

# Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

*"Celebrating 60 Years" 1964-2024*  
Newsletter

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## *From Your President*

### *Sail Into Summer with W-PHS*

Just as Summer arrived with such unbelievable sizzling temperatures, it seems impossible to believe that our July/August newsletter marks the midpoint of 2024, our 60th Anniversary. While we find ourselves nestled in the lush greenery of the season, it appears that below freezing Spring temperatures have impacted the agricultural bounty of the season, affecting both size and quality of some crops. It seems that just as time has a way of marching on, history also often continues to repeat itself!



With a bustling and memorable Spring behind us, W-PHS has had a couple of busy months. In addition to daily behind-the-scenes activity, below is an at-a-glance summary of recent events:

•For its May Program, W-PHS hosted a “*Share Your Eclipse Memories and Stories*” event at Gates Hall with moderator Deborah Ross, Chair of the Rochester Eclipse 2024 Task Force. While many of our members missed this event, it was a moving experience enjoyed by many others who traveled to Pultneyville to share their collective stories which were documented by the Wayne County Office of Tourism and became part of our Eclipse history. To view “2024 Eclipse Memories” please visit <https://youtu.be/u81wpl-MS2E>

•W-PHS again owes a debt of gratitude to those who cheerfully volunteered their time and talents to help maintain our buildings and grounds on **May 23rd**, our annual Day of Caring. Many hands make light work and this continues to be an important event meant to address needs not otherwise taken care of for which we rely on volunteers. Thank You to each and every volunteer.

•On **May 30th** W-PHS hosted the annual 4th Grade Walking Tour of Pultneyville for students of the Williamson Central School District.

With gratitude, we thank Maria Ehresman, our Education Liaison, for organizing and arranging the tour which began at historic Gates Hall; tour guides Sue Jane Evans and Perry Howland; cookie bakers Dottie Howland and Joan Stell, and the Pultneyville Reformed Church for graciously hosting the group in the pavilion for lunch and games. Recent Thank You letters from our 4th graders confirm that it’s a worthwhile event and continues to be important to creating a greater awareness for local history.

•On **May 31st**, it was our pleasure to welcome a group of visitors to Gates Hall while on a tour of historic sites along the southern shore of Lake Ontario who were in the area working on the development of an Underground Railroad Curriculum Project. The tour was designed to give a quick overview of the area landscape and present ideas for what might be possible for inclusion in the development of curriculum materials.

•On Sunday, **June 2nd** we were delighted to again host a by invitation only private concert for RPO Patrons at Gates Hall who enjoyed the sounds of violin and piano filling the air of our nearly 200 year old building.

•Thank You to all, who in some way, supported the **June 3rd** 4th Annual “Golf for Gates Hall” Tournament. We gratefully acknowledge that under the leadership of Tournament Chair, Terry Sutherland, net proceeds from this event that was established to fund improvements to Gates Hall, continue to grow each year.

•On **June 15th** Historic Gates Hall was the host site for a well-attended violin recital by students of Rachael Mantelli, violinist, pianist, performer and educator.

•**June 21st** marked the opening of another Exhibit Season at the W-PHS House at 4130 Mill Street. Exhibits remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4pm through Columbus Day weekend or by special appointment. Thank You to our many volunteers who make this possible.

•**June 27th** marked another extraordinary evening of music with *Thomas DeFisher in Concert* at Gates Hall as he performed *A Timeless Love Story* featuring composers from the last three centuries. Needless to say, concert goers and performer were delighted to be in a more comfortable climate controlled environment this year than the over 100 degree temperatures at last year's concert!

Over the summer, keep an eye out for noticeable improvements to Gates Hall, supported by a very generous donor who immediately noticed the exterior condition of the hall when visiting for the first time. Recognizing the significance of our ongoing investment to preserve the hall, it was felt that it would be fiscally prudent to further protect the building from the outside in. Needless to say, we are beyond grateful for this commitment to partner with W-PHS to further preserve the hall and enhance its presence in the community as we prepare to celebrate the 200th Birthday of this historic building.

Please check our calendar, website and Facebook pages for future events and programs. All are invited to join W-PHS and the community as we "**Sail into Summer**" together at the **64th Annual Homecoming Festivities** on **July 20th** . . . details found on following pages.

While not all Fall plans are confirmed at this time, you can see from the calendar included in this newsletter that we have a busy season coming up. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

In recognition of the society's 60th Anniversary and community support through the years, all are invited to enjoy our gift of "Complimentary Admission" to the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House Exhibits at our 64th Annual Homecoming Festivities on July 20th, from 1-4pm. We look forward to your visit and celebrating with you!

Regards,

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*Nanette Peters Hance*

*W-PHS President*



## Volunteers Needed!

Summer has arrived and your W-PHS House is again open for visitors. Today was our first day of the season. We welcomed both a local gentleman and his friend from Scotland to explore parts of Pultneyville's past through our exhibits, but we need your help. After this weekend there are 49 more days in our schedule. There are volunteers for only 7 of those afternoons.

There are changes to several of our exhibits to interest both volunteers and visitors. We will be glad to help you learn the very simple procedures required to open the house and assist visitors who may come. Please remember that the most important duty is to welcome guests and to share with them something you enjoy about the area.

