

## Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas News

### HOOSICK FALLS

## Vision Becoming Reality

by Bea Peterson



Members of Hoosick Rising (L-R) Tom Vallone, Joyce Brewer, Marianne Zwicklbauer, Carol Gaillard, Jean Andrick, Ashley Edwards and Sarah Gorgas spent Friday morning filling the 18 four foot long planters on the Shop Bridge with soil and flowers.

Photo by Bea Peterson.

Not too long ago 18 four foot long commercial planters were installed on the Shop Bridge. They're colored to blend in with the bridge itself. On Friday, May 28, members of Hoosick Rising filled those planters with soil, 60 geraniums and a variety of other flowering and cascading plants. The goal is to eventually have the cascading plants mimic those at the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne, MA. This project has been two years in the making. Funds for the planters came from the Edith Craig Reynolds and the Harry Weir Trust Foundations. The soil was donated by the Bacon family. The flowers were purchased with funds from the tip jar at Hoosick Provisions. From the start employees determined they wanted those tips to go toward community projects.

In addition to the planters, Hoosick Rising is working with the Town of Hoosick Historical Society to erect a storyboard at the bridge with pictures of what the scene looked like in about 1904, when if you gazed across the bridge, you would have seen the mammoth Walter A Wood factory.

### Other Hoosick Rising Projects

Hoosick Rising, with about 40 members, doesn't take time to rest on its laurels. Other projects underway include a map kiosk on Route 22, just off Route 7, a reprint of the current townwide map that it first printed three years ago and more work with the Historical Society to place historic markers throughout the village.

Except for the Board, members have not met during COVID. Quarterly newsletter updates keep everyone informed. A June in person meeting is in the works. Speaking of work, each person must participate in at least one Hoosick Rising activity a year to be a member.

And Hoosick Provisions' employees continue to make good use of that tip jar. In the past they have donated to HACA and purchased new Holiday decorations for the Village. Now the funds are earmarked for Civicure to be used toward the renovation of the Opera House in the Wood Block building.

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### DAR To Hold Meeting

The Ondawa-Cambridge Branch of the National Society Daughters of the Revolution will hold a meeting on Friday, June 4 at 1 pm. The meeting will take place at the Louis Museum, 166 Main Street, Hoosick Falls. The program features Leslie Allen who will speak about the Knickerbocker Historical Society. Refreshments will be served.

Any woman who believes she is eligible to join the DAR may call the Regent JoAnn Trinkle at 518-677-3324 or the Registrar Mindy Kittell at 518-677-3589. Eligibility is based on the Revolutionary War service of a direct ancestor.

#### Defensive Driving Course

This six-hour point and insurance reduction course from the National Safety Council is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. The course begins promptly at 9 am at the North Hoosick Fire House at 22106 NYS Rt. 22.

You must call 518-686-485 to pre-register as space is limited. Facial covering is required. The cost is \$40.

#### Cambridge Historical Society Museum Reopens

The Collection Committee worked very hard last summer and this spring, working with Curator Amaris Orlemann Lynip to clean and update many of the rooms in the house.

Two big projects have been completed. The cedar closet containing many beautiful clothing items was inventoried and each item aired, brushed and lovingly stored away carefully for safekeeping.

The second project has been a dream for many years. After cleaning, repairs, new lighting, etc. the carriage barn is now a large exhibit area opening to the public for the first time. Among other things there is a nice exhibit of Jerome B. Rice Seed Co., Cambridge Fire

Dept. and Rescue Squad, the Washington County Post, antique farm tools, and much more. We hope there will be many guests to help us initiate the opening of the Carriage Barn.

We are excited to show the community all the improvements both in the house and carriage barn, so please join us for an Open House on Sunday, June 6 from 2 to 4 pm. There will be tour guides to show you around and refreshments will be served on the porch. Please note: Face masks for everyone will be required when in the house.

After June 7 the museum will be open from 1 to 3 pm every Tuesday and Saturday or by appointment. The museum is located at 12 Broad Street.

The Museum is also looking for local gardeners who would like to participate in a garden tour next summer (2022). In order to be considered, please photograph your garden this summer and send the pictures to Anna Dickson at [adickso1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:adickso1@nycap.rr.com). Please include your address as we would like to keep the tour in Cambridge and surrounding areas.

We hope many local residents will be interested in participating and showing off their gardens.

#### Breakfast In Victory

The Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club invites all to join us at our monthly breakfast on Sunday, June 13 from 8 to 11 am. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Everyone will be welcome to join us. Call 518-695-3917 for information.

The Club is also sponsoring a free youth fishing tournament and family open house on Sunday, June 20. The public is welcome, you need not be a member this day.

Fishing will take place on the property at Fish Creek. There will be games for the youth along with contests to get them into the outdoors. Fish must be weighed in at the Gun Club no later than

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