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Hull Family Home & Farmstead

Circa 1810

September 2014

Dear Friend,

With another year comes another exciting schedule of events at the Hull Family Home & Farmstead. The restoration at the house is progressing nicely with walls and ceilings receiving final treatments, and the woodwork, floors and window sashes being painted. Archeology is continuing on the grounds so that the cultural landscape plan can be developed.

As you know, the Hull Family Home & Farmstead is an all-volunteer organization. Therefore, every tax deductible dollar of a membership and/or donation will go directly to the restoration project. **Please consider becoming a member of the Hull Family Home & Farmstead and help the Hull House Foundation continue the restoration of this important part of American history.** Included is a membership form that you can return to us. You will see that there are many levels of membership and we hope that you will find one that suits you.

Thank you in advance for your support of our project. Together we can help "relight the past."

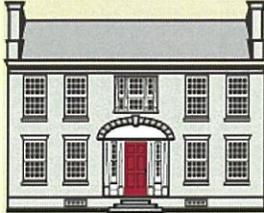
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HULL FAMILY HOME & FARMSTEAD

... 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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United Way Day of Caring Comes to Hull House

By Gary N. Costello



Oh, what a difference a day makes ...or sometimes as little as six hours! On Wednesday, August 20, the United Way's Day of Caring project saw over 60 volunteers – all from the Praxair Corp. - descend upon the Hull Family Home & Farmstead. At 9:00 AM, they joined hands with more than a dozen Hull House workers with shovels, rakes, pruning shears and wheel barrows – for a full day of toil. And in just six hours they accomplished what would otherwise have taken the Hull House's small crew of 'regular' volunteers more than six months to achieve. These friendly, caring, hardworking folks from Praxair groomed almost 2000 feet of paths and trails; removed perhaps six tons of broken cement and rock from the site; sifted a small mountain of soil for artifacts; washed 42 window sashes containing 492 panes of glass—inside and out; and so many other tasks that by mid-afternoon the teams of workers had to resort to a secondary list of tasks being held in reserve.

"I have had many good experiences in my tenure as President of the Hull House Foundation - one of the most pleasant and rewarding elements of my work with the Foundation is meeting many wonderful people that live and work in our great community – the fine bunch of folks from Praxair are clearly among the very nicest - not to mention hard working - that I have ever had the pleasure of encountering!" {quoted from my thank you note to Praxair}

The weather cooperated beautifully – not too warm, not too sunny. The work was interrupted at noon for a hearty lunch and some good chatter, and again periodically as small groups of workers took a brief break to stroll through the historic house, the grounds or the Peace Garden that graces the rear of the Foundation headquarters next door. We are happy to count a new group of folks among those who are now aware of the Hull Family Home & Farmstead as most had not previously been there.

It is interesting to note that Warren Hull himself and his father, Peter Hull, were volunteers in the Berkshire Militia during the American Revolution. So it seems fitting that all the good folks that have worked at restoring the historic Hull House over the past 10 years also serve on a volunteer basis – and now another outstanding group of volunteers has joined the ranks. Thank you very much United Way and Praxair!

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Hull House Volunteers are the Key to Successful 2014 History Camp

By Suzanne Jacobs, Chair of the Hull House Education Committee

Each year, we are fortunate to have a roster of campers who are enthusiastic, cooperative and eager learners. This year was no exception, as 24 children came to camp each day excited to know what activities we had planned for them. It's always gratifying to work with this kind of group.

Throughout the year, our education committee plans and arranges for the many learning experiences presented to the children. At camp, these same talented volunteers implement many of the activities. Gary Costello lends his skills as a woodworker to guide campers in making a hornbook, and as a Civil War reenactor, he describes his life as a private in the Union Army. Nancy Costello, a retired elementary school teacher, leads workshops in pioneer chores such as laundry and candle dipping and crafts such as quill-writing and stenciling. Jean Neff, a career historian, teaches the campers pioneer games, as well as sharing her expertise in the use of flax to make linen.

Bernadette Dupre, a retired earth science teacher, conducts a nature walk, teaching campers about the practical and medicinal uses of various plants on the property. Doug Kohler, a seventh grade social studies teacher and Erie County Historian, shares his knowledge as a soldier in the War of 1812, as well as his experience as a lacrosse coach. Kathy Smith, a retired Home and Careers teacher, prepares and teaches the sewing project each year. Donna Schmidle, while engaged in a nursing career, takes time to coordinate the meal campers prepare and eat on the last day.