Please consider your schedule and call Sue-Jane Evans when you find a day you would like to spend at W-PHS. The House is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 until 4:00.

(585) 415-4952 or (315) 589-8422

## W-PHS Vacancies

As per previous communications, we need to fill the below vacancies in order for W-PHS to function efficiently and enable the Board to effectively address W-PHS business:

### W-PHS Board Vacancies

- Communication Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Secretary

### Operational Support Roles

- Hospitality
- Media & Publicity
- Nominating
- Programs
- Supplies (Mill St House & Gates Hall)

Please submit names to fill the above vacancies to Terry Sutherland at [tsutherl@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tsutherl@rochester.rr.com) for consideration.



## *Golf for Gates Hall*

The oldest small active community theatre in continuous operation in the United States.

Friends of Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society,

Our 4th Annual Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society “*Golf for Gates Hall*” Tournament, held on Monday, June 3rd, at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Course, was a huge success!

If you sponsored, played, donated or volunteered to work in the golf tournament this year, we cannot thank you enough. The tournament, with the generosity of all our sponsors and donations, helped raise just over \$17,000 which will be allocated to Phase IV of the Gates Hall Preservation Plan. This phase focuses on the exterior of the Hall to address the deteriorating clapboard siding and windows.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of our valued sponsors:

### **EXCLUSIVE SPONSORS**

- \$5,000 Gates Hall Partner - David & Sherri Malgee
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- \$1,000 Gold Sponsor – Raydiant Dental Studio- Ray Henry
- \$1,000 Gold Sponsor – Sutherland Landscape – Ted, Terry & Luke Sutherland
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- \$500 Bronze Sponsor – PACE Electronics – Dawn Smith & Alan Zimmer

### **HOLE SPONSORS**

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| Jim Hoffman                        | StoreMore Self Storage         |

### **MONETARY DONATIONS**

- Alard Equipment Corporation
- Infinite Audio
- Dixon Realty
- Lou & Darlene Martino
- Jamie Sonnevile

Thank you to Peter Parts for donating his time to capture our tournament with photos and providing the link below. You can right click to save any picture you like for free.

<https://peterparts.smugmug.com/W-PHS-Auual-Golf-Tournament->

***We hope you will join us again next year for our 5th<sup>h</sup> Annual W-PHS “Golf for Gates Hall” Tournament on Monday, June 2, 2025.***

Community involvement is so important to the life of all organizations. THANK YOU to all of you for supporting our tournament. It would not have been a success without all of you!

Terry Sutherland & Team  
W-PHS Tournament Chair

### **Team Members:**

- Charlotte Buehler – Raffle Tickets
- Florence Doyle – Registration Desk
- Kathy Fedick – Registration Desk
- Peter Parts – Photography
- Auction Table Setup – Chelsy
- Klopotowski, Jon & Thea Sinclair,
- Carly Zecher
- Joe Kozloski – Auctioneer
- Thea Sinclair – Power Plan Ticket Sales
- Bob Zeman – On-Course Games
- Deb Parts – Putting Contest



## W-PHS May/June 2024 Events



### A Tale of Two Pultneyville Walking Tours

The first tour took place on a cool, sunny day on May 30. The second one took place on a warm, humid evening on June 17.

The first tour was for WCS 4th graders led by Sue Jane Evans and Perry Howland. The second was for WCS Adult Education participants led by town historian Perry Howland.

That's where the differences end and the similarities begin. The enthusiasm of the 4th graders was matched by the enthusiasm of the adults. Interest was displayed by both groups in the questions asked following the tours.

Hopefully the "tales" of the War of 1812, the Underground Railroad and early shipping will spark a lasting interest in local history for all!

From students in Mr. Barnard's class:  
*Thank You for the great experience of learning a lot more stuff about Pultneyville. You guys are the best. Thank You!!! -Benji*  
*Thank You for the best day ever! -Kendall*  
*...I had a lot of fun walking while you guys talked and put information in our heads. -Lillian*  
*. . my favorite part was learning about cider/vinegar mill by the creek.*

From Mrs. Sheets' Class:  
*...we learned a lot and had fun! Here is what we learned:*  
*The slaves lived in the houses when they were looking for freedom. -Sierra*  
*Colonial children loved molasses cookies and we do too! -Javier*  
*The Post Office by Salmon Creek was the first in Wayne County. -Kaleb*



### Sharing Eclipse Stories with Debra Ross at the May 5th W- PHS Program



### Day of Caring May 23, 2024



### Golf for Gates Hall June 3, 2024

**Thank you!**

Terry Sutherland and her entire team for their efforts in another successful Golf Tournament this year.

**Thank you!**

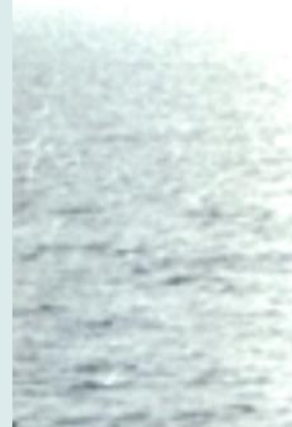
Chris O'Neil, Thomas Guiler, and Mike Colmey for the presentation at Gates Hall "Oneida Community Mansion Hall" in Oneida, NY

**Come Sail Into Summer at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Pultneyville Homecoming on Saturday, July 20th!**

See the summary of activities below and the check out our website:  
<https://pultneyvillehomecoming.com> for details.

