



*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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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 2008

### 2008 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.*

#### Focus on the Niagara County Bicentennial Celebrations: 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our County! - 1808 - 2008

- ✓ February 23 (Saturday) afternoon program and industrial tour (2 p.m.) – **“Industrial Heritage Day at the Wurlitzer Plant,”** at the former Wurlitzer Manufacturing Co. plant at 908 Niagara Falls Blvd., includes a presentation by Jeff Weiler, editor of 800-page book, *The Wurlitzer Pipe Organ: An Illustrated History*. Weiler edits *The Journal of American Organbuilding* published by the American Institute of Organbuilders, and *Theatre Organ*, the journal of the American Theatre Organ Society. In addition to writing, Jeff maintains a national practice as a pipe organ restorer. As the composer of 32 silent film scores, he can regularly be found at the consoles of Wurlitzer pipe organs accompanying silent films. As a frequent lecturer on topics related to pipe organ restoration, Weiler is often asked to speak on the history of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Manufacturing Company, and the famous pipe organs built by the firm. Jeff returns to hallowed ground to share an illustrated presentation tracing the history of the Wurlitzer Company, the work of Robert Hope-Jones and how he came to work for Wurlitzer, the development of the Wurlitzer pipe organ, and some major instruments. Program will include display of materials on the formation of the Hope-Jones Companies in the United Kingdom, provided by The Lancastrian Theatre Organ Trust in Great Britain. The program will be followed by a tour of the Wurlitzer building. We will have some post cards of Wurlitzer available for purchase and you will be able to order Wurlitzer videos. Jeff Weiler's book will also be available. **Program is free and all are welcome.** Refreshments will be served.
- ✓ March 13 (Thursday) evening program (6:30 p.m) focusing on the original **Niagara Historic Trail** project in 1975 presented by Dr. H. William Feder – at the DeGraff Community Center, 139 Division Street, North Tonawanda. Dr. H. William Feder, as a Niagara County Legislator, served as Chairman of the Niagara County Bicentennial Commission for the development of the original project. He was also Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee of the Niagara County Legislature. During the 26 years he served on the County Legislature, 24 were spent on the Economic Development and Planning Committee. During this period, Niagara County became a leader in the quality of brochures related to Eco-Tourism in New York State. The Niagara County Legislature, through its Department of Economic Development and Planning, undertook in 1975 one of the most spirited, comprehensive and productive Bicentennial programs in the nation, designed not only to celebrate the country's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday but to produce lasting and meaningful benefits for all Niagara County residents and visitors to the area. **Program is free and all are welcome.** Refreshments will be served.
- ✓ April 12 (Saturday) afternoon (2 p.m.) - **“North Tonawanda's Birthday Party”** program – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Niagara County and Niagara Historic Trail, North Tonawanda's 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North Tonawanda History Museum as a chartered museum – DeGraff Community Center, 139 Division Street, North Tonawanda. **Program is free and all are welcome.** Birthday cakes by Budwey's Bakery and other refreshments will be served.
- ✓ May 17 (Saturday) **National Preservation Month Bus Trip** sponsored by the North Tonawanda History Museum, Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York, and the Sanborn Area Historical Society - all-day bus trip – Tour One of several planned tours of the Niagara Historic Trail on a Gray Line bus. Route will take us on parts of the Canal Trail portion of the original 1975 Niagara Historic Trail and on part of the Lake Legacy portion of the 1991 revision of the Trail, with stops for a tour in the Erie Canal Discovery Center and a tour of the historic windows at First Presbyterian Church, both in Lockport; lunch at the Basket Factory in Middleport; a tour of The Manor at MarJim Manor and a wine tasting; a tour of the Van Horn Mansion in Burt and the Hrvol Mansion of the Newfane Historical Society. \$45 each includes bus, lunch, admission fees and all gratuities. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (see registration form inside)**

