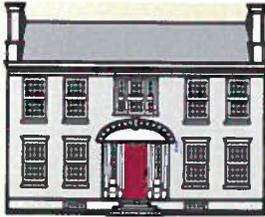


The Patriot

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HULL FAMILY HOME & FARMSTEAD

... Relighting the Past



WELCOME

The Hull Family Home & Farmstead is the project of Hull House Foundation, an all-volunteer non-profit organization formed in 2006 to research and operate the site, anchored by Erie County's oldest residence c. 1810, as a Living History interpretive experience representative of the lives of the earliest settlers of the Western New York region.

Please consider becoming a part of the Hull House Foundation family.

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Timely Award From East Hill Foundation

By Gary N. Costello

The work of restoring the historic Warren Hull House has been underway for more than ten years. It has been a slow, methodical, exacting process – but great progress has been made. While grueling at times, this project has not been without its rewards in the form of great feelings of accomplishment. Coupled with these feelings of achievement has been a sense of wonder – wonder at just what invisible force has been guiding the many steps taken to get us to this point of near-completion. Seems that each time, finding ourselves needing some special assistance to take a major step, that assistance has somehow been found - or sent to us. Whether in the form of volunteer help from a retired plasterer to plaster walls or help in building a strategic plan or funds to undertake the next step in restoration – that help has always presented itself at just the right moment.

Now is no different. The interior restoration had progressed to the point where all that remained was the application of the proper finishes to the interior surfaces – but left us wondering how to afford to accomplish this work. Enter East Hill Foundation! For it was at precisely that moment that the East Hill Foundation came forward with the award of a \$10,000 grant for the express purpose of completing this critical phase of the restoration. We could not be more pleased and are deeply grateful for their help. We can now proceed to apply the proper historically correct paint colors, using the correct paint components & pigments, and applied in the same manor as the original – adhering to standards and obtaining results seldom achieved in historic restorations.

And yes, it certainly does seem that there is some invisible force at work – overseeing, guiding, and knowing just exactly when to send help!



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2014 History Camp Scheduled for July 21-25, 2014

By Suzanne Jacobs, Chair of the Hull House Education Committee



Do you know a student in grades five through eight who loves history? Then our Hull House "History Camp for Kids" would be a great way for him or her to spend a week this summer.

Our annual History Camp takes place July 21-25 from 9AM to 4PM. Campers will do pioneer chores, play period games, and cook a meal over an open fire. They will learn about textiles of the early 19th century and about the three important wars of the same period. They will take part in an archaeological dig and learn about the significance of the Erie Canal and the culture of the Native American on the Niagara Frontier.

The cost per camper is \$130 for the week. To register, please call 681-5494 or email sjacobs@hullfamilyhome.org.

Over the years, we have received some wonderful testimonials from our visitors. Here are just a few. We very much want to hear your comments and suggestions, so please feel free to let us know how we are doing! Send email, a Tweet, or contact us through our website or on Facebook!

"I think Hull House is a wonderful asset. My family enjoys attending the interesting and exciting scheduled events that provide tangible experiences and a glimpse into a past way of life. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in restoring and preserving our history and heritage for future generations."
Sincerely, Kathy Delamater February 7, 2014

FROM 2013 CHRISTMAS TEA:

This was a very nice event. Decorations, food and the feel of the place was just wonderful. We were very pleased and will return again.
Thank you! Jane Konieczny

This was better than the tea aboard the Queen Mary. Thanks!
Lara & Mark Parker

This was a wonderful experience. Friendly service, outstanding food and elegant table service. Well done. Thank you for a wonderful experience! Lucy Coburn

Thank you so very much for the lovely tea experience. You allowed us to bring my 2 grand-daughters - and one doll - 6 & 8 years old. What a memory for them and myself. The special attention showed them was priceless. I'm sure we will attend one of your teas again - especially a Christmas one. What a wonderful annual tradition that would be for us during the future years.
Damaris Lefauve



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We Are Up for the Next Challenge! Are You?

by Anne Conable

In Memoriam

Marjorie Loomis Egan

On March 24, 2014, Marjorie Egan passed away after succumbing to her battle with cancer.



Many of you may know her as *Marge*, the head spinner for our Sheep-to-Shawl demonstrations over the last six years. It was her guidance, her inspiration, and her love of the fiber arts that made that event get up on its feet and move ahead into one of the premier events at Hull Family Home & Farmstead. Without her generosity and knowledge, the beautiful shawls would never have been produced.

The 2014 shawl will be a special one for us. It will be named *The Marjorie* in her honor and will be a tribute to her from all of us who have come to know and love her.

