



*Telling the Story of Our City's Rich Ethnic & Industrial
Heritage As a City Located on the Historic Erie Canal & Mighty
Niagara River*

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NORTH TONAWANDA HISTORY MUSEUM

ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 2007

For the year 2006

**Issued June 21, 2007
3rd Annual Dinner & Meeting
Pane's Restaurant**

ENTERING OUR FOURTH YEAR

We look forward to the future and a permanent home with enthusiasm and look forward to the continued support of our members, donors, and volunteers! We acknowledge and thank all who have helped us in our first three years of existence.

Our third year saw tremendous growth and a multitude of activities and events. We continued our “History Nights, rather than restricting our programs to “members.” They are educational programs, for all age groups in the community and to people from all over Western New York. As a museum, our focus continues to be on getting as much history into the hands of the people in the community and around the world as possible.

Our programs for the year included an industrial heritage night tour of Ascension Industries in February, a German Heritage Night in March at the North Tonawanda Senior Center, our 3rd annual North Tonawanda’s Birthday Party in April (honoring also Riverside Chemical’s 100th anniversary, Grace Lutheran Church’s 100th anniversary, Niagara County Historical Society’s 85th anniversary, the Riviera Theatre’s 80th anniversary, Soos’ Oliver Street Café’s 50th anniversary, Drake School’s 50th anniversary, Pioneer Printers’ 40th anniversary, Hodgepodge’s 10th anniversary, the City’s 141st anniversary of its incorporation as a village in 1865; and its 109th anniversary as an incorporated city, and our own 2nd anniversary as a chartered museum).

May saw us co-host, with the Sanborn Area Historical Society and the Historical Society of North German Settlements, our 2nd annual Preservation Month bus tour to the Holland Land Office Museum, Leroy House, Jello Gallery, and the D&R Railroad Depot restaurant.

Our 2nd annual meeting and dinner was held at the Hideaway Grill in June. September was an industrial heritage night program featuring Richardson Boat Company and November was a military heritage night focusing on Safe Haven, where former concentration camp detainees were housed during World War II. December included a Polish Christmas concert with the Chopin Singing Society at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and a German Christmas Night at the Senior Center, with the Historical Society of North German Settlements.

We hosted our 2nd Historic Gardens Contest & Tour, took part in our third Canal Fest, including our first History Weekend in Gratwick-Riverside Park, and participated in our fourth Winter Walk. We were awarded a Certificate of Honorable Mention from the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies for our Historic Gardens Contest & Tour format.

We hosted our 1st bi-annual ethnic heritage festival, “North Tonawanda: A Celebration of Our Diversity!” in the Sportsplex Family Entertainment Complex. Our 2nd annual Haunted Gardens on the EEEEErie Canal, although ready to go, was totally derailed by the October 12 storm.

Our website celebrated its 3rd anniversary on October 15, 2006, reaching people around the world and continues to be updated daily.

We published “North Tonawanda: The Lumber City,” a self-guided walking/driving guide to North Tonawanda with a grant from the New York

Council for the Humanities. We also published “North Tonawanda: The First 100 Years – 1797 – 1897,” “The Rand Family Left a Lasting Imprint on North Tonawanda and the World,” and “North Tonawanda: A Celebration of Our Diversity!” and a guidebook for the 2006 Historic Gardens Tour. An annual report for the first two years of our existence was published with our new logo.

The North Tonawanda History Museum has produced a weekly column on local history, “Remembering Yesteryear,” in the Tonawanda News since March 29, 2004. Museum Director Donna Zellner Neal coordinates the column. The column, which appears on Mondays, has developed a regular following. The 12/11/06 column, “NT’s Polish community played role in Haller’s Army: Three from North Tonawanda made a difference in World War I” was reprinted in *Polonez*, a publication produced in Polish and in English and distributed in Toronto and other cities in Ontario, Canada. The column was created with the assistance of Alfreda Wilczek Slominski, a North Tonawanda native, of Depew.

This was the second reprint of a Museum column. “Growing Up Polish in North Tonawanda,” by Steve Litwin, which appeared in “Remembering Yesteryear” on 4/12/04 was reprinted in the monthly Polish American Journal, a national publication, in July 2004. Litwin, a North Tonawanda native, is a Binghamton resident.