## Summer Schedule

- ✓ June 19 (Thursday evening) *Annual Dinner and Meeting* for the general public (6 p.m.) – at Pane’s Restaurant, 984 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (see registration form inside)**
- ✓ June 21 (Saturday) – *Community/Neighborhood Book & Treasure Extravaganza*, sponsored and organized by Michael Mrocza of RealtyUSA for the benefit of the North Tonawanda History Museum 5&10 Campaign for the purchase of 54 Webster Street; includes our annual used book sale – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Gersh Experience building at 621 Payne Avenue. Used books for the sale will be accepted at any time by the Museum. Contact Mike at 743-9004 or call the Museum for further information on participating in this outdoor neighborhood garage sale type event.
- ✓ July 13 – 20 *Canal Fest of the Tonawandas*, our 5<sup>th</sup> year of participation in this wonderful community event. Come support the non-profits of the Tonawandas in this week-long festival on the banks of the Erie Canal and celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canal Fest! .
- ✓ July 25 & 26 – *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Gardens Contest & Tour 2008*, a self-guided tour of gardens in historic North Tonawanda; obtain guidebook/map from the North Tonawanda History Museum beginning July 1 for a \$5 donation. (see details in newsletter)

## Fall Lecture Series

- ✓ Fall Lecture Series
  - September 20 (Saturday at 2 p.m.) Dr. Peter Eisenstadt, *“The Unity of New York State: The Upstate/Downstate Divide in Historical Perspective”*, funded by the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities Program. **Location to be announced. Program is free and all are welcome.** Refreshments are provided.
  - October 4 (Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) – *Italian American Heritage Day* (as part of Italian American Heritage Month and State Humanities Month) at Pane’s Restaurant (with 3 choices of Italian lunches). **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR LUNCH (see registration form inside)**  
Lectures: Dr. Fred Gardaphe as speaker:
    - 11 a.m. *“Leaving Little Italy: Last Words on a Locale”*
    - Noon – Lunch
    - 1:30 p.m. – *“Linguine and Lust: Food and Sex in Italian American Culture”*
    - 2:30 p.m. – *“From Wiseguys to Wise Men: Masculinities and the Italian American Gangster”**This program is funded in part by the New York Council for the Humanities’ Speakers in the Humanities Program*

## Other Seasonal Activities for All Ages and Families

- ✓ October 11, 18, and 25 (Saturdays) – *Haunted Gardens on the EEEEErie Canal* – our 4<sup>th</sup> year of offering area youngsters and youth groups and other individuals a fun-filled volunteer service opportunity. Call the Museum for information on how you may take part as a volunteer. Actors, guides, and other volunteers needed and groups to present haunted tableaux along the hayride route. Contact the Museum to register to participate.
- ✓ December 5 & 6 – *Winter Walk* – our 6<sup>th</sup> year of participating – come support the Downtown Merchants in our historic downtown shopping district!
- ✓ December 13 – *Celtic Christmas Celebration*, in collaboration with the Niagara Celtic Historical Society – **Location and times to be announced.**

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Gardens Contest and Tour 2008 *A self-guided tour of gardens in historic North Tonawanda*

Linda Hankinson is Chair of this year’s contest and tour. Individuals, businesses, and civic groups or organizations wishing to participate in this year’s contest and tour should contact the Museum as soon as possible to register. As in previous years, there will be three top winners in this fourth annual contest. The garden tour will be held on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26. Details will be announced in area publications. Guidebooks with accompanying map will be available early in July from the North Tonawanda History Museum, at the event registration desk on both days and at the Museum’s Canal Fest booth for a \$5 donation. Sponsors are still needed. **CONTACT THE MUSEUM AND REGISTER YOUR GARDEN NOW.**

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Year of offering History Walks runs from May 19 through September 19

Our 5<sup>th</sup> year of offering 90-minute history walks! Walks may be arranged for groups as small as three people and as large as thirty. Several options on starting points. May be planned around a lunch or dinner stop. Groups of ten and under are \$5 for each person. For eleven to thirty walkers, the group rate is \$55. Daytime and early evening times available. We are also developing plans for history tours by carriage ride and bus in the future. **Call us** to discuss tailoring something for your special event.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Bi-annual Historic Treasures Tour 2009

Homeowners of interesting historic homes are invited to contact the Museum offices to discuss possible participation in the 2009 Historic Treasures Tour. Ten homes will be selected for participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> bi-annual tour. **Date to be determined** and will be announced in fall newsletter.