Rest in peace, Marge. You will be missed.

2014 marks the third year that Hull House Foundation has been challenged by a local foundation to increase its fundraising capacity through meeting, and hopefully exceeding, a matching grant goal. Through the generosity of donors large and small, the 2013 goal of raising \$10,000 was achieved in a matter of 4 months in the first half of the year. The funds achieved over the past Challenge Grants have provided vital operating funds and assisted with expediting planning for the next phases of site development at the Hull Family Home & Farmstead.

The 2014 goal is to raise \$12,000 over the next few months which will trigger a gift of \$8,000 from the foundation. A request mailing to more than 300 past supporters and project friends went out in April; gifts can be made by mail or online at www.hullfamilyhome.org. We will update on our progress through our website and in the next newsletter.

“Please be as generous as you can – it makes such a difference in what we can achieve this year,” said President Gary Costello. “The consistent and recurring support of this local family foundation has helped us with greatly needed funds but also with improving our fundraising strategy and growing our donor base. We are so grateful for their help and we challenge all our friends, attendees, members, and past donors to help us sail past our goal.”

2014 EVENTS — Mark Your Calendars Now and Join In the festivities!

2014 Event Dates:

May 10 (Saturday)	Mothers' Day Tea <i>Sold Out Again This Year</i>
May 17 & 18	Plant Sale/Art Show
May 18 (Sunday)	Annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast <i>at 5107 Transit Road, Williamsville</i>
June 29 (Sunday)	Heritage Arts Fair
July 13 (Sunday Noon-4pm)	Open House Tour
July 16 (Wednesday, 6-9pm)	Pig 'n Pint <i>NEW Summer Outdoor Fundraiser!</i>
July 21-25 (Mon-Fri)	History Camp—Students Grades 5-8
August 2 (Sat)	War of 1812 Twilight Tour
August 10 (Sunday Noon-4pm)	Open House Tour
August 17 (Sunday, Noon-4pm)	Regency Garden Party
September 27 (Sat)	Civil War Twilight Tour
September 14 (Sunday Noon-4pm)	Open House Tour
November 1 (Saturday)	1812 Regency Night at Knox Farm
December 7 (Sunday)	Christmas Tea

Watch for more information and details on our website!



We are still accepting Artists & Crafters for this event. Please contact us!



Seeking Artists, Artisans and Crafters

**2nd Annual Art and Craft Show
Hull Family Home & Farmstead**

**Come showcase and sell your works at our event in conjunction with our annual plant sale!
Saturday May 17 & Sunday May 18, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Located at the Hull House Foundation Headquarters
5962 Genesee St. Lancaster, NY 14086**

**One time entry fee of \$25.00 for a 10 ft. x 10 ft. space or \$35.00 for a 10 ft. x 15 ft. space.
Maxlimum of two vendors per table.**

**For applications and more information contact
Donna Schmidle @ dschmidle@hullfamilyhome.org
or call (716) 380-2881.**



**WHO IN THE WORLD WERE
CORDELIA SAPHRONIA LEWIS AND HELEN MINERVA LEWIS?**

By Barbara Kager

These women were daughters of Polly Hull Lewis and granddaughters of Warren and Polly Hull.

Cordelia was born in 1819 and settled in Ohio after her marriage. Here she was active in the anti-slavery cause. In 1855 she received her degree in obstetrics and diseases of women and practiced until her death in 1859.

Helen was born in 1828 and was married twice. Her first husband was Leonard S. Hubbard and her second husband was Samuel S. Sumner. He was a Baptist preacher and served as a chaplain in the army. After the Civil War he held a position in the Internal Revenue Service. Helen's date of death is unknown.



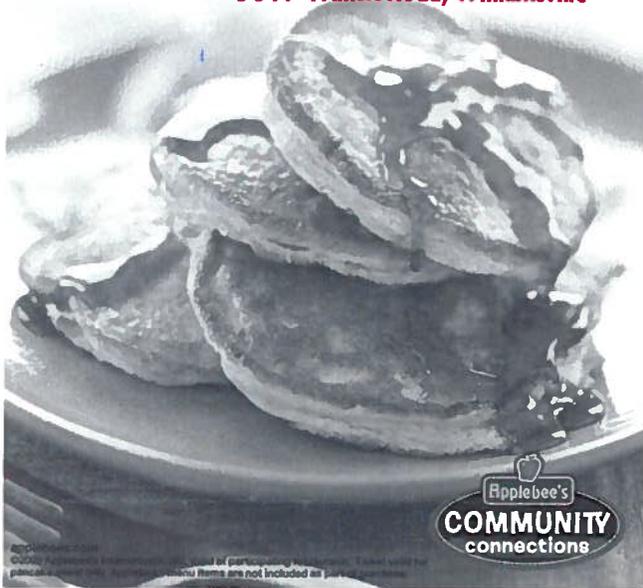
Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.

