

# The Preservationist

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to our loyal members,

Spring is always a wonderful time of year. The Board of Trustees and Officers are delighted to inform our friends and neighbors that the long-awaited time has arrived: the Rich-Twinn Octagon House will open on the Fourth of July...a great day to celebrate America's birthday and our house museum. Please stop by on the Fourth or on one of the first or third Sundays during the next few months. You will want to see the changes that have taken place. Director Kate Stapleton Parzych has done an outstanding job creating an 1870's home.

The Knight-Sutton Museum will be open on July 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have not viewed "Akron Through the Years" here is your chance. It will be a walk-through memory lane for many people. Director Pat Rodrigues has done a yeoman's job organizing the museum's artifacts and researching family history when requested.

Starting this past winter, volunteers, under Jannette Potera's guidance, continue organizing and inventorying the society's collection. This is a huge undertaking since we have two houses filled with many items. This will be an ongoing process for many months or years. If you are interested in helping with this project or other society projects, please contact me or any board member.

Remember to visit the museums. Stop in at the KSM when you drop off a pie or even better, buy a pie. This year the pie sale and quilt raffle will be in front of the KSM. A perfect opportunity to view the exhibit

### Fourth of July Hours

Rich-Twinn Octagon House open 12-4

Knight-Sutton Museum open 9-4

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday,

*Patricia Pearce*

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## CHANGE IN OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees and Officers has had some changes in positions. We have said a sad farewell to Secretary Kimberley Burg, and Trustee Mark Saglian. They have served the society greatly with their creative talents and skills. We will miss them but wish them well in their future endeavors.

We welcome our new secretary, Roxanne Rebmann. We are pleased to have her as part of our organization.

Anyone interested in joining the Board of Trustees in the future, should contact Pat Pearce.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** will be the Akron Sidewalk Sale. We will have our beautiful Amish quilt on display in front of Step By Step. Stop by and take a look.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual Fourth of July festivities. Always a fun day.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** will be our turn to man the refreshment stand in Russell Park during the Friday night band concert. Pie bakers will be needed. Please contact Carole Borchert (542-2296) if you can donate a pie or two.

## NEWSTEAD BICENTENNIAL

Get ready...2023 will be the Bicentennial. It seems like a long way off, but time goes by quickly each year. Many fun activities are being planned: garden walk, scavenger hunt, children's activities to name a few. If you would like to help with planning or activities, please contact Dawn Izydorczak at Newstead Town Hall. Volunteers will be needed.

## AMISH QUILT

Each year David Wakeman chooses a beautiful quilt for our annual raffle. This year's quilt is called "Country Grape." It is a queen size quilt with an off white (cream) background with beautiful purple/violet grapes in a heart-shaped center. It is a beauty! The photo does not do it justice. It will be on display during the Sidewalk Sale. This raffle is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please return your ticket stubs and money in a timely manner. You could be a winner on the Fourth of July.



## Restoration Walk-Through

### At the Rich-Twinn Octagon House

Kate Stapleton Parzych, Director

We are very happy to announce that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Rich-Twinn Octagon House will be open 12 – 4pm with a special Restoration Walk-Through. This will be free of charge, and participants will receive a voucher for \$1 off a regular tour.

Groups of 10 will go through the house at one time, and the walk-through will be highlighting the repairs and new work, as well as pointing out some of our next projects, such as reupholstering furniture pieces, updating wallpaper, and taking measures to help protect the collection on display in the museum from sunlight damage.

For this special walk-through, visitors will enter through the Receiving Room on the ground floor and proceed up to the main floor to view the new look to the Drawing Room, Foyer, and Library. On the third floor the Lady's Bedroom and Dressing Room, and the Parlor will be on view. Returning to the main floor, visitors will exit out the Foyer door and use the formal staircase to the street level.

The Child's, and Gentleman's Bedrooms, the Kitchen, and the Cupola will not be open that day.

I realize that this is an unusual tour for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, however, I believe in this way we can accommodate visitors who are most interested in what has happened since 2020 and maintaining a safe level of social distancing for people inside the building.

