown Chief of Police, for 30 years of service, on January 6, 1925. This was donated by Jon M. Becker, in memory of the police chief’s daughters, Florance and Hattie Johnson. According to Hatch’s Illustrated History of Jamestown, Mr. Johnson was appointed Chief of Police in December, 1894, by Mayor Green and reappointed successively by Mayors Price, Cooper and E. Johnson. F. A. Johnson was a member of the National Guards of New York and a volunteer during the Spanish-American War.

These and many more, are on display at the museum. Just as the 1920s dress harkens back to a memorable occasion, we wish to share an unforgettable evening with you. We hope to see you at our Gala on the 29th.
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FENTON HISTORY CENTER
60TH ANNIVERSARY
Gala
SAT., JULY 29, 2023 6-9 PM
GOV. REUBEN FENTON MANSION
67 WASHINGTON ST., JAMESTOWN, NY 14701
$100 INDIVIDUAL / $175 COUPLE
MAIL RSVP AND CHECK TO ABOVE ADDRESS
OR REGISTER AT FENTONHISTORYCENTER.ORG/GALA
When we think of the 1920s our thoughts go right to flapper girls, speak easies, and gangsters. What the decade signifies is change. Fashion for women drastically changed from long dresses and tight fitting corsets to short loose dresses with underwear that produced a boyish figure. House dresses became popular as well as lounge wear. Women now had more of a voice in politics now that they had the right to vote. Women began thinking for themselves, with more of them attending college and looking at pursuing careers. Women were free to smoke, use cosmetics, and cut their hair.

Life was made easier by the use of electricity in most homes and that brought items like the electric toaster, vacuum cleaner and washing machine into many homes. More families had automobiles. Silent movies gave way to “Talkies” and by 1922 approximately 60,000 households had radios. Between the automobile and radio more people could connect with the “outside” world. The radio made Jazz a popular genre of music in the twenties as well as the phonograph helping to make the Jazz Age.

The country as a whole prospered in spite of political scandals. We began to see entertainment and sports figures entwined with politics. Baseball hero Babe Ruth openly backed liberal candidate Al Smith for President, adding to the new found excitement in politics. This led to the growing importance of sports in American culture. Industrial production in America climbed 50%. Education, religion, science, and medicine made progress. A new age was also ushered in with the aviation industry.

On the flip side were gangsters due to prohibition, which led to rampant crime. Farmers, Laborers, African Americans, and recent immigrants did not share in the prosperity with other Americans. Rural America still used outhouses and oil lamps. There was a rise of the Ku Klux Klan across America. The KKK as they were known, targeted African Americans, Catholics, Jewish Americans, and “foreigners.” This made life dangerous for many people in rural America and the cities. People were still recovering from the effects of WWI and the pandemic of 1918.

1920s, a period of change. It was also a period of change for the Fenton Mansion. The City purchased Walnut Grove from the Fenton Family and turned the long vacant mansion into a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park. Veterans groups, such as the GAR, moved their meetings to the Mansion. There was life again in old Walnut Grove.
WHERE ARE THE EARLY MOVIES OF JAMESTOWN?

by Norman Carlson
COLLECTIONS MANAGER

In the early days of Jamestown, the only way to obtain an image of yourself or anyone else was to employ an artist or draw the picture yourself. The first photographer to arrive in Jamestown came in 1842, remarkably early. The earliest instance I have found of a motion picture being shown in Jamestown is 1899, also remarkably early.

I have seen occasional notices in old newspapers of motion pictures being taken in Jamestown in the 1920's and maybe a little earlier. These were done with 35 mm outfits handled by professional crews. Relatively few of even commercial films survive from that era so it is unrealistic to hope to find any of the Jamestown footage. 16mm film for amateur use came on the market in 1923, 8mm in 1932.

John Wright who owned the Jamestown Telephone Corporation was well known as an early local amateur movie photographer. His footage of the 1927 Jamestown Centennial parade has been shown several times on the local cable station. Home video tape (analog) cameras started to show up around 1980. At first there were two popular formats, VHS and Betamax. We have one or two of the later 8mm digital recordings in the collection also.

In 1941 considerable professional 35mm footage was taken in Jamestown in color as part of a promotional venture to increase attendance at the local theaters. We used to sell this at the Gift Shop, first as a VHS and later a DVD. It is now on Youtube. By the 1950’s a lot of people had 8mm cameras and were taking home movies, but the favorite subject was vacations, not local scenes. Family celebrations were another favorite subject (which we do collect if they show identified people), but those rarely showed outdoor vistas.

