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WELCOME SPRING!

by **Joni Blackman**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April is the start of the busy season. Granted we held the 11th Annual Fenton Trivia Tournament at Shawbucks last month, the tourists and members start to come back to the museum in April. Please attend County Historian Norman Carlson's talk on "George Washington's Connections to Chautauqua County" and our Country's 250th Anniversary on Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM. It should be very interesting.

Our "Vets Finding Vets" Coordinator, Barbara Cessna, will be busy assisting our county veterans who are going on a Honor Flight. It involves two weekends of meeting and greeting fellow veterans followed by the whirlwind trip to the Capital. It's very exciting!

I am getting ready to install the "50th Anniversary of the King of



King Carl XVI Gustaf

Sweden's Visit" exhibit. He visited Jamestown on April 25, 1976. He was only here for a few hours, but thousands attended the festivities. Were you there? Did you make a flag? Please email director@fentonhistorycenter.org or call me (716-664-6256) with your memories of the months

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leading up to his visit and the day of the visit. I would like to capture as many memories of the occasion as possible. The exhibition will be opened on May 19 following my talk at 7 p.m.

50th Anniversary

The Visit of Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden

Exhibit Opens Tues., May 19 at 7:00 PM

SHOW OR NO SHOW?

by **Thomas Goodwill**
PRESIDENT

Our family recently suffered the unexpected loss of a much-loved family member. Our friends and acquaintances had to make a decision whether to visit the funeral home. Should I show up, or not? A surprising number showed up, including many Fenton Staff members and Fenton Board members. That gave our family great comfort.

What if the various friends hadn't shown up? They wouldn't

necessarily have been missed, since they weren't expected to be there. Because they made the effort on our behalf, our horrible day was made more bearable. We certainly noticed that they came to support us.

You may wonder: how does this relate to the Fenton? We don't notice those who don't come in to help, unless they had signed up for a project. Those who DO show up, are gladly welcomed. There's always stuff to do, and volunteers are always of help to us. We have a small, but very

dedicated staff; they can't do everything that needs to be done.

What are your strengths? We can use help with documentation, scanning, research, etc. If you don't feel strong in those areas, we can still use help with "grunt" work, like cleaning, yard work, moving boxes from one area to another.

So, your choice is Show or No Show. I hope you'll choose to help. If you can't come in, perhaps you will consider making a donation?

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APR 21 George Washington's Connections to Chautauqua Co.
presented by *Norman Carlson*

MAY 19 50th Anniversary of The King of Sweden's Visit
presented by *Joni Blackman*

JUN 16 Appreciating the Architecture of First Presbyterian Church at 100
presented by *John Smagner*

JUL 21 Four Wars, Four Branches:
The Extraordinary Service of Lloyd Peters
presented by *Barb Cessna*

AUG 18 Corry-Jamestown Corp.
presented by *Karen Livsey and Sam Genco*

SEPT 15 Lucille M. Wright Museum
presented by *Dennis Webster*

OCT 20 A Real Witch Hunt and Other Ghostly Delights
presented by *Rick DeKay*

About the Lecture Series:

The 2026 Fenton History Center Lecture Series features evening lectures held between April and October. These events are free and open to the public. Lectures are held in the dining room at the Gov. Reuben Fenton mansion. They are also streamed via Facebook. Donations are appreciated to support the Fenton History Center's mission to preserve local history and provide educational opportunities.

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TRIVIA NIGHTS 2026



by **Andrew Kolstee**
OFFICE MANAGER

The Fenton History Center's 11th trivia tournament was a success! We moved the event to March in an attempt to hold the event when the weather was better. In 2024, we had postponed one night to the following week due to the weather.

We would like to thank our sponsors: Ahlstrom Schaeffer, Rodgers Land Surveying, and our host for the event, Shawbucks! We would also like to thank our MC Giulia Sowery of Star Sirch Productions for running the trivia games!

From all four weeks, we had a grand total of 9 different teams and 53 different players. Each team consisted of 2 to 6 players (some weeks teams had different players).

