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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All programs are free and open to the public.
All programs and events will be held at the
Museum unless otherwise noted.

April 27th, 7:30 pm: Quarterly Meeting and Program

Please join us for our first Program of the year when author Martin Podskoch will present "Fire Towers of the Catskills". Mr. Podskoch will discuss the history of fire towers and share fascinating stories from observers, aerial surveillance pilots and fire rangers. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

April 30th, 9:00 am – Noon: Spring Clean Up Day

Please join fellow members as we get the Museum looking her best in time for the coming Folk & Craft Fair. In the event of rain, clean up day the will be held the following Saturday, **May 7th**.

May 14th, 10 am – 4 pm: Annual Old Time Folk and Craft Fair

Now in its 5th year, the Fair will include a large number of artisans and craftsmen demonstrating and selling examples of their wares. Musical entertainment will be on hand and delicious food will be available including Chicken BBQ and Bake sale items. Winners of the "Deposit Back Then" essay contest will be announced at noon.

May 29th, 2 – 4 pm: Museum's 2005 Season Opens "Deposit Back Then" Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

We open our 2005 season by celebrating winners of our 1st Annual Essay Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the young essayists who will treat all in attendance to readings of excerpts from their winning submissions. Please join us as we not only kick off another museum season, but also celebrate the exemplary achievements of young community members.

June 29th, 7 pm: Genealogy Workshop

This enlightening program will be presented by historian and genealogist, Bernice Telian of Meredith, NY.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Spring. As I write, five tiny white crocuses are peeping through thick ice proclaiming, "Spring Is Here! Robins and red-wing blackbirds have been sighted and heard from; but that darn snow is so deep; it's a true wonder of Mother Nature.

As we embark this new season of the year, many projects are about to unfold at the Society and Museum. The Bundy house has received its first gift of objects from Dr. Clayton Axtell's old office at 195 Front St. These relics will help set up the first displays in our new "house museum" soon to be a reality. Much work lies ahead in preparation and restoration. Hopefully, a glimpse will appear for the May 29, 2005 opening.

Also, Kay Hoban and Ellen Jogo have been diligently compiling and editing our newest book publication. Years ago, the late Vic Ruegger wrote historical episodes about Deposit's past for the Deposit Courier. His work is being revitalized and retrofitted for a new book of our history. The essay contest is beginning to take form for our younger generation as we read, choose, and announce the winners at the Annual May 14th, Country Folk Art Fair.

Look forward to attending the next meeting on April 27, 2005 where we will hear and see histories of Fire Towers in the area. Be sure to attend the olde time craft and folk art fair on May 14, 2005 at the museum grounds and inside the old historic bank. Food, music, fun, raffles, and lots of craft peoples abound again this year.

Richard Axtell, President

ESSAY CONTEST UPDATE

The results of the Deposit Historical Society's 1st Annual Essay Contest, entitled "Deposit Back Then", will soon be known. On April 30, 2005, each student winning an award in the Essay Contest will be notified that his or her entry has qualified for an award at this time. The specific student awards will be announced publicly at the Old Time Folk and Craft Fair being held at the Historical Society Museum on May 14th. On May 29, 2005, student winners will be formally recognized in an award ceremony held at the Museum at its Annual Opening Event for the 2005 season. Prizes will be awarded at this ceremony, and each student winner will be invited to read a brief excerpt from his or her essay. The community is invited to celebrate the students' work and to congratulate each of them as they receive their awards.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

DHS News encourages members to contribute their articles, suggestions and ideas for upcoming newsletters. Please send correspondence to:

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Thank you!