

# ALDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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*Meetings are held every second Thursday from September thru June. Business meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend...doors open at 7 pm so you have time to tour the museum. An interesting and informative program follows a brief business meeting, many times with a guest speaker. You are very welcome to come and share your memories and experiences about the evening's program. Afterwards stick around for a social complete with home made refreshments and informal socializing.*

### MUSEUM:

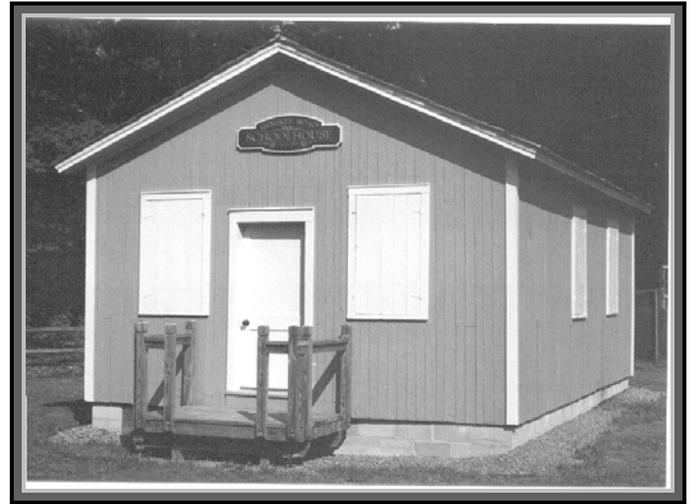
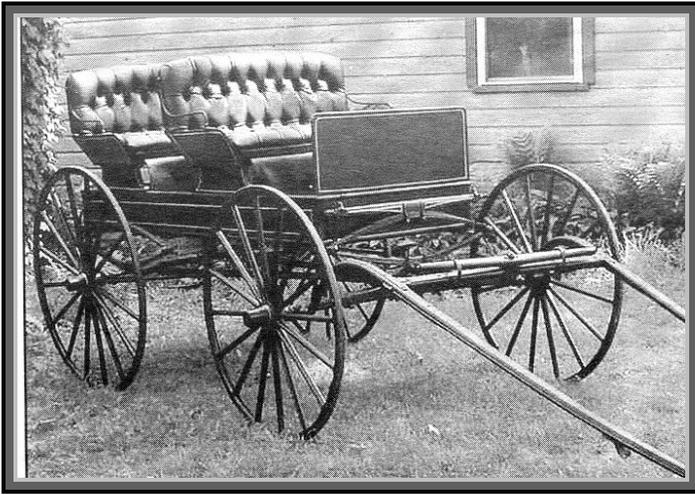
*The museum is located in the ALDEN HISTORICAL BUILDING at 13213 Broadway in the village across from the bank. The purpose of the museum is to show how the people of Alden have lived and worked and played. Here you may study the everyday things they made, used, wore, and cherished.*

### OPEN HOUSE:

*The museum is open to the public every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from October thru June from 2 to 4 pm. The museum will also be open during the Alden Art Show in September and during the "Christmas in the Park" festivities in December from 2 to 4 pm.*

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

- September Meeting      09-09-2004 ..... CIVIL WAR-SOUTHERN POINT OF VIEW  
Mr. Steve Teeft is Camp Commander of the Buffalo Guards, Camp No. 1975 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Steve will offer a specialized talk aimed at preserving the history and legacy of Confederate veterans including some from the Western New York area. Civil War buffs won't want to miss this one. Web site address: [www.dixieresearch.com](http://www.dixieresearch.com)*
- October Meeting      10-14-2004 ..... HISTORY OF MARILLA  
Mr. James Gingerich, former owner of the Marilla General Store will narrate his slide presentation on the history of Marilla. Jim has been giving talks for the past 20 years to various groups including scouts, schools and historical societies. This has been a hobby of his ever since he started collecting memorabilia at the General Store.*
- November Meeting      11-11-2004..... HEIRLOOM RECIPES  
Heirloom recipes are some of the most delicious time-tested recipes around. They are also a way of connecting generations and keeping the memory of loved ones alive. Come and share with us your favorite heirloom recipes or learn about recipes from your neighbors and friends.*
- December Meeting      12-09-2004..... CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM  
Come and enjoy our Christmas program after the usual brief business meeting. As always everyone is welcome to share a little bit of the Christmas spirit along with some hot refreshments to warm you up.*



**BUGGY RESTORATION**

Built by the Studebaker Company in 1910, our Three Spring Wagon has undergone a face-lift this past spring. Local artisans donated all of the materials and labor.

**HENSKEE ROAD SCHOOL HOUSE**

Built circa 1834, it schooled local children until 1929. The schoolhouse was donated and relocated by the Henskee family to the Alden Town Park in 1976.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Once again, our past year has been a successful and busy one. I wish to thank all the officers, the trustees and the membership for their dedication and hard work this past year. Also many thanks to the Town of Alden for supporting our budget and for maintaining our building and grounds.

We have had great programs this past year and many more are planned for the coming year. All we need is YOUR ATTENDANCE. There are eight rooms of exhibits in the museum, which is certain to bring back lots of memories. I hope to see you at one of these lively and informative programs.

*Roberta Vincent, President*

**WANTED**

**FIRE COMPANY MEMORABILIA**

We are preparing a display of fire company pictures and memorabilia. We have pictures and some uniforms from Alden Hose Company and Alden Hook and Ladder and some excellent photos from Millgrove. We lack contributions from Crittenden and Town Line which we would like to have in the display. If you have any pictures – especially of old fire equipment and early members – which we could use, please contact curator Ruth Davis or any member of the Historical Society.

*Ruth Davis, Curator*

**CURATOR'S REPORT**

During the first half of the year we have received more than 20 items for our collection. The schoolhouse clock which now hangs in the meeting room, was probably used in the 1904 school that stood at the corner of Crittenden and Park Street. A scrapbook of sports articles from the Advertiser and written by Elmer Hodge dates from 1934. We also have two attendance records from school district #12 (Crittenden) for 1908-1910. In addition, we were given Crittenden photos and a brief autobiography of Roscoe Dickinson who operated a general store there. The most recent addition to our collection of Alden artifacts is a chair which was used in the Marilla Station, located at Two Rod Road and the Erie Railroad.

We appreciate the many interesting donations that come to us from so many generous donors. We are careful to record and label all items and display or store them carefully. Recently we had help in sorting and enclosing stereograph cards. It was a surprise to learn that we have nearly 300 of them. Come and see them and the many other items at the museum.

*Ruth Davis, Curator*

**STATIONERY AVAILABLE**

The Historical Society has made available notepaper and envelopes with a picture of the Alden Historical Building. Cost is \$5.00 per pack of 6 sheets with envelopes and is available at the Alden Historical Building or any member.

**LANDMARK COLLECTIBLES**

Currently there are 18 different landmarks in the collection. Call Laura Airey at 937-7438 for a complete list. Each item is \$23.00. They make excellent Christmas gifts.

**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. Monetary donations are also appreciated and may be designated as memorials.

**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.