

# The General's Gazette

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## *Friends of Herkimer Home Hold Annual Meeting*

On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Herkimer Home held their annual meeting in the visitor center A/V room. President Barbara Mielcarski presided over the meeting. Trustees re-elected to a three year term were Jim & Phyllis Fisher. At the meeting, Friends activities over the past year were discussed. The changes to the By-laws were reviewed. As well as the upcoming season with the hiring of a Director and a Program Director.

## *18th Century Spring and Garden Fair*

On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Herkimer Home celebrated the arrival of spring at its annual *An 18<sup>th</sup> Century Spring and Garden Fair*. This years event was subject to mother na-

ture's revenge, it was a cold, raw, rainy day that a few hardy souls braved to come out and enjoy the afternoons activities. Included were volunteers dressed in 18<sup>th</sup> century clothes offering an interpretation of the Historic House. Also included were spinning; weaving and wool dying. For those with gardens or are thinking of starting one, garden vendors dressed in period clothes provided a variety of plants, flowers, herbs and other garden products for sale. We wish to thank those vendors who participated:

- The Mustard Seed*
  - Wood Creek Herb Farm*
  - Acadian Farm*
  - Gardens by Sandra*
  - Wolf Hollow*
  - Sheep Shearing - Richard Krause*
- Music was provided by Amy Delaney & Hanna German who played tunes on the pennywhistle.



- ? *Individual \$15*
- ? *Family (2 adults & children under 18) \$25*
- ? *Seniors (Age 60+) \$10*
- ? *Sustaining \$50*
- ? *Contributing \$100*
- ? *Patron/Business \$250*
- ? *Lifetime \$500*

### Hours of Operation

Monday & Tuesday – Visitor Center & Historic House Closed  
 The house is open for guided tours Wednesday through Saturday 10AM - 5PM  
 Sunday – 1PM – 5PM  
 Monday Holidays 1 PM - 5PM  
 (Tours are on the hour - last tour 4 PM)

Group Tours by Appointment

## *Staffing in Place for the 2011 Season*

The Friends of Herkimer Home welcome for it's 2011 season the hiring of Nancy Cioch as Director and Brian R. Heffron as Program Director. Both have served as tour guides in the past and bring a vast wealth of knowledge to their positions. Also an enthusiastic group of volunteers invite all visitors to stop in during one of the many events, educational programs, or historic tours being provided throughout the summer and fall.

**All are encouraged** to explore their colonial roots at the Herkimer Home, where history is more than just a museum. The Herkimer Home is open for tours Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group programs are available through appointment by calling (315) 823-0398.



## *June Afternoon Tea*

The first Afternoon Tea of the season was held on June 15th with 30 people attending. Many were repeat tea aficionados, as well as, visitors from as far away as Texas, Ohio & Michigan. The menu consisted of:

- Favorite Fresh Fruit Salad with Banana Dressing
- Lemon Ginger Scones
- Cheddar Drop Scones
- Chicken Salad with Toasted Pecans on white/wheat Bread
- Cucumber Mint Tea Sandwich
- And for dessert:

Cornmeal Cake with Macerated Berries  
WKTU was present to tape a feature that was presented on that evenings news. The July Tea is already filled so anyone interested in the August 17th Tea is encouraged to call and make a reservation as seating is limited. Thanks to all those who helped in making this event successful: Jim & Phyllis Fisher; Nancy Cioch; Brian Heffron; Tina Lynch; Barbara Voelkle; Emily Delaney; Louise Carney; Judy Lennox; Paul Mielcarski & Matt & Marshall Sterling.



## *Thank You Cutco –The world's finest cutlery.*

In an effort to upgrade the kitchen in the Caretaker's Cottage, a request was sent to Cutco to see if they would donate a set of knives to replace the ones that are currently being used. They replied with a donation of their Galley Set which retails for \$556.00. This is a product that is made in the USA and has a FOREVER guarantee. We thank them for their generosity.

## ***Historic Haunted Investigation***

The Friends of Herkimer Home along with New York Shadow Chasers announce a historic haunted investigation of the Herkimer Home and grounds on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The well-known paranormal group Shadow Chasers recently visited the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century mansion to conduct research on paranormal activity. They will present their findings as well as provide the public a rare and intimate opportunity to investigate their own "shadows" using equipment made famous in several ghost hunting television programs. A limited amount of tickets are available for this unique evening of entertainment. Admission is \$25.00 and tickets can be purchased either by calling 823-0398 or visiting the Herkimer Home Office during normal business hours (Wednesday thru Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday, 1-5).

Visit [nyshadowchasers.com](http://nyshadowchasers.com)

## ***Independence Day Service at Fort Herkimer Church***

**Strong Attendance at Independence Day Service** - The annual Fort Herkimer Church Independence Day Service was held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> on the grounds of the historic Dutch Reformed Church German Flats. Attendance for the non-denominational patriotic service was over eighty, the largest it's been in recent memory. Patriotic messages along with inspirational music once again filled the historic pews of the old church which is undergoing exciting renovations to its interior. The service's key speaker was former Herkimer Home employee Alan Sterling who inspired congregation with his patriotic definition of "Resolve". Active Brig. General, Peter Lennon was also in attendance and received a round of applause for his duties. The service was followed by our picnic on the grounds of the Herkimer Home. Many of our veteran volunteers mingled with new faces we kicked off the Independence Day holiday. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the day's activities!