We began monthly programs in two area nursing homes in the summer of 2006 and an assisted living center in June: Alterra Sterling House and Northgate Healthcare Center in Wheatfield, and the DeGraff Skilled Nursing Facility in North Tonawanda.

We presented an exhibit on the City’s industrial heritage in the North Tonawanda Public Library during September, and, in collaboration with the Upstate History Alliance, an exhibit, “Why Archives Matter,” in the library during November and in the lobby of Greater Buffalo Savings Bank during December.

North Tonawanda History Museum Saw Increase in Activity in 2006

The Board of Trustees of the North Tonawanda History Museum extends its thanks to the Western New York community for its support of our events and activities during 2006.

Although we would celebrate our 3rd anniversary as a chartered museum on April 20, 2007, the North Tonawanda History Museum began as an idea on September 10, 2003, with a mailing list of 79 individuals. Our activities in 2004 were a trial run, attempting to develop our programs and events around the wishes of residents and former residents for the type of museum they wanted us to be. Our second full year of operations was 2005. Our third full year was 2006. We are proud to report on significant increases in membership, volunteer staffing, and fundraising.

As an emerging organization not yet officially three years old in 2006, none of our accomplishments would have been possible without the tremendous volume of volunteer service. We were quite amazed when we tallied up our 2004 volunteer service hours and the figure exceeded 6,000 hours for that first partial year. We were proud to report that 2005 saw us the beneficiary of at least 12,454 hours of volunteer service.

In 2006, volunteer staff donated more than 6,850 hours of service and other volunteers more than 5,348 hours, a total of more than 12,198 hours. These are the hours we can verify, although we know there were many other hours put in at home or other locations by our volunteer corps which they didn't bother to report. Had we needed to pay these wonderful people for their service as paid employees, we would have required a minimum of \$54,000 in 2004. We would have needed \$127,454 in 2005, and \$108,098 in 2006 to pay for comparable service!

SOME ADDITIONAL STATISTICS FROM 2006:

Visits to Actual Museum at 314 Oliver Street	1,821
Attendance at history night events	580
<u>Special events attendance:</u>	
Ethnic Heritage Festival	1,713
Historic Gardens Tour 2006	900+
Haunted Gardens on the EEEEErie Canal	Canceled due to weather
Walking tours	350
German Heritage Night	120+
Polish Christmas Concert	650+
German Christmas Night	150+
Winter Walk	400+
Nursing Home Programs	700
Special Exhibits	1,500+

VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMPOSITION (# OF INDIVIDUALS):

Community service projects – youth	180
College Learning Service Projects (BSC)	64
SUNYAB Architectural Student Projects	2
College Student Volunteers	37
High School Student Volunteers	52
Middle School, Elementary School, Scout volunteers	33
Youth groups	3
Total volunteer hours	12,198
Newsletters mailed	7,000
Mailing list as of 12/31/06	2,326
Mailing list as of 6/1/07	2,495
E-mail mailing list 12/31/06	681
E-mail mailing list 6/1/07	810

The Museum Online at www.nthistorymuseum.org in 2006 reported:

- ✓ 2,311 actual individual visitors to the site, making
- ✓ 81,893 total visits to the site, with
- ✓ 463,886 visits to individual pages, with the present Online Museum consisting of over 2,200 pages.
- ✓ Google, Yahoo, MSN, AOL, Ask.com, Google.ca (Canadian) are the top referring sources for our site, averaging 889 unique referral links per month
- ✓ Noon to 6 p.m. is the top traffic period for visits to the Online Museum

- ✓ On a typical month, the most popular sections are our Events & Past Event Galleries; our Collections categories, especially all the sections on Wurlitzer, Lumber Heritage, Industrial/Business collections; Erie Canal Town collections; Prominent Individuals; Military Heritage collections; Goundry Street; and Niagara River port collections; our Event Calendar; and our News Release Archives (which provide a history of the development of the Museum and its activities; and the archived “Remembering Yesteryear” columns, which have appeared on Mondays in the Tonawanda News since March 29, 2004.