**Please note: **R** = Participants Register at**  
<https://pultneyvillehomecoming.com>

- **Join the All Vehicle Parade** with your tractor, antique car, convertible, side by side, golf cart, etc. Dress it up to support our theme – Sail Into Summer! **R**, parade at 3 pm, arrive at Pultneyville firehall by 2:30
- **Reserve a tailgate space** to guarantee a place to park your vehicle and enjoy your picnic **R**
- Join the **family fun run **R**** at Cornwall Preserve at 1 pm and/or go on a self-guided **scavenger hunt**
- Enjoy the gift of “Complimentary Admission” to the Williamson-Pultneyville **Historical Society House Exhibits** from 1-4 pm on Homecoming Day
- Sign up for a guided homecoming **walking tour** of Pultneyville **R**, 1:30 or 5:30
- Visit historic **Gates Hall** and hear **Keith Herman read his children’s book about the Almayza followed by his presentation on its history and the 5 year project to restore it**, open 12-3 & 4-6, Keith’s talk at 4:30 pm
- Enter the Sail Into Summer **Paintable Sailboat Contest**, 3 pm deadline
- **Purchase NYS craft beers** and **baked goods** under the tent, from 12 -2
- Enjoy **local adult beverages** at the beverage tent, from 4 – 7
- **Tempt your taste buds** for your picnic in Centennial Park with Pultneyville Potatoes, Pearl’s Pies, Pizza Stop Pizzas, Deli deliciousness, and liquid nitrogen ice cream (or bring your own picnic)
- Have fabulous **face-painter, Starr**, adorn your cheek with a sailboat, apple, pig or ?? from 4:30-6:30
- Get your groove on to the **live music of Jim Lane, 4-7 pm and Patrick Young, 7-10 pm**
- Play **games** in the park and **ride ponies**, west side of Gates Hall, from 4-7 pm



*“Pultneyville, NY”  
(2018.0073.0189 Chester A. Peters’  
Digital Photo Collection)*



# SAIL INTO SUMMER CONTEST



**The Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society**

invites you to continue the tradition begun last year with our Painted Pig Contest by purchasing one of these rugged miniature sailboats made of genuine Lake Ontario driftwood for just \$10. With a paintable sail, paint included in the kit, make it your own by painting/decorating the sail and then entering it in the "Sail into Summer" contest in Gates Hall at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Pultneyville Homecoming to be held on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. All ages are welcome. This could make a fun group activity too, whether young or old! Sailboat kit (boat & paint), \$10, is available until July 18th by leaving a message at **518 528-6063**. Funds raised support our mission to provide a fun and entertaining community event for all.

**Please join us for the  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual Pultneyville Homecoming  
Saturday, July 20, Gates Hall area**  
sponsored by the  
Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Coming Soon: Visit <https://pultneyvillehomecoming.com> or our FB page Pultneyville Homecoming 2024 for more details

*Please drop off Entries for Sailboat Contest at Gates Hall, 4107 Lake Road, between 12 noon and 3pm on Homecoming Day, Saturday, July 20th!*



## **NYS CRAFT BEER\* SALE**

**BUILD-A-PACK, 6 or 12**

*Proceeds Benefit Historic Gates Hall*

**ONLY from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

And don't miss the Pines of Peace Bake Sale

Both under the tent, East side of Gates Hall  
at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

## **"Sail Into Summer" HOMECOMING FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

**12:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

Pultneyville's Centennial Park and Gates Hall



Product donated by:  
Raise a Glass Foundation  
from the  
New York State Brewers Association's  
Annual NYS Craft Beer Competition

**Pearl's Pie Sale is coming back for Homecoming 2024!**



**Yumm!**

**Calling all pie bakers!** Can you bake a pie or two for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>?

We'll be selling slices of your pretty pies (or other delicious homemade desserts) at the community picnic for a tasty ending to a perfect day. Summer fruit pies will be in high demand! If you can show off your baking skills and contribute to this fundraiser, please call or text Deb Parts at 585-329-8442.

**Let's make Pearl proud!**

**Homecoming Walking Tours Available July 20th**

Reserve your space today! Make a reservation for a 1:30pm or 5:30pm guided Homecoming Walking Tour of Historic Pultneyville on July 20th at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org).

Tours begin at the W-PHS House, 4130 Mill Street; check-in starts 1/2 hour before each tour. Walking Tours are a ticketed event and reservations are required. Cash only accepted the day of tour as space may permit on a first come, first served basis after ticket holders have checked in.



Will you be "OINKED" by our friendly piggy?

If you've ever been "Flocked" by flamingoes, you may have an idea of what being "OINKED" is all about.

So be on the lookout for a "pig pen" appearing on your lawn between June 28 – July 19. One of your friends may choose you to participate in this fundraiser for W-PHS to support the 64th annual Pultneyville Homecoming on Saturday, July 20th. If those wiggly piggies show up looking for some "bacon" from you, please check out their tag to find out how to get your lawn cleaned up and help support the fabulous "Sail Into Summer" homecoming day. Then plan on joining us at Gates Hall and Centennial Park for all the fun festivities!



