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PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHA! Operating funds are derived principally from membership and contributions. Support Albany's rich history. Preserve the Ten Broeck Mansion.

to use as a gift. Annual Corporate memberships are also available at \$1,000. This membership includes one free use of the Ten Broeck Mansion for a company event and free Mansion admission for fifteen employees.

MEMBERSHIP—Think of making a birthday or anniversary gift membership in ACHA, Become or recruit a member. Membership in the Albany County Historical Association is your gateway to lectures, exhibits, beautiful gardens, the Ten Broeck Mansion, summer concerts, trips and all sorts of special events from Holiday House to the Haunted Mansion. If you are already a member, set a goal of recruiting one or two new members each year.

A Thought: Do you have any old items lying around your attic or basement? Why not sell it on ebay and donate the proceeds to the ACHA?

ENDOWMENT—Whatever other annual gifts or donations you make to the ACHA, consider a special gift to the endowment fund. Only by increasing the endowment can the Ten Broeck Mansion face a secure future and the ACHA expand its future mission to be a vibrant umbrella organization providing resources, interaction, and coordination for all the local historical societies, sites and events within Albany County. Your gift to the endowment, whether it is \$10 or \$10,000, will go on giving in perpetuity.

All levels of membership bring you free admission to the Ten Broeck Mansion, the ACHA newsletter, reduced rates on trips and certain events, and a 10% discount at seasonal shops. The Contributor level brings four complimentary passes. The Patron level brings the above free entry, discounts and six complimentary passes. The Sustaining level adds a discounted rental of the Mansion and gardens. The Benefactor level receives in addition preferred parking at designated events, and a family membership



PLANNED GIVING—Remember ACHA in your estate planning. Whether it is a simple bequest, a charitable remainder trust, or some other estate vehicle, have your financial or estate planner work the ACHA into your financial solutions. Your privacy is paramount and anonymity will be carefully respected, but if you are planning an estate gift or trust involving ACHA, please let the president of ACHA know so that the organization can plan its future more effectively.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Student/Senior	\$ 25	Individual	\$ 40	Family	\$ 50
Contributor	\$ 75	Patron	\$ 100	Sustaining	\$ 250
		Benefactor	\$ 500		

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THE DAR ROOM AT THE TEN BROECK MANSION

BY CAROL FELSEN

PART OF THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION is to promote historic preservation, and it is to that end that the New York State Organization has developed a long relationship with the Albany County Historical Association and the Ten Broeck Mansion.



In 1948, the Association offered a room in the Mansion to the DAR State Organization, and the statewide membership has been assisting with the collecting and curating of the items in the room ever since. The official opening of the room was on October 2, 1949. Shortly thereafter, the State Organization adopted the Ten Broeck Mansion as its corporate headquarters.

To underscore its participation and dedication to the goals of the Association, the State DAR Regent appoints a Chairman of the NYS Room, Ten Broeck Mansion. As such, the Chair serves both the DAR, reporting to the organization at the annual State Conference and at various other meetings held around the State, and the Albany County Historical Association as an *ex officio* representative on its Board of Trustees.

Over the past six decades, New York Daughters have donated or loaned many period items to the Association. Local Chapters have also given significant financial support to the Association, including purchasing the wallpaper and draperies in the room. Most of these items, but not all, are currently on display in the NYS DAR Room which represents an 1860s bedroom. Items of particular interest from the 18th Century located in the room are: a wing chair used in the recent filming



at the Mansion for the upcoming PBS special American General: Benedict Arnold, a silver tea service made in Scotland around 1797 or 1798 and still used for special DAR functions, the 1780-90 cherry tilt-top tripod table, upon which the tea set rests, two mahogany Chippendale side chairs (1750-1780) with red upholstery that are around the table were at Fort Magruder, Virginia, during the "War of the Rebellion," 1861-1865, a 1790 mahogany secretary in the English Chippendale style is a bequest of a former local DAR member.

Some of the "more recent" items with a DAR connection include: a cherry dresser, circa 1800, done in the American Hepplewhite style, probably made in New England, a mahogany bed, circa 1825 - 1830, in the Empire style and believed to be locally made.

Elsewhere in the house: Circa 1800 carved mahogany upholstered sofa located in the front hall on loan from the State DAR, The Waterford candle holders and hurricane shades in the dining room and the folding screen in the upstairs hall consisting of two wood panels with the upper sections having a glass pane with a print displayed in each panel.

But the relationship goes beyond the DAR Room. The Ten Broeck Mansion is often the site of local DAR Chapter meetings and the Children of the American Revolution participate in Association events. It has been used by the State Regent to entertain when the State Conference is in Albany. The New York Organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to help revitalize and advance the stature of the home of one of New York's Revolutionary War generals.

SPRING LECTURES ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE.

THE FOSSIECK LECTURE series saw three successful talks at the Ten Broeck Mansion. On March 15th, Kathleen Gill from The Story Walker spoke about her grandmother's experiences as a mill worker in Cohoes and later as a farmer's wife in the Adirondacks.

Ms. Gill has edited her grandmother's diary, published as "Maggie: Millhand and Farmer," by Margaret Sheridan Hamilton.

Peter Hess, president of the Board of Trustees of the Albany Rural Cemetery, spoke at the Mansion on March 20th. The lec-

ture was extremely well attended and people enjoyed Mr. Hess' description of the events leading up to the infamous Hamilton-Burr duel and the role played by Albany and its inhabitants in these events.

On May 15th author Frances

Dunwell spoke about her book, "The Hudson: America's River." Ms. Dunwell described the history of the Hudson River Valley from the time of its earliest inhabitants to modern times, using different towns along the river to highlight her points.

