

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

November, December,
2022, January,
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Dryden Town Historical Society
14 North Street,
Dryden, NY 13053
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REGULAR HOURS (Starting April 1)
Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm
and always by appointment

"The American Chestnut-- Then and Now"

April 27, Thursday, 7PM

Dryden Village Hall
16 South Street, Dryden NY

Presenter **Val Ross** will talk about the history of the majestic chestnut tree, once billions strong in the Eastern United States, and its downfall from a fungal blight. She will also talk about current efforts to revive it and reestablish it as a foundational tree in our forests.

Val is a member the New York State chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and is eager to share her enthusiasm about this project. The Historical Society in Virgil has established a small chestnut orchard at the Town Hall in anticipation of the approval of a new, scientifically-produced blight-resistant chestnut tree. The Syracuse School of Environmental Science and Forestry has developed a transgenic chestnut with blight resistance, and approval for this miraculous tree is expected this coming August. Her hope is to encourage people to establish small chestnut orchards to "mother" the new transgenic tree.

Doors will open at 6:30, and we will have light refreshments. Free parking, and handicap accessible. Come see the beautiful newly renovated Village Hall!



American Chestnut

Upcoming Dates

- April 27, American Chestnut Program
- May 24, DTHS Annual Meeting
- June 15 – 17, "OP" Sale
- July 16 – The Treatment and Return of our 1885 Dryden Fair Poster
- September 30 – Homestead Heritage Fair Day

The Dryden Village Hall Through the Years

Dryden Town Historical Society Annual Meeting

May 24, Wednesday 7pm (doors open at 6:30)

Dryden Village Hall

16 South Street, Dryden NY

Bob Watros, long time Village resident and former Mayor, will do a presentation on the history of the Dryden Village Hall. The Village Hall has gone through a recent year-long remodeling, so come hear Bob's presentation on the history of the building, which originally housed both the Fire Department and the Village offices. There are interesting stories about the building, and the Fire Department's move to its new building on Neptune Drive in the mid-70s. And take a tour of the new Village Hall building with its many improvements.

Since this is our Annual Meeting, we will be voting in new trustees. There are two seats open on the Board of Trustees.

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Renovation work at Dryden Village Hall

Homestead Heritage Fair Day

September 30, Saturday

Southworth Homestead

We are having our annual Homestead Heritage Fair Day this year, and it won't happen without your help! The Homestead Heritage Fair Day Committee for this year is being led by Craig Schutt (607-539-5965) and Fred and Muriel Likel (607-844-9518). The next Heritage meeting is scheduled for **April 3rd at 10:00 am** at the Homestead. We are looking for additional volunteers. Come and share your ideas and help with the implementation. There are many different roles to be filled, anyone can find something fun to do!

"OP" Sale (Opportunity Sale)

June 15, 8am - 4pm

June 16, 8am - 4pm

June 17, 8am - 3pm

Southworth Homestead

14 North Street

Dryden, NY

We have decided to add an additional day to our very popular "OP" sale this year. This is a great "OP"portunity to clean out that attic and closet, and find some wonderful items to share with DTSH. There will be many bargains for shoppers. All proceeds help support the DTSH. And contributions from our members make all the difference. Donations can be dropped off at the barn at the Southworth Homestead. If you have larger items, you can call Shirley Price, at 607-844-8700 or 607-279-7655 and she can meet you at the barn or arrange to have them picked up. DTSH can also pick up any other items, please call Shirley to arrange. Your support & contributions always make our sale very successful. Thank you.

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

(for November 2022 through March 2023)

Donations in Memory:

Cassie Prugh	In memory of Victor G Fulkerson
Sandra Prugh	In memory of Victor Fulkerson
Michelle Pescatrice	In memory of Sally Guzetta
Bruce Hollenbeck	In memory of Janet Hollenbeck
Mark & Alice Goldfarb	In memory of Gina Prentiss
Mary Streeter	In memory of Gina & Bard Prentiss
Marsha Ashbarry	In memory of Frances Mary Schutt
Shirley A Shackelton	In memory of H E Shackelton Jr
Pamela L Shoemaker	In memory of Belle Wolcott

Contributions to DTHS

Patty Ard
 David & Brenda Armstrong
 Thomas & Linda Clougherty
 Brian & Jody Earle
 Jeanette Knapp
 Michael E Lane
 Eric McAllister Jr
 Sue & Sam Morrie
 Steve Ridone & Katie Diamond
 Judy Auble-Zazzara

Other Contributions to DTHS

Leslie Chatterton & Allyson Ford
 Kay & Les Cleland
 William & Mary Hornbuckle
 Jeanette Knapp
 Shirley A Shackelton
 Stuart Staniford



MaryLou Taylor showing how to make the holiday stars. Thank you to Patty Kiefer and MaryLou for this wonderful project!

Our Business Supporters:

Bailey Place Insurance	Broom Hilda's Housekeeping	Candlelight Inn & Breakfast	CNY Signs & Graphics
Dryden Realty-Apartment Co.	Dryden Mutual Insurance Co.	Dryden Wine & Spirits	
First National Bank of Dryden	Freeville Publishing Co.	North Star Art Gallery	Michael Lane, Attorney

Thank you to Mike Lane for the loan of items for our Town of Dryden Baseball exhibit and our First National Bank of Dryden 120th Anniversary exhibit.

