

The Preservationist

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and welcome to the New Year!

The new year brings a new set of challenges and opportunities. The loss of Don Holmes is certainly one of those challenges. Don was a constant presence in the NHS for over thirty years as a life member. He was so much more than just a member, serving as a past president, trustee and treasurer. He embodied the spirit and mission of this organization throughout everything he did. Our organization and the community have lost a great member.

I am pleased to begin my term as president the same year as the Town of Newstead's Bicentennial. Treasurer Pat Pearce is a member of the Town's Bicentennial Committee and she assures us it is going to be quite a celebration. The town has several events planned to commemorate this important anniversary.

KSM Director Pat Rodrigues and volunteers are busy packing up the successful "Christmas Memories.." and "Akron Through the Years" exhibits. We are all excited to launch the newest exhibit "Newstead – 200 Years" when the museum opens in April.

The programming at the Octagon House ended 2022 with a triumphant celebration. The Candlelight Christmas program was a rousing success. Director Kate Stapleton Parzych did a remarkable job planning the evening. Kate and the volunteers are busy getting the house to open in April. You will notice quite a bit of activity as they continue to spruce this up: patching holes, painting and maintaining our gem. Kate has several activities planned in the upcoming months including a spring tea party. Stay tuned for more information.

Jannette Potera's team has worked tirelessly at the KSM to organize and inventory our collection. They have made significant progress and continue to preserve and protect the collection for future generations. We hope to have the Maple Lawn Cemetery restoration project completed this year. If you have not been down to see the stellar work that Brian Daddis has done preserving these monuments, plan on making a trip this spring. 2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for NHS and I am excited to be in service as your president for it.

Thank you,

Adam Burg

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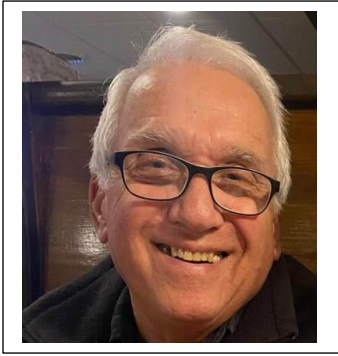
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NEWSTEAD BICENTENNIAL

JUNE 30 – JULY 9, 2023

Celebrate the 200th year in the Newstead/Akron Community

The Bicentennial Committee has worked hard to provide an interesting week of fun activities for all. A formal schedule will be produced soon but here is a listing of tentative activities.

- Birthday cake and kick-off March 27
- Community Band to open and close festivities
- Opening of time capsule
- Native American activities
- Family fun day
- Garden walk
- Scavenger hunt
- Tractor/engine show
- Fourth of July parade
- Buffalo philharmonic orchestra July 5, 2023
- Fireworks
- Concert night

Anyone interested in helping with the celebration, should contact Dawn Izydorcak, Town Clerk, at the Town Hall. Look for upcoming information at www.erie.gov/newstead or Facebook page at Town of Newstead.

BICENTENNIAL BOOK PRE-ORDERS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

The Newstead Bicentennial Book will be available soon. Many hours have been dedicated to the 2023 edition of Newstead's history by committee members Donald Holmes, John Potera, Beverly Summe, Patricia Rodrigues and Patricia Pearce. The pages have gone to the printer and will be available at end of March or beginning of April.

NHS members will be able to purchase the book locally at different venues that will be advertised. Out of town members may request a copy by mail. Checks should be made out to: Newstead Bicentennial Committee for \$25 plus shipping \$4.50 (total of \$29.50) and send to Town of Newstead Bicentennial Committee, 5 Clarence Center Road, Akron, New York 14001 attention: Dawn Izydorczak. Anyone visiting the celebration during the Fourth of July week can purchase one at that time also.

PIECES TOO SHORT TO SAVE

Patricia Rodrigues, Director

Knight-Sutton Museum

Although winter may be a quiet time for some, it never seems to be quiet at KSM. We have been taking down both the "Christmas Memories..." and "Akron Through the Years" exhibits and inventorying the artifacts as we go. Marybeth Whiting and I are planning and researching the new exhibit.