**SALE OF ORIGINAL HISTORIC PULTNEYVILLE HOMECOMING BOOKLETS FROM PAST DECADES**

Filled from cover to cover with history and recollections of Pultneyville featuring historical accounts of yesteryear and Homecomings which began in 1957

Under the Tent, East Side of Gates Hall  
**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Proceeds Benefit W-PHS

"Sail Into Summer"  
**HOMECOMING FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024



## UPCOMING W-PHS PROGRAMS & EVENTS

**July 20 *Pultneyville Homecoming*** (see Page 10 for Homecoming Time Schedule)

**August 7, 5:30pm *W-PHS Annual Picnic and Program*** at B. Forman Park House

Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverage provided.  
Program starting at 6:30 PM: A History of Forman Park.

**August 8th, 7pm *Thomas DeFisher performs "Die schöne Müllerin"*** at Gates Hall (Tickets available after July 10th at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org))

**August 26, 7pm *W-PHS Board of Trustees Meeting*** at Gates Hall

**September 12, 7pm "*Ryan Quinn Live*"** at Gates Hall  
(Tickets available in August at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org))

**October 5, 7pm and 8:30pm *Annual "Meet the Spirits of Pultneyville"*** featuring Historic Character Portrayals at Lake View Cemetery  
(Tickets available in September at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org))

**October 26, 7pm "*Meet the Spirits of Williamson*"** at Gates Hall  
(Tickets available in September at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org))

**October 28, 5pm *W-PHS Board of Trustees Meeting*** at Gates Hall

**November 6th, 7pm *W-PHS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers*** at Gates Hall

**November 25, 5pm *W-PHS Board of Trustees Meeting*** at Gates Hall

**November 30, 4pm "*A Christmas Carol*" with *Kim Tenreiro*** at Gates Hall  
(Tickets available in October at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org))

### W-PHS Annual Picnic is Wednesday, August 7!

Did you know there is a long, colorful history to B. Forman Park? Come to the WPHS annual picnic and see a "human" time line of that history from native Americans to present day.

Supper is early at 5:30pm and the program begins at 6:30pm at the Big House at B. Forman Park.

Bring a dish to pass and table service. Beverage will be provided. Come and enjoy this annual event, rain or shine!



### BEWARE OF SCAMS

**Should members receive the below, or similar emails from our W-PHS President, please beware that it is a SCAM . . . DO NOT REPLY!**

*"Are you available to assist? I am quite unavailable now and I've got credence in you to take care of this task urgently. Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society (W-PHS). need some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units for preventive items from COVID-19 Disease. I am liable for reimbursement. Need more info?"*



**Die schöne Müllerin**  
**To Grace Gates Hall Stage August 8, 7pm**  
*Submitted by Nanette P. Hance*

Thomas DeFisher will take center stage to perform *Die schöne Müllerin* at Gates Hall on Thursday, August 8th. Built in 1825, the hall provides a historic ambiance and backdrop for the romantic story set in 1823 of a young miller wandering the countryside who befriends a stream which leads him to a mill where he falls in love with the miller's daughter.

Throughout a cycle of twenty songs composed by the Austrian composer, Franz Schubert, with poems from the German poet Wilhelm Müller, the beautiful maid of the mill eventually has a change of heart in favor of a hunter. In despair, the young miller wades into the brook that has been his companion and drowns himself.

The performance, which moves from cheerful optimism to tragedy, will showcase the talents of DeFisher as both pianist and soloist as he brings this story to life.

DeFisher is a graduate of the Williamson Central School District and a rising junior studying at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, Wheaton, IL.

With gratitude and thanks to Thomas, proceeds from this concert, in part, benefit the Gates Hall Preservation Fund. Tickets are available at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org).



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

**RYAN QUINN**  
**LIVE AT**  
**GATES HALL**



Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 12, 2024 when Ryan Quinn from near by Clinton, NY will perform live on the historic Gates Hall stage at 7pm! A vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, and performer, Ryan is most known for his four-chair-turning performance on Season 10 of NBC's "The Voice."

While on "The Voice" Quinn advanced to the "Live Playoffs" and was coached by Adam Levine, Tori Kelly, Miley Cyrus, and Christina Aguilera.

Since then, Ryan has had the pleasure of performing, touring, recording, and collaborating with some amazing acts, including: Postmodern Jukebox, Aubrey Logan, Loren Gold of "The Who," bass virtuoso Hadrien Feraud, and jazz legend Scott Kinsey. Having been influenced by multiple genres, Ryan combines elements of rock, pop, folk, soul and jazz into a unique style of his own.

Tickets for this live 90 minute performance will be available starting August 1st at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org).

Proceeds from ticket sales directly benefit the Gates Hall Preservation Fund to support on-going improvements to America's oldest, continuously active small community theatre.

