



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

NORTH TONAWANDA HISTORY MUSEUM

Lumber City History Center

54-60 Webster Street

North Tonawanda, New York 14120

(716) 213-0554

e-mail: nthistorymuseum@aol.com - website: www.nthistorymuseum.org

**Museum Hours: Mondays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;**
also open by appointment; admission free; donations accepted

January 2009

2009 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR! YOU'RE INVITED!

*In the event of inclement weather, necessary cancellations or postponements of
Museum events will be listed on Channel 2, 4, and 7 and on WBEN radio.*

- Saturday, February 7, 2009 - **Winter Used Book Sale - Regular Museum Hours** - Lumber City History Center
- Saturday, February 28, 2009- **Industrial Heritage Day** - Lumber City History Center

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

All Day Exhibits – Gift Shop Open

2 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. J. Ward Regan

“The Amazing 19th Century: A Century of Innovation”

3:30 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. J. Ward Regan

“Kings of Capital and Knights of Labor: A History of “Work and Industry in New York”

Lectures are free and open to the general public; sponsored by the
*New York Council for the Humanities, a State affiliate of the
National Endowment for the Humanities*

- Saturday, March 21, 2009 - **Spring Heritage Day** - Lumber City History Center

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

All Day Exhibits - Beatles music – Gift Shop Open - Theme Tray Auction

2 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. Terry Hamblin

“You Say You Want a Revolution: John Lennon, The Beatles, and the politics of the 1960s and 1970s”

Lecture free and open to the general public; sponsored by the
*New York Council for the Humanities, a State affiliate of the
National Endowment for the Humanitie*

- Saturday, April 18, 2009 - **North Tonawanda's Birthday Celebration-**

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Lumber City History Center “soft opening” celebration!

North Tonawanda History Museum's 5th Anniversary!

North Tonawanda's 112th Anniversary as a City!

Open House; Birthday Cakes by Budwey's Bakery

Exhibits – Gift Shop Open

2 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition as part of Volunteer Recognition Month

- Saturday, May 9, 2009 – **Spring Used Book Sale - Regular Museum Hours** - Lumber City History Center
- Exhibits – Gift Shop Open

➤ Saturday, May 16, 2009 - *Spring Local Author's Day* in the Lumber City History Center

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greeting visitors and autographing their books:

John H. Kolecki

Local author and Museum Trustee
"The Hybrid Amerykaniec Dziadzi,"
"On the Avenues and Beyond,"
"Spy, Szpieg, Spion"

Bob Kostoff,

Local author of
many books on local history, with his new book,
"Remembering Niagara: Tales from Beyond the Falls"

Christine A. Smyczynski

Local author of
"Western New York Explorer's Guide".

Guest speakers will be present throughout the day:

11 a.m.

Amy Santi Bull

Talk and book signing by
Local author of
"Believe, A Collection of Inspirational Poetry,"
"My Inner Strength: More Poems of Faith and Hope"
and her newest book....

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John W. Percy

Local historian and author
Talk and book signing of his newest book:
"Buffalo-Niagara Connections: A New Regional History of the Niagara Frontier"

1 p.m.

Diane M. Meholick

Local author
Talk and book signing of her three books:
"Painting Katherine"
"A Switch in Time"
"Buffalo Stories"

2 p.m.

David Lawrence Reade

Local author and photographer
Talk and book signing of his three books:
"Western New York Wild: Celebrating Our Rich Natural Heritage"
"Beyond Buffalo! A Photographic Journey and Guide to the Secret Natural World of Our Region"
"The Four Seasons of Letchworth: A Celebration of the Grand Canyon of the East"

3 p.m.

Jeanne Treat

Local author
Talk and book signing of her book:
"Dark Birthright"

4 p.m.

Kevin H. Siepel

Local author
Talk and book signing of his book:
"Joseph Bennett of Evans and the Growing of New York's Niagara Frontier"

➤ **Saturday, May 23, 2009 - *National Preservation Month Bus Tour - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. - \$49 each***

National Preservation Month serves as a showcase for our country's diverse and unique heritage. Thousands of state and local community groups are honoring their distinct histories this month through various activities and are seeking to bring historic preservation to the forefront of Americans' daily lives by emphasizing the vital importance of protecting our nation's past. This fourth joint bus tour is an effort by three Western New York historical organizations to celebrate National Preservation Month together, the Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York, the Sanborn Area Historical Society, and the North Tonawanda History Museum..