Our regular tours will begin on July 17 from 1 – 3pm and continue for the first and third Sundays of the months. We hope to see you there soon.

## Century Home

This is #1 in our Century Homes Program. We now have well over 100. You could add your home to our collection if your house is 100 years old or more. There is NO COST to you.

There are NO RESTRICTIONS on what you are permitted to do to the house. Go to our website [www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org) to download an application or call 716-542-7022 and leave a message.





## Rich-Twinn Octagon House

Kate Stapleton Parzych, Director

To say the least, it has been a very interesting two years that we have been working on restoring the Octagon House. For such a long time, it seemed as though things were in a holding pattern. When the actual reconstruction work began, everything started to move seemingly at warp speed.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has taken part in the formidable task of cleaning *absolutely everything* at the museum. There were a lot of elements to juggle, and I truly appreciated that all who participated went with the flow of things. Collectively, there have been over 260 volunteer hours logged in for this immense project! Here are the fine folks who were there to lend a hand:

Marlene Gehl  
David Webster  
Claire & Jack Noce  
Kimberly Burg  
Mary Sellars Hanley  
MaryJane Shonn  
Roni Daugherty  
Rita & Larry Diebold

Carolyn Finger  
Maureen O'Hara & Paul Czechowicz  
Pam Geddes  
Mary Hilliard  
Nancy Frey  
Joann Lega  
Laurie & Don Baldwin  
Pat Pearce

The Octagon House will be open to receive visitors once again, however, there are more projects to be delved into. During the past two years of not being open for tours, there has been a wonderful opportunity to concentrate on the continuation of updating the database of the collection that the Newstead Historical Society has housed in both the Octagon House and the Knight-Sutton Museum. Thankfully, this behind-the-scenes work will continue, along with other projects within the museum.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

Kate Stapleton Parzych

To the businesses that contributed to the building restoration over the past two years!

- ❖ Belknap Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- ❖ Bradbury & Bradbury Wallpapers
- ❖ Color Tech Painting Contractor Corporation
- ❖ Colvin Cleaners Restoration Dry Cleaning
- ❖ Colvin Draperies
- ❖ Cooper Lace
- ❖ Kenny Carpets & Floors
- ❖ Picone Construction Corporation
- ❖ Steady Kenny Services LLC

## Pieces Too Short to Save

**Knight-Sutton Museum**

Pat Rodrigues

As we enter the summer season and gas prices empty our wallets why not consider taking a walking tour with the family? It's a great way to enjoy a summer day and touch base with history. Don't forget we have walking tour booklets available for self-guided tours of Main St., John St. and Maple Lawn Cemetery, and Evergreen Lawn Cemetery. They range in price from \$5-\$15 and can be purchased at the Knight-Sutton Museum, Market on Main, and Martin's Mercantile. [Thank you to these merchants as well as the library for being supportive by selling our products.]

Speaking of cemeteries, I am very pleased to announce that at last month's NHS meeting the board voted to allocate \$4,000 to our already existing cemetery project account to continue work at Maple Lawn Cemetery this fall. These funds were secured from a grant and will enable us to continue with work we had planned to do prior to Covid. Two years ago, NHS spent \$4,000 on the cemetery project with \$2,000 left in the account for future work. Therefore, the society will have committed \$10,000 to this project.

This phase of the project will enable us to build new bases for the stones of 15 Civil War, War of 1812, and Revolutionary War veterans whose stones are currently lying flat in the ground. It also will include work being done on several other local historical figures whose stones have deteriorated.

Recently the Lions Club, with an additional contribution from the town, had the fence surrounding the cemetery repainted after a process was performed to remove all the rust. Both projects exhibit a sense of commitment to our veterans of whom we can all be proud.

Meanwhile, at the museum we have been continuing with the inventory process. Carolyn Finger and Pat Pearce have been working with Laurie Baldwin at the Octagon House on that building's inventory. At KSM we are working on the framed photographs inventory. In 'the pieces too short to save' category I ran across a photo of an unidentified woman standing next to an antique Victorian rocker. This rocker is sitting in KSM's garage, waiting for the funds to re-upholster it and paint it. I recognized it because when we evaluated the contents of the garage last year, we almost put it in the toss pile and then thought better of it. This woman must have been talking to us. I just wonder who she was.

