



PAUL ZINTER SETS NEW MARKER FOR HANNAH ALDEN HEBARD



*Hannah Alden Hebard
For whom this town was named
Died June 31, 1830 aged 81 years*



MARLENE ROLL -JUDY HOTCHKIN

ALDEN EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Alden Historical Society established a fund drive to replace the broken and weathered marker of Hannah Alden Hebard. She is special to Aldenites since it is her maiden name that was used to name our town. Aldenite Paul Zinter of Galle Memorials donated the marker, a value of \$1200. The funds collected (\$800) were donated to the Dr. May Scholarship Fund in memory of Paul's father. The directors of the Alden Evergreen Cemetery and Charles Meyer of Charles Meyer Funeral Home shared the cost of the footer. The project with Judy Hotchkin and Marlene Roll at the helm was a total success in a very short period of time. Thank you to all who donated and assisted.

**ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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**HENSKEE ROAD SCHOOL HOUSE
IN ALDEN TOWN PARK
DECEMBER 2005**



**NEELAND'S DAIRY
AS WE REMEMBER IT**



WOOD MODEL REPLICA



**PET CARE HOSPITAL
NEELAND'S BLDG. 2005**

NEELAND'S DAIRY BUILDING PAST AND PRESENT

The Alden Historical Society has the new landmark replica available. Neeland's Dairy. Like the others, it is made of wood and hand painted in detail. The cost is \$25 each. They make very nice gifts for friends and family especially for those who once worked at the dairy. If you are interested in this or any of the 18 other landmark replicas, please call Marlene Roll 937 4549.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Based on all our accomplishments of this past year I look forward to the new year with great anticipation. We refurbished four rooms in the historical building, had a very successful season of programs, made available a new landmark model, Neeland's Dairy, to sell, arranged for a new grave marker for Hannah Alden Hebard in the Alden Evergreen Cemetery and we welcomed new members with a greater participation at our meetings.

Roberta Vincent

CURATORS REPORT

The position of Curator at the Alden Historical Museum has turned out to be more involved than I had anticipated. The responsibility for recording information about artifacts and donors, creating permanent files on them and then making displays and labels was just part of the job. It has been necessary to refurbish parts of the museum, to devise new areas for display and to find areas for storage of items not on display. Genealogy research has become part of the job. In addition, learning about conservation of artifacts and materials has been of prime importance.

I am really grateful for the help of so many members of the society.

On the other hand I have not been able to devote enough time to items in the files and scrapbooks. This is the reason for the change in the by-laws to include the position of Archivist. It is expected that the archivist will be responsible for the files, paper items and photographs. This should leave the curator free to deal with the other artifacts.

Many visitors have been very complimentary about our museum and we are pleased to show it off. With another person designated to care for it, the museum should be more efficiently run.

Ruth Davis

HENSKEE ROAD SCHOOLHOUSE

As the original school bell rang out, the Henskee Road Schoolhouse was officially declared open after renovations began back in February 2002. The event took place at the start of the Christmas in the Park on Sunday, December 4th. It has been a long project and we'd like to thank everyone for being so patient in it's completion.

The ribbon cutting was attended by E.C. Legislator Denise Marshall, Supervisor Rick Savage, Councilman Jim Lorenzi, renovation committee Dan & Laurie Moultrup and Jim & Marlene Roll. Special guests were Mr. & Mrs. Ray Schimdbauer. Mr. Schimdbauer was a student at the time the school was closed and the students were sent to the village for schooling at what is now the Rispoli Bakery.

With the shutters open and simulated candles in the windows the little schoolhouse looked awake and inviting to visitors to come and see a bit of local history. Inside was laid-out with desks, slate boards, a pot-bellied stove, pictures of George and Martha Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In the corner stood a Christmas tree trimmed in birds, candy canes, strands of popcorn and cranberries and topped with a punched tin star. In period clothing (1830's) Jim and Marlene greeted over 170 visitors with 100 of them being children. Some of them never having seen a one-room schoolhouse before.

While Jim rang the bell calling everyone "to school", Marlene was educating with the history of the building's past and rewarding the children with candy canes for "coming to school" on a Sunday. There were hand made school ornaments available for donations. We hope to make them a collectable series.

The day was special for all of us but I received an unexpected gift after everyone was gone.

As Jim and I closed up that day and being in 1800's dress, I was helping him lock the shutters from the inside. When the sudden quiet revealed to me what it may have felt and looked like to a teacher of that time closing the school for Christmas break. It was a unique and all-encompassing feeling of the day's buzz going silent, the daylight dimming and the satisfaction of a good day. We don't know many details of the day-to-day happenings of the schoolhouse, but it felt like it shared a day of its past with me. It ended the second I walked out the door, but I don't think you can get any closer to experiencing history than that.

We believe it was an over-all success and are planning to have programs scheduled for next year.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Jim & Marlene Roll

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

January Mtg. 1-12-06..... Collectibles Show
Bring to this meeting some of your collectibles and share with the rest of the group how and why you got started. Who knows you may inspire someone else to share in your interests. Members as well as guests are encouraged to "show and tell" about your favorite collectibles.

February Mtg. 2-09-06..... Fire Safety
This may prove to be a very valuable briefing on fire safety in your home or workshop. Rick Mitchell of the Alden Volunteer Fire Department will be our guest speaker to alert our members and guests of some of the things we should or should not do to make our homes a safe place to live

March Mtg. 3-09-06 Alden Ewell Library
The Alden Ewell Library building was dedicated in June 1914 in memory of the daughter of Col. Joseph and Carrie Ewell. Karen Muchow will tell us about the history of both the Alden Free Library, founded in 1901, and the current Ewell Library

April Mtg. 4-20-06 Black Water Baths
Roberta Vincent will narrate the history of the once popular Black Water Baths in Alden. With the prospect of being healed from a variety of maladies, people flocked to Alden to take the baths.

May Mtg. 5-11-06..... Growing Up in Alden
Most of us have some fond memories growing up in Alden. This is the perfect time to share them with your fellow Aldenites and visitors. If you have some interesting photos to show, other than your grandchildren, be sure to bring them along.

June Mtg. 6-08-06..... Tour of School House
Jim and Marlene Roll will give us a guided tour of the Henskee Road Schoolhouse located in Alden Town Park. If you haven't been inside it yet this is a must do event for you.