**8:00 a.m. Bus departs North Tonawanda History Museum, 54-60 Webster Street, North Tonawanda.
Bus will be parked in the Municipal Parking Lot on Manhattan Street behind 54-60 Webster Street**

8:15 a.m. Bus departs Town of Wheatfield Senior Center, 2800 Church Road, off Ward Road, Wheatfield

8:30 a.m. Bus departs Sanborn Fire Hall, 5811 Buffalo St. (Rt. 429), Sanborn

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes or more prior to the departure time. Bus will leave promptly at scheduled time. Parking is available at all pick up points. Parking in North Tonawanda is available in the Municipal Parking lot on Manhattan Street behind 54-60 Webster Street.

9:00 a.m. Tour of the Van Horn Mansion, Rt. 78 in Burt
James Van Horn built the mansion in 1823. The first town meeting when the Town of Newfane was formed was held in 1824 in the Van Horn living room.

**11:00 a.m. Visit to the Olcott Beach Carousel Park, Ontario Street in Olcott
and brief walking tour of Village Shops**

**Noon Lunch at Gordie Harper's Bazaar, 3333 Lockport-Olcott Road in Newfane
and time to explore the nooks with gift items and homey items galore**

**2:30 p.m. Tour of Das Haus Museum, home of the Historical Society of North German Settlements,
2549 Niagara Road in Wheatfield**

4:00 p.m. Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, 180 Thompson Street in North Tonawanda

5:00 p.m. Depart for return trip

5:30 p.m. Drop off at North Tonawanda History Museum

5:50 p.m. Drop off at Town of Wheatfield Senior Center

6:00 p.m. Drop off at Sanborn Fire Hall

Bus transportation provided by Gray Line

Lunch selections

Tenderloin Steak Sandwich

Chicken Florentine Sandwich

Julienne Salad

Each meal comes with a cup of homemade soup of the day, coffee, tea, or iced tea, and fruit pie.

**Send your check with choice of menu selection as soon as possible to:
North Tonawanda History Museum
54 Webster Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

- Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - *North Tonawanda History Museum's Annual Meeting for the Public*
6 – 10 p.m. in the Lumber City History Center
- July 19 – 26, 2009 - *Canal Fest of the Tonawandas week events in the Lumber City History Center*
Exhibits - Open House – Gift Shop Open - Events/programs during week for KIDS and families
- Saturday, August 15, 2009 - *Summer Used Book Sale* - Regular Museum Hours - Lumber City History Center
- Saturday, September 12, 2009 - *Historic Treasures Tour 2009* - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Our third bi-annual
Tour of interior of ten historic homes and more.....carriage rides....free shuttle vans

Tickets available at our Gift Shop in the Lumber City History Center beginning January 1, 2009:

\$15 presale to all through 8/31/09
\$18 to 9/10/09; NTHM members \$15 to 9/10/09
\$20 day of event to all
Carriage ride: \$5 each in advance and day of event

Sponsored by:
Humphrey House Antiques
Sherwood Florist
Pioneer Printers
Holler-Grapes Insurance Agency

- Saturday, September 26, 2009 - *Fall History Day* in the Lumber City History Center

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Exhibits - Theme Tray Auction - Gift Shop Open
2 p.m.
Lecture: Dr. Brian Ladd
“How Cars Conquered Our Cities”
*Free and open to the general public; sponsored by the
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National Endowment for the Humanities*

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 2, 3, & 4, 2009 - Archives Month Exhibits & Crafters Weekend
In the Lumber City History Center - Regular Museum Hours
Exhibits – Vendors - Theme Tray Auction; Used Book Sale, Gift Shop Open

- Saturday, October 10, 2009 - *Ethnic Heritage Day*- Lumber City History Center

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Exhibits; Performers; Ethnic Foods
1 p.m.
Polish Heritage Fashion Show
Presented by the Polish Heritage Dancers
2 p.m.
“American Gumbo: Multiculturalism in America”
Presented by the Hill Brothers
Educational entertainment for families
3 p.m.
Polish Heritage Dancers
Performance

and more.....to be announced later

- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - October 28, 29, 30 ***Haunted History Center on the EEEEErie Canal***
7 – 10 p.m nightly
Haunted Gift Shop
Free admission; inexpensive refreshments
Guided Spooky Stroll
\$5 adults; \$2.50 ages 6-16; 5 and under free
Haunted Hayride
\$5 adults; \$2.50 ages 6-16; 5 and under free
Presale Tickets and group rates at Lumber City History Center
Performances by area youngsters

- Saturday, November 7, 2009 - ***Military Heritage Day*** – Lumber City History Center
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Exhibits – Gift Shop Open
2 p.m.
Lecture by a Edward Wiater
WWII veteran and former North Tonawanda Mayor

- Friday, December 4, and December 5 – 19 ***Ethnic Christmas Celebrations*** – Lumber City History Center
Kick off with ***11th Annual Winter Walk in the Tonawandas*** weekend
Friday, December 4
6 – 9 p.m.
Ethnic holiday performance
Saturday, December 5
10 – 5 p.m.
Gift Shop open, window exhibits, face painting, letter to Santa mailbox, drawings
December 6-19
Ethnic Christmas exhibits and programs and entertainment for adults and for KIDS

Make the Museum part of your life. Register to help us in 2009!!

