



"Supporting the historical society is like adding pages to the book of our community's story; every donation and volunteer hour helps preserve the past for future generations to read and learn from."

Message From Our Board President

With nice weather just around the corner, CPPHS is gearing up for an exciting Spring and Summer! The first piece of news I would like to share with you is that Soni Lacey, our esteemed Office Manager, has accepted a new role within the Society. Soni will now be the Operations Manager at CPPHS. This new role comes with an increase in responsibility, as well as the ability to manage the daily and long-term decisions of our organization. The Operations Manager position was created as a direct response to filling a need now that we no longer have a Director. Soni will still work closely with the Board to make sure our operations, programs, collections, and development work run smoothly and effectively. I am personally so excited to see Soni grow into this position, as she has been such a driving force in our organization for the last 14 years. I can think of no one more deserving of this opportunity.

In other news, we have a full schedule of events lined up for the year. Some are new and some are tried and true. We look forward to releasing more details as these events draw closer! As a teaser, we will be hosting a new Civil War and Blacksmithing event this July. We also expect to start demolition on our Sly Avenue gas station kiosk in the coming month so we can turn that corner lot into a safe place for additional parking. The massive renovation of our herb garden will also begin this Spring. The Society was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to update the herb garden for more effective use of the space for programs and events. We have contracted with Courtney DeRusha of C.E. DeRusha Masonry, who specializes in historic masonry. Doreen Toplic of DRT Landscape Design did a beautiful design for the new herb garden. We will be excited to unveil the finished project in August of this year!

With so much going on at the Society, I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your support of our wonderful organization and the work we do in the community. Please consider renewing your membership for the coming year if you have yet to do so. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at casey@earts.org. Thank you all so much for loving history and loving community!

Welcome

Nathaniel Weisenberg

Please join us in welcoming Nathaniel Weisenberg to our Board of Directors!

Nate lives in Corning with his wife and two young kids. When he was ten, his uncle got him a book about the Civil War - and has loved history ever since. He's led oral history projects and worked for nonprofit historical organizations, and is passionate about projects that engage people with the diverse, fascinating, and complicated stories all around us. Nate is "excited to join the Board and to work with the talented staff, volunteers, and community members that make the Heritage Village (and Depot Museum) such a valued local resource."



Eagle Scout Project

We'd like to give a huge shout-out and heartfelt thank you to Collin Beck for selecting Heritage Village as the site for his Eagle Scout project! This amazing young man is raising funds to construct 6 picnic tables and 12 benches to replace the deteriorating ones currently in use at Heritage Village. The tables are essential for our school programs and special events.

Let's help Collin reach his goal!

<https://gofund.me/cfc14cab>

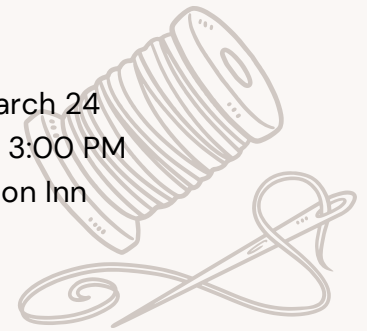


Kid's Quilting Workshop

We are excited to announce a fun and educational opportunity for young creative minds! Our quilting workshop will give children the chance to explore the art of quilting and learn the basics of sewing.

Workshop Details

- **Date:** Monday, March 24
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Location:** Patterson Inn
- **Cost:** \$60



What to Expect

During this hands-on workshop, children will:

- Learn basic sewing techniques
- Understand the fundamentals of quilting
- Create their very own quilt square to take home

No prior sewing experience is required, and all materials will be provided. Our experienced instructors will guide the children every step of the way, ensuring a safe and enjoyable learning environment.

Spaces are limited, preregistration required by March 17. We look forward to a day filled with creativity, fun, and new skills! For more information or to register, please contact us at (607)937-5281.

Let's stitch some fun together!



Connecticut Bus Trip

We are working on finalizing the details for a 2 day, 1 night trip to Connecticut the weekend of September 12-14. For approximately \$550 per person (based on double occupancy, and 40 people) you will enjoy a memorable getaway that includes hotel accommodations, 2 dinners, lunch, museum fees, and the bus fare.

Our journey will begin at the office parking lot, where we will embark on a scenic four-hour drive to Kent, with a break along the way for snacks and refreshments.



In Kent, our first stop will be the Eric Sloane Museum, where you can explore the life and work of the renowned American artist and author. Next, we'll visit the Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum to discover the fascinating world of vintage machinery and its impact on our history.

After a day of exploration, we'll enjoy a delightful dinner before heading to our accommodation in West Hartford. Our hotel offers free breakfast to fuel us for the next day's adventures.



On our second day, we'll visit the iconic Mark Twain House in Hartford, where you can delve into the life of one of America's greatest writers. Following that, we'll explore the Wadsworth Atheneum, the oldest public art museum in the country, and enjoy lunch at the café located within the museum.

As we wrap up our Connecticut experience, we'll head back to Corning, stopping for dinner along the way. This trip promises to be a perfect blend of culture, history, and camaraderie! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore Connecticut. Please give us a call, (607)937-5281 if you are interested. (Pictured left from top to bottom, Mark Twain House, Erik Sloane Museum, Wadsworth Atheneum.)

Virginia Garden Tour

Every spring, Virginia opens its doors to its most stunning gardens, homes, and historic sites during Virginia's Historic Garden Week, known as "America's Largest Open House." This event takes place in the last week of April across various locations in the Commonwealth! Spanning eight days, this statewide celebration offers visitors a unique chance to admire breathtaking gardens at the height of Virginia's spring bloom, along with beautiful homes adorned with exquisite flower arrangements crafted by members of the Garden Club of Virginia. The Society has laid the groundwork for the Spring 2026 tour and would like to gauge interest for this trip, estimated at \$1,000+ per person. This package would include two nights and three days, meals, several garden tours, and visits to the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. Please note that this trip will involve considerable walking. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to us at cpphs@heritagevillagesfl.org. This inquiry does not require a commitment; we simply wish to assess the potential interest among our members.



Collections

Corning Poultry Association

On February 14, 1911, a gathering of poultry enthusiasts from the Corning area established the Corning Poultry Association, electing a Board of Directors during the meeting. The Association hosted annual exhibitions at the Corning City Hall in December 1911 to 1915, as reported by the Corning Evening Leader.

Mike Norman from Endicott, NY, generously donated a substantial glass trophy that belonged to his grandfather, Burt Fleming. Burt owned a farm in East Corning on Goff Road, which is now the site of the bus garage and the Friends of the Cross Christian Church, extending across Route 352 toward the Chemung River and further east toward Big Flats. He kept chickens and evidently won the trophy in one of the exhibitions! The trophy is beautifully engraved with the Association's logo on one side and features an intricate depiction of a rooster and hen on grass on the other. Stalks of wheat are etched around the logo and the chickens, making it a striking award. The trophy is on display in the office.



Save the Date!

The date and theme of our Victorian Tea Fundraiser, "Lavendar & Lace", have been set! Tickets will go on sale soon!



Hearth Luncheon

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our talented cooks who created a wonderful lunch for our Hearth Lunch raffle winner, Eugenea Johnson. A big thank you to Debbie Amati, Mary Franklin, Shirley Kowalik, Jean Walker, and Penny Wilson!



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
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Please call ahead to schedule your visit!

Painted Post—Erwin Museum at the Depot
277 Steuben St., Painted Post (Seasonal)
Phone: 607-654-7981 or 607-937-5281



March 24 – Kid’s Quilting Workshop
May 3 – Victorian Tea



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