Three things have turned our minds here to the realization that we should be trying to collect as many early local home movies as we can. The first is our 60th anniversary celebration, the Gala, and the time capsule we are preparing as part of that celebration. The second was the donation of a copy of the 1986 video by Producer Dan Swackhammer, Jamestown: A Century of Life, A Century of Living done in U Matic, an early professional video tape format. The third was a recent call from a woman in Las Vegas looking for early films showing Bigelows.

These activities, along with the realization that there are potentially many home movies of Jamestown and the environs gathering dust in boxes, unseen for decades, should serve as a motivation to act on this opportunity and publically attempt to generate donations of the films and grow our collection.
FENTON TRAVELERS TRIP: SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

by Cindy Dustin
VOLUNTEER

There is still room on the Fenton Travelers bus trip to Genesee Country Village on Wednesday, August 16. The cost is $105 and includes everything but your meals. You can eat lunch at the Village or bring your own, and dinner will be at Sprague’s Restaurant in Portville on the way home. We will also visit the Historical LeRoy House and the Jell-O Museum and have a trolley tour at the GCV. Call the Fenton History Center at 664-6256 to register.

BE A PART OF HISTORY!

Be part of the Fenton History Center Time Capsule by dropping off a letter, identified photography, or a business card. All monetary donations accepted for covering the costs of the Time Capsule.

GERMAN GENEALOGY WORKSHOP PRESENTED AT HALL HOUSE

by Andrew Kolstee
OFFICE MANAGER

On June 3, 2023, we had a special workshop on German genealogy. Special thanks to the Jean Vandewark Olson Stowell Genealogy Research and Education Fund for sponsoring this event!

Our speaker, Katherine Schober of Germantology Unlocked has over a decade of experience in translating German documents, transcribing German handwriting and conducting German genealogical research.

She discussed the five types of German genealogy documents: Church Books, Vital Records, Military Records, Emigration Papers, and Court Records.
Like all museums, the Fenton has many books. Often these are donated by people as they are downsizing. In our library we have an incredible assortment of books on the shelves relating to local history. As these are used as resources for research, we retain copies so as to be able to replace them as needed.

While sorting through our collections, we have found that we have an excess of some volumes and titles. We also have other books that were received as a part of a donation and just do not fit into the local history category. Each donor completes a form regarding their donation and their desire for its dispersal. One of the questions is that, if we cannot use the books, can we forward them to another museum or sell them? The wording on our donor sheet states: May be sold to benefit the Fenton History Center and Museum. With this in mind, we plan to place some of the vintage volumes in the Museum Gift Shop for sale.

An example of some of the titles that we have are: Centennial History of Chautauqua County, Historic Annals of Western New York Vol. 1 & 2, Centennial History of Chautauqua County, WWII in Pictures and WWI in Pictures. I am a bit intrigued by the book titled, *The Perfect Woman* 1903. I suspect that this has changed over the last 120 years. This is just a tiny portion of the list, and we hope you will want to purchase some of these books for your home libraries.

For those interested, we have a list of books available.

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**Local Trivia**

Q1. What is the slogan of Avis car rental?
Q2. Who was swimming coach at JHS in 1962?
Q3. What city park used to have airplanes land there in the 1920s and 1930s?
Q4. What year was the first Journal published?
Q5. When did paved streets begin in Jamestown?

See page 19 for answers.
The Fenton’s Genealogy Support Group serves to support both experienced and amateur researchers. Meetings feature invaluable lectures, discussions, and/or research nights and are an excellent way to become familiar with the Fenton History Center’s impressive collection of resources. All events are held at the Hall House Research Center (73 Forest Avenue) at the times given except where noted. Program topics and speakers are subject to change. Meetings are recorded and available for members to review.

**2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Genealogy Support Group and Workshops**

GENEALOGY SUPPORT GROUP

RESEARCH NIGHTS
Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

- August 30, 2023
- September 27, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- December 27, 2023

FIELD TRIP
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Visit to Warren County Public Library
(meet at the Hall House by 3:15 PM)
(departing at 3:30 PM sharp)

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Open House 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

DOCUMENTARY NIGHT
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Documentary TBD

WORKSHOPS
Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- July 15, 2023
  English Research
  (Janet Wahlberg)

- August 19, 2023
  Scottish Research
  (Janet Wahlberg)

- September 16, 2023
  Canadian - Maritime Provinces
  (Vince Courtney)

- October 21, 2023
  Norwegian/Danish Research
  (Andrew Kolstee)

All previous workshops are available to those who purchased them. Contact us for a link.
JUNETEENTH EVENTS HELD AT FENTON MANSION

by Andrew Kolstee
OFFICE MANAGER

Last month, the Fenton hosted two Juneteenth events.

