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History Spotlight: Pricilla Hartman



The Rensselaer Falls Historical Society was co-founded in 1985 by a civic minded woman named Priscilla Amidon Tyler Hartman. She held an open meeting to determine if there was any interest in forming a historical society within the community of Rensselaer Falls. From that meeting, the Historical Society was born. Mrs. Hartman was the first president and trustee for the Society, and chairman of the Rensselaer Falls Sesquicentennial parade and celebration.

Priscilla had a life long passion for history and other social matters. She loved living in the Falls and clearly saw a way to benefit the community by way of her many contributions. Keeping this historical society alive will be a lasting form for her community legacy.



"The historian does simply not come in to replenish the gaps of memory.

He constantly challenges even those memories that have survived intact."

*- Yosef Hayim
Yerushalmi*

Historical Society On-line

The Historical Society is in the process of designing a website. It is the intention of the members to have the site up and running within the next two months for public viewing. The Society is now taking suggestions for the type of information that the public and current members would like to see available on the website. If you have anything that you would like to suggest, you can mail your ideas to the society.



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Donation Information

Anyone wishing to make material or financial donations to the Historical Society may do so via the U.S. Postal service or in person. For assistance in the matter you may also see, or call, the following people:

Claude Palmer	President
Mimi Barr	Historian
Bob Poor	Assistant Historian

Membership Information

Anyone wishing to become a member of the society may contact any of the Board members for further information.

Currently membership dues are \$5.00 per year.

Mission Statement : The purpose of this society is to bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of Rensselaer Falls. The organization's major function will be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area to include its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and war; its progress in population, wealth, education, agriculture, manufacture and trade. The society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility to all that wish to examine or study it.

Board of Directors

Claude Palmer, President
Marion Barr, Vice President
Shelly Sanderson, Secretary
Margaret Hance, Treasurer

A Message from our President, Claude Palmer

My friends, this time of year is dedicated to family and our favorite holiday memories. For me, those memories are hopes, traditions, and enjoyment I share with my wife Janet and family. Since I have been a member of the Rensselaer Falls Historical Society I feel this village has a wonderful addition in this museum through the dedicated affords of our past and present members. May I, at this time, thank each and everyone who either

donated to or joined our society in the Fall 2006 membership drive. If you haven't made a visit to our museum plan to do so in the coming future. God Bless you one and all.

Sincerely,

Claude Palmer (President)



"It takes a village to raise a child"

African Proverb

Updates and Tidbits**Scholarship Fund:**

In November of 2006 the Society voted to establish a scholarship for local graduates. The first recipient of the Scholarship was Makenna McAdoo. She is currently enrolled at Plattsburg State University.

**Grant for Steeple repairs:**

The Society has received a grant from the State to repair the steeple. Bids have been placed and accepted. We are now in the stages of waiting for the actual repairs to begin. You should see improvements soon.

Open House Date Slated for the Spring:

Our annual open house has been slated for the spring this coming year. The society is attempting to hold a dedication ceremony to coincide with our open house and possibly our village wide garage sales. Further details will be available in the near future.