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Executive Director's Corner

THE GARDENS ARE IN BLOOM AND THE TEN BROECK MANSION IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON. Living History Day was a huge success. Many thanks to all who participated.

We've had a busy spring here at the Ten Broeck Mansion and we're gearing up for a jam packed summer. With Archeology Camp, the summer concert series, garden talks and teas, exhibits, and lectures, we have a lot of excellent programming scheduled. We're always on the lookout for volunteers to assist with some of our events. Do you like music? Why not help out with the concerts? Are you interested in the gardens? We could use some help with the garden talks. With the Mansion being open to tours, we are always in need of docents. Why not donate a few hours a month and help share the Mansion's history with visitors to the Ten Broeck?



We also have several committees busy planning for the future of the Albany County Historical Association. Active committees include the Collections Committee, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Programming and Education Committee. We also have committees formed to plan for Holiday House, Living History Day, Haunted Mansion, and a fall fundraising event. Consider joining one of our committees and have a say in the running of the Association.

Window treatments are on order for the dining room and rear parlor. We should see them installed sometime in the next couple of months. I think our membership will approve of the beautiful designs selected by the Collections Committee.

Finally, the annual appeal will be mailed at the beginning of June. Please consider giving to the organization. Your contributions will help us to provide quality programming and will go far in supporting the ACHA's mission.

Wendy Burch

EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER!

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER! The Summer Concert series is on the calendar, starting with Ernie Williams and the Ernie Williams Band on June 27th at 6:30 PM. Ernie is a staple to the Capital Region with a very large following. The Peg Delaney Quartet, featuring swing, bop, show tunes, and mainstream will perform on July 25th at 5:30 PM.

On August 22nd, the Mansion will host popular Irish band Hair of the Dog. Tickets for all concerts are \$7 each, a reduced price from last year. Vendors will be selling food and soda.

Three Garden Talks are scheduled for the

summer. On June 18th, herb expert Ruth Ann Price presented a workshop, "A Simpler's Approach to Herbs." On July 23rd, master gardener and trustee Paul Cohen will provide a talk, "Garden Memories," then lead a tour of his private garden. Finally, master gardener Pamela Taft will present a talk entitled "Wildflowers: Faces, Facts, and Folklore." Garden talks begin at 1PM. The July and August talks are \$5 per person.

Also, join us on July 18th for the Archeology Camp Open House. The campers will display their discoveries and talk about their experiences at the camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14-18: Summer Archeology Camp.

July 18, 1 to 3 PM: Archeology Camp Open House.

July 23, 1 to 3 PM: Garden Talk and Tea: Master Gardener Paul Cohen will share "Garden Memories," followed by a tour of his private garden.

July 25, 5:30 PM: The Peg Delaney Quartet Concert.

August 18 to September 13: The Halfmoon Button Club presents the exhibit, "Button Heritage."

August 20, 1 to 3 PM: Garden Talk and Tea: Master Gardener Pamela Taft will discuss "Wildflowers: Faces, Facts and Folklore."

August 22, 5:30 PM: Hair of the Dog Concert.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY



Linda Miller pins Tim's Eagle Scout Badge on him as Tom proudly looks on.

ACHA VOLUNTEER TIM MILLER, son of dedicated volunteers Tom and Linda Miller, recently reached the rank of Eagle Scout. Tim shared his special day with the ACHA by having the ceremony in the Mansion gardens on April 27th. The weather cooperated and the Millers and their guests had a beautiful day for the celebration. Tim is a member of Troop 46, located here in the Albany area. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Requirements for Eagle Scout include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit, service and leadership. The Eagle Scout candidate must also complete the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. In Tim's case, he worked with his troop to build two double sided bookcases for the Special Education Department at Albany High School. Congratulations to Tim on this outstanding achievement!

Gary Shankman Painting Exhibit



Gary Shankman stands with his painting of the Ronald McDonald House.

THE TEN BROECK MANSION HOSTED an exhibit of oil paintings by Gary Shankman. Gary is a Professor of Art at the Sage Colleges where he has taught since 1988. The exhibit ran from April 18th through May 30th, with a reception honoring the artist and his work on April 24th. The paintings depicted scenes from around Albany and were very well received by visitors to the Mansion. Gary has been exhibiting his work in individual and group exhibitions for over thirty years, and we are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to display his paintings here at the Mansion.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE hosted a reception for new members on May 12th at the Mansion. Invitations went out to 83 new members. Attendees enjoyed wine and refreshments, and Tony Brankman gave a tour of the Mansion for those who were interested. New members were encouraged to bring a guest and introduce them to the historic Ten Broeck Mansion and the important work of the Albany County Historical Association of promoting and preserving our local history. Following the reception, all attendees were offered the opportunity to attend a specially prepared dinner at Marche.

Adopt a budding Archeologist!

ONCE AGAIN, the Albany County Historical Association will be hosting the Summer Archeology Camp for children throughout Albany County who will be entering 5th or 6th grades in September. This very popular educational program is made possible Hartgen Archeological Associates, and involves digging on the grounds of the historic Ten Broeck Mansion at the site of the former barn and Carriage House. This year will mark the 8th year that this camp has been offered by the ACHA and Hartgen Archeological Associates.

The ACHA will be providing a number of full tuition scholarships to children who live in the Arbor Hill neighborhood and other area children who otherwise would not be able to attend. The fee for each camper is \$350 for the week, July 14 - 18. Consider "Adopting an Archeologist" or partially sponsoring a budding archeologist. Sponsors will be invited to the Camp's Open House on the final day of camp for a tour of the dig site, and a preview of this year's findings! In addition, volunteers are needed to help run the camp. Please call the Mansion for details.



- Yes, I will adopt a young archeologist. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____
- Yes, I can partially sponsor a young archeologist. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

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