IN MEMORY – Gone but their support will never be forgotten

Deceased Charter Members 2004

Ellen Wall Markovitz – Charter Honorary Senior Member

Deceased Charter Members 2005

John Kopczynski, Sr. – Honorary Charter Life Member

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Deceased Charter Members 2006

Richard Snopkowski – Charter Senior Member

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Deceased Charter Members 2007

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2005

Paula Belair, Betty A. Brandon, John Borycki, Cynthia Fredricks, Kay Learned, Judith L. Mittiga, Donna Zellner Neal, Joyce Santiago, Sarah E. Walter, Barbara Wickman

2006

Paula Belair, Margaret Cheeley, Paul Hoover, Marilyn Lasky, Diane M. Meholic, Judith L. Mittiga, Donna Zellner Neal, George F. Rand IV, Joyce M. Santiago, Barbara Wickman

2007

Keri Gullo, Dan Kelley, Laura E. Winchester

The North Tonawanda History Museum received a Provisional Charter from the Regents of the State of New York on April 20, 2004, and is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the North Tonawanda History Museum is to assemble, preserve, protect, and exhibit collections pertaining to the history of North Tonawanda, its people and community life, focusing especially on our rich immigrant heritage and role as an important shipping and manufacturing center strategically located on the historic Erie Canal and Niagara River in the 19th and 20th centuries. As a research and educational institution, we plan to be both an active participant in the historical and cultural tourism focus of North Tonawanda and a focal point for students of all ages to participate in historical studies and activities of the City.

VISION STATEMENT

The North Tonawanda History Museum will provide leadership to the North Tonawanda community in the promotion of historic awareness and interpretation of the people's history in the community.

Mission and Vision Statements Approved by the Board of Trustees, February 19, 2004

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For Outstanding Service and Contributions to Museum programming and development

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Membership dues for this category of membership have created the beginning of an endowment fund, the earnings of which only will be used in the future for Collections Acquisition and Exhibit Maintenance.

We thank the following Charter Life Members for their early support.

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Jessica Brant, North Tonawanda High School

Marcus Brant, SUNY Buffalo

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Renee Pratt, State University of New York at Buffalo

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Dana Herman, North Tonawanda High School

Buffalo State College

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Class Service Learning Project

Dr. Amitra Hodge, Assistant Professor, Sociology
and Coordinator of Women's Studies Unit

Spring 2007

Buffalo State College Volunteer Learning Service Center

Volunteers for Ethnic Heritage Festival – October 7, 2006

and

Dr. C. Hilarski, Social Work Department

Human Behavior and Social Environment II Class - Spring 2007

School of Architecture & Planning, SUNYAB

Eugene Spiak project 2006/Bennett Lumber/W. G. Palmer Lumber

Renee Pratt project 2006-2007/Bennett Homes

Kerry Traynor's class project/Historic Treasures Tour architectural histories

Kerry Traynor's class project/Bennett Homes identification

Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, SUNYAB

Various activities in 2006 – 2007

World Connect Club of North Tonawanda High School

Ethnic Heritage Festival – October 7, 2006

HONORED AT DECEMBER 16, 2006
German-Christmas Program

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Pamela Hogan	Dale Rogers
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Joann Mis	Jerome Whitehead
John F. O'Connor	

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2006

Stephen Ash	Lou Omel
Margaret	Danielle Oney
Jane Garis	Courtney Reichman
John Zellner Neal	Barbara Wickman
Priscilla Zellner Neal	Walter Wozniak

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Jessica Brant - NTHS
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Joshua Hoover – NTHS
Esther Neisen – Buffalo State College

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Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York
Sanborn Area Historical Society
North Tonawanda Public Library
North Tonawanda City School District
Buffalo State College Volunteer Learning Service Center
Alpha Phi Omega Epsilon Sigma Chapter, SUNYAB
School of Architecture & Planning, SUNYAB

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE YEAR 2006

North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, Parks and Senior Citizens
North Tonawanda Department of Public Works
North Tonawanda Senior Center

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR LIFE BLOOD!

How Our Events & Accomplishments Were Made Possible....
Thank You Each And Every One Of Our Volunteers And Other Helpers Throughout
The Year, But Especially....