- ✓ With general clean up and fix up work, helpers, paint, use of tools, minor carpentry and other general maintenance services,
- ✓ With organizing, detail work on collections, archival materials, administrative areas – detail oriented individuals who can make a regular commitment of time (4 hours or more on a specific day of the week preferred), also need helpers for our administrative staff with a wide variety of tasks on a regular basis
- ✓ With setting up and operating the new Lumber City Gift Shop, window decorating, as a reference library assistant for visitors, as a docent, or exhibit creator, a researcher, etc. Need help scanning, cataloguing, filing, maintaining databases, etc.

Contact the Museum with your complete contact information and availability so we can reach you easily when all systems are go. You may also download a volunteer application from our website.

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

WILL YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

Please select an annual member level:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more)	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Citizen	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Group	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business/Civic/Professional	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical Organization	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life	\$250.00* one time
Supporting Donors		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron Level	\$1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Founder Level	\$2,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Landmark Level	\$5,000.00

*Life membership fees are deposited in the Collections Acquisition/Exhibit Maintenance Endowment Fund, the earnings of which only will be used in the future for Collections Acquisition and Exhibit Maintenance.

Membership Benefits

- ✓ Newsletters and other informational mailings
- ✓ Discounts on specified Museum events and admissions
- ✓ 10% discount on gift shop purchases
- ✓ Your input contributes to the continued development and operations of the Museum.
- ✓ Annual report
- ✓ Volunteer opportunities galore!

Will you help ensure the Museum's permanence?

My/our donation is enclosed. I/we wish to pledge \$_____ for _____ (state period)

MUSEUM ANNUAL FUND DRIVE – to help with operating expenses to continue Museum programming and activities.
Amount to be allocated to Annual Fund Drive \$_____.

THE LUMBER CITY HISTORY CENTER FUND (Select Your Allocation(s) or specify allocations)
 Toward paying off indebtedness **Operational Fund during renovation period**
 Capital Fund for Lumber City History Center renovations
 Endowment Fund to Insure Permanence

Other (specify) _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Send acknowledgment letter to:

Special instructions:

Please complete the information below:

Your Name

Address

City

State

Zip

E-Mail Address

Heritage Cookbooks Series

The fourth cookbook in the Heritage Cookbook series, “**Chilly Days in North Tonawanda,**” will feature recipes appropriate to our cold weather months. Please provide your favorite recipes for stews, soups, chowders, casseroles, roasts, chili, or hot breakfast meals. Include a brief biographical or historical note about the contributing family or individual or your business or organization with each recipe. Send them to the Museum.

The fifth cookbook in the series, “**North Tonawanda Ethnic Treats & Treasures,**” will feature more ethnic recipes of all kinds. Send us your recipes and brief biographical or historical notes about the contributing family or individual or your business or organization with each recipe. Send them to the Museum.

We'd like to publish them both in time for Winter Walk 2009.

Your 2009 Museum Board of Trustees

Carl T. Tamburlin, President; Walter C. Yaro, Vice President; Donna Zellner Neal, Secretary; Barbara C. Wickman, Treasurer; Nancy A. Donovan; John H. Kolecki; Terrilee Oney; William J. Reece; and Robert Zayatz; Ex-officio: A. Daniel Bille; John Zellner Neal

Your Museum Staff

Donna Zellner Neal, Executive Director; John Zellner Neal, Assistant to the Executive Director; Jane Garis, Archival Records Coordinator/Curator; Walter Wozniak, Research Coordinator; Carol Kopczynski, Cataloging Assistant; Carrie Joyce, Staff Assistant

GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2008

Museums for America Grant from The Institute for Museum & Library Services \$37,800 for staff salaries – 2007 – 2008

Niagara County - \$5,000 –For Niagara Historic Trail Project

New York Council for the Humanities. A state affiliate of the National Council for the Humanities - \$2,500 For Niagara Historic Trail Project

The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation - \$150,000 –For the purchase of 54 Webster Street For the Lumber City History Center project