You're invited to an Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support *Hull Family Home & Farmstead*

Tickets are \$ 6.50 per person

When: *Sunday, May 18, 2014 8-10 am*

Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
5017 Transit Road, Williamsville

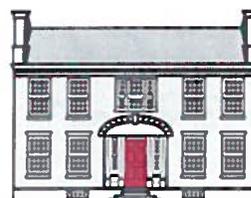


Join us at Applebee's for Breakfast!

...And a BASKET RAFFLE, TOO!

Menu Includes: Juice, Coffee/Tea, Short Stack & Bacon

ALL PROCEEDS ARE TO BENEFIT THE RESTORATION EFFORT AT



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Lancaster, New York*

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Kathy Smith by email at

ksmith@HullFamilyHome.org

or buy tickets online at

www.HullFamilyHome.org

Spring has finally arrived in Western New York!

...and we are kicking it into high gear with our

Annual Plant Sale & Art Show on May 17& 18 – 10 AM to 4 PM.

- All for the purpose of enhancing your spring gardens as well as donating plants for Hull House restoration fundraising.
- Visit our beautiful Binational Peace Garden for inspiration!
- Come see the Homestead changes!
- Become a part of restoration through your plant donation and plant purchases.
- The rare and the familiar plant materials are all there.
- Free plant for each child!



See you there!



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HERITAGE ARTS FAIR

One Day Only!!!

**Sunday, June 29, 2014
11:00 am - 5:00 pm**



- Live historic music by local artists*
- Historic arts & crafts demonstrations*
- Hands-on opportunities all day long*



- Fiber crafts & needle crafts of all kinds ~
- Lace making
- Quilting
- Wool Shearing
- Wool & Flax Preparation
- Spinning & Weaving
- Blacksmithing
- Native American Arts
- Broom making
- Candle making
- Live Animals

Some of the craftspeople will have items for sale. Hull House gift shop, *Polly's Mercantile*, will be open! ... and much more!

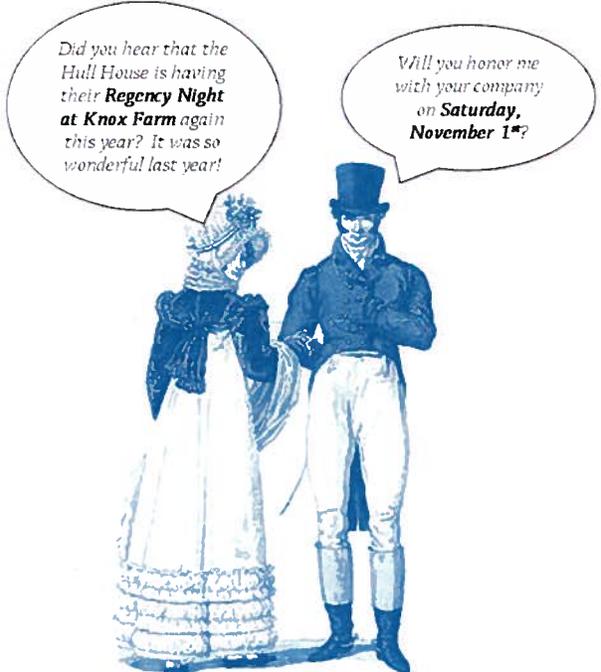
- Hot dog lunch available for purchase

The shawl produced at this event will be auctioned at our "1812 Regency Night at Knox Farm" on November 1, 2014.

Admission:

- Adults: \$5
- Children (10-18): \$2
- Children under 10: FREE

*All proceeds benefit
Hull Family
Home & Farmstead
Restoration - an ALL
VOLUNTEER project!*



BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, JOIN US FOR A

Regency Garden Party



Sunday, August 17 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Hull Family Home & Farmstead
and Hull House Foundation Headquarters
Adults \$5.00 and children \$2.00 and under 3 free

Travel back to the early 1800's and experience a garden party with light refreshments, roving fashion show with folks dressed as Warren and Polly Hull would have dressed back during that time. The historic house will be open for tours and period dressed interpreters will be going about daily life activities of the early settlement in Western New York. The children can experience the games that the Hull children would have played when they had free time and not helping around the farm. Come see the changes in the historic Hull House.