## Time Schedule For Pultneyville Homecoming Saturday, July 20, 2024

Please note: **R** = Participants Register at <https://pultneyvillehomecoming.com>

- 12 – 2 pm** W-PHS NYS Craft Beer Sale, donated by Raise A Glass Foundation from NYS Craft Brewers Association Annual Competition under the tent, east of Gates Hall
- 12 – 2 pm** Almayza on display in Centennial Park
- 12 – 2 pm** Pines of Peace baked goods sale near the Craft Beer Sale
- 12–3 & 4-6 pm** Gates Hall open house
- 1 pm** Family Fun Run at Cornwall Preserve **R** and Self-guided Scavenger Hunt
- 1 -4 pm** Open house at W-PHS
- 1:30 & 5:30 pm** Walking Tours of Pultneyville, meet at W-PHS House, \$10 **R**
- 1 – 5 pm** Car Show in parking lot behind Deli
- 2 & 6 pm** Demonstration of Homemade Ice Cream made with Liquid Nitrogen, Centennial Park, Ice Cream for sale, \$3 per serving
- 3 pm** Deadline for Sail into Summer contest entry. Sailboats must be at Gates Hall for judging by 3 pm. Boats & Paint are available for purchase, \$10 each from now until July 18th by leaving a message at 518 528-6063. Pay by cash, check or Venmo
- 3 – 4 pm** All Vehicle Parade from Pultneyville Fire Hall around triangle **R**
- 4 – 6 pm** Gates Hall open house
- 4 – Sold Out** W-PHS brings back Pearl's Pie Slices, buy a slice for your dessert
- 4 – 7 pm** Adult Beverage Tent, east side of Gates Hall, with tastings and bottle sales, \$5 suggested donation for admission, please have ID
- 4 – 9 pm** Picnic in Centennial Park across from Gates Hall (bring your own picnic or buy great local food from the Deli, Pizza Stop, or Smoke & Barrel Food Truck featuring Pultneyville Potatoes - smoked baked potatoes with brisket or pulled pork), bring lawn chairs, games available (corn hole, bocce, Jenga, connect 4, pony rides by Little Dude Ranch)
- 4:30 pm** Keith Herman at Gates Hall reading his pre-release children's book on the Almayza followed by his presentation on its history and 5 year restoration project
- 4 – 10 pm** Live music featuring Jim Lane (4-7 pm) & Patrick Young (7-10 pm)
- 4:30–6:30 pm** Face Painting by Starr
- 5:30 pm** Walking Tour, meet at W-PHS house, \$10 **R**
- 6:00 pm** Demonstration of Homemade Ice Cream made with Liquid Nitrogen, Centennial Park, Ice Cream for sale, \$3 per serving
- 6 pm** Winners of Sail into Summer Contest announced





## Collection Management

### Fostering Preservation, Accessibility and Utility



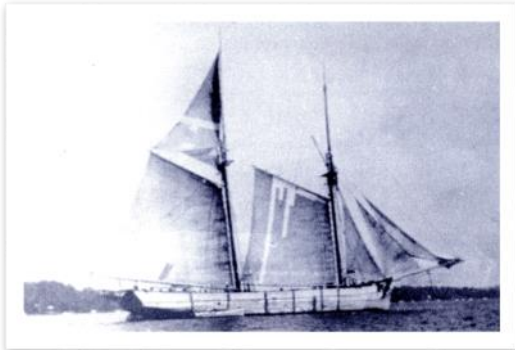
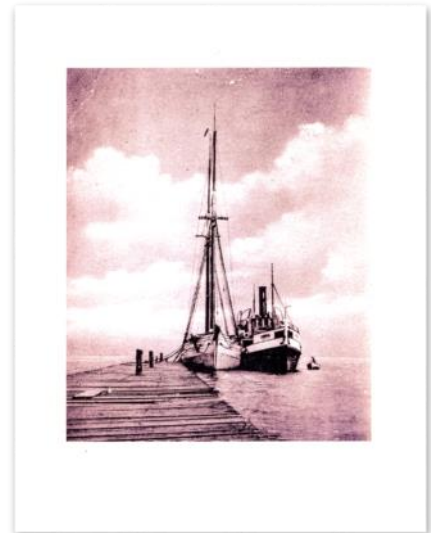
## PHOTOS FROM YESTERYEAR

### By Dan Montondo

The theme of the 2024 Pultneyville Homecoming is “Sail Into Summer” so I thought it is only appropriate to show some historical sailing photos.

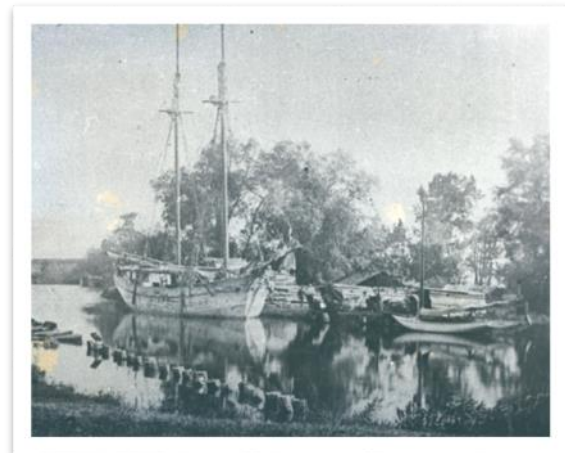
Pultneyville was founded during the Age of Sails and was a sailing port throughout the 19th Century. This undated photo shows an unidentified sailing ship docked at the pier with a steamship tied up alongside. The name of the steamship is blurry but may be the CORNWALL.

