

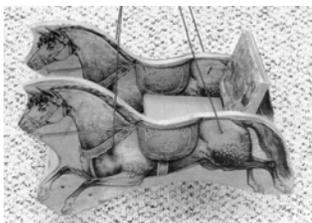
## ***Carousel Conservation***

*After more than a year the mechanical toy carousel with its five dolls was returned to the museum.*

*Students in the Art Conservation Department of Buffalo State College have cleaned, repaired and refurbished it. They also built storage cartons with specific compartments to ensure the safe storage of the toy.*

*In order to prevent further deterioration by light, the 100+ year-old carousel is put on display only a few times a year – for special open house days and for some programs. We will announce the times you may expect to see it.*

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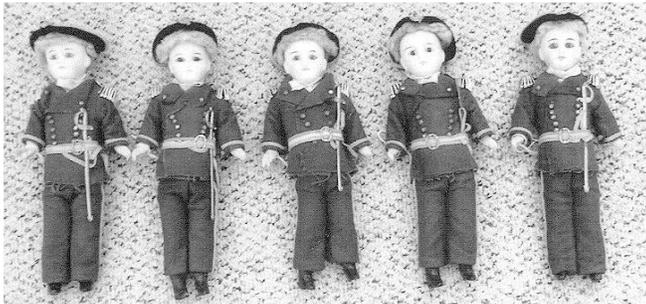
## ***1877 New England Pump Organ***

*This organ is donated in memory of Chester Ruehling Weil. He purchased it from the Delaware Ave. Methodist Church in Buffalo and restored it in the 1950's.*

*Mr. Weil lived in Elma. His grandparents, Jacob and Fanny Weil owned a large farm in Townline. Chester's mother was the daughter of Martin Ruehling and Fanny Tobie. The Ruehlings and Tobies owned farms on West Main St. in Alden. They are buried in the Alden Evergreen Cemetery.*

*Donors: Leita Reed. Henry F. Weil and Thomas H. We*





**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*This newsletter is going only to you as annual or Life members. The officers would like to encourage you to volunteer for 2 hours at a Sunday Open House held monthly. There will always be an officer present. Let Ruth Davis or Roberta Vincent know if you can help out. Please share the information with others and encourage them to become members.*

*We hope you find the upcoming meetings interesting, informative, and fun. Note the time change for the monthly meetings. Also the Board has established a policy of canceling the meetings if the school has been closed for the day. The Board of Trustees welcomes questions and suggestions for upcoming meetings. Hope to see you at the monthly programs.*

*Roberta Vincent*

**CURATORS REPORT**

*In 2003 we received 54 items to add to our collection. They ranged in size from a packet of needles to the pump organ. When you come to the museum, you're invited to check the acquisition cards and go on a sort of scavenger hunt to see if you can find where the new items are displayed or stored.*

*Our wish list now includes a stool or bench suitable for display with the organ.*

*According to our acquisition policy, we accept only items that have an Alden connection, which are in condition suitable for display or use and for which we have suitable space. There have been times when we have been unable to accept items that were offered. We often suggest that some things be offered to other museums.*

*Ruth Davis*

**DONATIONS**

*If you wish to donate artifacts to the museum please contact Ruth Davis at 937-9315. Our collection policy states that donations should be things that have an Alden connection.*

**LANDMARK COLLECTIBLES**

*Currently there are 18 different landmarks in the collection. The latest additions are the Town Line Lutheran Church and the Town of Alden sign. Some of the items immediately available are Bennett Mfg., St John's Church, 1914 School Bldg., Stowell's Pharmacy as well as others. Call Laura Airey at 937-7438 for a complete list and to place an order. Each item is \$23.00.*

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

**January Mtg. 1-8-04..... Hummels**  
*Do you have a Hummel? Whether or not you do, come to the historical society if you would like to know more about these adorable figurines, and how they came to be. Guest speaker Joanne Wieand, president of the Western New York M.I. Hummel Club, will be there to speak of their interesting history and what Hummel Club is about.*

**February Mtg. 3-11-04..... Neelands Dairy**  
*Mrs. Fay Neeland Miklinski will be present to give us a first-hand account of the former Neelands Dairy of Alden. If you worked there you may have some interesting stories to share.*

**March Mtg. 2-12-04..... Cross Country Tour**  
*Journal of a 1925 trip by Clara Layer and Bertha Layer of Zoeller Road, from San Francisco to Buffalo in a 1921 Maxwell Coupe. Ruth Davis is offering this program.*

**April Mtg. 4-8-04..... Appraisals**  
*Randy Moyer will be on hand to appraise those rare items you have safeguarded over the years but really are not sure just what value they have. This is your chance to show and tell and possibly learn some interesting facts about your item.*

**May Mtg. 5-13-04..... Stowell's Drug Store**  
*Janet Koelbl, will share memories of her experiences as an employee in her father's drug store at the ice cream counter. Of course you are welcome to share your memories as well. Remember "Facts and Foolishness"?*

**June Mtg. 6-10-04..... Veteran's Program**  
*Veterans from Alden VFW Post 7967 will be on hand to share their stories, photos and artifacts with the membership and guests.*

**NEW TIME SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS**

*On December 4, 2003 the Board of Trustees approved a motion to change the time of the regular monthly business meeting and program. The regular business meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. (previously start time was 8 p.m.) followed by the evening's program.*

**AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION**

*A proposal to change the annual meeting of the Alden Historical Society from April to December was voted on and passed at the December 4, 2003 meeting of the trustees.*

**ARTICLE 6. SEC 1 TO READ:**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD IN DECEMBER. AT THAT TIME THE TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED AND WILL TAKE OFFICE THE FOLLOWING MONTH.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

*New members are always welcome. Your support and effort will ensure that our museum will continue to grow and prosper for years to come. Annual dues are \$5.00. Life Memberships are \$50.00.*