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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGISTS



This is a picture of the women suffragists parading in New York City, 1917, carrying signs with signatures of more than a million women demanding the right to vote.

On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granted American women the right to vote. This right and the movement to achieve this right was known as woman suffrage.

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Women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, and many more women activists campaigned tirelessly to achieve this goal. They held rallies, marches and protests in various towns.

Susan B. Anthony was here in Wolcott at Mrs. Gardner Northup's home on West Main Street in 1878. This house was next to where the Pit Stop (2017) is located.

To raise public awareness, these ladies, plus many more, formed organizations who lobbied the government to grant the voting rights to women. After a 70-year battle, the 19th Amendment was passed.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott



As you can see in the picture, men formed an association to oppose the women's right to vote. However, many a man stood behind his wife and supported her.

Women in a parade to raise awareness that women should have the right to vote.



If anyone has information on women who were active in this movement in Wolcott, would you share it, so that could become part of our archives?

A Civil Club was organized in 1904 by Wolcott's Mrs. Gardner H. Northup. The meetings were held in the homes of the members every 2 weeks. One of the speakers was Mrs. Ella Crossett, State President of Woman's Suffrage Association. This information can be found in the 1905 "Grips" Historical Souvenir of Wolcott.

The women who joined were: Mrs. George Reed, Miss Lydia Kellogg, Miss Mary Tallcott, Mrs. Henry Paddock, Mrs. Amos Nash, Mrs. Enos Reed, Mrs. Clark LeFevre, Mrs. Hursey, Rev. Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. G.H. Northup, Mrs. J.E. Lawrence, Mrs. O.M. Curtis, Mrs. W.H. Thacker. Their motto was "The Noblest Motive is the Public Good". Many of these ladies were wives of business owners in Wolcott.

We have received grants to have old pictures enlarged so that they can be added to our photo timeline of Wolcott. These will be hung in the space above the picture rail in the museum.

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER

at the
Presbyterian Church
11988 West Main St.,
Wolcott

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

5:30 • EAT AT 6:00

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Featuring a program on
Chimney Bluffs,
presented by Joe O'Toole



Menu:

Baked Chicken, Fixings, and Dessert
served Family-Style

Presale tickets available for \$12.00 at the
Museum or by calling Renee at 315-594-
8660, Linda at 315-594-2765, Mary Ann at
315-594-2689, or Norma at 315-594-9361



WINE-PAIRING DINNER

at
Captain Jack's, 8505 Greig
St., Sodus Point

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
CASH BAR FROM 5-6 PM
SIT-DOWN DINNER AT 6:00PM

5-Course Menu:

1st Course: Stuffed dump-
ling in a lemon grass saffron
broth

2nd Course: Spinach &
Strawberry / Blueberry
poppy seed Vinaigrette

3rd Course: Butter cream
lobster risotto

4th Course: Veal cutlets
pan fried with shitake mush-
rooms & artichoke hearts in
light wine garlic sauce over
roasted red skin potatoes

5th Course: Chocolate covered
strawberry cheesecake
with pistachio crumble &
chocolate whipped cream

To test your auctioning
skills, we've put together
this year many baskets for
the SILENT AUCTION at
the Wine Pairing Dinner.
Come and enjoy the FUN!



Tickets are \$40.00 per person
or \$75.00 per couple.

Presale tickets are available at
Captain Jack's, at the Carriage
House Museum, or by
calling any of the
four individuals above
(under the Annual Dinner).



TEA PARTY

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

STARTS AT 1:00

MAY 13

at
Carriage House Museum,
5994 Jefferson Street,
Wolcott

Program on Women's Suffrage presented by Huron Historian Rosa Fox

Served for your delight will be assorted teas,
tea sandwiches and sweets. Some of us will be dressed
as women of 1917. Black & white were popular colors.

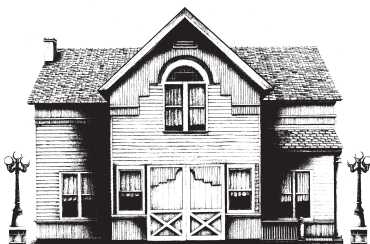
Dresses, skirts, blouses & hats.

