



# CANDOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**Happy Holiday**

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## President's Message

The Candor Historical Society is alive and well!! After a frustrating 2020 when we had to cancel scheduled programs and fund raising events we still had a successful year.

Our membership increased and several made generous donations over and above their dues. The Fall Yard Sale and the Can and Bottle drive helped to make up for some of the earlier losses. If you looked at our Facebook page you have seen some of the great responses to the historic posts that have been put there. Donations of articles and items that pertain to Candor history continue to come in and the staff carefully catalogs and files the information.

The Society has a faithful member who diligently collects and produces a record of obituaries of people who have a connection to Candor. These volumes are available at the History Center for your use. One of the sad realities of this year is that we lost several of our faithful members due to their deaths, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families who suffered the loss.

The Society is looking forward to having another successful year in 2021. With the funding that we have received we expect to see more being done to improve the looks and safety of our History Center. Even if we are not able to have special programs for public meetings we will still post historic information about Candor on our Facebook page and we encourage you to continue to share your memories connected to these events. Some of these memories would make great stories that could be included in the next volume of "I Remember When" that Carol Henry is working on. Please consider writing up and contributing some of these interesting memories that we see in the Facebook responses.

I am very encouraged and grateful as we come to the end of this frustrating year, for the continued interest and support that you have shown for the Candor Historical Society. Please continue that support with your membership and contributions and the Board will continue to work to make the History Center a great resource of Candor history.

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## MILDRED FAULKNER TRUMAN FOUNDATION GRANT

Despite the stay-at-home and social distancing caused by Covid-19, the Candor Historical Society has been busy behind the scenes over the last few months. With a renovation project at the History Center still under-way, the Board has been busy with several fund-raising opportunities, as well as having applied for and successfully obtaining a grant from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation. We are thankful to have received an initial grant of \$9,400, and the Foundation also awarded us a discretionary grant of \$1,000. This grant will be assigned to Phase 2, of the renovation project, which will be to restore the front porch entrance that was partially damaged during last year's microburst, and make it handicap accessible.

## FUND –RAISING PROJECTS

**The Candor Historical Society holds many fundraisers, some on-going in order to cover the cost of upkeep on our buildings and to help fund necessary renovations on the Candor History Center. Here's how you can help support our needs:**

**CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE** at Candor Home Central has been an active and successful project. Keep in mind that it is on-going. To date, we have collected enough cans and bottle to bring in a total of \$1,693.00, all of which will go to help with our Renovation Project. Thanks to everyone who is helping with this project, and especially to Gary Henry and Corey Whatley and Patti Reichert for transporting the cans and bottles to the Neighborhood Redemption Center in Owego. And to Candor Home Central for allowing us to have a local drop off. Keep those cans coming!

**AMAZON SMILE:** Attention Amazon Shoppers. The Historical Society has set up a new fundraiser through Amazon Smile. Shoppers can now go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, and choose the Candor Historical Society as your donation recipient. By placing a link to Amazon Smile on your computer, and your Amazon Account, you can use this option every time you order. The Historical Society will receive 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases. Be sure to select the Candor Historical Society to receive your donation, and shop away! Check it out on our site: <https://candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com>

## YARD SALE:

After having to cancel the Candor Flea Fix, and an anticipated yard sale, we were able to hold a yard sale on October 17. Thanks to everyone's donations of items, and the crew that set up and cleaned up, the yard sale brought in an abundance of items and made a record amount of money for this fundraiser event. Thanks to everyone for donating, stopping by and making this event a success. A special shout out and thanks to the Sons of the American Legion, and Bill Strosahl for providing and setting up the tent

## WANT TO DONATE TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PROJECTS?

### YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN SEVERAL WAYS:

- ♦ Mail a check directly to the Society at PO Box 585, Candor, NY 13743
- ♦ Visit our website and click on the brown DONATE Button at: <https://candorhistoricalsociety.weebly.com>
- ♦ **And Don't forget to renew your membership. And think about giving someone the gift of membership, a great way to help them keep in touch with their past and what's happening in Candor. Membership form attached.**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FACEBOOK