Museum Programs

North Tonawanda Senior Center, Barbara Wickman, JamiLee Piatt, Jason Law, Jessica Brant (NTHS), Donna Zellner Neal, Joyce Santiago, Lou Santiago, Stephen Ash, Marvin Fritz, Josie Pettigrew, Joann Fritz, Joaquin Camareno (Buffalo State College), Priscilla Zellner Neal, Danielle Oney, Linda Hankinson, Cortney Santasiero, Scott Scanlon, Diane Meholick, Thomas Frauenheim, John Dubickas, James Holler, Carol Kopczynski, John Kolecki, Violet Kolecki, Margaret Cheeley

Exhibits – Trade Shows – Fairs & Other Away Events

Courtney Reichman, Danielle Oney, Cortney Santasiero, JamiLee Piatt, Barbara Wickman, Priscilla Zellner Neal, Diane Meholick, Margaret Cheeley, John Kolecki, Violet Kolecki, Donna Zellner Neal, Michael El-Sharif Jessica Brant

Museum Gift Shop

The Polish Peddler, William Lindquist, Diane Meholick, Morris Publishing, Pioneer Printers, Inc., Don Samull, Joseph Corbett, Donna Zellner Neal, Priscilla Zellner Neal, John Kolecki, Am-Pol Eagle, Allen Gademsky, Joann Fearn, Chief Deputy Christopher Carlin, Niagara County Sheriff's Dept., John H. Kolecki, John Zellner Neal, George Trautman

Canal Fest 2006

Stephen Ash, Josie Pettigrew, Jane Garis, Margaret Waite, Dennis Lasky, Marilyn Lasky, Barbara Wickman, Kevin Cheeley, John Zellner Neal, Donna Zellner Neal, Josie Pettigrew, Charles Belair, Joyce Santiago and the Santiago family, Cortny Santasiero, Danielle Oney, Frank Budwey, Priscilla Zellner Neal, Judith Mittiga, Bryan Blandford, JamiLee Piatt, Margaret Cheeley, Ricky Mittiga, David Zobrist, Carl Hoover, Lou Omel, Jessica Brant, Marcus Brant, William M. Davignon, Frances Wilson, Kyle Smiarowski, Matthew DiNatale, Paul Hoover, Betty Brandon, Kathy Delbert, Michael El-Sharif, Nancy Donovan, Peter & Mickey Trinkwalder

Canal Fest History Weekend 2006

Joyce Santiago, Lou Santiago, The Santiago Family, Judith Mittiga, Marilyn Lasky, Dennis Lasky, Carl Hoover, Joann Fearn, Frances Wilson, Charles Belair, John Zellner Neal, Danielle Oney, Jessica Brant, Marcus Brant, JamiLee Piatt, Margaret Waite, Jason Wojcik, Angela Wojcik

Doors Open Niagara 2006

(canceled due to October 12-13 storm) - Set up only

Donna Neal, Jane Garis, Barb Wickman, Joann Fearn, Courtney Reichman

North Tonawanda: A Celebration of Our Diversity!

Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York, Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, The Riviera Theatre, Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas, Polish Heritage Dancers, Floral Accents. Sportsplex, Pioneer Printers, Vanner Insurance Agency, Gullo's Macaroni Grill, Buffalo Schwaben Chor, World Connect Club of NTHS, Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish, Lancaster; Niko's Big Fat Greek Restaurant, Dave Ruch, Swedish Heritage Festival Committee of Augustana Lutheran Church, Town of Tonawanda; Monte and Marcia Jones/Step in Time/CelticEclectic; Clann Na Cara School of Irish Dance, Bergholz Blaskapelle, Matt Piorkowski. Lisa A. Alzo, Dr. Sherrie Bayer, Dr. Fred Gardaphe, Betty Lerner, Amherst Museum; Sophie Hodorowicz Knab, The Polish Peddler, John H. Kolecki, Violet Kolecki, Diane Meholic, Jeanne Treat, Patrick Stanczyk H. William Feder, Ph.D., Frank Clement, Ed & Bernice Evarts (Bernie's Carousels), Holy Protection Orthodox Church, Polish Arts Club, Michael Mroczka, Polish National Alliance, Ken Sprenger, Chocolates by the Miles, Nana's Italian Cookies, Heritage Bakery, The Scout Camp Chef (aka John Jones), Buffalo News, Tonawanda News, Am-Pol Eagle, Der Freund, St. Stephen's Tamburitians & Dancers of St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Church, Lackawanna; Margaret Cheeley, Kevin Cheeley, Marilyn Lasky Michael El-Sharif, Paula Belair, Tim Contangelo, Josie Pettigrew, Donna Zellner Neal, Stephen Ash, Judith Mittiga, Joann Fearn, Jane Garis,

Frances Wilson, Peter Trinkwalder, Mickey Trinkwalder, Barbara Wickman, Rae Proefrock, Paul Flach, JamiLee Piatt, Michael Mrocza, Linda Hankinson, Danielle Oney, Dawn Barr, Lou Ann Rossi, Buffalo State College Volunteer Learning Service Center, Alpha Phi Omega Epsilon Sigma Chapter, SUNYAB - RSVP Volunteers, North Tonawanda Dept. of Parks & Recreation, North Tonawanda Public Works Dept.