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#### New Book on Western New York Pioneer available at the Museum

Who was Joseph Bennett of the Town of Evans, New York? Hundreds of WNY readers from Lewiston to Jamestown have been finding out over the past year by picking up local author Kevin H. Siepel's *Joseph Bennett of Evans and the Growing of New York's Niagara Frontier*.

In 1820, teenager Bennett arrived in Williamsville, then part of Niagara County. He eventually settled in Evans, and lived there almost continually until his death in 1899. As a canal laborer in Lockport, and later as state assemblyman, town supervisor, chairman of the Erie County Board of Supervisors, chairman of the county Poor Board, farmer, businessman, even county coroner, Bennett wore many hats. What sets him apart from other accomplished persons of his time is that he kept a journal covering most of his 96 years. The author has used this never-before-published material to tie together a new and engaging story of 19<sup>th</sup>-century life on the Niagara Frontier.

Artvoice has hailed *Joseph Bennett of Evans* as a "fascinating and highly readable portrait of our area"; the Lockport Union-Sun and Journal as "eminently readable," and giving "a graphic, realistic view of the 1800s in our state".

The book (\$16.95 plus applicable sales tax) is available at the Museum or may be ordered by mail or phone through the museum or by downloading an order form from the Online Gift Shop at [www.nthistorymuseum.org](http://www.nthistorymuseum.org). Add \$4 per book for mail orders for shipping and handling.

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#### NIAGARA HISTORIC TRAIL GUIDEBOOK PROJECT

The North Tonawanda History Museum is collaborating with a number of Niagara County historical organizations and municipal historians in a project to create an update of the *Niagara Historic Trail* which was created in 1975 as part of the 1776 Bicentennial. Our programs this spring all reflect the Niagara Historic Trail. The guidebooks will be ready for purchase early in the fall. The guidebook is intended to be used in conjunction with the cream and brown markers placed around the County as part of the original 1975 Niagara Historic Trail project and the 1991 revision. Originally created as a celebration of the 1976 Bicentennial of our nation, we plan to release it as a joint project celebrating the Bicentennial of Niagara County. See description with March 13 program description on first page of newsletter.

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#### Make the Museum part of your life. Register to help us in 2008!!!

- ✓ With the moving process – helpers, vans, trucks, station wagons, trailers, boxes for packing and unpacking needed,
- ✓ With general clean up and fix up work, as we take occupancy – 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), will need helpers for our administrative staff, our Director, Museum Collections & Digital Collections Curator, Archival Records Curator, Research Coordinator, Cataloging Assistant – especially need help at anytime on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during Museum hours,
- ✓ 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.

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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 a 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*

\*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 acquisition expenses  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:

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Special instructions:

Please complete the information below:

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Please check here if we may e-mail your membership card to save on postage and handling expenses.

Please check here if you prefer to receive a reminder to read our current newsletter on the North Tonawanda History Museum Online at [www.nthistorymuseum.org](http://www.nthistorymuseum.org) rather than receive a mailed version. A reminder will be sent to you after each letter is posted on the site. All previous newsletters are posted permanently on the site.

## Heritage Cookbooks Series

Barbara Wickman, owner of Barb's Sweet Treats and Jack's Trains, and Danielle Oney, our volunteer Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator are co-chairs of the Heritage Cookbook Committee.

The first in the series, the "*North Tonawanda Ethnic Heritage Cookbook*", released on January 6, 2005, has had five additional printings. Orders have come in from all over the country, and as far away as Hong Kong. This cookbook is available for \$7 each (including sales tax) at the Museum offices at 314 Oliver Street or by mail (include \$4 per cookbook for shipping & handling).

The second cookbook in the series, "*North Tonawanda Families & Their Favorite Recipes*," was released during Canal Fest's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2007 and has had a second printing. This cookbook is available for \$11 each (including sales tax) at the Museum offices at 314 Oliver Street or by mail (include \$4 per cookbook for shipping & handling).