*“At the East Pier, Pultneyville, NY” (2018.0073.0180  
Chester A. Peters' Digital Photo Collection)*



*“LYMAN DAVIS Last Commercial Schooner on the lakes at Sodus Point  
burned at Canadian National Expo in 1934” (2018.0073.0183 Chester A.  
Peters' Digital Photo Collection)*

A photo taken on Salmon Creek, the FRED L. WELLS along what is now the Pultneyville Mariners. Note the stacks of lumber on shore and that the ALMAYZA is also tied up. The Almaza has been recently restored by Keith Herman and will be featured at this year's festival. There are two copies of this photo, one dated 1890s while this one is dated circa 1908.



*“Fred L. Wells c-1908 Last Vessel to sail from the Port of Pultneyville”  
(2018.0073.0198 The Chester A. Peters' Digital Photo Collection)*



## Collection Management

### Fostering Preservation, Accessibility and Utility



Sailing maintained a presence in Pultneyville into the 20th century though now it was for recreation and sport instead of commerce. One of the locally famous sailboats was the SCUD which belonged to Clarence Burcroff (C.R. Burcroff's grandfather). The SCUD was known for it's speed winning many races on Lake Ontario, it's speed was also rumored to be significant during the period of prohibition when it would take overnight sails to Canada loaded with local fruit and return with provisions for the PIG'S EAR a local hangout.



*"SCUD leaving Stell Aug 17, 1926 for the U.S.A.; Skipper - Dick Burcroff; Crew - Guy R. Hance" (2022.0028.03 donated by Richard Burcroff Jr.)*



*"July 1948 Part of the Pultneyville Yacht Club Fleet " in this 1948 photo I count eight sailboat sterns that appear to be Lightning Class Sailboats (2022.0028.04 donated by Richard Burcroff Jr.)*

When the Pultneyville Yacht Club was founded in the 1940s it had a significant Lightning Fleet. The Lightnings are a 19 foot racing sailboat designed by Sparkman and Stephens in 1938. There are still a few Lightnings in Pultneyville, and one built in Pultneyville by Raymond Walvoord is in the Finger Lakes Boating Museum Collection.

In the 1960s, the Pultneyville Mariners were known for their extensive Sunfish Fleet. I failed to find a photograph of the Sunfish lined up side-by-side on the beach, however W-PHS has a painting of Sunfish donated by Gordon and Jackie Walker.



*Sunfish on the Beach in Pultneyville; Ernest Lay 1962 (2021.0047.01 donated by Gordon and Jackie Walker)*







## *Summer on the Grounds*

*Submitted by Linda Parmelee*

Day of Caring has a huge impact every year and this year was no exception. An eager crew arrived about 8am and began to charge through the tasks for the day. The huge burn pile behind the barn was cut way down under the supervision on Dan Montondo. The mini forest of saplings behind the barn were cut down in preparation for barn related work. Weed trees growing to the west of the house were also cut down. The gutters were cleaned out thanks to Bob Zeman and others who are brave enough to climb ladders. The garden beds in front of the house were edged and edging will continue in the coming weeks. Weeding, deadheading and more have the grounds looking great and ready for summer visitors. In the park, a bench wrapping around one of the old maples was dismantled. Decorative pots were planted—there are now four out front.

Over the course of the summer, the gardening group will continue to keep the grounds tidy. While the spring flowers have bloomed, we are looking forward to more blooms from peonies, foxglove and roses.

In the near future, one of the maples on the west side of Gates Hall will be removed. Unfortunately, many of the big maples on the grounds are nearing the end of their lives. As we replace/remove them, we will plant a variety of trees as replacements or possibly leave a space open.

There is always room for more gardening enthusiasts . Come and join us any fair weather Tuesday morning from 9-10. There's always more to do!



### **Thank you!**

Eric Sanders for the upkeep & decorations of our Pultneyville sign on Lake Road.



## Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

*Nurturing, sharing, preserving, and protecting the history of the Township of Williamson*

### Membership Form

*Mail completed form to: Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society, ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 92, Pultneyville NY 14538  
Tax deductible membership dues are effective for 12 months from the date payment is received.*

*Please include information for both adults. E-mail is required to receive newsletters.*

Name _____	Name _____
Phone# _____	Phone# _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____
Mailing Address _____	Mailing Address _____
City/Town _____	State _____ Zip _____
Residential Address _____	Residential Address _____
City/Town _____	State _____ Zip _____
Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____	Would you like communications sent via email, text, or both? _____

Basic Category	Annual Cost	Business Category	Annual Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	Single: \$25, Couple: \$35, Family: \$40*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Partner	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	Single: \$50, Couple: \$60, Family: \$65*	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Advocate	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer	\$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Associate	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Benefactor	\$500 and above
<input type="checkbox"/> Legacy	\$500 and above		

\* Includes immediate family members only including children 18 years of age and younger

#### Membership Benefits

##### Basic Categories

**Friend:** W-PHS Newsletter, E-NEWS Blasts, Admission to Exhibits at W-PHS House and W-PHS Programs (excludes special ticketed events).  
**Patron:** All Friend benefits *plus* a "Behind-the-Scenes" Guided Tour of Gates Hall.  
**Sustainer** – All Patron benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.  
**Benefactor** – All Sustainer benefits *plus* one basic use of Gates Hall (date and use to be approved by Gates Hall Committee).  
**Legacy** – All Benefactor benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Membership Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

##### Business Categories

**Partner** – Basic Friend benefits *plus* business card listing on website and business listing in all newsletters.  
**Advocate** – Partner benefits *plus* NARM Reciprocal Membership.  
**Associate** – Advocate benefits *plus* one basic complimentary use of Gates Hall (date and use as approved by Gates Hall Committee).  
**Benefactor** – Associate benefits *plus* eligibility to serve on W-PHS Advisory Council to Property Committee and opportunity to attend Exhibits Preview Event.

