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# DHS News

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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.

**January 26, 6:30 PM:**  
**Annual Meeting and Covered Dish Supper:**

Break out your recipe books! It's time to whip up a favorite dish and join friends and members at this fun and delicious annual event! Dinner will be followed by the meeting and the evening's entertainment will be furnished by the Deposit High School Jazz band. Please bring yourselves and a favorite dish to share – and don't forget your place setting!! All are welcome!

**April 27, 7:30 PM:**  
**Quarterly Meeting and Program:**

Please join us for our first Program of the year, when Marty Podskoch will present "Fire Towers of the Catskills". Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program. We look forward to seeing you!

**May 14, 10 AM – 4 PM:**  
**Old Time Folk and Craft Fair:**

The Fair (now in it's 5<sup>th</sup> year) is still in the planning stages and promises to be bigger and better than ever. If interested in lending assistance to this fun annual event, please contact Joan Axtell at 859-2220 or through the Museum at 467-4422.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

'Twas the night before New Year's 2005 and all through the museum the displays were set up with care. Decorations by the Garden Club acted as sugarplums and fairies of the holiday tradition. As my mind meandered with thoughts of the previous year, blessings of good tidings came to the fore. From good and wonderful changes in the Board of Directors to financial gifts given by specific people; I was so grateful for all of those members who dedicated their support. Objectives take much time and planning. Over the course of the last 12 months 3 quarterly meetings created new interest for the public with greater attendance at each program. Our Folk Art Fest, participation in the village celebrations and Mark Andersen's fundraiser August concert and December Christmas open house additionally gave us exposure to the community and brought new faces in our midst. Meanwhile the museum was open throughout the summer with the able assistance of all the volunteers who dedicated their precious time; without whom it wouldn't have been possible. An Erie Railroad baggage cart finally came home to Deposit after resting on loan to the Vestal Historical Society for 33 years. In the fall, the historic Dr. Oliver T. Bundy house was purchased as an adjunct "house museum" to be open this May as a doctor's office display. Paintings from the 18th century Massachusetts settling couple Capt. Nathan and Lois Snow Dean arrived unexpectedly in July after nearly 200 years absence. They both established the village on the Broome County side of the Village, once known as Deansville. Captain Dean passed away in 1799 in his home on Front Street (now destroyed and is TDS Telecom). All this and the Society keeps on rolling along. I welcome all to participate in the activities and visit us this New Year.

Richard S. Axtell, President

## \*DHS WEBSITE UPDATE\*

The Historical Society website is in the process of being re-created for us by John Bartsch, a member of our board. It is our hope that the new site will be up and accessible by the end of the first quarter of this year. Until then, we ask your patience.

## **THE BUNDY HOUSE PROJECT**

The Deposit Historical Society is beginning an extensive and exciting building project as a result of the recent purchase of the former Oliver T. Bundy home at 143 Second Street adjacent to our present museum. This house will be an extension of our existing building and will allow us to display more furniture and furnishings in a historic home setting.

Before we can fully restore the Bundy House and prepare it for use, however, much work needs to be done and this is where our members and friends can step in. This project will require many hands as well as funds.

DHS is totally committed to preserving history in our community and with your help and involvement, our dream can and will become a reality.

If you are able to help in any way or need to know how you can help, please contact us at 467-4422 (feel free to leave a message), e-mail us at [dephistsoc@aol.com](mailto:dephistsoc@aol.com) or write to the Deposit Historical Society, 145 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754.

Monetary donations may be sent c/o the DHS Building Fund and are gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support!

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

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

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Please be sure to include your name, phone number and/or e-mail address.

Many thanks for your input and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

### **Historic District Committee Status Report**

While some interest has been expressed in the theoretical idea of a Historic District for Deposit, we've not been overwhelmed by members interested in the actual hands-on work surrounding the application process. In fact, we haven't heard from anyone. Whether we research for and develop an application of our own to the New York State Historic Preservation Office, or we create an application for a resource survey grant on which to base an application for historic district status, there will be the need for Society members who are willing to work, who are dedicated to the process and who have the will and perseverance to see the project through. If interested, please contact us at 467-4422. Thank you!

## DHS UPDATE

The Fall season got off to a great start on September 29<sup>th</sup>, when under the auspices of the Deposit Historical Society and through the fine efforts of our Education Outreach Committee, Laurie and Ira MacIntosh performed their "Catskill Tales & Tunes" to enthusiastic and appreciative audiences of students at the local school. DHS and the Committee hope to continue to make this kind of fun and educational event available to our community's children.

Fall really kicked in on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> with our annual Harvest Pie Sale. Held during Oktoberfest, the sale was successful both as a fund raising activity and in making DHS better known to the public. The event would not have been possible without the contributions of our members of time, effort and (of course) baked goods!! Our thanks to all for their support.

Unfortunately, Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> proved to be a disappointing Fall Clean Up Day, with the ongoing rain conspiring to keep attendance down and work difficult. Hopefully, Spring Clean Up will be more of a success.

Our well-attended quarterly meeting was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at which time Rick Zacharias presented a unique and fascinating program, "Early Funeral Directing in Deposit and Hancock". In the course of this program, Mr. Zacharias discussed early funeral customs from the late 19<sup>th</sup> through the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, as well as addressing the locations of local funeral homes of the past.

A seasonably lovely December 5<sup>th</sup> saw our Annual Christmas Open House enjoy a large and lively turnout. Refreshments and seasonal decorations were in abundance and this year we were treated to the exquisite music of Mark Andersen who performed traditional selections on the harp. What a splendid way to kick off the holiday season and a fitting way to close a busy and rewarding year!

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The Membership Committee wishes to remind you that dues for Annual Memberships will be gratefully received and should be remitted by January 31, 2005. This reminder does not apply, of course, to holders of Life or Honorary Memberships. However, with the acquisition of the Bundy House, we will be incurring additional expenses and contributions are extremely welcome. Your continued support will enable us to make this addition to our museum a reality.

### 2005 Dues

Annual:	10.00
Life:	50.00
Student & Senior:	5.00

Please remit your 2005 dues to:

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Attn: Pat O'Donnell

Thank you!

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If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to the Society, in any way, please contact the Museum at 467-4422. Your assistance is needed and appreciated!

The Deposit Historical Society is proud to  
announce its

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Essay Contest** entitled

### **"Deposit Back Then"**

The contest is open to all students in grades 3-12 and will be judged in three separate age categories.

Prizes include: A DANA OS Computer, Savings Bonds, Books & Movie Tickets to the State Theater.

Entry Forms and Rules are available at both Deposit Central School Libraries, The Deposit Free Library or on the Historical society Website: [deposithistoricalsociety.org](http://deposithistoricalsociety.org)