

# CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## *Happy Holidays, Everyone!*

The Historical Society is pleased to have finally been able to hold live programs. In September Bron Robinson gave an interesting program about Robinson Contracting which has been in business for over 50 years. Phil Jordan joined us in October for an entertaining program about his work with police agencies over the years. We have a full schedule of programs set up for 2022 and look forward to sharing them with you. They are listed later in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you who purchased tickets for the cardinal raffle. The winning ticket was drawn on December 6, by Todd Trencansky from the Tioga State Bank. Ginny Dawson of Candor won the life-like cardinal hand-carved by Candor's renowned woodcarver, Roger Westgate. (see pictures on following pages).

Our History Center is an amazing place, filled with all kinds of treasures including bricks from the Candor Brick Factory, bottles from the High View Dairy, and gloves from the Candor Glove Company. The Center contains a small museum, but the main focus is research. There are millions of news articles on people and places in Candor, photographs, family files, and old documents, etc. for you to use in your genealogical or general research. The Center is staffed on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, but you can arrange to come at a different time by calling Nancy Riggs at 607-759-4001, or Georgia Westgate at 607-659-7769.

We have owned the History Center for almost four years and have managed to do some upgrades to the old building, most recently adding a new front porch and sidewalks. We are hopeful that a new handicapped accessible bathroom will be in place by next summer. Since we don't raise much money with our dues, we rely mostly on donations and grants for renovations. Carol Henry is constantly submitting grant proposals, and so far, we have gotten a few. We need many more, however, as the whole building needs insulation and new siding and windows. If you would like to donate to the renovation fund, you can send a check to the Candor Historical Society, P.O. Box 585, Candor, NY 13743. If you want to donate online, please go to the homepage of our website (<https://candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com/>) and click on "Donate," or go directly to <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1454614>. The money goes through the PayPal Giving Fund directly to us with no added fees. Another place to donate is the Neighborhood Redemption Center in Owego. Take your empty cans and bottles there and tell them it is for the Candor Historical Society. If you can't make it there, you can bring your bagged cans and bottles to Candor Home Central, and place them in the bin there.

We are hoping to sell the Catatunk Hall which was given to us in 2000, and used primarily for storage. Since we now own the History Center, a much better building for our purposes, we no longer need the Catatunk Hall. It is listed by Jeri Sarrge of Realty Solutions in Owego if you are interested or know someone who wants an historic building.

We look forward to an exciting year and hope to see you at one of our programs or at the History Center.

Nancy Riggs  
President



**OUR PROGRAMS ARE BACK,  
AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
DON'T MISS OUT—  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!  
All programs are held at the Town Hall  
unless otherwise stated**

**January 26** – What Is It? Who Is It? Bring items or pictures that you want help identifying

**February 23** – Denise Liske - Angel Eyes Animal Rescue

**March 30** – Carol Henry and Melvin Foster -Old Candor Hall/Candor Market

**April 27** – Bob Pantle – Birding

**May 25** – Tom McEnteer – Significant People Who Lived Part of Their Lives in Tioga County

**June 29** – Annual Meeting, Video of Ed and Florence Roberts talking about The Grange, Grange Items on Display. This meeting will be held at the Candor History Center, 25 Main St.

**July 27** – TBD

**August 13** – Annual Picnic. Please bring a dish to pass, and historic items to share.

**September 28** – TBD

**October 26** – Phil Jordan. To be held at the Fire Hall.

**NOTE: there are no meetings in  
November and December**

♦ Ideas for programs are always welcome—contact one of the following Board Members below:

**REMINDER:  
YOUR HISTORY CENTER  
AT 25 MAIN STREET IS OPEN!**

Open Mondays from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon, or by appointment. Come check out the new displays, including the new one on "Houses of Candor," and another on "Candor 4th of July Through the Years." Call Georgia Westgate at 607-659-7769, or Nancy Riggs at 607-759-4001, to make an appointment if you are unable to come on Monday morning. Please note: Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals.

**ONGOING RENOVATIONS PROJECTS**

Renovations to your History Center are on-going—inside and out. Siding and insulation, handicap facilities and a chairlift to the second floor, safety measures as well as the aesthetic are still in need of funding. Donations to the renovation project are gratefully accepted. The Candor Historical Society appreciate all who have supported us in the past. Without your help, and donations we wouldn't be able to serve your community and offer programs that enrich your historic heritage.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**OVERVIEW OF A FEW OF OUR FALL  
TALKS/EVENTS:**



Above, attendance at the 2021 Annual Historical Society Picnic include (back row l-r) Joe Morrison, Dick Zavatto, Nancy Riggs, Milt Dougherty, Eleanor Hurd, Ginny Dawson, and Herb Dougherty, (front row l-r) Bill and Debbie Collier, and Carol and Gary Henry. Below are pictures from our talks as mentioned on page 1, and Nancy and Dick at the Candor Farmer's Market.

We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer and fall, and look forward to seeing you at some of our events in the New Year.





**In case you missed a couple of articles that appeared in the Owego Pennysaver Press, below are snippets on the latest happenings:**

**Candor Historical Society Holds Successful Cardinal Drawing:**

The Candor Historical Society held their Cardinal Raffle drawing on December 6, at the Candor History Center. The entire Board of Directors was on hand for this major event, including a handful of members, World Class



Carver Roger Westgate, and Todd Trencansky from Tioga State Bank, who drew the winning number. Ginny Dawson, from Candor, although not present, held the lucky ticket.

In an effort to raise money for the History Center's renovation projects, Roger Westgate graciously donated his creative talents by hand carving a Cardinal to be raffled off, with all the proceeds going to the Historical Society. The \$4080.00 raised through this raffle will be added to a previous grant from the Tioga County Senior Foundation, which will allow the Historical Society to complete the indoor, handicapped bathroom project. The Historical Society wishes to thank everyone who participated or purchased a ticket for this event, and to those who have donated in the past, and volunteers who help to sustain the Candor Historical Society.



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**Milton Dougherty Receives Kudos as long-standing Candor's Historical Society President**

Milton Dougherty, past president of the Candor Historical Society, was presented a plaque of appreciation at the September 29, Historical Society Talk, for his twenty-two years serving as president. Dougherty was one of the initial members of the Candor History Group when it started in 1996. A year later, the Candor Historical Society was formed, and he was elected to serve as the first Secretary, and served in that capacity until June 1999, when he was elected President. During his role as President, Dougherty diligently fulfilled the stated purpose of the Society—"to bring together those people interested in the history of the Town of Candor ... to discover and collect material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area."

As President of the Candor Historical Society, Dougherty was very active initiating the recording of personal stories of people who had a long history in the Town of Candor. Despite all odds, Dougherty's accomplishments have been many. With the help of the Board and Historical Society members he's been able to keep the Candor Historical Society front and center in the community. Initiating a mailing of a newsletter twice a year, which contains a President's Message, as well as participating in various community events such as the 4th of July Parade and Candor Fall Festival. Major accomplishments include obtaining title to the Catatunk Hall and more recently to the Candor Grange Hall (now the Candor History Center), finding matching concrete blocks to repair the wall damage to the Catatunk Hall, and obtaining a contractor and volunteer help to make the Grange Hall usable as a History Center.

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