The third cookbook in the series, "*North Tonawanda Sweet Treasures*," was released during Winter Walk 2007 on December 1, 2007. This cookbook is available for \$15 each (including sales tax) at the Museum offices at 314 Oliver Street or by mail (include \$4 per cookbook for shipping & handling).

The fourth cookbook in the 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.

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### Your Museum Staff

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Gardens on the Eerie Canal Volunteers Needed

Youth groups, classes, and individual young people who wish to participate as actors, guides, decorators, costume makers, or in many other parts of the annual event should contact the Museum as soon as possible to register. The project is ideal for community service credit or just for fun. Contact Danielle Oney at the Museum if you are interested in participating in this year's event. Volunteer opportunities are not limited to youngsters!

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### **\$5.10 will get North Tonawanda the Lumber City History Center & Gateway Cities Welcome Center! Will you contribute to the "5&10 Campaign"?**

The "5 & 10" campaign begun to acquire the building at 54 Webster Street is a simple way for you to help us acquire the property and convert the former G. C. Murphy's 5&10 cent store building at 54 Webster Street into the Lumber City History Center and Gateway Cities Welcome Center. Help us raise the additional funds we need to make the project a reality in coming months.

**54 Webster Street** is to be acquired and restored to look like an early 1929 G. C. Murphy's 5&10 cent store, with the façade to be restored to look like the original 1888 appearance of the building, and with the beloved Sugar Bowl soda fountain as it was in the 1920s incorporated into the theme, and a Welcome Center (Visitors' Center) to the Gateway Cities of North Tonawanda and Tonawanda and to Niagara County from its southwestern entrance.

#### **A FULL PROSPECTUS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUSEUM.**

Check your level of support:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.10 as a one-time donation  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.10 as a monthly donation for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.10 as a weekly donation for \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$51 as a weekly donation for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$51 as an annual donation for \_\_\_\_\_ years

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$510 as a monthly donation for \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,100 as a one-time donation  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5,100 as an annual donation for \_\_\_\_\_ years

\_\_\_\_\_ \$51,000 as a one-time donation  
or  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ Your donation to fit your budget

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# *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.

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

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Send check or money order with form to:

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

**NORTH TONAWANDA HISTORY MUSEUM  
4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING**

**RESERVATION FORM**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008**

**Pane's Restaurant**

984 Payne Avenue  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Cash Bar: 6 p.m.  
Sit Down Dinner: 7 p.m.**

**Dinner: \$25 each/\$45 per couple**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I/we will attend. There will be (#)\_\_\_\_\_ in my/our party.**

**SELECT ONE ENTRÉE FOR EACH PERSON**

**Insert  
Qty.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Sirloin of Beef/Au Jus ... chef salad, baked potato, vegetable, fresh baked Italian bread,  
ice cream with mint, coffee/tea/decaf.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Cordon Bleu... chef salad, baked potato, vegetable, fresh baked Italian bread,  
ice cream with mint, coffee/tea/decaf.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Baked Italian Haddock... chef salad, baked potato, vegetable, fresh baked Italian bread,  
ice cream with mint, coffee/tea/decaf**

**No refunds for cancellations after June 9.  
Last date for prepaid reservations: June 12.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Send registration form and payment to:  
North Tonawanda History Museum  
314 Oliver Street  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

REGISTRATION FORM  
**National Preservation Month Bus Tour**  
A Collaborative Project of the  
North Tonawanda History Museum  
Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York  
Sanborn Area Historical Society

**Saturday, May 17, 2008 - \$45 each!**

8:00 a.m. Bus departs Sanborn Fire Hall, 5811 Buffalo St. (Rt. 429), Sanborn  
8:15 a.m. Bus departs Town of Wheatfield Senior Center, 2800 Church Road, off Ward Road, Wheatfield  
8:30 a.m. Bus departs North Tonawanda History Museum, 314 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda

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 on Oliver Street.

