



MARCELLUS

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Lucy Sweet...Contributed by Peg Nolan

We salute a great community leader, Miss Lucy Sweet. Lucy was born at Rose Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Sweet. Her family moved to 1 Park Street in Marcellus when she was in the third grade. Lucy spent forty-five years as an educator, starting in a one-room school and moving on to Marcellus Central when it was centralized. She retired in 1973.

Over the years, Lucy wore many hats. As a girl, she was a Camp Fire Girl and a Girl Scout. As an adult, she volunteered many years as a Girl Scout Leader and received the "Thanks Badge", the highest award given an adult in Girl Scouts.. Lucy was: an Elder in the Presbyterian Church; active in Grange, serving as Matron and Lecturer; one of the original organizers and President of Marcellus Community Council; coordinator of the Surplus Food Distribution Program; and a worker for Project Rose and the Marcellus Branch of Peace. She was chosen "Woman of the Year" in 1961 by the American Legion and was awarded the "Dewitt Clinton Award" by the Marcellus Masonic Lodge. She unselfishly gave many hours to senior citizens – taking them to doctors, getting groceries, running errands or just visiting them.

I don't know just when Lucy was appointed Historian for Marcellus but I do know she was at this position in 1957. For many years thru 1994, she collected Marcellus memorabilia and memories. Lucy also helped many many people trace their family history. Through her dedication and hard work, she and Michael Plumpton founded the Marcellus Historical Society in 1960. She was Secretary-Treasurer of the organization for many years while still doing her job as historian. The community owes her a big thank you for all the hard work she did and the collection that we have today.

This remarkable lady worked on and chaired many events through the years and truly made Marcellus "A Great Place to Live". ~

From The President ...

The Board has had a busy summer holding meetings and trying to come up with a way to purchase the drugstore. At the present time we are \$160,000 short of our goal of \$200,000.

Mayor Fred Eisenberg, Supervisor Brud Wilson and I met with the Parks and Recreation Dept. but found that we cannot get a grant from them for a building. We have contacted our Assemblyman Hal Brown, Senator John DeFrancisco and Congressman James Walsh and they have sent information on grants that are available but the State and Federal Historical agencies do not give grants to purchase a building.

Thirty nine hundred flyers went out in the Pennysaver and a wonderful article written by John Mariani with photographs by C. W. McKeen appeared in the Neighbors West Section of the Post-Standard. Magdelyna Morgan wrote an article for the Marcellus Observer. So far forty-seven wonderful people have responded with donations to our museum fund.

In Spafford's Historical Society newsletter, the following article appeared and I quote: "Did you read in Syracuse Newspapers (8/30) 'Neighbors West' about the Marcellus Historical Society? They have more than twice our membership count and yet are having trouble raising funds to buy a building. Are other citizens no longer interested in their community and it's history?"

Lucy Sweet worried many years ago as industry started closing or moving and with Marcellus turning into a bedroom community: would we lose the interests of our citizens to preserve our history?

The Board has looked into building a new building and the cost would be approximately \$450,000 which is much more than the cost of the drugstore building. If we can't raise the money for the drugstore, how could we even think of a new

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of meetings, speakers and events is as follows:

Wednesday, October 24..... 1 - 9 p.m.
Appraisal Fair at the Fire Station.
(Members welcome 12 - 1 p.m.)

Sunday, November 112 p.m.
Election of Officers.
Jerry & Lorraine Orton - Stories of the GAR.

Sunday, December 9.....1 p.m.
Holiday Dinner catered by Brian's Creekside.

Sunday, January 13.....2 p.m.
To be announced.

Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the Marcellus Fire Station unless indicated otherwise.

Historical Society Officers

President: Peg Nolan 673-1765
Vice President: Bruce Widger 673-9142
Treasurer: Hollis Abbott..... 673-1753
Secretary: Joyce Murphy..... 673-2528
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The Marcellus Historical Society,
P.O. Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108,
publishes this newsletter and mails it quarterly
to its members and advertisers.

Editor - Bill Reagan

Election of Officers at November Meeting

The slate of nominated officers for the November election are:

President: Peg Nolan;
Vice President: Bruce Widger
Secretary: Joyce Murphy
Treasurer: Hollis Abbott
Trustee: Tom Reagan
Trustee: (open)

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building? If anyone has any ideas, please contact me or any board member.

We will have a museum! Our history needs to be preserved for future generations.
Peg Nolan ~

Appraisal Fair October 24, 1 to 9 p.m.

Bring your antiques and collectibles to the Marcellus Fire Station for appraisal.
\$2. per item or 3 items for \$5.
Refreshments available. ~

Holiday Dinner December 9 at 1 p.m.

Menu: marinated chicken, potatoes, ziti, tossed salad, fruit cup, bread, beverage, cake. Table service provided. The cost is \$9. per person to be paid by November 24th. ~

Renewed Members

The following people have renewed their membership since our last newsletter: William H. & June Frawley, Doug Nightingale, Patricia Sposato, Janet Starr & Wayne Maloof, Linda Stock, Ethel Trendowski, Jerry, Nina & Samantha Wickett. ~

Recent Acquisitions

We wish to thank the following people for donating items to the museum collection:

Jeff & Rita Stock for milk bottles from Mulroy, W. C. Coyne & Cold Spring Dairies; **Edward Kennar** of Liverpool for 7 books of poetry anthology with poems written by Helena Tracy Secre, a former Marcellus resident; **Skip Lambert** for 10 Marcellians, pictures of Roy Guernsey's Drugstore & strawholder used at his soda fountain, ration stamps and 1850's handmade nightgown belonging to Roy's mother; **Roger Friske** for bottle from Bonheur Co. Marcellus; **Sandy Wilcox** for newspapers; **Mr. & Mrs. John Weeks** for tobacco cans, steero bouillon cubes, Red Cross textbook, 2 medicine bottles all found in Tommy Sullivan's home; **Dick Taber** for 1977 Herald American Empire magazine article about Margaret Kenny's Dolls, 1891 auction poster of auctioneer Seneca Hunt; **Village Board** for framed directions for care of village clock; **Ed Murray** for painting of barn and upper mill painted by his wife, Barbara Murray; **Michael Plumpton** for quilting squares and a 1926 Girl Scout Handbook belonging to his mother, Lovilla Plumpton, and a parade costume worn by her. ~

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Museum

The museum is open every Tuesday evening from 7
to 9:00. Everyone is welcome to visit. If this is not
a convenient time, an appointment can be made by
contacting Peg, Hollis, Bruce or Michael. ~

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 Year your dues are paid through.)

~ GIFT SHOP & MEMBERSHIP ORDER FORM ~

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 Postcards(5), 1960's B&W, 4 churches, post office \$ 1

1874 Marcellus Painting (New in 2000)

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