First, on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Wendy Straight presented documentary Underground Chautauqua: Three Freedom Trails. The documentary covered an in-depth presentation of the abolitionist movement in Chautauqua County and surrounding areas and its involvement in the underground railroad.

Then, on Friday, June 16, 2023, we hosted Mat Callahan and presented his documentary Songs of Slavery and Emancipation that featured the research and the recording of abolitionist songs. The song book and CD are available for purchase in the Fenton Museum Store, including our online store.
FENTON TRAVELERS BUS TRIP
GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE,
JELL-O MUSEUM,
AND HISTORICAL LeROY HOUSE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
$105 per person
$25 nonrefundable deposit to reserve your seat
(deposits are transferrable, if you need to sell your seat)
Balance due July 10, 2023

ONLY 25 SEATS AVAILABLE!

This historical trip takes us to the Genesee Country Village, the Jell-O Museum and Historical LeRoy House, followed by a dinner stop at Spragues Restaurant in Portville. The trip will include the coach bus, a guided tour/trolley ride at GCV, as well as time to explore on your own. Meals are NOT included in the cost. You may bring your own picnic lunch or dine at one of the facilities at the Country Village. A full menu option, at your expense, is available at Spragues.

The Genesee Country Village & Museum is the largest living history museum in New York State, encompassing the Historic Village, Nature Center, and John L. Wehle Gallery. In the Historic Village, 68 buildings from the 19th century range from a pioneer farm to a Victorian mansion, each bringing history to life. Costumed interpreters share knowledge and stories of daily life, trades, and culture, including the blacksmith, potter, tinsmith, and farmers. The John L. Wehle Gallery featured extraordinary collections of 19th-century clothing, wildlife, and sporting art. New for 2022 is “Duck, Duck, Shoot! The Story of American Waterbirds,” a sprawling exhibition exploring waterfowling in the 19th century and its ties to conservation movements in the 20th century. The Nature Center offers five miles of marked trails and programs throughout the year. The Museum grounds also offers restaurants, a pub, shopping experiences, classes and programs for all ages, and more.

Sign up at the Fenton History Center. Make checks payable to the Fenton History Center (67 Washington St., Jamestown, NY 14701) Call (716) 664-6256 to register over the phone.
This year marks two very special anniversaries for the Fenton Mansion and Historical Society and wonderful Gala plans are underway. If you have been receiving our Walnut Press Newsletters for long, you’ll know that this year marks the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Fenton Historical Society forming, taking up residence in the Mansion, and beginning to collect “Old Stuff” relating to the lives and times of those having lived in Chautauqua County.

The other very special anniversary relates to the opening of the Mansion to Veteran groups and Patriotic Societies. A news clipping, published in the Buffalo Evening News on Nov. 19, 1915, shows that much work went into saving the Fenton Mansion, which finally happened in 1919 when the City of Jamestown purchased the home and grounds to be used as a Soldier and Sailor Memorial Park. Then, of course, in order to ready the building for public use, a few things like indoor plumbing, electricity, and an alternative to fireplace heat needed to be added. (Thank you!)

The Fenton Mansion was finally ready for its debut and the Veterans who had waited longest were granted the honor of choosing...continued on page 13
the room they would like to meet in. On July 4 (Governor Fenton’s birthday), 1923, the James M. Brown Post GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) held their first meeting in the Fenton Drawing Room. “A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the trustees of the Post for securing the new rooms and arranging for furniture and possessions of the Post to be moved here. Ira Lou Spring Post American Legion, Samuel M. Porter Camp United Spanish War Veterans, and James Hall Camp Sons of Union Veterans were also thanked for their helpful cooperation in the observance of Memorial Day”.

These groups had picked other rooms and would also begin having meetings in this building.

Check out these photos of the GAR Exhibit now on display in the Drawing Room to honor those early Veterans whose voices and presence once graced this building.
At a recent Frewsburg Central School Awards Night, among the many scholarships and awards given was one which helps graduates who are beginning a future in the military or a military related field. 2023 marks the second annual Soldier’s Friend Scholarship, which honors Governor Fenton’s own nickname in his early political career. He also had been a member of the New York National Guard when it was still referred to as the local militia, and had family members who were Veterans of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

The scholarship is sponsored by Vets Finding Vets, which, as many of you know, is a free program for Chautauqua County Veterans at the Fenton History Center. As the Vets Finding Vets Project Coordinator, I was very proud to present this year’s Soldier’s Friend Scholarship for $1,000 to Jacob Sears. A few days later I was honored to give Jacob and his parents the Military Tour of the Fenton Mansion. He was kind enough to share his high school achievements and plans for the future prior to departing for West Point.

