

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE

AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

April, May, June
July, August 2023
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Dryden Town Historical Society
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REGULAR HOURS (Starting April 1)
Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm
and always by appointment

Homestead Heritage Fair Day
September 30, Saturday
Southworth Homestead
14 North Street
10am – 3pm

Don't miss this **Free** day full of music, food, demonstrations, fun and ice cream!

This year hear these great bands:

- Dryden High School Band Ensemble
- Ithaca Ageless Jazz Band
- Max and the Cats (back for a repeat performance!)

Come and join the fun! Watch a blacksmith at his forge, chair caning, see the magnificent birds of prey from Cornell's Raptor Program, face painting, quilt display, lace making, beautiful woodcrafts, lovely local pottery, buy some cheese, balloon animals, and listen to some great music. Great food from Village Taqueria and Smash Me 607 food truck. You can also take a guided tour of the historic Southworth House, Tompkins County's *only* historic home open to the public. All this and much more!



Restoration of the
1885 Dryden Fair Poster
September 10 (Sunday),
2pm – 3pm

Dryden Village Hall
16 South Street
Dryden, NY

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 was very damaged, having been lined on the back with kraft paper and on the front with self-adhesive clear plastic laminate. The laminate
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Upcoming Dates

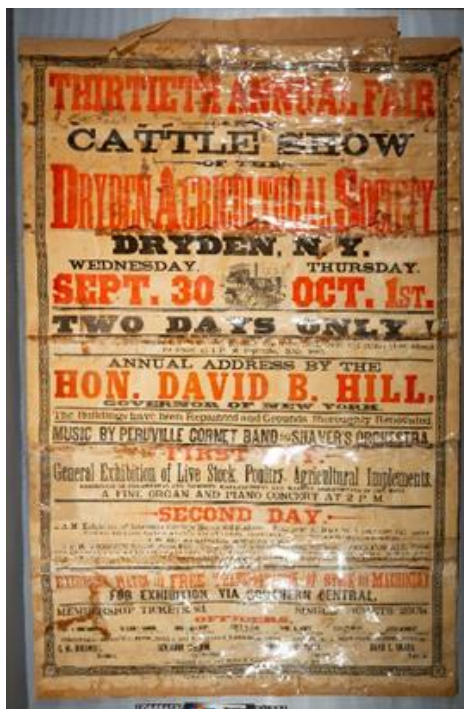
- September 10 – The Treatment and Return of our 1885 Dryden Fair Poster
- September 30 – Homestead Heritage Fair Day
- October -Halloween activity at Southworth House
- November 4 – Annual Pie Sale
- December 2 – Holiday Ornament Activity

(Dryden Fair Poster, continued from page 1)

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.

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 was conservator of photographs and worked on paper at West Lake Conservators.



The “before” 1885 Dryden Fair poster. Come to the program and see the amazing transformation.

Welcome two new Trustees – Steph Jacobson and Sue Morrie

Steph is a newish resident in Dryden, interested in historic homes. Sue Morrie is a long time Town of Dryden resident and member of the Historical Society. We are excited to have these two new members on our Board of Trustees!

Volunteer for Homestead Heritage Fair September 30

Putting on this annual Fair takes a lot of help – in the planning, help with setting up on Friday afternoon, help with setting up on Saturday morning, and of course, help with breaking things down after the Fair is over. 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! It is a great event for the Dryden Town Historical Society, so please lend a hand to make it successful.

Please let the team know if you can be available. Contact Fred Likel (607-591-5507) or Craig Schutt (607-379-5965.)

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

(for April 2023 through September 2023)

Donations in Memory:

Tony & Janice Bretscher	In Memory of David Waterman
Jack Bush	In Memory of Leo Olds
Lisa Bustamante - DFA	In Memory of David Waterman
Diane Gerhart & Randy Lacey	In Memory of David J Waterman
Mary Hornbuckle	In Memory of David Waterman
Daniel & Rosemarie Hulseapple	In Memory of David Waterman
Laurin Publishing (Cheryl Hulseapple)	In Memory of David John Waterman
Julie Lomborg	In Memory of David Waterman
Christopher Lowe	In Memory of Gina Prentiss
Michael & Raylene Ludgate	In Memory of David Waterman
Ryan & Kathy McHugh	In Memory of David Waterman
Jim & Sue Milewski	In Memory of David Waterman
Gary & Fran Mullen	In Memory of David Waterman
Maria Ortiz, Steve Wheaton, Armida	In Memory of David Waterman
Kathryn M Pouty	In Memory of Ancestors
Gerald & Bonnie Roe	In Memory of John W Detrick
Shirley Price	In Memory of David Waterman
Martine & Norm Terwilliger	In Memory of David Waterman
Debra Waterman	In Memory of David Waterman
Ronald & Tiger Waterman Jr	In Memory of David Waterman
Keith & Gloria Wilson	In Memory of David Waterman
Ann Zwart	In Memory of Frances Mary Schutt

Contributions to DTHS

Jack Bush	For Southworth Homestead Project
Amy Dickinson	For trees
Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund	Summer Recreation Program-Cyanotype Workshop
Maureen Finn	DTHS General Fund
Elizabeth Gutches	Southworth Homestead Project
Aiden Payne	DTHS General Fund

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In Memorium

Martha Ferger passed away June 24, 2023. She was an ardent activist, outdoor enthusiast, traveler, and valued member of the Dryden community.