#### Additional Ways to Give!

**Tribute Gifts ...** *A meaningful way to pay tribute to others or to commemorate a special occasion or milestone*  
 - Give a Gift of Honor to recognize someone special or a special time in life.  
 - Give a Memorial Gift to celebrate the life of a loved one, friend, colleague, or someone who touched your life in a special way.  
**Planned Giving ...** *Gifts that may fit in individual financial, tax, or estate planning goals.*  
**Unrestricted Gifts ...** *Gifts to be used as W-PHS deems best to support its mission.*  
**Endowment Gifts ...** *Income generating gifts that help to sustain W-PHS beyond a single fiscal year.*

**Please check areas of interest for volunteering**

<input type="checkbox"/> Homecoming / Garage Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits / Archives Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity / Fundraising Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Building / Grounds Upkeep	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Planning / Docent Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer / Committee Chair

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the membership dues and/or donation as shown above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact W-PHS (email treasurer@w-phs.org) with any questions about ways to give which extend beyond membership. Thank you for your consideration!

## **NARM MEMBERSHIPS**

Submitted by Nanette P. Hance

It has been the pleasure of W-PHS to offer the NARM membership option. Please note that while our NARM Membership Level is just one of many W-PHS membership levels, it has been well received given its significant value in savings realized when visiting over 1,100 NARM member venues. Individuals are not able to take advantage of this benefit without belonging to a NARM member organization. It therefore has been a popular member benefit and membership level that continues to grow and serve both our members and W-PHS well.

Thank You to our NARM members for supporting this option which was meant to provide a meaningful benefit in appreciation for your support.



### **North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM)**

As W-PHS strives to broaden member benefits, we now hold an institutional membership in the North America Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) through which we can offer a higher level of membership which extends benefits well beyond our own organization. Membership levels at \$125 or above now include reciprocal NARM benefits which entitle members to free, or reduced, admission and varying shop discounts at over 1,000 institutions across North America. The NARM network includes art museums and galleries, historical museums and societies, botanical gardens, children's museums, zoos, and more across the United States, Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. For a complete listing of participating institutions, please visit [narmassociation.org](http://narmassociation.org).

W-PHS members at the \$125 level or above will receive membership cards bearing NARM identification for use at participating venues. Some in our immediate area include the Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman Museum, Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum, the Seneca Falls Heritage and Tourism Center, and the Finger Lakes Boating Museum where the W-PHS historic Minnehaha wooden boat is currently on loan.

## About the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Founded in 1964 and chartered in 1971, the mission of the Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society is to preserve, protect and share local history of the Town of Williamson, NY, in general, and the unincorporated hamlet of Pultneyville in particular, by creating curiosity, inspiring involvement, and providing exceptional experiences by making history come alive.



The Society is located in a landmark dwelling known as the *Auchampaugh* home at 4130 Mill St. This house was built for Harvey Auchampaugh about 1858 by Russell Cole, a local blacksmith and builder. Auchampaugh was a prominent businessman in the hamlet, a harness maker, drugstore proprietor and Postmaster for several years.

Rooms in the home contain exhibits, archived information, a gift shop and business office. The Society House is regularly open mid-June through mid-October 1-4pm Friday through Sunday or by Special Appointment by calling 315.589.9892.

### W-PHS Board Meetings Information and Program/Event Cancellation Policy

W-PHS Board meetings are generally scheduled to be held at Gates Hall at 4107 Mill Street, Pultneyville at 5 pm on the last Monday of the month as per published schedule. However, due to COVID-19, and to ensure social distancing, the time and location may change, or may be held electronically.

Any W-PHS member in good standing may attend on a non-voting basis and can request to be placed on the agenda for a specific purpose related to the Society. For the meeting schedule, please refer to the society's website at [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org). The meeting schedule is also published in every newsletter.

The W-PHS Board meetings/program/event cancellation policy: From time to time there may be a need to cancel a program, event or meeting because of weather.

Cancellation Criteria: Schools are closed and/or after school events are cancelled due to weather (Williamson/Wayne County). W-PHS Programs/Events will be cancelled by the Program Chair.

Communication: The Program Chair will notify the President/Vice President and Communications Chair. The Communications Chair will disseminate the information to the website and social media coordinators. The Program Chair will notify the presenters of the event. The Program Chair will reschedule the program (if possible) and the Communications Chair will disseminate the rescheduled time and date when it is available. The President/Vice President will ensure the procedure is followed.