New York Council for the Humanities, Speakers in the Humanities Program Grant - \$2,000 - For 4 lectures in 2008

NYS Department of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Senate Member Initiative Grant from Senator George D. Maziarz - \$50,000

For First Year Operating Costs – Lumber City History Center & Gateway Cities Welcome Center

Wal-Mart Foundation - \$2,000 –for the Lumber City History Center Project

Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation - \$5,000 –for Staff Salaries

M&T Charitable Foundation - \$2,500 for Lumber City History Center Project

Anonymous Family Foundation - \$2,000 for Lumber City History Center Project

MUSEUM RECEIVES AWARDS

At the 2008 Annual Conference of the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies (WNYAHA) held on November 1 at the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, two awards were presented to the North Tonawanda History Museum by WNYAHA Awards Committee Chairs Melissa Dunlap, Executive Director, Niagara County Historical Society, and Jean Neff, Director of Education, Amherst Museum.

Donna Zellner Neal, Executive Director, was presented an Individual Achievement Award, which reads: "As founder of the North Tonawanda History Museum in 2003, Donna Zellner Neal has worked diligently to secure the organization's charter, raise the funds necessary to establish a permanent home for the museum, develop educational programs and create professional publications. Her tireless efforts have gone far to promote the organization's mission." Neal was born in the City of Tonawanda (189 South Niagara Street) and is the granddaughter of Polish immigrants, German immigrants, and had a devoted step-grandfather who was an Italian immigrant. She was a long time resident of the Town of Amherst and the Town of Tonawanda, and is a 20-year resident of North Tonawanda. She also lived in the City of Buffalo.

The History Museum was presented with an Organizational Award of Merit for the production and release of its first full-length book, "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City." The award reads: "In recognition of the publication of "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City" in September 2007, the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies acknowledges the leadership of Donna Zellner Neal and her team of researchers and archivists in preserving the local history of an important American community."

Accepting for the North Tonawanda History Museum were Executive Director Donna Zellner Neal and President Carl Tamburlin. Neal noted in her acceptance that she was accepting the award on behalf of the hundreds of volunteers who have toiled so diligently for the last five years to make a history museum in North Tonawanda and to gather the history of the city and its people in order to make it accessible to all. Present at the conference representing the History Museum in addition to Neal and Tamburlin were Assistant Executive Director John Zellner Neal and Museum members Wilma Lass and Elaine Timm. Lass and Timm are members of the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York which has worked closely with the North Tonawanda History Museum. Representing the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum of North Tonawanda was its Executive Director, Vicki Prager. Gerry Treichler, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Sanborn Area Historical Society, which also works closely with the History Museum, was also present. Also present was the History Museum's corporate attorney, Michael DeFreitas of Wm. C. Moran & Associates. An additional honor for the five-year-old History Museum was the presence at the conference of David Palmquist, Director of the

NYS Museum Chartering Agency, responsible for oversight of museums and historical societies in the state. Palmquist was a speaker at the conference, his topic, "Surviving the Recession."

Tamburlin noted in his acceptance on behalf of the Board of Trustee that John Zellner Neal had also made significant contributions to the creation and publication of "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City."

The North Tonawanda History Museum was presented on April 14, 2007 with a Certificate of Commendation from the Upstate History Alliance, one of only 11 organizations recognized in 2007, for the Museum's guided and self-guided interpretive tours programming, which includes the 2006 publication of a self-guided tour booklet, guided history walks hosted by the Museum for sixteen weeks each year in 2004, 2005, and 2006, the 2005 Historic Treasures Tour and related guidebook; and the 2005 and 2006 Historic Gardens self-guided tour and related guidebooks. On April 13, 2008 a Certificate of Commendation from the Upstate History Alliance Award of Merit Program for the Museum's first full-length book, "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City" at the Upstate History Alliance/Museum Association of New York Annual Conference at the opening reception on the evening at the Albany Institute of History and Art. Reviewer remarks noted with the award: "It is clear that this project responded to a community need and involved members of the community in interpreting their own history." Melissa Dunlap, Executive Director of the Niagara County Historical Society, accepted the award on behalf of the North Tonawanda History Museum.

The Board of Trustees of the North Tonawanda History Museum gratefully acknowledges as well the constant support with advice, valuable workshops, and a technical assistance grant for Board training from the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies over that six year period, and from Melissa Dunlap and Jean Neff personally for advice and guidance as a new educational institution.