Hem lengths were about 6"-8" off floor.

Limited seating space is available.
Call 315-594-9494 (leave a message).



*Tea will be served
in vintage cups!*



Our program committee met in early January to plan events for 2017. Our plan is to have an event or be involved in a community event each month. Our February event was Attracting Birds to your Landscape. The next 4 months' events will be in the local newspapers and the Wolcott Historical Society newsletter. If you'd like to participate, present a program or help in any way please contact us.

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Thank you!

*We welcome these members and
invite them to participate in our activities.*

MEMBERSHIP

\$10.00 — *Individual Membership*

\$15.00 — *Family Membership*

\$25.00 — *Organization Membership*

\$100.00 — *Contributing & Sustaining Membership*

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*A 2-year complimentary membership will be offered to
students 6 grade through high school seniors. Thereafter,
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*An excellent way to help secure the future of the Wolcott Historical
Society is to designate the WHS as a beneficiary of your will,
foundation, or trust. We are a non-profit 501-(c)-(3) corporation.
Donations are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.*

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER

We will continue to take
brick orders and place when
we have received a minimum.

If you would like information or to
place an order, please call:

Bob Stell at 315-594-9065 or

Linda Shippers at 315-594-2765.

Be sure to stop and view
the many bricks that have already
been placed in front of the museum.



CHARLES “CHUCK” & RENEE STEVES



This handsome couple started dating in the fall of 1966. Chuck had just served four years of active duty in the US Marine Corps. In December of 1967 they were married.

They chose to buy a home in the Rochester area on the Genesee River not far from where they were both raised. In June of 1972 the Genesee River flooded. It was the first time since the Mount Morris Dam was built and has not happened since. At the time Renee was 7 months pregnant. They were evacuated for about a week while they waited for the water to recede. After their son, Brian, was born it became clear that the little house on the river was just too small. Thinking that it would take quite some time to sell since it had suffered the flood in June, they listed it for sale in September. Within 24 hours they had an offer. The hunt for another home began. They looked to the west of Rochester, too expensive. Look to the south, same story! A friend had a cottage in Fair Haven, mentioned “the strawberry farm” was for sale. The house was perfect!. Truth be told, it took some time to get used to small town living. They took the challenge as they wanted to raise the family out of the “city”

Chuck was a meat cutter for Star Markets and commuted to Rochester. Renee was a stay at home Mom. Their daughter, Tami, was born in 1975. Their passion for antiques started when they furnished this home and has continued to this day.



They had a house fire in October 1978. They had bought the home from Leland & Margaret Mitchell who held the mortgage for them. The house was underinsured and considered a total loss. If it weren't for the Mitchells, they would have had a much harder time rebuilding. Leland did not expect payment to pay off the mortgage, so they were able to use that money towards rebuilding.

Renee went to work when Tami was in middle school. She worked at Electromark for 3 years. She then started driving school bus for NRW. Renee drove bus and worked in the bus garage office from 1992-2011.

In 1988, Star Markets sold out to Bells Supermarkets and the benefits changed for Chuck. He decided to quit cutting meat and try the antique business full time. They went to antique shows on weekends. Chuck traveled and took a truckload to auctions around the US. He went to Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Their love for antiques continues. They no longer travel and only set up as vendors a couple of times a year. They are involved in the Ontario Mall Antique group, both in Farmington and Irondequoit. It's a constant learning business. That's why they enjoy learning about Wolcott, its people and history through the Historical Society. They feel it is a privilege to serve as board members.



The Perfect House

Chuck & Renee Steves

We'd like to enlist any of our members who would be interested in helping with the publicity of our events, including news write ups, posters, tickets for events, etc. Please contact Norma Stewart, 315-594-9361. Call me with any questions. Thank you.

We received 3 old ledgers that contained information about the people in Wolcott. One ledger was 1823 and is the minutes of the Village meetings. The other 2 seem to be ledgers that kept the accounts of debts owed to contractors and merchants. We had these scanned and are currently being copied onto a DVD so that the public can have access to them. If you stop by the museum we have the DVD player disk showing the move of the Carriage House Museum. The ledgers DVD should be ready in a couple of weeks.



