

DRYDEN HISTORY HOUSE AT SOUTHWORTH HOMESTEAD

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Dryden Town Historical Society
14 North Street,
Dryden, NY 13053
607-844-9209

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

Life in the 18th Century

April 17 (Thursday), 7PM

Dryden Village Hall, 16 South Street

George Cummings will be presenting “Life in the 18th Century”. George will be performing in period costume, with authentic props from the era, what daily living was like during that time. He is a Binghamton antiques dealer who specializes in the 18th century. Mr. Cummings has a repertoire of 18th century programs that he presents around the area. For his presentations, Mr. Cummings will dress in 18th century garb relevant to that particular topic, and use antique props, for an accurate depiction of the topic. This should be a very entertaining presentation.

Doors open at 6:30. Plenty of parking behind the 1st National Bank. The Village Hall is accessible.



Upcoming Dates

- Life in the 18th Century
April 17,
- Annual Meeting, May 15
Restoration of the Southworth
Barn
- OP Sale, June 26, 27 and 28
- Homestead Heritage Day,
September 20
- Rural Schools in the Town of
Dryden, Fall 2025

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ANNUAL MEETING “Restoration of the Southworth Barn”

May 15 (Thursday), 7pm
Dryden Village Hall, 16 South Street

John Kiefer will present a fascinating look at the restoration of the historic barn at the Southworth Homestead. Restoration of the 19th century barn was our final major repair project at the Southworth Homestead. As with the main house and its east addition, the barn had limited maintenance over the years. The project took nearly a year to complete and included work on the crumbling stone foundation, rotted and missing structural timbers, and replacement of the siding and roof. The presentation will include what we know about the history of the barn, some fun mysteries that we encountered, and lots of photos of the work. We'll even give a peek at Black Bart's Hideaway.



As always, Patti Kiefer and her Elves did an outstanding craft with those young and old alike. Making delightful angels, they were so sweet.



EXHIBITS AT THE DRYDEN TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have some great exhibits at the Exhibit Room. Our ongoing Rural Schools in the Town of Dryden, and FOUR exciting new exhibits. If you haven't stopped by in a while, come and see the new exhibits we have put together.

FALL CREEK WHITE WATER DERBY

The Etna Creek (Fall Creek) White Water Derby was held in the spring from 1970 to 1985. It was a five mile race which began at the bridge in Etna and ended at the bridge in Varna. It attracted paddlers from all around the area. We would like to thank **Jean German** for the loan of the award plaques on display.

DOLLS OF THE SOUTHWORTH FAMILY

We have uncovered some sweet dolls that were in the Southworth House. Dolls used by the children, and collectibles from Madame Alexander.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

John Southworth was a very -prominent businessman and had some interesting items in his desk, remaining there for decades.

EIGHT SQUARE SCHOOL HOUSE

The Eight Square School House, on Hanshaw Road, was originally part of the Dryden Central School System until it was bought by the History Center in Tompkins County. We have some sweet photos and paintings on display.



Display of dolls used by the Southworths



A treasure trove from John Southworths desk

An interesting item found in John Southworth's desk. Anyone have any idea what it might have been used for? Let us know.



Dan Antonelli gave an interesting presentation in October on Historic Preservation and the Economic benefit of saving old structures.



HOLLY TOUR HOMES

HOLLY TOUR – DECEMBER 2024



Reception at the Southworth House



Kim Schenck Home
E. Main Street



Steph Jacobson Home
Union Street



Donna and Gladys
West Home
Beam Hill Road



We always need volunteers for the **Homestead Heritage Fair Day**. We are starting our planning now. It would be great to have some fresh ideas. We are lining up the crafters, vendors, performers and food. Please contact Maria Ortiz at 607-351-6520 or Shirley Price at 607-844-8700, or send us an email. We would love to have you join in and be part of the fun!

Listings of APPRECIATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

(for October 2024 to January 2025)

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In Memorium

Janice Brown passed away on February 20, 2025. She volunteered with many an OP Sale.

HOMESTEAD HERITAGE FAIR DAY - SEPTEMBER 27, 2024



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