

Marshall Historical Society

Looking to the past to inspire our future

Newsletter

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Website:
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Next Meeting
7:30 pm on
Thursday
March 19
Town Hall,
Deansboro

Join!

Provide your name
and address to the
secretary and pay the
membership fee:
individual: \$ 5.00
family: \$ 7.50

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Your donations to the
Marshall Historical
Society are tax
deductible.

Well, while going on my walk this morning I saw 4 robins on the bare ground and heard a flock of geese heading north. How about that! I know there is much more of March to come, but it surely is a sign of spring. The winter has not been too bad so far.

Upcoming Events:

March 19, 2008- We will have Francis Lallier of Deansboro tell us about "Heirloom Vegetables", which he grows and exhibits at Old Sturbridge Village in the fall. The exhibition is sponsored by the Old Sturbridge Agricultural Society. In 2007 he won firsts on Sept 29 in white Portugal onion, pole bean, Oxheart carrot, and largest sunflower, and seconds in Danvers half-long carrot and basket of vegetables. Seeds for heirloom varieties grown at the museum are available starting in March at www.ShopOSV.org. Refreshments will follow by Mary Ann Ford.

April 17, 2008: The Chenango Canal through Clinton & Deansboro from 1836-1876. Our speaker, Wade Lallier, has done extensive research on the canal path and locks here. He will have a Power Point program to illustrate the canal locally. He lives in old white school house on 12B with the canal bed in the rear of his backyard.

Recent Donations:

POEMS IN MANUSCRIPT by William Blackburn. In 1904 given to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Skerritt. By Arthur Sanders, As Art remembers his grandmother's stories, Mr William Blackburn stayed with Art & Mary Skerritt for a week in February 1904. He was working someplace in Deansboro. He was interesting and full of stories. One day he just did not come home that evening, and his grandmother found these POEMS on his bed. Tho he was a real "free-loader" he was not a tramp, and Art & Mary enjoyed his stories, so they never tried to send him a bill for "bed & board". Have you ever heard stories about this man from others, or about some mysterious "handyman" in Deansboro in 1904?

THIMBLES TELL A STORY about an aluminum thimble, marked "THE GRAND ANDES RANGE ALWAYS GIVES SATISFACTION. Of Arthur Sander's grandmother Who sold these stoves from one side of the blacksmith shop. When Arthur Skerritt died in the flu epidemic of 1919, Mary became self-supporting & was given this thimble for selling a certain number of cook stoves and heaters. (now called round oak parlor stoves)

Remember the March 19th meeting at 7:30 pm. Members and guests are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

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CCC Camp (late 1930s or early 1940s)