"NEWSTEAD—200 YEARS" will be our salute to all things Newsteady! In case you have not heard it's 2023 and Newstead is having a big birthday celebration. Our exhibit will cover as many aspects of Newstead history as we can pack into three rooms. It will open in April.

Meanwhile, I'd like to thank everyone who came to see the Christmas Memories exhibit. We had a good turnout, particularly during the "Light Up Akron" event and the Candlelight Tour event. Many people took advantage and made a day of it on December 4th when both our buildings were open in the afternoon and evening. I have dreams of making it even bigger next year, but we will see how it goes when I wake up!

I would also like to thank publicly the following people who covered shifts when the museum was open, helped with aspects of the exhibit or loaned and/or donated items for the exhibit: Bill and Michele Asmus, Kathryn Harrington, Laurel Jones, Barbara and Cortland Kopp, Gretchen Moore, Sue Nicholas, Kate Stapleton-Parzych, Donna Roehling, Marcia Tordy, Dave Wakeman, Nancy Eckerson, and Jean Wilson.

It is really quite heartwarming to have the community support you when you do exhibits. The enormous amount of response in toys being loaned made it a much better exhibit, and it was fun to play with a Barbie doll again!

A very special thank you to Mary Beth Matthews' First Grade Class, Chrischell Samolis' Second Grade Class, and Gabrielle Foster's Special Education Class/Grade K-2 for the paper chains they made for the KSM Christmas tree. Kudos to Marlene Gehl for organizing it. They all truly made the tree into something extra special.

I would also like to thank the local merchants who support NHS by selling merchandise: Martin's Mercantile and Market on Main. It is good to have an outlet for merchandise in venues that have open hours when the museums are closed.

In closing remember to look for our exhibit in April and all the wonderful things the bicentennial committee is planning. It is going to be an event-packed agenda!

Rich-Twinn Octagon House



Kate Stapleton Parzych, Director

Call for Docents and Student Docents for our 2023 Season

Sunday March 12th 2pm - 4pm Join us at the Octagon for an Open House -- a welcome back to our veteran docents, and a fond hello for anyone who is interested in sharing your love of the Octagon House with our visitors. A tour of the House with our new booklet starts at 2:30. Light refreshments will be served.

FYI: Docents for the Rich-Twinn Octagon House can choose the dates they want - as few as once a season, or as many as every-other Sunday for the summer! All help for our tours is greatly appreciated. There's no need to memorize the facts and stories of the House - there's a booklet that every docent has available to them.

The 2023 season runs April through October on the first and third Sundays, from 1pm - 3pm. Special holiday hours during November and December will round out the year.

Who can be a docent? Anyone in Western New York with an interest in local history, mid-nineteenth century life, and/or an interest in architecture. Adults, as well as students (high school freshmen to seniors), are welcome. If you have questions about becoming a docent for the Octagon, please email Kate at [Director — RTOH@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:Director_RTOH@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org)

Updates continue at the Rich-Twinn Octagon House Museum

The Gentleman's Bedroom will be getting a much-needed fresh coat of paint and a new wallpaper frieze thanks in part to a memorial donation given specifically for this project. Laurie Stapleton Baldwin and Rita Diebold will begin the work this month, and the refurbished room will be ready in time for our tours in April. Thank you to Kevin Hickey who gave the funds in memory of his mother.

Springtime Tea Party and Tour at The Octagon

Sunday, April 30th

2 seatings, 11am and 2pm

Limited to 12 people per seating.



Included will be a complete tour of the House, herbal and leaf teas with small bites (savory and sweet), a presentation of medicinal herbs in the Victorian kitchen garden by Graciell from The Soul In Bloom, and a discussion by living historian and dressmaker Anneliese Meck on the mid-nineteenth century outfit she will be wearing -- it will be a surprise to see what era she will choose to highlight for our event! Reservations and more information on this new event will be available at the beginning of April on our Facebook page and in the Akron Bugle.