The North Tonawanda History Museum was previously presented on October 15, 2005 with an Organizational Award of Merit from the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies for the planning, development, and carrying out of its first Historic Treasures Tour of historic homes and the publication of the Historic Treasures Tour guidebook. Also on November 15, 2006, an Organizational Honorable Mention Award from the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies for the planning, development, and carrying out of the 2005 and 2006 Historic Gardens Contest and Tour and the publication of the Historic Gardens Tour guide for 2005 and the Historic Gardens Tour guidebook for 2006. We also were awarded the Donald F. Niederlander Award in November 2004 from the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society.

Four More Full-Length North Tonawanda Books & Stand Alone Index Planned for "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City;" and "Niagara County Historic Trail" Guide

The North Tonawanda History Museum will be publishing a stand alone index for its first full-length book in 2009. Originally intended as a 6x9" 325 page book with an index, with the contributions of information from its constituents, the book project grew into a 7x10" 428 page book without the index. We intended from the beginning to keep the price affordable, hoping at first to have the smaller size at a \$29.95 cover price. The publisher of the present book required a \$39.95 price for the completed project. With an index included, the cost of the book would have been considerably more. Realizing that not all purchasers would need an index, it was decided to retain the affordable price and produce a separate index later.

We offer the book for \$34.95 directly and will mail it anywhere in the United States for an extra \$4. To date, only a few requests have been made for an index. It has been the intention from the beginning, however, to produce an index for the first book and for the next three that are planned, and ultimately for one index to cover all four.

The stand alone index will be published locally for the History Museum by Pioneer Printers, the official printer of the North Tonawanda History Museum. Museum representatives anticipate that the index will sell for \$10. Advance orders will be accepted for the index and will be mailed out for \$3 additional or you will be called to pick it up. It is hoped to be released in the first half of 2008.

We also encourage residents and family residents to dig out the family and individual historical photos and records and all historical material they have collected on the history of North Tonawanda. If you prefer not to donate your originals, History Museum volunteers will copy and scan them and return them safely to the owners. The materials will be used in completing the next three full-length books. History Museum researchers are already gathering additional materials and working to fine tune facts for future volumes. We have already begun drafting all three.

"North Tonawanda: Historic Treasures" will focus on buildings, homes, and other sites in the city. A 2009 release date is anticipated but our move from 314 Oliver into the 54 Webster Street building may delay completion until 2010. **"North Tonawanda: Its People"** will focus on the stories of the people who have lived in or were born in North Tonawanda and their accomplishments. A 2010 or 2011 release date is anticipated. **"North Tonawanda: Lumber Capital of the World"** with a 2011 projected release date and **"North Tonawanda: Industrial Center"** with a projected 2012 release date are also being drafted.

Patron sponsorships for the publication of these additional four books will be accepted as they were for the first full-length book. For \$100, a patron will be listed in the book of their choice as a patron and receive a copy of the book upon release. For \$175, a patron will be listed in the two books of their choice and receive a copy of each upon release. For \$250, a patron will be listed in three books of their choice and receive a copy of each upon release. For \$300, a patron will be listed in all four books and receive a copy of each upon release. The copies included in the patron arrangement may also be donated in the name of the patron to area schools or the North Tonawanda Public Library or others at the donor's request. The cover price for the books will not be official until the total number of pages for each is established. However, those wishing to make advance

orders for "North Tonawanda: Historic Treasures" may do so for a \$35 donation per book, plus \$5 if the book is to be mailed. The price may later be increased due to length and increased production costs for future purchasers.

We are also, in spite of delays which developed from our first attempt at working with multiple municipal historians in Niagara County, preparing to produce a new history tourism guidebook, "The Niagara Historic Trail." It is an attempt to use the existing cream and brown Niagara Historic Trail markers in the County (originally placed in 1976 as part of a celebration and printed newspaper supplement commemorating the nation's Bicentennial and then redone with a revised trail brochure in the 1990s) as an active and permanent focus of tourism and enjoyment of the history of Niagara County. We undertook the project in the beginning of 2008 as part of the Bicentennial celebrations of Niagara County, enlisting the assistance of various local historians in the County. It was a busy year for all because of the Bicentennial celebrations and our original target date was extended. We were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the County of Niagara and a \$2,500 grant from the New York Council for the Humanities (a State affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities) toward printing costs and our Advisory Committee member Beverly Jaszczak DiPalma created a beautiful cover design as a contribution to the project. Obtaining appropriate maps for the project has proven to be a challenge but John Zellner Neal and I have attempted to work around the limitations to get the first printing done. Hopefully, once it is printed and we are able to use it also as a sample, someone will come forward with a source of better maps and we will be able to update it.

