

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE

AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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ANNUAL MEETING

May 30, 7pm
Dryden Village Hall
(Doors open at 6:30)

DTHS will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. This is our opportunity to summarize the activities we've worked on in the past year. Though we try to be humble, our enthusiasm and pride will surely show. We'll also touch on plans for the coming year and elect Trustees. Twelve Trustees meet monthly to conduct the business of the Society. That business includes plans for maintaining the Southworth Homestead and strengthening the programs and events that help members and other Dryden residents enjoy Dryden's history. Trustees chair committees that drive the work of the Society including the Program Committee, Exhibit Committee, Collection Committee, Finance Committee and more.

May is Preservation Month, so following the business portion of the meeting, Preservation will be the subject!

2019 "OP" SALE

**May 17 (Friday) and
May 18 (Saturday)**

On the grounds of the Southworth Homestead
Once again, we are asking our members to look around their homes to see what treasures they can part with; you need the space and we need the merchandise. This would be a good time to cull your collection of antiques and vintage items, or simply recycle your reusable clutter.

Saturdays, 10am - 1pm

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12pm

and always by appointment 844-9209



We will again be offering the "Collector's Corner" to showcase better quality donations that could potentially bring a higher price. Remember, this is a fund-raising event that will help sustain the Southworth Homestead.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Kitchenware
- china and glassware
- lamps
- small appliances
- holiday decorations
- tools
- toys, dolls, games and puzzles (no missing pieces)
- musical instruments (no pianos, please)
- art (paintings, prints, photography, sculpture)
- furniture (chairs, tables, etc. – larger items will need to be evaluated on a case by case basis)
- collectibles
- (DVDs and CDs)
- items with ties to local history are particularly desirable.

No clothing, older TVs, or mattresses: When in doubt, call **Shirley Price (844-8700)** or **Mary Hornbuckle (898-3461)**. Arrangements can be made for picking up donations or for dropping items off at the Southworth Homestead.

Donate what you no longer want or use and then buy someone else's treasure to take its place. Now mark your calendar and get ready for the Op-portunity of a lifetime!

Welcome to the New Exhibits at DTHS

DTHS is open every Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm. Stop in and see the new exhibits. Or make an appointment at another time. 844-9209

“RECENT GIFTS”

The Ken and Libby Lacey Brown Memorial Case holds some representative items from family collections given to DTHS in the past few years illustrating Dryden’s local history. Hundreds of photographs, paintings, quilts, costumes, metal objects, books, documents, and memorabilia make up DTHS Historical Collection. All items are accessioned and catalogued and available to be viewed. (call ahead to make a date.)

Among the highlights in this display are Major Grover’s civil War sword, and a Lettie Burch quilt square.

“BORDEN’S DRYDEN MILK PLANT”

Original records, objects and photographs show the milk plant in existence from 1907 – 1960s. The building is now Dryden Public Works. In the early part of the 20th century, Worker safety laws were enacted. Milk strikes led by the Dairymen’s League resulted in fairer milk prices for farmers. Dryden played a role in NYS milk industry.

“PHOTOGRAPHS IN DTHS COLLECTION

TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS: Ross Sherman, F J Hill”

A selection of photographs illustrate the variety of photography formats represented in DTHS historical collection. Ross Sherman was a uniquely talented local man: machinist, musician, marksman, and photographer. Frank John Hill was a farmer who took many photographs stamped: F J Hill, Artist.



Borden Milk Plant display

SOUTHWORTH HOUSE TOURS Starting May 4

Guided Tours at Historic Southworth Homestead are held on first Saturdays from May – October

10 am, 11 am, and 12 noon

Donation \$10 (\$8 for members)

2019 TOUR SCHEDULE

May 4 . June 1 . July 6 .

August 3 . September 7 . October 5

For 175 years, the Homestead built by John Southworth in 1836, stayed within the Southworth family. In 2012 the Dryden Town Historical Society became the new owner of the residence upon the death of Rebecca Wood Southworth Simpson. With the gift of the Southworth house came many treasures. This year, we can look forward to seeing more unique objects that were used by the family over the decades. And as always the opportunity to view the original 19th century french scenic wallpaper astounds!

In order to make this treasure available to the public, guided tours are offered on the first Saturdays. A guided tour takes approximately one hour. Individual and group guided tours can be arranged at all other times by appointment. These private tours make great family and organization activities. Call 844-4691 to make an appointment.

Donations:

\$10 per person

\$ 8 DTHS members, Students and Seniors

Children under 12 (accompanied by an adult)

FREE

Private and Group Tours are welcome. Call ahead for fee schedule and to arrange for date and time. 607-844-9209.

All proceeds benefit the Southworth Homestead.