Restoration of the 1885 Dryden Fair Poster July 16 (Sunday), 2pm – 3pm

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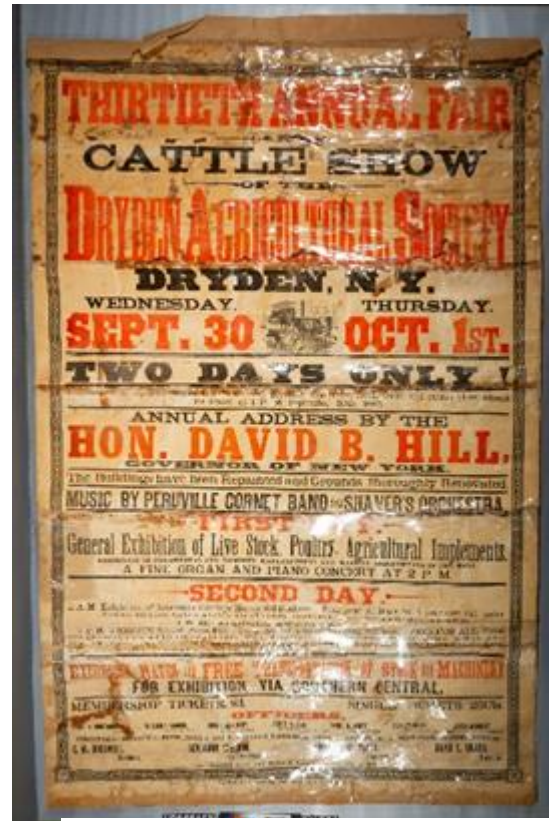
Luisa Casella will present the treatment of the 30th Dryden Annual Fair Poster dating from 1885 that belongs to DTHS collection and was recently treated and framed at West Lake Conservators.

This unique oversized poster - measuring 58"(h)x38"(w) - was very damaged, having been lined on the back with kraft paper and on the front with self-adhesive clear plastic laminate. The laminate had shrunk over time, causing severe creases and tearing areas from the support. There were many stains caused by oxidation of adhesives and the paper had yellowed overall.

The poster required complex conservation treatments and just because of its large dimensions. The work included: removing the front laminate, removing the backing of poor quality Kraft paper, washing the delicate poster which - after the removal from these secondary supports - was in many sections, and then lining the poster onto a good quality mulberry paper using a stable adhesive, reattaching small losses that came loose, inpainting some small areas to restore visual continuity, and, finally framing it appropriately. As with any conservation treatment, the extensive damage that occurred can still be visible but the overall appearance is greatly improved and the structural stabilization and framing will protect the object for many decades to come.

The object will be on display at DTHS. Here is the image before treatment - come to DTHS for the reveal of its looks after treatment!

Luisa Casella trained in Art Conservation at the Instituto Politécnico de Tomar in Portugal. She was an Advanced Residency Program in Photograph Conservation Fellow at George Eastman House/ Image Permanence Institute, and Research Scholar in Photograph Conservation at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is conservator of photographs and works on paper at West Lake Conservators.



The 1885 Dryden Fair Poster before restoration. Come see the return of the restored poster to our collection!



Jane Converse and Mary Hornbuckle assisting with the Holiday Ornament Workshop on December 3. Making beautiful stars.

2022 Holly Tour – A Great Success



5 Mill Street, Freeville



5 Mill Street, Host Amy Dickinson



Elemental Pet Vets
1610 Dryden Road, Freeville



1610 Dryden Road



1609 Dryden Road, Freeville



Hosts, Janette and Curtis Dewey
1609 Freeville Road, and 1610 Dryden Road

Holly Tour continued



1477 Dryden Road, Freeville



Host, Maria Ortiz, 1477 Dryden Road

Our "Mystery" Quilt is featured at the History Center's quilt exhibit

The History Center in Tompkins County presents

KNOT SEW FAST
PATCHWORK OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

EXHIBITION GUIDE

DRYDEN: ALBUM QUILT TOP

ca. 1848
Cotton
On loan from The Dryden Town Historical Society
2022.019.00

According to Anita Loscalzo, former curator of the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA who acquired this quilt before donating it to the Dryden Historical Society, "The top represents a microcosm of a community at a finite time." Her research into the people whose names are inscribed on the quilt top determined that they were:

- both males and females of a wide range of ages came from households which were headed by people of various occupations (including over 20 farmers)
- most were related to others whose names appeared on the quilt, though one was an employee, and
- affiliated with three different Dryden churches

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE SOUTHWORTH HOME

In each newsletter we will feature some interesting items from the Southworth Collection. This time we are featuring an item that once belonged to **John Southworth**.



Ceremonial sword belonging to John Southworth



A new plaque donated by Michael Delahanty acknowledging the original Charter Members of the Dryden Town Historical Society in honor of Lib Delahanty, first President of the Dryden Town Historical Society

*we are correcting the misspelling of Delahanty

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