In the meantime, we are hoping to sell the first "Demonstration Edition" printing at \$15 a copy (plus \$4 for mailing) and expect the other cultural organizations and tourism organizations and our other publication outlets to make it available as well. You may order a copy of this first printing now. It will be mailed to you as soon as it is printed, hopefully sometime in January.

The Museum accepts Master Card and Visa orders and will mail any of its publications to addresses anywhere in the world. Use the form below to become a patron or place an order.

_____ Please send me the standalone index for "*North Tonawanda: The Lumber City*" when released. If I wish it mailed, I also include \$3 for shipping and handling per book.

_____ Please reserve _____ copy(ies) of "*North Tonawanda: Historic Treasures*" at \$35 per book. If I wish the book mailed, I also include \$5 for shipping and handling per book.

_____ I wish to be a patron for one book. My choice is _____

_____ I wish to be a patron for two books. My choices are _____ and _____.

_____ I wish to be a patron for three books. My choices are _____, _____ and _____.

_____ I wish to be a patron for all four books.

_____ Please list me as a patron as _____.
(optional), in memory of _____
or in honor of _____.

_____ I wish to pre-order _____ copies of _____
_____ @ \$34.95 each.

_____ I will pick up the book(s). Call me at _____ when it (they) arrive.

_____ Please mail the book(s) to me when released. I enclose \$5 per book for shipping and handling.

_____ Please mail _____ copy(ies) of "The Niagara Historic Trail" guidebook when released. _____ I enclose \$4 per book for shipping and handling. _____ I will pick up the book. Call me at _____ or email me at _____ when the book is ready for pick up.

_____ My check is enclosed for \$ _____ for the total order.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

For credit card (Visa or Master Card) orders:

_____ Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

_____ Name as it appears on card

_____ Address for cardholder

Send payments to:
North Tonawanda History Museum
54 Webster Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

North Tonawanda: "The Lumber City"



"North Tonawanda: The Lumber City" has been published by the North Tonawanda History Museum. A 428-page general overall account of the city's development, the book shares many stories of the people who were part of the life of the city. A copy of the book may be ordered for a donation of \$34.95. For a donation of \$38.95, a copy of the book will be mailed. A paperback version is also available at \$30, \$34 mailed.

Please send _____ copy/copies of the book at \$ _____ each. My check/money order/credit card information is enclosed for \$ _____.

For credit card (Visa or Master Card) orders:

Credit Card #

Expiration Date

Name as it appears on card

Address for cardholder

_____ I will pick up my copy/copies of the book.

_____ Please mail my copy/copies of the book.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Send check or money order with form to:

North Tonawanda History Museum
54 Webster Street
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

PRESERVE HISTORY...

By supporting the North Tonawanda History Museum

MAKE HISTORY...

By helping us to pay off the indebtedness on our new home

BECOME HISTORY...

Have your name on a part of the Lumber City History Center!

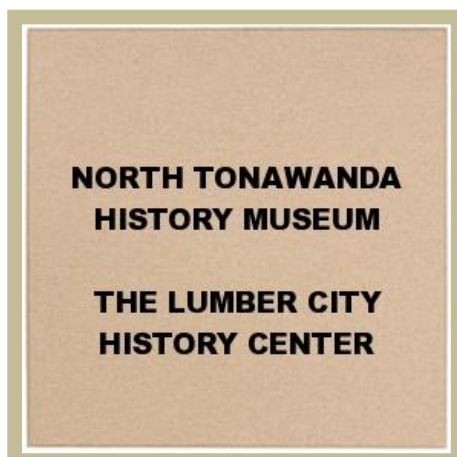
The North Tonawanda History Museum is continuing to raise funds to pay off the mortgage indebtedness on the building at 54 Webster Street which we plan to turn into a state-of-the-art Welcome Center and the Museum's permanent home. With your help, we can accomplish this and create a place where we can proudly display all of our city's rich heritage and history.

Buy an engraved brick or stone tile for a donation of \$100 per individual, \$250 for a family, and \$500 for a business. Non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, and other groups may participate at the \$100 level. The proceeds will help us to own the new building without indebtedness, where all the bricks and tiles will be permanently displayed for future generations to see and admire.

Bricks can be engraved with up to 5 lines of up to 18 characters. Honor a loved one or an organization, or just show your support for the North Tonawanda History Museum and its dedication to the "Future of Our Past."

Orders may be paid for by cash, check, or credit card.

For more information, contact the North Tonawanda History Museum by calling (716) 213-0554.



**8"x 8" Quarry
Tile Stone
1/2" thickness**

Buckskin color (a light beige)

I would like to Buy a Brick.