Finally on Sunday, July 17 members of the American Antique Automobile Club of WNY, Erie County Division [hope I got that right] will be touring the Knight-Sutton Museum. They will all be arriving in their antique cars so it should be quite a photo-op as this flotilla of cars arrive and park up and down Main Street. If you are in town that day, come down and peek.

## Membership

Activity from February 1 – May 31, 2022:

### WELCOME to the following new LIFE members:

- ❖ John Ballow
- ❖ Thomas Gibbs
- ❖ Steven & Joann Lega

### WELCOME to the new ANNUAL members:

- ❖ Brad & Gail Hellert
- ❖ Roxanne Rebmann
- ❖ Allen Stein
- ❖ Marcia Tordey

### THANK YOU FOR MEMORIAL DONATIONS in memory of:

- ❖ ACS Coaches, Jack Silvernail & Tom Wetzen by John Ballow
- ❖ Paul Cochran by Pat Rodrigues
- ❖ Kevin F. Hickey by Kevin P. Hickey
- ❖ Forest & Helen Reber by William & Shirley Reber
- ❖ Jack Routledge by Mike & Marybeth Whiting
- ❖ Elaine Tecler by Pat Rodrigues

**SYMPATHY:** We are saddened to report the recent passing of members:

- ❖ Corrine Becker
- ❖ Susan McCann
- ❖ Jack Routledge
- ❖ Raymond Schmiguel

We extend our sincerest condolences to their family and friends.

**THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS** received from:

- ❖ Nicholas & Elizabeth Abraham
- ❖ Frank & Amy Daddario
- ❖ Liza Dalrymple
- ❖ Thomas Gibbs
- ❖ Wynne Klingel

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- Terra House

Donations were also received from the following businesses:

- Guy's Submarines
- The Russell Park Room @ Cippolina Restaurant

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 CORPORATE SPONSORS!!

Fundraising over the last couple years has been greatly curtailed due to the pandemic, so a new Corporate Sponsorship has been offered to businesses in the Akron-Newstead area. The monies raised from these sponsors will help us to continue our mission and also help maintain our two museums, The Rich-Twinn Octagon House and The Knight-Sutton Museum.

We are anticipating new and exciting programs in 2022 and thank you for helping us make this possible!

It is not too late for your business to join this program - just go to our website:

[Newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](http://Newsteadhistoricalsociety.org)

and download the Corporate Sponsorship Application or contact Linda Capan at: [membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org).



Memberships are always available. Check our website: [newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](http://newsteadhistoricalsociety.org) for membership information or email: [membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org).

Memorials and donations to the Society are always appreciated and can be made by mailing to: Newstead Historical Society, P. O. Box 222, Akron, NY 14001

## RECIPE CORNER

Jannette Potera

With summer just around the corner, here's a recipe from *Home Town Recipes of Newstead* by the Newstead Fire Co. Auxiliary. It appears to be from 1983. This recipe is titled "Slush" submitted by Cheri Roland.

### SLUSH

7 c. water	2 12-oz. cans orange juice
4 c. sugar	2 c. whiskey
8 teabags	7-Up
2 12-oz. cans lemonade	



Bring sugar and water to boil, turn off. Add 8 teabags and let steep for 20 minutes. Remove teabags and add lemonade, orange juice and whiskey. Mix and freeze.

Add 1 tbsp. with glass of 7-Up.

Disclaimer: I have not tested the recipes submitted for the Recipe Corner. They are given exactly as they appear in the cookbook in which they were originally published.

**NHS Website provides information about the society and a gallery of pictures about the Octagon House, Knight-Sutton displays, and Century Homes. Check it out at**

[www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org)

### 2021 NHS Executive Board

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Thank you!

### E -MAIL NOTIFICATION AVAILABLE

If you would like to receive notifications and information by e-mail, please email Linda Capan with NHS in the subject line to:

[membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org) Rest assured - You will *not* receive numerous messages; this is meant to be a convenience for those who would like it



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