“My name is Jacob Sears. I am a senior at Frewsburg Central School, and I will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. At West Point, I plan on majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in aeronautical engineering. After graduation from West Point, I plan to pursue a military aviation career. Some sports that I have enjoyed in high school include cross country, basketball, bowling, rowing, and track and field.

I also participate in the school band as a trombone player, for which I’ve attended NYSSMA Conference All-State twice and Area All-State various times, and in the school chorus, for which I’ve attended the NAfME All-Eastern music festival. I am also active in the school’s Mock Trial team, SADD club, and am the president of our National Honor Society chapter.

Outside of school, I am a chief master sergeant in the James-town Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol and (license hopefully). I am incredibly excited to be able to take this amazing opportunity at West Point to serve my country! Thank you so much to the folks at Vets Finding Vets for honoring me with the Soldier’s Friend scholarship.”

Well Done, Jacob!
2023 WALKING TOURS

Sat. MAY 6
@ 10:00 AM
Riverwalk Tour
meet at the National Comedy Center

Sat. JUN 24
@ 10:00 AM
Southside Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Sat. JUL 8
@ 10:00 AM
Lucille Ball Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Sat. AUG 5
@ 10:00 AM
Churches Tour
meet at the Fenton Mansion parking lot

Cost: $5 for Members  $10 for Non-Members
Register online, by phone, or in-person in the
Fenton Museum Store.

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Fenton Historical Society
67 Washington St.,
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# Fenton History Center 2023 Lecture Series

*FREE and open to the public!

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FENTON HISTORY CENTER
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION
• Your membership is vital for keeping the museum and research center running!
• As of the summer of 2022, memberships now run January - December. Memberships purchased between September 1 and December 31 are good through December 31 of the following year.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
• Unlimited complimentary admission to the Governor Reuben Fenton Mansion.
• Unlimited access to the Hall House Research Center.
• Reduced fee for Fenton events and programs unless specified.
• A 10% discount to the museum gift shop.
• Members only e-mail updates.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
• Student $15
• Senior (age 62+) $30
• Individual (under age 62) $40
• Family $75. Includes 2 adults. All children in the household under 18 are included.

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• Supporting $120. Includes 4 complimentary admission passes for guests.
• Friend of Fenton $250. Includes 6 complimentary admission passes for guests.
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• Senator’s Circle $500. 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, a free book from our gift shop, and a Fenton branded t-shirt.
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You can also process your membership payment online and have the option to set your membership to automatically renew each year. Thank you for your support!

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SOUTHSIDE WALKING TOUR

by Andrew Kolstee
OFFICE MANAGER

On June 24, 2023, the Fenton had its second walking tour of the year, presented by Dr. Tom Greer.

This was the Southside Walking Tour, covering the area from the Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion, the William Hall House, and other locations up Forest Avenue, McKinley Avenue, and down Prospect Street, including sites such as the D.A.R. Home, the former home of Joel Partridge and Porter Sheldon, as well as the William Broadhead mansion.

Recipe of the Month
Transcribed by Cindy Dustin, Volunteer

The Fenton History Center has an extensive collection of local cookbooks in its archives. This recipe comes from Wholly Hurlbut!, recipes contributed by members and friends of Hurlbut Memorial Community Church at Chautauqua Institution. The book was compiled and offered by the Hurlbut United Methodist Women in 1992. This recipe was submitted by Amy Weaver.

ALMOND SQUARES

3 eggs, well beaten
1 ½ c. sugar
1 ½ c. flour
1 ½ sticks of butter, melted
1 T. almond extract

Beat eggs together with the sugar. Add flour and mix well. Add butter and almond extract. Bake in a greased and floured 9x13 pan at 325 degrees for 30 minutes until lightly browned. Do not overbake. Sprinkle on confectioners’ sugar when cool.

Tour participants listening to Dr. Tom Greer talk about the home that is now owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Jamestown
Trivia Answers from Page 8.  

(A1) “We Try Harder”  
(A2) Dave Devanson  
(A3) Bergman Park  
(A4) 1826  
(A5) 1893-1894
Fenton History Center’s Amazon Wishlist

One of the ways you can support the Fenton History Center is through our Amazon Wishlist. Of course we accept gifts purchased in other places, or monetary donations too!

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Includes entry to Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion & Museum and William Hall House Research Center

Members ......................................................................FREE
Adults (18+) ................................................................. $10
Children (under 18) .....................................................FREE
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