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Lumber City History Center to be the Future of Our Past!!!!!!!!!!

As we've been promising for nearly two years, the Board of Trustees of the North Tonawanda History Museum has listened to the requests of our members, donors, supporters, and volunteers, and all the visitors and internet-based contacts we have had since September 10, 2003, when we held our first interest group meeting. We are in the process of making the transition from 314 Oliver Street's temporary cramped and inefficient quarters to our permanent home. Moving things from three other locations into one has taken a tremendous effort and has not been completed.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we should OWN the 40,184 square foot three-story building at 54-60 Webster/59-61 Manhattan Street. With the assistance of The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, Wal-Mart Foundation, the County of Niagara, the Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, the M&T Charitable Foundation, Senator George D. Maziarz and New York State and hundreds of individual, family and business donors, we now have the proper facility in which to set up, develop and grow, and we have an exciting year ahead planned in our own building.

However, in order to prevent longer delays on the acquisition process because of the current economy and time lags connected to submission of grant proposals during our purchase period, the Board of Trustees has agreed to assume the existing \$205,000 mortgage on the building which the owner had with HSBC. We also took advantage of the owner's largesse in believing in our project with us and holding an additional second mortgage while we work on grant requests we were unable to submit without owning the building and resubmit others which were declined because we did not yet own the building. We are grateful as well to HSBC for their assistance. Our objective is to raise the funds to pay off the total indebtedness in the next two to five years, thus reducing the amount of interest expense we will have to incur, or to refinance at a better interest rate. In the meantime, we need to make the monthly mortgage payments. Senator Maziarz provided funding for the most vital operating expenses of the first year and for the legal services relating to the acquisition.

Now is the time for those of you who have been waiting to see that the building acquisition would be a reality. We need your donations to pay down the indebtedness as quickly as possible as the continued demonstration of your faith in us and our mission. Our heartfelt gratitude to those who quickly responded to our need for a larger down payment in the spring and those who donated over the last couple of years. Thank you to all for their gifts, large and small, thus far.

We need to address a new roof, a new HVAC system, and a dry pipe sprinkler system before we do any permanent renovations. If you have any way to assist us with these important parts of the building envelope, please contact us. We are grateful to Lender Consulting Services for performing a Phase One Environmental Study as a donation, and to Conestoga-Rovers Associates for performing environmental sampling as a donation. Thank you to Jack Kopczynski and Nik Mukhopadhyay for their help in facilitating these donations. We also need to address heating needs initially since the previous tenant in the part of the building we are occupying initially had turned the gas off and the building had no heat for more than a year, causing pipes to break. We have a temporary repair situation but will be grateful for any donated services possible while we work on the long-term new system.

We also need to continue funding our one paid staff position. Those of you who are aware of the physical limitations of our Executive Director know that she needs a full-time assistant with the work load that has developed, especially now that we must get everything organized quickly in the new building and become operational as soon as possible. We need the continuity of our existing paid employee since retraining would cost us dearly in lost time.

We need those of you who have told us while we were in our ridiculously cramped quarters on Oliver Street that you would become regular volunteers once we had room for you to come forward. Those who did not previously express the interest are needed also. Needed especially are those who can commit to a specific time and day of the week on a regular basis. We can always use anyone at any time, but even a two hour commitment weekly would be a genuine blessing.

Please visit our gift shop in progress and our startup operation in the new building. We have several months ahead of us when everything (over 200,000 items) has to be re-inventoried and exhibits need to be created, along with continuing our administrative functions and our programming.

Our first real "event" in the new building was our sixth annual participation in Winter Walk on December 6. Winter Walk at 54 Webster this year represented the sixth anniversary of our first fundraiser in December 2003 when 18 "crazy fools," as we called ourselves, stood outside overlooking the Erie Canal in front of Buffalo Suzuki Strings and sold hot Italian sausage sandwiches grilled on a propane grill, mini-sub, and donuts (all from Budwey's), cookies (from Barb's Sweet Treats), coffee, hot chocolate, and Winter Walk candle holders donated by the Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda. We raised enough to send our first newsletter. Frank Budwey and Barbara Wickman and Steve Ash were among those 18 and remain a permanent part of us—as has the Downtown Merchants Association. They have supported us from the very beginning—as have so many others!