*Our route will follow as closely as possible along part of the Canal Trail portion of the original 1975 Niagara Historic Trail route through North Tonawanda and Pendleton.*

9:00 a.m. Tour of Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport  
Tour of 12 church windows - First Presbyterian Church, Lockport

Noon Lunch at The Basket Factory Restaurant in Middleport

*Our route will continue along part of the Lake Legacy portion of the 1991 update of the Niagara Historic Trail.*

1:30 p.m. Wine tasting and tour of The Winery at MarJim Manor, Appleton

2:45 p.m. Tour of the Van Horn Mansion, Burt  
Tour of the Hrvol Mansion, Newfane Historical Society

5:00 p.m. Depart for return trip

5:30 p.m. Drop off at Sanborn Fire Hall

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

6:00 p.m. Drop off at North Tonawanda History Museum

## Bus transportation provided by Gray Line

### Lunch selections

**Shaved Prime Rib Sandwich**, smothered in peppers, onions, mushrooms & mozzarella cheese and served on a Kaiser roll; with French fries; coffee/decaf/or tea; sherbet;

**Grilled Monte Cristo Sandwich**, Virginia ham, turkey, Swiss and American cheese on grilled egg battered Texas toast with raspberry preserves; with French fries; coffee/decaf/or tea; sherbet;

**Baked Factory Chicken Sandwich**, marinated grilled chicken breast with roasted red peppers and pepper jack cheese served on a Kaiser roll; with French fries; coffee/decaf/or tea; sherbet;

### Tour and Lunch Sites

**Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport** – Hands-on interactive center highlights Lockport’s role in the opening of the Erie Canal. We’ll also visit the Lock, Stock & Barrel Mercantile Center for souvenirs and gift items.

**First Presbyterian Church, Lockport** – Tiffany windows (12) tour.

**Basket Factory Restaurant** – Situated on the picturesque Erie Canal in Middleport

**The Winery at Marjim Manor, Appleton** – A historic landmark with a reputation as a haunted house and as a summer retreat for the Sisters of St. Joseph convent, now a working winery featuring wines made from fruit grown in local orchards. We'll also visit the Winery Boutique for souvenirs and gift items.

**Van Horn Mansion** – restored mansion of the Van Horn family in **Burt**.  
**Hrvol Mansion** – home of the Newfane Historical Society in **Newfane**.

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 third joint bus tour is an effort by three Western New York historical organizations to celebrate National Preservation Month together.

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Yes, sign me up! I/We will attend. Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For credit card (Visa or Master Card) orders:

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My/Our menu selection(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Shaved Prime Rib Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Monte Cristo Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Factory Chicken Sandwich

Museum or Society Membership (Please check so your organization may get credit.)

\_\_\_\_\_ NTHM \_\_\_\_\_ SAHS \_\_\_\_\_ HSNGS

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation must be received by May 7, 2008, to insure refund. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Last date for prepaid reservations is May 10, 2008. The \$45 fee includes bus fare, museum admission, lunch & gratuity. You may choose to make purchases in any or all gift shops at their listed prices.

By participating in this tour, I and anyone I bring with me release the sponsoring organizations, their officers and agents, and the provider of transportation from any and all claims, whether of personal injury or property damage, arising out of or connected in any way with this tour.

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**North Tonawanda History Museum**  
***Italian American Heritage Day***  
Celebrating *Italian American Heritage Month and State Humanities Month*

**Saturday, October 4, 2008 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Pane's Restaurant**  
**984 Payne Avenue - North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

**Three presentations by Dr. Fred Gardaphe**

- 11 a.m.            "Leaving Little Italy: Last Words on a Locale"  
Noon              LUNCH  
1:30 p.m.        "Linguine and Lust: Food and Sex in Italian American Culture"  
2:30 p.m.        "From Wiseguys to Wise Men: Masculinities and the Italian American Gangster"

*Program funded in part by the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities Program.*

**RESERVATION FORM**

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we will attend. There will be (#)\_\_\_ in my/our party.