The theme of the trivia this year was 1980s and sitcoms. Each night there were seven rounds of trivia with five questions each round. Teams gave their answers a score between 1 to 5, and they

would earn points if they got the question correct. Each night, there was one final round which allowed teams to wager up to 20 of their points. If they get the answer correct, they would gain the points, but if they got the question wrong, they would lose points. The highest point total possible was 125, or 126 in the event of a tie.

Winners received a \$100 prize for winning the night, and the team with the most points consecutively won \$200 at the end of the four weeks. Fenton Executive Director Joni Blackman also asked local history questions from the Jamestown Centennial Trivia game for prizes. This trivia game is available in the Fenton Museum Store for \$20.

In Week 1, Great Odin's Raven, consisting of Art, Debbie, Jon,

and Andy Osterdahl, Ken Liedy, and Kelly Hetrick, won the night with 92 points.

In Week 2, defending champions, Effin Judo Chop won the night with 124 points. This team consisted of Sebastian and Leslie DiNapoli; Bill, Adam, and Lindsey Loftus; and Trent Gray.

In Week 3, Great Odin's Raven won the night again, with 120.5 points.

In Week 4, Team Jean came out on top, with 106 points. The team consisted of Jamie Glatz, Eric Anderson, Doug Nordwall, and Jamie Sharpe.

In the end, adding up the scores for all four weeks, Effin Judo Chop won with 406 points. This team consisted of Sebastian and

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FENTON TRIVIA 2026 - TOP 5 TEAMS						
#	Team Name	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
1	Effin Judo Chop	79.0	124.0	99.0	104.0	406.0
2	Team Jean	85.0	121.0	86.5	106.0	398.5
3	Great Odin's Raven	92.0	106.0	120.5	53.0	371.5
4	Bunos Knows	63.5	94.0	117.5	33.0	308.0
5	Reuben's Raiders	77.5	95.0	85.0	32.0	289.5



Great Odin's Raven, Week 1 Winners



Effin Judo Chop, Week 2 Winners



Great Odin's Raven, Week 3 Winners



Team Jean, Week 4 Winners

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Leslie DiNapoli; Bill, Adam, and Lindsey Loftus (all weeks); Trent Gray (weeks 1, 2, and 4), and Cindy Loftus (week 3).

In second place overall with 398.5 points was Team Jean.

In third place overall with 371.5 points was Great Odin's Raven.

In fourth place overall with 308 points was Bunos Knows.

In fourth place overall with 289.5 points was Reuben's Raiders.



Effin Judo Chop on Week 4, Overall Winners

ED-VENTURES AT THE MUSEUM: MY FIRST FEW WEEKS

by Elizabeth Gabalski
EDUCATION COORDINATOR

When I was a kid, we made annual family trips to the Fenton and so many other local tourist spots as part of what my dad called “Adventure Tuesdays.” It would take half the day to get me to go up to the Tower, and I would avoid the basement at about all costs, but we would explore and wander, and sometimes we might even get to have a sweet treat at the end.

I never could have guessed that as an adult, I’d get to have my own “adventures” here now as the Education Coordinator. Even better, I get to be here any and every day of the week - not just Tuesdays!

In my first few weeks as I’m becoming more familiar with both buildings, the exhibits, and where every single light switch is, I’ve come to realize that I never grew out of my massive fear of basements, which really does not work out well as someone whose classroom is - you guessed it - in the basement.

Don’t get me wrong - the Frances G. Wolinsky Memorial Education Center is a hidden gem at the center! It’s stocked so full with teachable artifacts, games, period outfits and so much more! But on day 1, realizing that I’d be splitting time between my main



floor office (former excess TP storage room), and the basement classroom, was pretty stressful for me...

Mainly this is because you have to pass “Snow Plow Man” to get to it... And let me tell you, SPM is the master of jump scares - impressive for a mannequin! Just when I thought I’d gotten used to where he would be, staring me straight down as soon as I’d hit the bottom step, one of our lovely volunteers adjusted his gaze towards the wall (or so Joni said, probably just trying to convince me SPM hadn’t moved all on his

own). We’re getting on better terms, but he may need a new name so we can become great friends. Happy to take suggestions, if any of our readers have a good one for me!