Pictured left to right are: Judy Lennox; Robert Schmelcher; Brian Heffron; Barbara Mielcarski; Liz Palmer; Sharon Bryan; Amy Delany; Nancy Cioch; Barbara Cooley; Dain Faville and Kim Nicotera



## ***Join us on Facebook!***

Follow us on facebook! Get up to date information on articles, events, and announcements related to the Herkimer Home. Search Friends of Herkimer Home on facebook.com and "friend" us!

## ***Join us on YouTube!***

Watch videos related to all things Herkimer Home at our new home on youtube.com! Post videos, share memories, and watch exclusive Herkimer Home content. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/Friendsofherkimerhome>.

The Friends of Herkimer Home State Historic Site  
invites you to join them for a Colonial Dinner  
under the tent at Herkimer Home  
to be held on  
Friday, 16 September, 2011 at 6:00 PM  
Cost per person ~ \$25.00

~ EVENING BILL OF FARE ~

Tossed Garden Salat  
Dinner Rolls  
Roast Loin of Pork w Pan Gravy  
Oven Roasted Root Vegetables  
Dressing  
Sweet n Sour Red Cabbage  
Applesauce  
Home Made Pies  
Coffee ~ Tea  
Please feel free to BYOB

~ Reservations Requested ~ Seating is limited ~

R.S.V.P. by 31 August 2011 by calling (315) 823-0398  
Colonial Attire Optional

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To secure your reservation please include payment and mail to:  
Friends of Herkimer Home - 200 State Route 169 - Little Falls, NY 13365  
I nclude your name:  
Phone No:  
Amount enclosed:  
Make checks payable to: Friends of Herkimer Home

***Thank You for Renewing Your Membership to the Friends***

March Renewals

Paul & Diane Lange  
 John E. Mielcarski  
 Helen Staskus  
 Alan Sterling

April Renewals

George Aney  
 Vivian & Harold Bogerd  
 Nancy Curley  
 James & Phyllis Fisher  
 Gary Gritz  
 Jan Gagnon  
 Nancy Hanna  
 Col. Richard Kennison  
 Lee & Judy Lawrence  
 Robert & Cathie Maxwell  
 Rita Polockow  
 Sally Ready  
 Alfred & Geraldine Ross  
 Mary Schutz  
 Sherry Seymour  
 Suzanne Stone  
 David Venezia  
 George Vreeland

May Renewals

Mary & James Bergeron  
 James Bullard  
 Doris Burney  
 DeWitt Casler  
 Nancy Cioch  
 Barbara Cooley  
 Thelma Crim  
 Ed & Linda Fake  
 Mary Feeney  
 Fran Jasewicz  
 Howard LaFave  
 Stuart & Ruth Lehman  
 Paul & Barbara Mielcarski  
 Carolyn Moreau  
 Darleen Paul  
 Tom Ruzga  
 Herbert Schilbe  
 Stu & Judi Talbot  
 Theresa Tippin  
 Alan & Linda Vincent  
 Stephen & Roberta Walsh

***Welcome to the Following New Members***

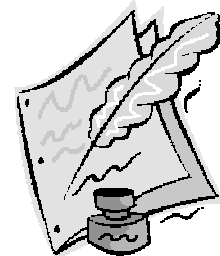
April

Gail Rose  
 Richard Goodfellow  
 Jeffrey & Patricia Gressler

May

Kevin & Patricia Foss  
 Anne Gregorka  
 Deborah & Eric Joyce  
 Laura Schatzel & Rob Mainusch  
 Matthew & Andrea Rnodin  
 Dr. Marsha Mays-Smith

*Thank you for your support, your membership is important to help keep the site open for the future.*



***Patriot's Day - May 21, 2011*** - People gathered on Saturday at the Herkimer Home cemetery to reflect on the significant role the Mohawk Valley played in the Revolutionary War.

***Ceremonial Procession Led by Tryon County Militia***

"How Great Thou Art" Robert Schmelcher

***Opening remarks***

Jeffrey Gressler

***The History of Herkimer Home Cemetery***

Louis Baum

***Biographical Profiles of Revolutionary War Veterans***

***Buried in the Herkimer Home Cemetery***

Nancy Cioch

***The Origins of Little Falls Patriots Day Observance***

Jeffrey Gressler

"Amazing Grace"

Robert Schmelcher

***Readings from the "Sunshine Patriot"***

Robin Prinzhorn

***Reading from the August 27, 1774 Stone Arabia Document***

Patricia Frezza-Gressler

***The Nature of Divided Loyalties in the Mohawk Valley during the Revolution***

Marc Butler

***Militia Prayer***

David Prinzhorn

***Closing Remarks***

Brian Heffron

***Rifle Salute***

Tryon County Militia

***Playing of Taps***

Oscar Stivala

***Closing Procession***

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Robert Schmelcher

Thank you to all who participated in this special tribute to the Veterans who are buried in this historic cemetery.

***Herkimer Home State Historic Site***

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*Herkimer Home is one of 18 parks and 6 historic sites in the Central Region, administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information on the site please call or visit our website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)*

Season/Hours: For the coming season Herkimer Home will be operated as a satellite park under the direct management of Rich Sheckells, Park Manager at Glimmerglass State Park.

The gate and parking lot will remain open from May-October with signage stating that the site is opened during the daylight hours.

Friends of Herkimer Home

Mission Statement

Support the improvement and development of Herkimer Home State Historic Site.

Conduct educational programs, services and activities in keeping with the nature of the site and beyond the normal scope of site activities, for its members and the public at large.

Assist in fund raising activities, the purchase of objects, equipment and supplies for the benefit of the site.

Otherwise promote, conserve, develop and interpret Herkimer Home State Historic Site for the benefit of the public and posterity.

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