Historic Gardens Contest & Tour 2006

Donna Zellner Neal, Dale Rogers, AKA the Towpath Tiller;
David Maziarz, Pioneer Printers

Historic Gardens Contest Judges 2005

Jane Garis, Marcia Neri, Joann Mroz

Seaway Trail Walks

Donna Zellner Neal, Kyle Smiarowski

Haunted Gardens on the EEEEErie Canal 2006

Canceled because of October 12-13 Storm and park closing

Set up and planning and take down

Danielle Oney, Event Chair

Advisors: Joann Mis, Carl Tamburlin

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Winter Walk 2006

Buffalo Suzuki Strings, Greater Buffalo Savings Bank

Barbara Wickman, Jessica Brant, Diane Meholic, Priscilla Zellner Neal, Stephen Ash, LouAnn Rossi, Josie Pettigrew, Donna Zellner Neal, Cortny Santasiero

Website

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Walter Wozniak, Research Coordinator
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House & Grounds:

Barbara Wickman, Priscilla Zellner Neal, JamiLee Piatt, Steve Kurbiel, Don MacDonald

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Danielle Oney, Jessica Oney, JamiLee Piatt, Donna Zellner Neal, Michael El-Sharif, Joaquin Camarena (Buffalo State College), Faith Jachlewski

Oral History Program

Jason Law, Coordinator

Priscilla Zellner Neal, Cortney Santasiero, JamiLee Piatt, John Zellner Neal, Alex Korabov (SUNYAB), Esther Niesen (Buffalo State College), Dr. Hilarski's Social Work Class (Buffalo State College)

Research

Lou Omel, Walter Wozniak, Frances Wilson, Staff at North Tonawanda Public Library

Moving Crew throughout the Year

Lou Santiago, Joyce Santiago, Kevin Cheeley, Margaret Cheeley, Priscilla Zellner Neal, John Zellner Neal, Kyle Smiarowski, Jim Wickman, Donna Zellner Neal, Barbara Wickman, David Zobrist, Riverside Chemical, Alex Korabov, Jessica Brant, Marcus Brant

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Clinton Brown, Barbara Moore, Deborah Jaeger, Charles Bell, James Sullivan, Marie Battaglis, Senator George D. Maziarz, Peter Smolinski, Mark Haacker, Scott Gregson (NTHS), Joe Zellner

Publicity and Other Assistance

Buffalo News, Tonawanda News, Metro Source, ArtVoice, Niagara Falls Reporter, Am-Pol Eagle, The People's Friend, Bee Publications, Western New York Family Magazine, Buffalo Current, Business First, Buffalo Spree

Publications, Forever Young, After 50, North Tonawanda Senior Center, North Tonawanda City Clerk's Office, North Tonawanda Mayor's Office, North Tonawanda Parks & Recreation Department, North Tonawanda Public Library, North Tonawanda City School District, Niagara-Wheatfield Tribune

Polish Christmas Concert

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Community
The OLC ladies, Chopin Singing Society
Donna Zellner Neal, Barbara Wickman, JamiLee Piatt, John Kolecki,
Violet Kolecki, Carol Kopczynski

German Christmas Night

Historical Society of North German Settlements
North Tonawanda Senior Center Staff
Donna Zellner Neal, Barbara Wickman, Steve Ash, JamiLee Piatt,
Danielle Oney, Terri Oney, Priscilla Neal, Jason Law,
Crystal Park (NTHS student), Louis Chichone, John Zellner Neal,
Maggie Cheeley, Pam Hogan Cub Scout Pack 193,
Alpha Phi Omega, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, SUNYAB

Simple Gifts Concert

Riviera Theatre Staff
Donna Zellner Neal, Steve Ash, Carol Kopczynski, Barbara Wickman,
Maggie Cheeley, Alex Korabov(SUNYAB student), Josie Pettigrew,
Linda Hankinson, Jane Garis, Marilyn Lasky, Paula Belair,
Danielle Oney (SUNYAB student), Jessica Oney, Sean LaFontaine,
Dan Kelley, Diane Meholick, John Kolecki, Lou Ann Wilson and her friend,
Peter Trinkwalder, Mickey Trinkwalder, Mark Haacker, Joanne Balasz,
Debi Ewart, Chelsea Balasz, Samantha Ewart,
and Jessy, Robyn, and Tom from the SUNYAB fraternity.