I’m continuing to grow into this role, and grow out of my silly fears, and I’m so grateful for all of our visitors and volunteers for welcoming me so warmly already! I can’t wait to see what more we can accomplish together and what “Ed-Ventures” lay ahead for me! Stay tuned!



FENTON
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As a Blue Star Museum, free admission is available to active-duty military personnel, including the National Guard and Reserves, and their families.

FREE ADMISSION
SAT., MAY 16, 2026 - MON., SEPT. 7, 2026
ARMED FORCES DAY LABOR DAY

On May 16, 2026 at noon, visitors are welcome to watch the 72nd New York Volunteer Reenactors practice their drills in the Hall House parking lot.

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TALES FROM THE TEXTILE ROOM LADIES' GLOVES

by Cindy Dustin
VOLUNTEER

The Fenton History Center has many fine examples of ladies' gloves in the textile collection. We have elegant, long evening gloves that would have extended above a lady's elbow, as well as many pairs of shorter, wrist length gloves in all types of materials from leather to silk.

In looking at the history of glove etiquette, honeyfact.com states that "gloves distinguished ladies from working women by preserving soft, feminine hands that suggested idleness. Lengthy gloves signaled social class, visually reinforcing hierarchy. Gloves served as supplements to clothing, demonstrating a woman's expected invisibility within domestic settings. Victorian etiquette books held up glove-wearing as mandatory for defining respectable womanhood ... not wearing gloves implied lacking manners and social grace."

The following is from a sales advertisement from the Paris Glove Company in Montreal, Canada instructing ladies on the proper use of gloves. *"To be sure your gloves are fashion-right in color and style, wear Paris gloves ... the gloves of good taste."*

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WHEN A LADY WEARS GLOVES

Gloves should be worn on the streets of cities and large towns, when going to church, to a luncheon, dinner or reception; to a dance, a wedding or an official function. They are also worn in a restaurant and in the theater. Smart women usually wear gloves while traveling on a plane or train ... or in any public conveyance. On formal occasions, gloves are worn by the guests and by the hostess while she is receiving.

WHEN A LADY REMOVES HER GLOVES

Gloves must always be removed before eating, drinking, smoking, playing cards or putting on make-up. When lunching in a restaurant, a lady removes her coat, but keeps on her hat and gloves, removing her gloves when seated at the table.

WHAT TO DO WHEN SHAKING HANDS

A lady never takes off her gloves to shake hands.

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COLOR, STYLE, AND LENGTH

The most important point in choosing gloves is to make sure they fit and are comfortable. Gloves that are too tight tend to

make hands look like sausages. White or beige gloves are equally appropriate for any costume with which these colors will harmonize. Black gloves are always smart. Formal occasions do not demand, but somehow suggest, white gloves. Colored gloves are

becoming increasingly popular and are now worn, quite correctly, to weddings. It is considered very smart to wear matching gloves and millinery. Bracelets may be worn over long gloves, but never rings.

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Local Trivia

Q1. What was introduced to the city hose company in 1896?

Q2. Who became active in the operation which included the lease shoe department?

Q3. Who was the first manufacturer of photographic paper in the U.S.?

Q4. Where did L.B. Warner live?

Q5. What was the name of the 5 & 10 cent store in the Hotel Samuels in the 1930s?

See page 22 for answers.



MORE THAN JUST A PHOTOGRAPH

by **Joni Blackman**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the bottom of the Fenton lower-level stairs, on the left wall is a large photograph of a factory building. It was in a broken simple wooden frame that I was worried could be easily bumped

into and broken. I asked our handy maintenance volunteer Rick to remove it from the frame and attach it to the wall. Since it was already adhered to a piece of particleboard, it was easy to cover it with a piece of plexiglass and screw it to the wall. I didn't have a proper label for it.

I didn't know what factory it was. As you can see it was surrounded by factories. As you can well imagine, I have a number of researchers with strong local history chops at my fingertips. At first I thought it was Harrison St., but realized it couldn't be –

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the Chadakoin River ran behind the factory, so not Harrison St.