“Sublimiora Spectemus”, “Let us seek higher things” is the Southworth Family motto. Southworth Family members were readers and travelers, visiting locations identified with literature and art. This mini exhibit in the sitting room features carved wood bookends securing beautiful books about European museums and gardens. There is a complete set of Beadecker travel books. The name written in pen on the inside cover is “Julia Dwight.”

These bookends were made by Charles S. Hall, 2 pair, are signed “C S Hall, 1923”. Dark wood with carving of Southworth family crest and motto. Charles S. Hall (1877 – 1964).

In 1929, Charles Hall came to Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, NY. He was known as a master carver. C S Hall was well known for his small plaques, decorative screens, carved chests, church interiors, and carving commissions, including Cornell.



On April 26th Fortnightly met at the Southworth Homestead for their annual guest night. Members and guests enjoyed a variety of appetizers while looking with interest at the new exhibits, or watching VHS tapes of old Footlighter productions.



Rail crew at Borden’s milk plant



John Kiefer and Bob Watros planted 10 new trees at Southworth homestead: 2 Sycamores, 3 Crabapples, 2 Pin Oaks, and 3 Autumn Blaze Maples.

Early in the spring Bob Watros planted 5 small lilacs. These lilacs were donated by Mary Ellen Rumsey. Years ago Becky Southworth Simpson gave Mary Ellen sprouts from Southworth lilacs. They have returned home.

Photograph Workshop for DTHS Volunteers



Luisa Casella, Westlake Conservators, photograph workshop

Recent programs you might have missed

The informal **February 13th** program - "3 for 1: Three Authors, Three Books, One Evening" - was a SRO (standing room only) event held at the Southworth Homestead with over 30 guests seated in the exhibit room and some standing in the dining room. Fortunately, there was no major exhibit in place so we were able to make room for all the chairs. We were pleased to see new faces and welcome old friends. People asked questions and stayed to chat with the authors: David Waterman, Harry Weldon and Mike Murphy. We made \$114 in book sales and will need to replenish our supply of David's book. This turned out to be a great success.

Our **March 13th** program, The Most Notorious Brain in the Annals of Crime: the story of Edward Rulloff: Genius, Serial Killer, Specimen with guest speaker, Kate Winkler Dawson (Assoc. Professor of Journalism at the University of Texas in Austin) was outstanding. We had over 86 attendees who were enthralled by Prof. Dawson's engaging talk on her research into the exploits of Edward Rulloff. Her work will later be presented in a pod cast. Refreshments were provided by: Craig (cider), Shirley, Jan, Jane, Muriel and Mary (cookies and fruit). Muriel provided the centerpiece, Gina taped the program and Shirley used her GoPro for a video. It should be noted that press coverage for this program was extensive and Andrew Sullivan (Dryden Courier) was particularly helpful.

The **April 25th** program: Introducing the Dryden Rail Trail was held in the Dryden Village Hall. Approximately 45 people attended the event where guest speakers Bob Beck and Bruno Schickel presented a progress report on the work of the Dryden Rail Trail Task Force and the Friends of the Dryden Rail Trail in developing an off-road connection between Dryden and Ithaca. Mike Murphy exhibited an array of historic railroad photos that displayed locations on the trail. Maria and Mary provided an assortment of "trail mix" and Gina brought apple juice and cranberry juice

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

Southworth Homestead Project:

Ann Brady	Robert & Dottie Slocum
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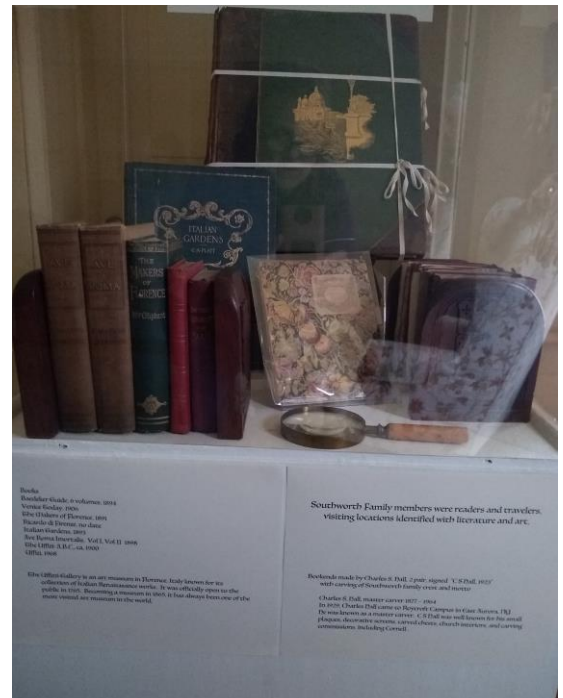
Bob Watros: lawn prepping for Spring

Donations to Tree Project:

Shirley Shackelton

In Memory of:

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Sublimiora Spectemus display. Come take a tour of the Southworth House!

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