In the meantime, if you would like to contact Kate about this special fundraiser, please email her at

[Director — RTOH@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:Director_RTOH@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org)

A Special Thank You to everyone who helped at the “Candlelight Evening at the Octagon” - it was so nice to have a Christmas celebration at the Octagon AND the Knight-Sutton Museum in 2022. (The Directors have already started planning our holiday events for this year!)

Dale and Lois Kruschke donated our lovely fresh-cut concolor fir and cedar branches, Joann and Steven Lega donated fresh greens that decorated the doorways and rooms, the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church choir sang songs of the season with Carol Weidman accompanying them on our 1870 pump organ, Graciell from The Soul In Bloom provided holiday teas and Anneliese Meck chatted with visitors wearing an 1850s fashion plate dress.

On hand to greet our 130 visitors were Pat Pearce, Adam Burg, Marlene Gehl, Mary Sellers Hanley, Roxanne Rebmann, Kristen Skeet, Carolyn Finger, Joann Lega, Kimberley Burg, Rita and Larry Diebold, Carole Borchert, and Claudia Best. It was a lovely, joyful evening and I am grateful for all the participation and support of our community.

Kate Stapleton Parzych, Director, Rich-Twinn Octagon

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 CORPORATE SPONSORS!!

We want to sincerely thank our corporate sponsors for 2023. Your support will help us maintain our two museums, the Rich-Twinn Octagon House and the Knight Sutton Museum. *(Members please mention a big “thank you” to these sponsors for their support if you should see them!)*

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It is not too late for your business to join this program - just go to our website: Newsteadhistoricalsociety.org and download the Corporate Sponsorship Application or contact Linda Capan at: membership@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org.



AMAZON SMILE

The Amazon Smile program will be terminated in a few weeks. The company noted that the program has not generated the impact it expected. Many thanks to all who participated in the past. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

PROGRAMS

Start the new year and Newstead's Bicentennial year with a great presentation by Dennis Upton as “Joseph Ellicott.” Joseph Ellicott was hired by the Holland Land Company in 1797 to survey a huge tract of land in western New York. He laid out Batavia, the village of Buffalo and the little communities of Newstead, Clarence and Alden. Join us at Newstead Town Hall on April 13 at 7:00 PM.

The 2023 Program Brochure should be included in this newsletter. Keep it as a handy reminder of upcoming

SYMPATHY

Activity from Nov 1, 2022 – Jan 31, 2023

We are saddened to report the recent passing of:

Life Member, Faith Bassanello
 Honorary Member, William Reber
 Annual Member Allan Starkweather

We extend our sincerest condolences to their family and friends.

WELCOME to the following new ANNUAL

members: Joseph & Karyn Capan Family, Kay Green, Drew & Andrea Langston, Sara Larkin Family, David & Rosalind Meegan, David Rebmann, Kristen Skeet, Barbara Tomasi, and Dawn Whitbeck-Borchert Family

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Thank you to all who have renewed their memberships for 2023. Renewal reminders have been mailed to those who have not renewed yet. We will be updating our membership list in the near future, so please remit soon to continue to receive our newsletter.

Memberships are always available.

Check our website: newsteadhistoricalsociety.org for membership information or email: 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

Here's a recipe from *The Akron Cookbook* published by the Ladies Aid Society of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Akron, NY dated 1921. This recipe is titled "Cracker Jack" submitted by Mrs. C. H. Twinn.

CRACKER JACK

Pop the corn and after removing the hard and unpoped kernels pour into a deep bowl; add some nut kernels, boil until the syrup cracks in cold water, 1 cup molasses, 2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons vinegar; take from fire, add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda, beat briskly and pour over popcorn and chopped peanuts; this is enough syrup for three quarts of popped corn.

MRS. C. H. TWINN

For Newstead's Bicentennial, here's a recipe from *American Domestic Cookery* attributed to Maria Rundell and published in 1823. The recipe is titled "Little white Cakes" and sounds like a nice cookie recipe.

Little white Cakes.

Dry half a pound of flour, rub into it a very little pounded sugar, one ounce of butter, one egg, a few caraways, and as much milk and water as to make a paste; roll it thin, and cut it with the top of a canister or glass. Bake fifteen minutes on tin plates.

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.

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www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org



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Thank you!

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