I sent a copy of the photo to Board President Tom Goodwill. He is our picture/postcard wizard. I also asked Trustee Paul Johnson what he thought. Both came back to me with solid proof that it was the Proto Tool factory of the 1950s. Tom's mother had worked there so he recognized the office building, plus Weber-Knap on the left and Norquist Products on the far left. Paul picked out First Lutheran Church at the top

of the photograph and followed Chandler Street down to the 583 Allen St. address.

J.P. Danielson built the factory at 583 Allen St. a few years after he sold his share in J.P. Danielson Co. to Karl Peterson. Peterson went on to start Crescent Tool in their original building at the corner of Harrison St. and Foote Ave.

Danielson sold his company to Plomb Tool (Los Angeles, CA) in 1947 who was in the process of rebranding to Proto Tool. Iron-

ically both J.P. Danielson and Plomb Tool started in the same year, 1902, on opposite coasts. Stanley Tool acquired Proto Tool in 1964, however the Jamestown plant kept operating under "Proto Tool" until it closed in 1984.

Take a look at the black and white photo with the darker image of the Proto Tool factory then look at the colorized version mastered by Tom Goodwill.

SITTING IN HISTORY: GOVERNOR FENTON'S CHAIR

by Alvan Johnson
VOLUNTEER

This is the story of the chair Reuben E. Fenton used while he was Governor of the State of New York. When I became a volunteer at the Fenton History Center, I saw this chair in the dining room and remembered sitting in this chair as a child, I was surprised when I saw it!

Mr. Fenton became New York's Governor towards the end of the American Civil War in 1865. When his term of office ended in December 1868, Mr. Fenton moved back to his home in Jamestown and brought the chair with him.

He received this chair while in office, and the chair has New York's official seal on it.

This chair was used in the last years of his life, and when he died in 1885, the chair remained in the mansion and was still there when his wife, Elizabeth Scudder Fenton, died in 1901.

The mansion was left by itself for a few years until 1919, when the City of Jamestown bought the mansion and the surrounding land. The City allowed citizens to purchase items out of the mansion, and this piqued the interest

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of Mr. Harry Buchanan, a citizen of Jamestown, who was very interested in local history, and was active in local and state historical societies. He was able to purchase the chair that Governor Fenton used while in Albany.

Mr. Buchanan lived at 411 E. 5th, next to the former Moose Club of Jamestown. The chair sat in his home for many years, and he would let people sit in it from time to time. As he got older, it was difficult for him to do jobs around his home. He had asked help from his neighbor Mr. Sam ("Dutch") Postlethwaite, who lived at #404 E. 5th St with his wife Verlie, to help him from time to time.

"Uncle Dutch," as we called him, was summoned to Harry's home one day while I was downstairs running a model train, and Uncle Dutch wanted me to go with him. I did so, and as we walked in Harry's house, it was like going back 150 years with all the antiques he owned.

I saw this big chair, stood in front of it, and Mr. Buchanan said, "Sit in it, if you'd like," and I did so. I was only 10 years old at the time, and was fascinated by this big chair.

I was then told it was Governor Fenton's chair.

When he bought this chair is not known, but Jamestown can be very happy that Harry Bu-

chanan had the foresight to keep this chair here. Harry was also a Civil Defense worker during World War II, an amateur magician doing local benefit shows for years, and had designed many of the interiors of local churches in Jamestown. Harry was employed as the Secretary of the Blackstone Corporation of Jamestown.

After Harry died in 1965, Gov. Fenton's chair came back to the mansion. The Fenton Historical Society had been formed to save the mansion from being torn down to make way for the Washington Street Bridge, and serves today as an excellent example of Jamestown's history.



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ATTENTION VETERANS!

Vets Finding Vets is a free program for Chautauqua County veterans at the Fenton History Center.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **Research Services.** We provide family genealogy and local history research services, helping veterans discover their roots and also connect with those in which they have served.
- ★ **Fenton Canteen.** A monthly gathering for veterans to enjoy coffee, cookies, and camaraderie. Held the second Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the dining room at the Fenton.
- ★ **Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight.** We help facilitate the application process for veterans wishing to participate in the Honor Flight to see the war monuments in Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Quilts of Valor.** Family members can nominate veterans to receive a handmade quilt through this program.
- ★ **News and Events:** We share information about veteran-related events and happenings in the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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IS HERMAN LAWSON DEAD?