#### W-PHS Board Meetings 2024

JANUARY 15 (W-PHS Board Workshop, ItClix)

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 25

MAY 20

JUNE 24

AUGUST 26, 7pm

OCTOBER 28

NOVEMBER 25

*All Board Meetings  
will be held in Gates  
Hall at 5:00 pm unless  
noted otherwise on  
[www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org)*

#### Contact us:

On the web: [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org)  
phone: 315.589.9892

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society  
4130 Mill Street, PO Box 92, Pultneyville, NY 14538

**To become a member, go to  
[www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org) and click on the Member-  
ship tab.**

**Newsletter ideas?**

Send to Barbara Crawford, Editor at  
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# WLLIAMSON-PULTNEYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## W-PHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Nanette Hance	nanhance@gmail.com
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### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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<b>Town Historian</b>	Perry Howland	peridot@rakedsouthgarden.com
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## W-PHS COMMITTEES AND OPERATIONS

In addition to the Board of Trustees the work of W-PHS is supported by the following committees, leaders and coordinators for specific purposes as needed. Leaders and Coordinators attend Board meetings at the request of the Secretary or as deemed necessary and requested by committee leaders which include, but is not limited to:

“Meet the Spirits” Event	Alice Dodge
Exhibits	Sue Jane Evans
Finance and Audit	Lou Martino
Get Your Holiday Jingle On	Deb Parts and Florence Doyle
Golf Tournament	Terry Sutherland
Home Tour	Deb Parts
Homecoming	Peter Parts & Committee
Picnic	Dottie Howland
Programs	Nanette Hance, Interim

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Grants (Local and Regional)	Sandy Zeman
Grounds	Lynda Parmelee
Hospitality	TBD
Supplies (Mill St & Gates Hall)	TBD
IT Administrator	Tom Hatch
Membership	Alice and Cliff Dodge
Nominating	TBD
Volunteer & Visitor Engagement	Deborah Arndt
Newsletter	Barbara Crawford
Social Media	Charlotte Buehler
Publications	Officers & Communications Committee
Media and Publicity	TBD
Website Updates	Amy Begy

To contact any of the above, please call 315.589.9892 and leave a message.

## THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT SHOP LOCALLY

For full business card information, go to [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org)

Alard Equipment Corp.  
6483 Lake Ave, Williamson  
315-589-4511

Apple Country Spirits  
3274 Eddy Road, Williamson  
[applecountryspirits.com](http://applecountryspirits.com)

Burnap's Farm Market/Cafe  
7277 Maple Ave., Sodus  
315-483-4050  
[burnapsfarm@aol.com](mailto:burnapsfarm@aol.com)

Chance Farms, LLC  
4000 Lake Rd., Williamson  
315-945-7771

Cavallaro-Neubauer Chevrolet  
3740 Route 104, Williamson  
800-491-8625

Carol Verbridge - Howard Hanna  
1450 Route 104, Ontario  
585-752-9436 (cell)  
315-524-2331 (office)  
[carolverbridge@gmail.com](mailto:carolverbridge@gmail.com)

Cole Income Tax Service  
4098 E. Main St., Williamson  
315-589-8441

Copper Ale House  
4095 Ridge Rd., Williamson  
315-904-4508

Cornerstone Associates Realty  
Locations in Williamson,  
Pultneyville, Ontario, Newark &  
Webster

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[paulapriest@cornerstonerealty.com](mailto:paulapriest@cornerstonerealty.com)

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4062 Ridgeway Street, Williamson  
315-589-8938

Ely & Leene Agency  
Mead-Maloy Agency, Inc.  
212 N. Main St., Newark  
315-331-1432

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6895 Lake Ave., Williamson  
Embark - 315-904-4212  
[info@embarkcraftciderworks.com](mailto:info@embarkcraftciderworks.com)  
Lagoner Farms - 315-904-4109  
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Fox Fruit Farms LLC  
3635 Lake Rd., Williamson  
315-589-5113

Herbert Dentistry  
6127 Maple Ave., Williamson  
315-589-2813

Houseworx  
3275 Lake Rd., Williamson  
504-352-4279

Hughes Marina & Campgrounds  
315-589-2752

itClix  
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K.M.Davies  
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315-589-4811  
[www.kmdavies.com](http://www.kmdavies.com)

Lettering Lounge  
6160 Route 21, Williamson  
315-589-4145

Orbaker's Drive-in  
4793 Route104, Williamson  
315-589-9701

Orbaker's Farm Market  
Lake Road, Williamson  
315-589-2036  
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PACE Electronics Products  
4392 Route 104, Williamson  
315-483-9122  
[www.paceelectronics.com](http://www.paceelectronics.com)

Photo Graphic Services  
7255 E. Townline Rd., Williamson  
315-589-8665

Pultneyville Deli Company - Up Pub  
4120 Lake Road, Williamson  
315-589-0061

Pultneyville Yacht Club  
[www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org](http://www.pultneyvilleyachtclub.org)

Reaper Customs  
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315-589-7180

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585-314-7813

Young Sommer Winery  
4287 Jersey Rd., Williamson  
315-589-8861

Wilbert's U-Pull It  
315-589-222  
[WUPI.com](http://WUPI.com)

Williamson Hardware  
4101 Main St. and Rt. 21  
Williamson  
315-589-4011