George Graves' desk. You'll see on one of pictures on the standing board George seated at this desk.

This desk (below right) was at one time used as the Post Office in the home of Dr. David Arne. His home was on the corner of Wright & West Main Street and later moved to Smith Street. The move was accomplished by oxen and logs. Today the home is owned by the Douglass family. Later the desk found its way to Dr. Single's office on East Main Street. From there it was rescued by Historian Wm. A. Armstrong. This is just one of the interesting artifacts of Wolcott that has found a home at the Carriage House Museum. On this desk is a picture of Russell Doolittle, who was a rural delivery mailman. We also have placed a large post card album of local postcards.

A photo album of the Palace Theatre, complete with the placards of what movies were playing for the month. The theatre was open to show 3 different movies in each week. Come in and take a walk down memory lane!



Remember (before every home had a TV) sitting in front of a radio listening to your favorite program? Donated by Jack & Phyllis Rosecrans' by a neighbor next to their home.



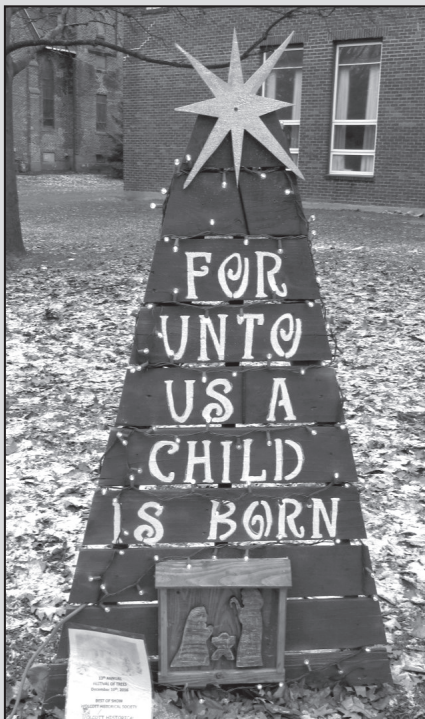


1858 MAPS

The Wayne County township colored maps remain available at the Carriage House Museum. These were successfully reproduced from the original 1858 Gillette's Wayne County Wall Map. The sizes are 12"x12" or 11"x14". Included are Wolcott, Village of Wolcott, Huron, Butler, Rose, Sodus, Savannah, and Galen. These include an index of the 1858 property owners' locations. The cost is \$9.75 each if picked up at the Museum, plus postage if mailed.

We also have for sale the 1874 Town of Wolcott map. For restoration purposes we had the entire 1858 Gillette map reproduced and now have it framed. It is for sale or can be used for display purposes at various functions.

**These were 3 of the Festival of Trees that were placed in Northup Park.
It was not easy to keep the decorations on the trees due to the wind!**





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LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

President's Message

Now that the holidays are over and we've moved to 2017, we look forward to some exciting changes. Since the attendance at the museum during the winter months is very minimal, we decided to be open 2 Saturdays each month during the months of February and March. The open times are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 10-2. We will open by appointment by calling, Bob Stell, 315-594-9065, Linda Shippers, 315-594-2765, or Norma Stewart, 315-594-9361.

Last year we had a program and book signing by Dick Camp. November was our bake sale, the week before Thanksgiving, at Bob's Supermarket. A big thank you to those that helped with making the bake sale a big success.

In December we sponsored The Festival of Trees and an Open House, both complete with refreshments. The tree lighting was well attended despite the weather. We'd like to

thank those who provided refreshments and to those that decorated the Museum and provided crafts for those that attended. We had 19 decorated trees. The winners this year as follows: Children's Division won by North Rose Girl Scouts; Adult division — Santa by the North Wolcott Historical Society and Best Overall won by Wolcott Historical Society. Thank you to all that contributed to this event.

We've added some more publications to our Gift Shop by authors Jon Countryman & Norma



Pearson, John Powell and Rosa Fox. These make great gifts!

If you have any suggestions let me hear from you.

Mary Ann Ryan
President