



Notes From The Farm

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PRESERVING THE PAST

As always, new members are welcome to join AMHA. Your support and expertise will help fulfill the goals and purpose of AMHA. Contact any board member or mail applications to Carolyn Henry.

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One of the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association's goals is to preserve historical artifacts and stories and to interpret them for the present day generation.

Recently, we had the opportunity to acquire the services of Dawson Grau who will help us accomplish our goal. Dawson loves history and in this case, his Anabaptist Mennonite history. He is the 6th generation of pioneers John and Joe Moser and is the son of Mike and Cynthia Moser Grau and the grandson of Ellis and Joyce Moser. He will be recording stories from people who can recall the lives and experiences of our ancestors. These recordings will be stored in archival format that will be preserved for future generations and can be used for documentary presentations.

We feel privileged to have Dawson, with his expertise in the area of visual and audio documentations of archival quality, doing this work for us. Thank you to Dawson for this offer that will benefit the Mennonite community for years to come.

GRANT RECEIVED

In a letter dated October 21, 2009, Mennonite Heritage Association received approval for a \$5,000 grant for storage equipment from Northern New York Community Foundation. This grant is very much appreciated and will help preserve materials long term. Northern New York Community Foundation further said "thank you for the work you do and the resulting impact it has on our community".

ZWANZIGSTEIN FEST

Z-Fest 2009 was enjoyed by all who came. The attendance was a little less this year, maybe because it was on July 4th and we had a few sprinkles early. However, for those who came, they had an enjoyable day.

The food is a big attraction. Homemade food is the best. The children have a great time. Adults find a relaxed atmosphere with many things to do and see. A quilt was tied for MCC. Visitors can ask questions about the Mennonites and learn about our faith. The house tours are a favorite. What a great opportunity to reflect on our life style. All the demonstrations like butter making, soap making, using the wood plane, making something from wood scraps, and spinning, attract young and old. The craft booth, bake sale, NY products, and the antique stand are of great interest. The singing after lunch just brightens my day.

Outstanding this year was that some of the youngest generation (elementary age) asked if they could help. What a blessing! Many, many thanks to everyone who helped the days before Z-Fest Day and stayed to help clean up. We'll need you again in 2010.

Carolyn L. Henry

NURTURING OUR LOVE FOR LEARNING

AMHA, along with other area organizations, participated in the Extended Care Facility's "Nurturing our Love for Learning" program on May 14. Many residents and visitors enjoyed the all day event in the activity room. Norm Moshier had a display of old tools that people could attempt to identify. He demonstrated how to make cornhusk dolls and also had on display several books significant to Anabaptism.

Bernadine Schwartzentruber had a booth with information about the Lewis County Amish and Amish in general with books and periodicals, taped German singing, and for display only, Amish food favorites-a whoopie pie and a half moon pie.

APPRECIATION PICNIC

The AMHA sponsored an appreciation picnic on September 12 at the Heritage Farm for people who helped with the building/remodeling projects the last several years.

Twenty-one guests and board members enjoyed a tasty meal of hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, hot dishes, whoopie pies and ice cream. Bernice Zehr and Norm Moshier organized the event. After the meal several guests toured the buildings with Norm Moshier.

MENNONITE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND OFFER

It was in the latter months of 2008 that the idea of having a matching fund was presented to the AMHA Board of Directors. Several persons were named who were willing to donate money necessary for the match. After discussion on the matter it was decided letters would be mailed to persons with Anabaptist Mennonite roots who formerly lived in northern New York. The letters were mailed in the spring of 2009, explaining the generous \$20,000 matching fund offer we had received. Later board members and people in the local Mennonite churches received a similar letter giving them the opportunity to be a part of the matching fund offer. We as a board are very grateful for the monies received to help make the Mennonite Heritage Farm available to you, your children, your grandchildren and future generations. There, in an authentic setting stories, objects and documents that illuminate our heritage are being collected and preserved.

This matching fund will close at the end of 2009. Currently we have received 50% of our goal. Thank you again for any contribution you as a reader of this article can make also. It would be great to reach our goal by the end of 2009.

It is a blessing for me to be a part of restoring the Mennonite Heritage Farm as well as contributing to the new archive facility. Our forebears left us a rich heritage!

Phyllis Lyndaker

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AMHA TRIVIA.....

