

# **DHS Newsletter:**

## **January 2003**

This year, unlike many others, our little village has helped make some records with the National Weather Bureau. It has taken 118 years to break record snow depths. We are really paying for the change of the jet stream. In order to survive the season, hopefully much enjoyment can be found indoors.

In the last six months we have lost two charter members, including one director. Rita Barrett and Garrett Wuebben also members Fred Fox and Keith Miller. We will sadly miss Chuck and Rita Barrett who had been intensely involved contributing to the good of the society and museum. On the other side of the membership accounting, all total we have inducted twenty-three new members for the year. A suggestion has been made to include younger people at a reduced charge, such as those children under 12. What are your thoughts? If any of you would like to sponsor a new youth member please let us know. Think of your children and grandchildren.

Time has flown by so quickly this year. but much has been accomplished. On Tuesdays a small staff of volunteers sort through, compile, and arrange information and artifacts for the Museum. These dedicated people are Ellen Jogo, Ann Parsons, Sandy Gifford, Elaine Reinhardt, Mary Cable and Kay Hoban. And I'm sure others I have omitted. We intend to make 2003 more exciting and funfilled than the previous year in our Historical Society.

The Christmas open house was held on December 8th. Gary Holdrege and his family provided musical merriment to a smaller but tighter knit group of cheerful families and members. They all feasted on refreshments donated by the members. Thankfully, David and June Nolan decorated our tree and the Garden Club made an exceptional effort to decorate the halls.

Our quarterly meetings were again well attended and thoroughly entertaining and informational. July's program was by John Margolies, nationally known author and TV personality who presented a broad view of the "Resorts of the Catskills." All who attended were thrilled to see slides and hear historical information. The October meeting came to us from John O'Connor; a delightful informative program by Diane Galusha from Margaretville based on her book "Liquid Assets" covering the construction of the Neversink, Pepacton and Cannonsville Dams and the impact on the people who lost their homes, farms and businesses. Joan Axtell who ably chaired was very pleased with the results. Her tireless contributions and vigorous work are to be honored.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming events. On Saturday July 19th, 8:30-1:00 p.m. the Lumberjack Festival sale of baked beans and brown bread will take place at the Farmer's Market on Front Street. Note the change of place. The Museum will also be open from 9:00-1:00 on that day.

July 23rd 7:30 p.m. at the Museum, 145 Second Street, Tim Molloy will present a program about emergency preparedness in our area. With inland security and threats of terrorism it promises to be an educational and enlightening program. October 22nd our program will be especially interesting to those who know about Oquaga Lake because Ray and Doris Scott will illustrate a

history of their family hotel since its inception before 1870. Our programs begin at 7:30 p.m. with a business meeting first: followed by a Historical Moment and speakers who present their programs. Sunday December 14th from 1:00-4:00, our Christmas open house will again be free to the public, music by the Holdredge Family and free holiday refreshments. Joining our Historical Society is simple. We would welcome you. Dues are \$50 per person for life and \$5 per person for annual. Our Museum will always greet you warmly if you visit May through October, Thursdays and Sundays 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Richard S. Axtell, President  
Deposit Historical Society

P.S. Dr. Mark Andersen will grace our community with a special evening of music to benefit the Historical Society and the State Theater on September 6th 2003. 7:30 p.m. at the Deposit State Theater. Tickets in advance from Crane's Restaurant or Axtell Antiques available after July 17th and at the door. \$10 for adults and \$9 for children or senior citizens. Mark your calendars for a magnificent evening.