\_\_\_ I enclose \$25 per person for lunch

**SELECT ONE ENTRÉE FOR EACH PERSON:**

\_\_\_ Pasta Plate (lasagna, ravioli, gnocchi, with Italian style meatballs)

\_\_\_ Pasta Plate (lasagna, ravioli, gnocchi, meatless)

\_\_\_ Italian Stuffed Chicken

\_\_\_ Stuffed Eggplant

All lunches include Italian wedding soup, chef Salad, Italian bread with olive oil for dipping, spumoni, coffee, tea, decaf, or espresso. Italian antipasto tray will be at each table.

No refunds for cancellations after September 25.  
Last date for prepaid reservations is September 26.

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# ORDER FORM BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

“North Tonawanda: The Lumber City” – 428 page hard cover book # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.95 Cost of Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Heritage Cookook Series:**

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

“North Tonawanda Families & Their Favorite Recipes” # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

“North Tonawanda Sweet Treasures” # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other publications:**

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

“North Tonawanda: The First 100 Years – 1797 – 1897” # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

“The Rand Family Left a Lasting Imprint on North Tonawanda—and the World!” # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping and handling charges are generally \$4 per book for the full-length book and cookbooks and \$2 per item for the other publications.

Other publications or other things listed elsewhere in the newsletter (specify):

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\_\_\_\_\_ Call me/us to pick up my order(s) when ready at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish the order to be mailed. I enclose proper shipping & handling charges \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If items are to be mailed to other addresses, please list them here:

Do not mail cash. Bring cash orders to the Museum. Send or deliver completed order form, with your check or money order or Master Card or Visa Card information to:

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## Annual Campaign

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 fifth year of operation and prepare to celebrate our 4th 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 NTers 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.

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.

All gifts, large and small, including donations we get from people who save their bottles and cans and donate the deposit refunds to the Museum, are helpful. As a way of expressing our thanks for each of the first 40 donations of \$1,000 or more, we will send you a paperback copy of our "North Tonawanda: The Lumber City" book. Although we sell it in hardcover format for \$34.95, the publisher has produced a limited number of paperback copies for us for this purpose. The paperback version is a \$34.95 value.

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

I/we wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I/we wish to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ period for \_\_\_\_\_ (length of pledge).

\_\_\_\_ My/our check is enclosed payable to the North Tonawanda History Museum.

\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card

\_\_\_\_ My company's matching gift form is enclosed.

List my name this way \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I prefer to remain anonymous.

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## Museum Recognizes Volunteers and Other Supporters

During the December 8 “Forgotten Holidays” program, 79 volunteers and supporters of the now 4-year old North Tonawanda History Museum were recognized for their contributions:

**Business Partners of the Year(s)**, in recognition of their dedication and support of the North Tonawanda History Museum: Pioneer Printers, Inc. - 2003 – 2007; DeGraff Memorial Hospital – 2004 – 2007; Wizard Communications - 2005 – 2007; Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda – 2003 - 2007; Frank Budwey/Budwey’s - 2003 – 2007; Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas - 2004 – 2007; Pane’s Restaurant - 2004 – 2007; Sherwood Florist; Joe Cecconi’s Chrysler Complex; Hartland Carriages - 2005 – 2007; Gullo’s Macaroni Grill - 2006 – 2007; Greater Buffalo Savings Bank – North Tonawanda Office - 2003 – 2007; Cipriano, Inc., Realty - 2004 – 2007; Brick, Brick & Elmer; Ascension Industries; and Michael Mroczka/RealtyUSA - 2004 – 2007.

**Volunteer Families of the Year(s)**, in recognition of their dedicated Volunteer Service to the North Tonawanda History Museum: The George Family; The Neal and Zellner Family - 2003 – 2007; The Santiago Family - 2005 – 2007; The Oney Family - 2006 – 2007; The Martin Family; and The Miles Family.