Twenty Amish families originally immigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to Lewis County. How many of these family names can you list?
(Answers later in newsletter.)

WISH LIST:

A display tripod

New or used wheelbarrow

ADIRONDACK MENNONITE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To be completed by applicant:

Date _____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____

Congregational Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Pastor _____

The purpose of the corporation is to (a) preserve our Mennonite Heritage (based on its Anabaptist origin of 1525, (b) share our unique Christian faith story with our world, and (c) keep in tact artifacts of the North Country Amish Mennonite Settlement.

Affirmation:

_____ do affirm that I am in sympathy with
And shall support the underlying Christian purpose of the Adirondack Mennonite
Heritage Association.

(Signature)

Amount of Donation \$ _____

Make check payable to Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association.

Mail check and application to:

Carolyn L. Henry
4348 Saunders Rd.
Clinton, NY 13323

STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

AMHA recently began the process of applying for listing on the State Register of Historic Places. Four board members, Dawson Grau, and Norm Moshier met with Travis Bowman on October 21 at the Heritage Farm with a walk-through of the buildings and grounds. Bowman explained, "The purpose of the legislation which created the National Register of Historic Places was to *protect* historic properties from government actions rather than a method of imposing state control." Dawson Grau will do the paperwork and submit it to the State Board for review and their decision to be made in March. Being on the register does not change our goals, vision, and plans for the Heritage Farm.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Beller, Ebersole, Farney, Gerber, Hirschey, Jantzi, Kennel, Lehman, Lyndaker, Moser, Naftziger, Riffenacht, Roggie, Steiner, Steria, Virkler, Widrick, Yancey, Yousey, Zehr

ELECTRONIC CATALOGING

Through the Northern New York Community Foundation, AMHA was awarded a grant of \$20,000 in 2008. A large majority of the monies was spent toward shelving units for the archival collections and the remaining on a desktop computer, printer/scanner, and *PastPerfect Museum* software which is housed in the new basement of the heritage homestead. The software program is a widely used collection-management program with thousands of organizations using it worldwide. The *PastPerfect* software will be used to catalog the following AMHA collections into the computer:

1. Objects
2. Photographs
3. Archives (document collections, manuscripts, oral histories, maps, music collections, and personal papers)
4. Library (books, pamphlets, and magazines)

This electronic cataloging is at the beginning stage and will continue to be a long-range project as collections continue to be donated to AMHA with much appreciation.

Rosanna M. Moser

Catherine Widrick Lyndaker's
ORANGE RAISIN CAKE (OLD)

1 Cup Brown Sugar
1/2 Cup Lard
3/4 Cup Sour Milk
1 Cup Raisins
1 Orange
1 Teaspoon soda
1/2 Teaspoon salt
2 Cups flour
Chopped walnuts

Charlotte Clifton's MAPLE COTTAGE PUDDING

Heat 1 Cup maple syrup to boiling. Put into a regular size bread tin.

Make a batter of: 2 Tablespoons shortening
 3 Tablespoons sugar
 1 Egg
 1/2 Cup milk
 1/4 Teaspoon salt
 1 Cup flour
 2 Teaspoon Baking Powder

Pour batter on top of syrup.
Bake in moderate oven 30 minutes.
Turn upside down on plate.
Sprinkle with chopped nuts.
Serve with whipped cream.

If you enjoyed today, it wasn't wasted.



175th ANNIVERSARY RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

The recordings of the 175th Anniversary Combined Worship Service held at Beaver River Central School auditorium on October 26, 2008, are ready for distribution. They are available in either cassette tape or CD format. There are two tapes or two CD's in a set and include congregational singing, responsive reading lead by Stephanie Houser Fouse, devotional by Nate Barker, the songs sung by the chorus directed by Marvin Zehr, and the message given by John D. Roth. The price is \$10 per set. If you would like to order, fill out the form below and send to Donald Roggie, along with your payment (make checks payable to AMHA).

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ADIRONDACK MENNONITE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Donald Roggie
4491 Boshart Rd.
Lowville, NY 13367

_____ set(s) of CDs @ \$10.00 per set

_____ set(s) of cassette tapes @\$10.00 per set

Postage @ \$5.00 per order (if delivered by mail) Total \$ _____

Please send to: _____

Or: Deliver to my church mail box at _____ Church.

There will not be a shipping charge if delivered to you church mailbox but it may take longer for you to receive your order.