Ongoing Exhibits at the Dryden Town Historical Society

We have a great exhibit about the great Dryden Fair. The Fair ran from the 1870s to 1917, when WWI happened. We have some incredible items from the Fair, including our beautifully restored 1885 Dryden Fair Poster. Come and find out what made it so special.



Clothing from the VanPelt Family Collection

OP Sale was a huge success. This year we made over \$10,000! Thank you to all the hard work of Shirley Price and Mary Hornbuckle and a big thank you to the staff and students from George Junior Republic, who came and provided great assistance with all the moving, setting up, and taking down.



So many items, this was only one third of what we had at the sale.



George Junior Republic helpers



Thanks to **Chris Lowe!**

The Historical Society wishes to extend another grateful thank you to Chris for his “above and beyond” project to replace the storm windows at the Homestead. The brick house had a mix of aluminum and much older, badly weathered wood storm windows. Chris duplicated the latter using UV-blocking glass to protect interior finishes. And, in Chris’ words, the wood and finish he used will last just about forever. Chris’ task was made much more complicated because each window had to be custom fitted to each of the openings. While he was at it, Chris patched and painted the window frames as needed, which he reported to be in overall good condition. As many of you know, Chris has been a very good friend to the Historical Society over the years, taking on our most challenging wood working projects.



Thank you to **Bob Timmerman** for our new DTHS sign on the building, and for our new large sign by the street in the front of the Southworth Homestead.



The garden in full bloom!

Programs we are Co-Sponsoring at the Southworth Library

Uncovering the Underground Railroad in Central New York

Thursday, September 7 at 6 pm at the Southworth Library

Join Dr. Gerard Aching, director of the Underground Railroad Research Project, on Thursday, September 7 at 6 pm at the Southworth Library, 24 W. Main St in Dryden, for a presentation on the history of the Underground Railroad in central New York.

Dr. Aching will explain how the Underground Railroad functioned in the United States and his work in Central and Western New York including the collaborative *Underground Railroad Research Project*, which entails field work and community engagement in Central and Western New York.

Due to the clandestine nature of the Underground Railroad network, little material or documentary evidence of its workings or its freedom seekers was left behind. However, important work is being done to uncover material remains and reconstruct narratives so that we might have a better understanding of this hidden history in the US. Dr. Aching will recount his own involvement in the archaeological excavation in upstate New York, bringing together archaeologists, historians, writers, students and the local community, all in the pursuit of deeper understanding of the past.

Learn more about the exciting projects underway including documented underground railroad activities in our region, the small Black communities that settled here to escape slavery after New York state outlawed it in 1827, and the ordinary people who braved assisting freedom seekers at great personal risk to themselves and their families.

Gerard Aching is professor of Africana and Romance Studies. He specializes in 19th- and 20th-century Caribbean literatures and intellectual histories, theories of modernism and modernity in Latin America, and the relation of literature, philosophy, and slavery in the Caribbean. His collaborative Underground Railroad Research Project entails field work and community engagement in Central and Western New York, including the recent excavation at AME Zion Church in Ithaca NY.

Co-sponsors for this event include the Dryden Town Historical Society, South Central Regional Library Council, Dryden Groton Plus-Human Dignity Coalition, Tompkins County Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

The Ship and the Canoe: The Two Row Wampum Treaty

Thursday, November 16 at 6 pm at the Southworth Library

Join Chief Lyons, Sachem George and Mike Bishop on Thursday, November 16 at 6 pm at the Southworth Library for **The Ship and the Canoe: The Two Row Wampum Treaty**. The Two Row Treaty dates to 1613 and for over 400 years has guided Indigenous peoples in New York state – the Haudenosaunee nations – in relations with non-Indigenous people. The latter have not lived into the treaty, in part because its teaching has remained hidden from them since the Clinton-Sullivan campaign and founding of the United States. And yet the Two Row treaty offers a way for non-Indigenous people to right their ship, and to re-establish friendship and peace with the Haudenosaunee. This event, in the spirit of the Two Row, will be co-led by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Sachem Sam George (Cayuga) and Chief Spencer Lyons (Onondaga) are working with Mike Bishop (non-Indigenous) to plan this 90-minute event at the Southworth Library. This will be an enlightening discussion with opportunities for attendees (in person and virtual) to walk away with newfound knowledge, as well as ask questions of the presenters. Sachems George and Chief Lyons will share their knowledge of the Two Row as a living treaty. Mike Bishop will then speak as an aspiring ally and how the Two Row can guide non-Indigenous people in working in solidarity with Indigenous people. We will pause $\frac{3}{4}$ through the event to generate "buzz time" among attendees, and then conclude with dialogue/question and answer. Participants will be offered additional readings and resources on the Two Row to explore after the event

For more information, contact the Southworth Library at 607-844-4782, email southworthlibrary.org or go to www.southworthlibrary.org. Registration in requested.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

In each newsletter we will feature some interesting items from the Southworth Collection.



Found in the barn, an old golf bag, putters, and snowshoes



Silverbell Tree in Spring



Our beautiful flowering trees in June

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