

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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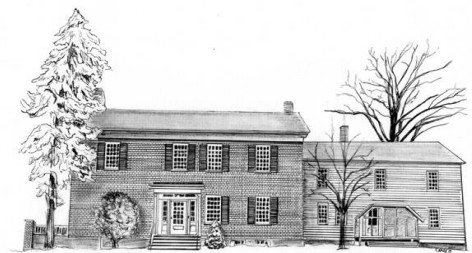
WINTER HOURS (Starting January 1)
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm
and always by appointment

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

The Holiday Workshop on December 2 was a great success. As always, Patti Kiefer came up with a great ornament for folks young and old to make, with lots of help from MaryLou Taylor and Jane Converse. The Exhibit Room and Dining Room were festively decorated. Thank you Mary Hornbuckle for your pretty decorations, which fascinated many of the younger folks who came. We had over 50 people come and make a lovely ornament.



The beautiful holiday ornament for 2023!
Thank you to Patti Kiefer for her always
amazing ideas.



The lovely decorations courtesy of Mary Hornbuckle. Thanks as always.



Mary Hornbuckle and Sue Morrie waiting to greet guests.

EXHIBITS AT THE DRYDEN TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Exhibit Committee is working on a new exhibit on Rural Schools in the Town of Dryden. We have photographs, diplomas and yearbooks to display. If anyone has some other memorabilia or items they would like to loan us for the exhibit, please let us know.

Currently we have a mini exhibit of “Treasures of the Southworth Ladies” showcasing some personal items found in the Southworth House.



WORK STARTING ON THE BARN

DTHS has hired Seth Brewster, a local barn restoration contractor to do the needed renovations and improvements on the barn at the Southworth Homestead. He was able to commence activity recently and will be able to work through the winter. First order of work is shoring up and stabilizing the foundation and rear (East) wall of the barn, which is leaning and quite unstable. He will be replacing the old stonework with wood. Once the foundation and back wall are stable, he will work on the interior of the barn, including replacing the steps to the second floor. Ultimately he will be repairing the exterior and repainting the barn. The work will use materials and construction details consistent with the original structure. We're very excited to get this important restoration work started and we gratefully accept gifts to help offset the significant cost of the project.

We would like to acknowledge a generous gift from the **Dryden Community Center Café**. As part of the dissolution of the volunteer organization, they gifted their remaining funds to many local non-profits in Dryden.

Thank you so much for including the Dryden Town Historical Society, and thank you for all the years of dedicated service to the Dryden community.



Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

(for October 2023 through December 2023)

Donations in Memory:

Shirley Price	In Memory of William Bailey
Mark Goldfarb	In Memory of William Bailey
Shirley Price	In Memory of Gene German
Abby Homer	In Memory of Gene German
Abby Homer	In Memory of Betsey Van Sickle

Contributions to DTHS

Mary Tomlan	To DTHS General Fund
Dryden Community Council	To Homestead Heritage Day Fair
Dryden Community Center Café	To DTHS General Fund

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In Memorium

Betsey Van Sickle passed away October 4, 2023. She was an important member of the Society, and niece of Rebecca Southworth who gifted the historic home to DTHS. She would often participate in the House tours and tell many stories about the Southworth Family.

Gene German passed away on October 9, 2023. He was founding member, volunteer and dedicated advocate of Dryden and the Historical Society.

William Bailey passed away on November 7, 2023. The Bailey's were great supporters who donated many wonderful items to the Society.



Families having fun at the Holiday Workshop in December

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