Thanks to Dick Zavatto for setting up and maintaining our Facebook Pages, we are happy to report the following statistics: as of this month, we have had 2,017 total page followers from 18 countries in 10 languages; 415 are from Candor, 172 from Owego, 169 from Willseyville, 82 from Ithaca, 63 from Spencer and North Spencer, 33 from Binghamton, 19 from Brooktondale, and 10 from NYC. 66% of the total followers are women.

As you can see, it's a very interactive site, and a great way to connect and find out Candor's past history. Special thanks to Dick for all his hard work and dedication to the project.

**Join the Candor Historical Society Face Book Page to Share Your Memories of Candor at:**

**Facebook.com/CandorNYhistory/**

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## Candor History Center Collections Update

Nancy Riggs, Vice President

If you are interested in the history of Candor from yesterday to over 200 years ago, or want to know something about your Candor ancestors, come to the History Center at 25 Main Street in Candor. We have thousands of pieces of information that may interest you. Our volunteers have spent countless hours organizing and cataloging this information to make it easier for you to access.

**What's Available:** We have multiple filing cabinets full of various topics relating to Candor's history—Newspaper articles about Candor businesses, organizations, schools, local government and the issues that were discussed during various eras, files on Candorite Veterans who may have served in the armed forces to include files from the Civil War onward, as well as a separate file full of information about the history of Candor. There are even articles about the book *Small Town in Mass Society*, a Cornell Thesis about Candor that was published. Are you a railroad buff? We have information about the beginnings of the railroad through Candor and railroads around the country. There are individual files on Candor's hamlets such as Catatonk, Willseyville, Gridleyville, and Hubbardtown. You can also find information about neighboring towns and cities in Tioga and Broome Counties

**Genealogy:** Are you looking for information about a specific person? We have hundreds of files listed by family name, completed genealogies of local families, and alphabetized obituaries of past Candor residents, and information on all of the cemeteries serving Candor. There are files of social news by date going back to the 1930s, and books about Candor and our residents from 1794 to now.

**Schools:** We also have a complete collection of Candor Central School Yearbooks, yearly Alumni Newsletters, school communication booklets, and a large display on the Schools.

**Photographs:** We have thousands of pictures of Candor events through the years that include social events, disasters, Town and Village meetings, businesses, including awards, graduations, buildings, scenery, and more.

**Donations:** Joan Beebe Meddaugh has gifted us issues of the Candor Courier, the local newspaper for about 70 years. Other donations include: a quilt made by the Ladies Aid Society of Fairfield containing signatures of the residents who lived there at the time, probably over 100 years ago; items of Doc Hilbert's, Candor's veterinarian for many years; barn door rollers made in Candor, and many photos. Please note: we are not a museum, so cannot accept big items, but smaller items relating to Candor's history are always appreciated. Please check with a member of the board first.

**Displays:** currently include Candor Schools through the years, the Glove Factory, and the Blanket Factory. Others are available to rotate.



### WHEN ARE WE OPEN?

Monday mornings from 9 AM – Noon, or by appointment. Call Georgia Westgate (607-659-7769), or Nancy Riggs (607-759-4001) to set up your appointment. Come see us! You'll be pleasantly surprised by what you find. We'd love to help you!

Photo: Our hard-working volunteers are here to help you. Pictured: Nancy Riggs, Georgia Westgate, Patti Reichert, and Eleanor Hurd

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**Candor Historical Society**

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**REMINDER—CANDOR HISTORY CENTER  
WILL BE CLOSED ON:  
December 21 and 28 due to the  
Holidays.**

**IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!  
2021 MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES FORM  
ENCLOSED, OR AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Your Dues helps us maintain our facility and offer programs

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**Thank you for your support!**