**Volunteers of the Year(s)**, in recognition of their dedicated Volunteer Service to the North Tonawanda History Museum: John Zellner Neal - 2003 – 2007; Danielle Oney - 2006 – 2007; Barbara Wickman - 2003 – 2007; Jane Garis – 2004 – 2007; Walter Wozniak - 2006 – 2007; Josie Pettigrew - 2005 – 2007; Priscilla Zellner Neal - 2003 – 2007; Carol Kopczynski; Margaret Jaenecke; Linda Hankinson; Margaret Cheeley - 2004 – 2007; John & Violet Kolecki - 2006 – 2007; Marilyn Lasky - 2004 – 2007; Dale Rogers - 2004 – 2007; Carl Tamburlin - 2005 – 2007; Joann Mis - 2005 – 2007; Stephen Kurbiel; Donald R. MacDonald; William A. Miles; Thomas M. Galdys; James M. Perry; John H. George - 2003 – 2007; Stephen Ash - 2003 – 2007; Daniel Bille - 2003 – 2007; and Peter Smolinski - 2004 – 2007.

**Student Volunteers of the Year(s)**, in recognition of their dedicated Volunteer Service to the North Tonawanda History Museum: Jessica Brant - 2006 – 2007 (NTHS); Marcus Brant - 2006 – 2007 (SUNYAB); Jamie Martin (Bryant & Stratton); Carla Wokersien (Daemen College); and Dana Herman (Starpoint Central High School).

**Cultural, Educational, & Community Partners of the Year**, in recognition of their support, advice and collaborative assistance to the North Tonawanda History Museum: North Tonawanda Public Library - 2003 – 2007; SUNYAB School of Architecture & Planning - 2006 – 2007; SUNYAB Alpha Phi Omega–Epsilon Sigma Chapter - 2006 – 2007; Buffalo State College Volunteer & Learning Service Center - 2006 – 2007; RSVP Program of Niagara County - 2004 – 2007; Bryant & Stratton; Daemen College; Alterra Sterling House; North Gate Health Care Center; DeGraff Skilled Nursing Facility; North Tonawanda Parks & Recreation Dept.; Tonawanda Future Business Leaders; North Tonawanda High School National Honor Society; B.P.O. Elks Lodge 860; Sutherland Lodge FAM #826; The Riviera Theatre; American Legion Post #264 Band; North Tonawanda Auxiliary Police; Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York - 2004 – 2007, and the Sanborn Area Historical Society - 2004 – 2007.

**Donors & Benefactors of the Year**, in recognition of their dedication and support of the North Tonawanda History Museum: John & Violet Kolecki, James A. Maglisceau, George & Marilyn Soemann - 2003 – 2007; The Kopczynski Family - 2003 – 2007; Niagara County Legislature; Senator George D. Maziarz - 2003 – 2007; and the Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation - 2004 – 2007.

In addition, in recognition of their significant contributions to the creation and development of the North Tonawanda History Museum, **Honorary Life Member** status was awarded to: Cosimo Capozzi and Lawrence V. Soos.

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### Four More Full-Length Books & Stand Alone Index Planned For “North Tonawanda: The Lumber City”

The North Tonawanda History Museum will be publishing a stand alone index for its first full-length book. 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. “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 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 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.95 each.

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

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## **The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation authorizes lead gift grant for The Lumber City History Center and Gateway Cities Welcome Center!**

The Board of Trustees of the North Tonawanda History Museum has been informed that the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation has authorized a grant in the amount of \$150,000 toward the purchase of 54 Webster Street. We have already received \$5,000 from Niagara County, \$10,000 has been authorized from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, \$5,000 has been received from the Max & Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, and individual donations have come in amounting to \$10,000. We are looking at mortgage financing and bond issue financing for part of the financing. Your support is needed now at any level to provide the additional funding required to acquire the building as soon as possible.

Please review the contents of this newsletter, visit our website description of the project, and/or call or visit us at 314 Oliver for more information. In 2007, the Lumber City History Center Committee and the Museum's Board of Trustees presented a PowerPoint program on the project to those in attendance at the June 2007 Annual Dinner & Meeting at Pane's Restaurant, at a September reception at the DeGraff Community Center, at the Riviera Theatre in November as part of the American Legion Post 264 Band concert, and at a November reception at Pane's Restaurant.

We are happy to make the PowerPoint presentation to your group.

Remember: Every donation, small or large, will help make the Lumber City History Center and Gateway Cities Welcome Center a reality!

### **LUMBER CITY HISTORY CENTER COMMITTEE**

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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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