Special thanks to Frank Cannata and the Riviera Theatre.

GRANTS RECEIVED 2006 - 2007

Anonymous Foundation - \$1,000 – 2006
2006 Ethnic Heritage Festival Seed Money Grant

HSBC Bank, NA - \$350 – 2006
In recognition of Judith Mittiga's volunteer services – 2006

Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation - \$5,000 – 2006 - For Equipment

York Children's Foundation - \$2,000 – 2006
For Education Programming - For operational expenses

Heritage Preservation: The National Institute for Conservation
Washington, D.C., supported through a cooperative agreement
with the Institute of Museum and Library Services
2006 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)
\$6,540 to hire a professional conservator and a preservation architect

New York Council for the Humanities, Speakers for the Humanities Grant - \$500
For "North Tonawanda: A Celebration of Our Diversity!" October 2006
Dr. Frank Gardaphe: "Linguine and Lust: Food and Sex in Italian-American Culture"

New York Council for the Humanities, Speakers for the Humanities Grant - \$500
For "North Tonawanda: A Celebration of Our Diversity!" October 2006
Dr. Sherrie Bayer: "Ciudad y Suburbia: The Changing Nature of Latino Immigration"

New York Council for the Humanities, Speakers for the Humanities Grant - \$350
For "Dave Ruch" October 2006

All for Ethnic Heritage Festival

Upstate History Alliance GO Grant
\$150 – 2006
For Courtney Reichman to take online course in collection management.

New York State Council for the Arts Decentralization Grant
\$1000 – 2006 - For "Simple Gifts" concert February 2007

Niagara Area Foundation - \$200 – 2006
For DVD Player for Oral History Program in Nursing Homes

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation's
Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) Presenter Program
\$2,500 – 2006 - For "Simple Gifts" concert February 2007

New York Council for the Humanities, Speakers for the Humanities Grants - \$2,000
For four speakers for 2007 programs:
Dr. Peter J. Rose: "Dutch Influence on the American Kitchen and Life" – September 20, 2007
J. Ward Regan: "Feet, Hooves, and Rails:
Transportation in Nineteenth Century America" – October 20, 2007
Susan Aberth: "El Dia de los Muertos: The Mexican Celebration of Life" – November 8, 2007
Dr. Peter G. Rose: "The Forgotten Holidays" – December 8, 2007

Niagara County - \$5,000 – 2007 – For Phase II
The Lumber City History Center

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PLANNED GIVING?

Talk to your attorney or tax advisor about how to use planned giving to help us maintain and ensure the permanence of the North Tonawanda History Museum:

- ✓ Bequest by will
- ✓ Charitable Annuity Trust – a type of charitable remainder trust, providing for payment of a fixed amount to the beneficiaries, with the North Tonawanda History Museum getting the remainder.
- ✓ Charitable Unitrust – a type of charitable remainder trust, providing for payment of a fixed percentage of net asset value to the beneficiaries, with the North Tonawanda History Museum getting the remainder.
- ✓ Pooled Income Fund – would be established by the North Tonawanda History Museum to pool donations from multiple donors, giving an income interest for life to the donors or other beneficiaries, with the balance of the donor's donation to be paid out of the fund to the North Tonawanda History Museum upon the death of the income beneficiary.
- ✓ Charitable Gift Annuity – donor transfer money to the North Tonawanda History Museum up front in return for a fixed sum paid periodically by the Museum to the donor or a person chosen by the donor.
- ✓ Charitable Life Insurance – the owner of a life insurance policy transfers ownership of the policy to the North Tonawanda History Museum. The Museum receives the insurance proceeds on the death of the insured.
- ✓ Charitable Lead Trust – pays income to the North Tonawanda History Museum for a fixed number of years or over the grantor's lifetime, with the remainder going to family members or others named in the trust at the end of the term.
- ✓ Charitable Remainder Trust – pays income to a certain person or persons during the trust term, and at the end of the trust term, the remainder of the assets in the trust will be given to the North Tonawanda History Museum.