Rumors to That Effect— (War) Department Has Been Asked For Information

by Barbara Cessna
VETS FINDING VETS COORDINATOR

This caption appeared in the Jamestown Evening Journal on March 2, 1900, even before family members had been notified. The paper had received a letter dated Jan. 20, 1900, from Pvt. Walter Gronberg, who was serving in the 46th Regiment at Manilla, in the Philippines. A few days before, a letter was received by the paper from John Johnson, also from the 46th, who told of the murder but didn't include any names. Gronberg's letter detailed that another soldier from their unit was always begging for cigarettes and getting nasty when he was refused. Pvt. Gronberg admitted to giving in, after which the begging was relentless, but Herman stood his ground and just two days before the murder he was awakened and accosted physically and verbally by Pvt. John Conner (later to be corrected on the spelling of Comber). On the morning of the murder, Comber again burst in and shot Herman in the head before ordering Gronberg and another soldier, named Colby, out of the building. (*Presumably to search for cigarettes in private.*)

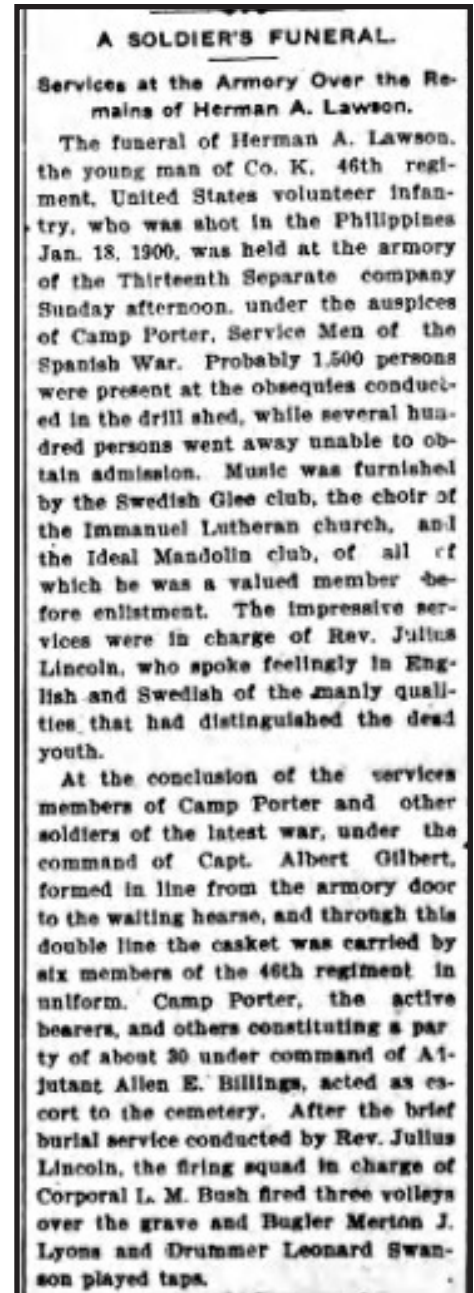
Pvt. Gronberg reported in his letter that he and Colby were extremely shaken as to the wit-

nessing of the murder of a close friend and the realization of such a close call themselves. They also knew they would be called in as eyewitnesses.

To the credit of the *Jamestown Evening Journal*, they did send a reporter to the Lawson home and spoke to a sister of Herman's mother, Anna, prior to the short article of March 2, 1900. Her sister said that when Anna first heard the rumor she was extremely upset and missed work, but, as they hadn't heard anything definite since, Anna was at work.