These volunteers supervise campers in many other ways during the week, and others – Cathy Pudlewski, Jeanette and Tom Dickinson, Jean Suess, Cheri Vogel, Sandra Ferger, Pat Baecker – lend their time and energy, as well. Professional presentations are also part of camp: Jay and Theresa Clause's Native American presentation; Jill Clause's braiding workshop; Marcy Kane's corn husk doll creations; Joe McGreevy and the UB archaeologists' dig; Genesee Country Village's clothing presentation; Gerry Stafford's Erie Canal discussion; Peter Bosch's Revolutionary War demonstration; Theresa Caulfield's soap making workshop.



Last, but not least, is the work of our student volunteers. We're grateful for the youthful energy of Emma Kleinmann, Samantha Wild, Hannah Carrow and Will Galuszka. They follow directions so well and tend to so many last-minute details.

We're all looking forward to camp again next year.....after we've had a few months to rest!

*A couple of sticks, an old cork and some clay
and voila...you have a new toy!*

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Campers have fun learning new ways to entertain themselves. When was the last time YOU got up on a pair of stilts? It isn't as easy as they campers made it look!



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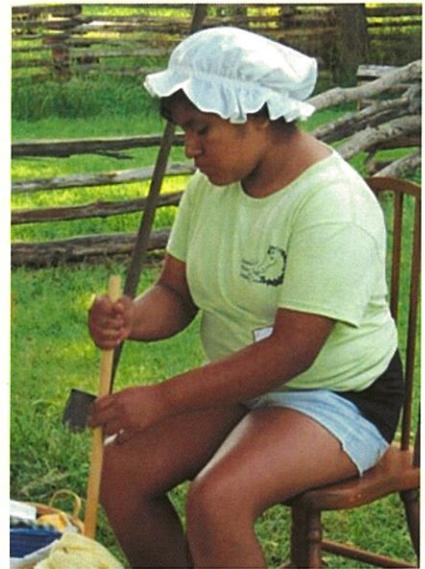
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Camping is a hands-on experience at Hull House!

Each year our campers love to get involved by learning what life for a child used to be like back in the early 1800's. They experience the hard work of maintaining a home and farmstead, and how to cook over a fire for a very large family. The last day is always a full dinner prepared by



the campers (with help from the Hull House staff) and everyone gets to enjoy it together!



Photos by Sue Jacobs



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New Event *Pig 'n Pint* Joins Annual Lineup

by Anne Conable

On Wednesday, July 16, a new fundraising event was launched. *Pig n' Pint* featured a delicious roast pig with all the fixin's, Flying Bison brews for sampling and enjoying, raffles, and live music by City Fiddle, and was held on a lovely summer night in the Hull House's Peace Garden. Of the 100 in attendance, approximately 1/3 of the guests were unfamiliar with the Hull House



Volunteers from Praxair wash windows and search for artifacts by sifting dirt during the 2014 Day of Caring. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!



project and so another goal was achieved – drawing in some new friends and supporters.

This event will be back in the summer of 2015!

“We sincerely thank our Organizing Committee for their hard work designing and implementing this new event,” stated Hull House Foundation President Gary Costello. “We are grateful to Try-It Distributing, our Garden Committee and to our volunteers who assisted with this activity.”



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2014 EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now and join in the festivities!

2014 Event Dates:

September 27 (Sat)	Civil War Twilight Tour
November 1 (Saturday)	1812 Regency Night at Knox Farm
December 7 (Sunday)	Christmas Tea

Watch for more information and details on our website!

WHO IN THE WORLD WAS LAFAYETTE LOUIS LEWIS?

By Barbara Kager

Lafayette Louis Lewis was the son of Polly Hull and Daniel Lewis. He was the grandson of Warren and Polly Hull. He was born in 1824 in Williamsville, NY and died in 1869 in Jacksonville, Fla..

Lafayette was a musical prodigy. He settled in Boston, Massachusetts where he became well-known for composing musical pieces. Among the better known in his time were *Departed Days*, *In Sunny Youth* and *La Consuelo*. Not only did he compose, he was also an inventor of musical devices. In 1856, a patent was issued to him for an invention which produced a tremolo in the musical notes of melodeons or reed instruments and which has since become known as the tremolo attachment.

In 1857 a report in the *Fredonia Advertiser* observed a “music box” powered by a fountain, an invention of a Professor Lewis of Boston.



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Save the Date !!!

For a unique experience to benefit *Hull Family Home & Farmstead*
Plan to join us for

1812 Regency Night at Knox Farm

Saturday, November 1, 2014

6:00 - 9:00 pm

at the Main House in *Knox Farm State Park*

\$70 per person - \$60 per member

Catered hors d'oeuvres - Wine - Cash Bar - Live Auction and Live Entertainment

Creative period dress is optional

Information or to order tickets will be online soon! Visit us on the web at www.HullFamilyHome.org

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