This year's Winter Walk included a wonderful window display of Santa's Workshop and Mrs. Claus's kitchen, created lovingly by Danielle Oney; a mailbox for youngsters to deposit letters to Santa and receive a response from him and a tiny bag of Santa dust, including a desk and stationery for them to write letters if they didn't bring them, all created by Trustees Danielle and Terrilee Oney; a Holiday Express Model Train display by Trustee Barbara Wickman from Jack's Trains; holiday greeting cards and candy (and our now traditional huge cookies) from Barb's Sweet Treats; in addition to free cider and donut holes (from Budwey's, of course, as Budwey's donuts are also a tradition with us); there was coffee, hot chocolate, and hot cider for sale; museum publications, gift items, publications by local authors, and calendars and CDs of relevance to those who love history; free face painting, coordinated by Danielle Oney for the third year and presented by Jodi Hahn and Terrilee Oney; and book signings by Western New York authors in attendance: Jeanne Treat (including autographed copies of her mother Clara A. Treat's new book, "Heartland Verses," as well as Jeanne's wonderful "Dark Birthright;" David Lawrence Reade with his "Western New York Wild: Celebrating Our Rich Natural Heritage" and "The Four Seasons of Letchworth: A Celebration of the Grand Canyon of the East;" Kevin H. Siepel and his "Joseph Bennett of Evans and the Growing of New York's Niagara Frontier;" John W. Percy and his "Buffalo-Niagara Connections: A New Regional History of the Niagara Link;" and Bob Kostoff and his "Remembering Niagara: Tales from Beyond the Falls." Our Executive Director was present to autograph copies of "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City" and while Museum Trustee John H. Kolecki was unable to be present do to an accident, autographed copies of his "The Hybrid Amerykaniec Dziadzi," "On the Avenues and Beyond," and "Spy, Szpieg, and Spion" were available as well.

Your donations in 2009 and your membership payments will make it possible for us to sustain ourselves while we get things up and running in the new location. Now is the time to buy a brick to memorialize your departed loved ones or ancestors, your entire family, your business, or to put a personal statement on the interior wall of the new building. Adding the North Tonawanda History Museum for a bequest in your will would permit your donation to live on for future generations.

Your support has brought us this far. We have been proud of your faith in us—and we have faith in your continued support. We are proud of what has been accomplished thus far and trust that you will, as you are able in coming months and years, continue to be an integral part of our success. Your membership and support is important to us and to North Tonawanda's heritage—and your support truly makes a difference.

We continue to seek additional members of our Board of Trustees. We have a serious procedure for applying to serve as a Trustee and for becoming a Trustee. Please contact us if you wish an application and a copy of the Job Description and Responsibilities of a Trustee of the North Tonawanda History Museum.

Please plan to attend our April "North Tonawanda's Birthday Party" to see us honor the many volunteers and donors who helped us make the building our own.

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“North Tonawanda Ethnic Heritage Cookbook” #_____ @ \$7.00 \$_____

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Other publications:

“North Tonawanda: A Celebration of our Diversity” #_____ @ \$10.00 \$_____

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“North Tonawanda: The Lumber City” self-guided tour book #_____ @ \$2.00 \$_____

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Annual Campaign – supports the ongoing work of the North Tonawanda History Museum

The North Tonawanda History Museum began as an interest group of local residents in the summer of 2003, becoming a chartered museum on April 20, 2004. As we begin our sixth year of operation and prepare to celebrate our 5th anniversary as a chartered museum, we extend our thanks to the thousands of individuals who have helped us come this far.

The stories of North Tonawanda and NT'ers told through our publications and the history we share in our programs, administrative needs and other programming all require us to raise operating funds. We raise a good portion of these much needed funds through our activities and publications. However, we also depend upon your donations and participation in the various categories of membership to enable us to continue to provide the gift of history to you, your children, and your grandchildren. We also have outgrown the time when we could exist without at least one full-time paid staff member.

Yes, some of our work is funded by grants and a significant amount of it is made possible by the volunteers who give so generously of their time and efforts. Our educational programming and publications have earned respect for our efforts and for the City of North Tonawanda and its rich and unique history. Operating a viably functioning organization requires funds that aren't covered by grants and requires more than fund raising events can be depended upon to provide.

Be assured that every dollar you donate goes toward accomplishing our mission.

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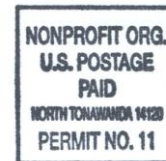
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The North Tonawanda History Museum received a Provisional Charter from the Regents of the State of New York on April 20, 2004, and is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation.

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Services, including general maintenance work, cleaning, carpentry, window decorating, gift shop workers, museum specific volunteers, library specific volunteers, computer data entry volunteers, graphic designers, sign makers, clerical volunteers, gardeners to tend Webster Street garden display and Manhattan Street parking lot gardens which have been ignored for several years, HVAC services, roofing services, sprinkler system services (dry pipe), locksmith services, MOVING assistance.

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