In the March 3rd article, the newspaper added the info that the sisters had heard more rumors that they hadn't shared with Anna, but that the reporter had shared details that were much worse than they had feared. She disclosed that Anna had been a widow for 20 years and that Herman and his brother, Oscar, had left Jamestown with the soldiers without telling her about their enlistments. She had kept their supper waiting until 9 pm when she heard the news from neighbors. (*Shame on those boys*)

Two letters from J.P. Boline, also from Jamestown, included the special orders of the Court Martial of Pvt. John Comber.



He was found guilty of manslaughter (*WHAT???*), dishonorably discharged (*was that even questioned?*), and sentenced to 5 years of hard labor in a Manil-

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la prison. (*Hopefully, very hard labor.*)

A quick search of the roster of the 13th Separate Company NYNG contingent who left Jamestown does not include Herman, Oscar, Walter Gronberg, or John Johnson. They had apparently visited

an Army Recruiter as they are all included in an article in the Buffalo Evening News of Jan. 22, 1900, as enlistments from Jamestown.

I was unable to find John Comber's enlistment; he possibly was recruited in Buffalo or elsewhere into Co. K of the 46th Regiment.

At least the story of Herman's funeral seems to make things better, and his resting place is on the same lot as his father, John, and Anna in Lake View Cemetery. (Mama got the last word this time!) And in talking to Ken at Lake View, I discovered that Herman was really Harmon Lawson.

Fenton Seeking Collections Assistant

Individual available for up to 10 months, 35 hours per week to assist with collections inventory. This is a paid contractor position funded by grants.

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2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., January 10, 2026	12 PM - 10 PM	Library Lock-In
Wed., January 28, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., February 25, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Thurs., March 26, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., April 29, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., May 27, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
TBD June 2026	TBD	Field Trip TBD
Wed., June 24, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., July 29, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., August 26, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., September 30, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., October 28, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Research Night
Wed., November 18, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Brick Walls
Wed., December 30, 2026	4 PM - 8 PM	Christmas Party

***contact us if you would like to go!**

About the Genealogy Support Group

The Fenton's Genealogy Support Group serves to support both experienced and amateur researchers. We offer lectures, workshops, discussions, and research nights. These events are an excellent way to become familiar with the Fenton History Center's impressive collection of resources. Our Research Night expands the hours of operation of our research center to one evening per month.

LEARN MORE:

www.FentonHistoryCenter.org

Volunteer Orientation

Apr. 15 at 11 AM and Apr. 16 at 4 PM
at the Fenton Mansion

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are always looking for volunteers for different tasks and projects. Below are three major needs for volunteers. Contact us at (716) 664-6256, info@fentonhistorycenter.org, or stop in and fill out a volunteer form.

LIST OF VOLUNTEER NEEDS

GIFT SHOP RECEPTION

We need reception coverage on certain days. This involves starting tours and selling merchandise in the gift shop.



SCAN LAB

We are in need of volunteers to help with digitization projects in the Scan Lab. No prior experience necessary.

MOWING

We are also in need of volunteers to help mow the lawn at the Hall House Research Center.



GARDEN

We need volunteers to help maintain the Blue Star Memorial Garden.

In Memoriam
Members Who Have Passed

Harold "Harry" Lent
1943 - 2026

James S. Auria
1932 - 2026



WANTED: A Table
from the Maddox Table Company

Any size and any version. We do not have one in our collection, and would like one for our Furniture Exhibit.

FENTON HISTORY CENTER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Your membership is vital for keeping the museum and research center running!
- Memberships 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
- Veteran \$30
- Individual (under age 62) \$40
- Family \$75. Includes 2 adults. All children in the household under 18 are included.

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Supporting \$120. Includes 4 complimentary admission passes for guests.
- Friend of Fenton \$250. Includes 6 complimentary admission passes for guests.
- Representative's Circle \$360. Includes 8 complimentary admission passes for guests.
- 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.
- Governor's Circle \$1,000. 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, a behind the scenes tour of Hall House Research Center for four people, a free book from our gift shop, and a Fenton branded t-shirt.

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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Trivia answers from page 9.

(A1) Horse drawn hose (A2) Wyllys Brostrom (A3) Jamestown Aristotype Co.
(A4) 110 Forest Avenue (A5) S.S. Kresge Co.

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