Please note: Complex state and federal rules govern the treatment of these financial planning devices.

Will you help ensure the Museum's permanence?

___ **NORTH TONAWANDA HERITAGE PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND**

Earnings only will be utilized for operating expenses in the future.

___ **COLLECTIONS ACQUISITION/EXHIBIT MAINTENANCE FUND**

Earnings only will be utilized for acquisition of Collections and exhibit maintenance.

___ **NORTH TONAWANDA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FUND**

A restricted fund, to be used only for educational programming requirements.

___ **The Lumber City History Center" CAPITAL FUND DONORS**

To provide for the future permanent home of the Museum.

___ **Other (specify)** _____

___ **In memory of** _____

___ **In honor of** _____

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North Tonawanda History Museum
314 Oliver Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

THANK YOU!!!!!!

NORTH TONAWANDA HISTORY MUSEUM
First Six Months of 2007

Awards & Recognition Received:

- ✓ Upstate History Alliance – Certificate of Commendation (one of 11 organizations recognized in New York State in 2007 – for Celebration of Our Diversity Ethnic Heritage Festival
- ✓ Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year – Heritage Award – to Museum Director for promoting the ethnic heritage of North Tonawanda

Volunteer Staff:

- ✓ Donna Zellner Neal, Museum Director (since September 10, 2003)
- ✓ John Zellner Neal, Webmaster, Digital Records Coordinator, & Staff Assistant
Webmaster and Digital Records Coordinator since 2/1/05;
Staff Assistant since October 15, 2003)
- ✓ Jane Garis, Archival Records Coordinator (since November 2004)
- ✓ Walter Wozniak, Research Coordinator (since January 2006)
- ✓ Lou Omel, Technological Research Coordinator (since March 2005)
- ✓ Carol Kopezynsk, Collections Cataloguing Coordinator (since Fall 2006)
- ✓ Karen Dombrowski, Administrative Assistant (since May 2007)
- ✓ Valerie Garrison, Administrative Assistant (since May 2007)
- ✓ Danielle Oney, Event & Staff Assistant

Interns & Learning Service Projects:

- ✓ SUNYAB School of Architecture & Planning – two class projects – Spring 2007
- ✓ Buffalo State College Learning Service Project – oral history project at 3 nursing homes and adult day care
- ✓ Jessica Brant – NTHS
- ✓ Carla Wokersien – Daemen College
- ✓ Alex Korabus – SUNYAB
- ✓ Dana Herman – Starpoint Central High School

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Monthly Programs:

- ✓ Alterra Sterling House
- ✓ Northgate Healthcare
- ✓ DeGraff Skilled Nursing

Additional Programs at other Sites:

- ✓ DeGraff Adult Day Care
- ✓ People, Inc.
- ✓ NT Catholic School
- ✓ YWCA of the Tonawandas
- ✓ NTHS Class of 1952 – (scheduled for July)

Publications:

- ✓ 400+ page book, “North Tonawanda: The Lumber City” to be released August 2007
- ✓ 2nd Heritage Cookbook, “North Tonawanda Families & Their Favorite Recipes” to be released July 2007; 3rd Heritage Cookbook, “North Tonawanda Sweet Treasures” to be released December 2007
- ✓ Weekly column, “Remembering Yesteryear” in Tonawanda News since 3/29/04

2007 Programs and events:

- ✓ February 17, 2007 – Simple Gifts concert at the Riviera Theatre
- ✓ April 21, 2007 – North Tonawanda’s Birthday Party Celebration at the Elks Lodge
- ✓ May 19, 2007 – Bus tour with Historical Society of North German Settlements and Sanborn Area Historical Society
- ✓ June 1 to August 31, 2007 – Historic Gardens Tour 2007 - \$3 donation for guidebook
- ✓ June 30, 2007 – Used Book Sale and Hot Dog Sale – Gersh Experience building, 621 Payne
- ✓ August 5, 2007 – Historic Treasures Tour - \$15 for members/\$18 non-members
- ✓ September, October, November, December programs at Sutherland Lodge
- ✓ Haunted Gardens on the EEErie Canal – October 13, 20, 27