HOW YOU CAN HELP

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.

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.

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 free admission to the Ten Broeck Mansion, four complimentary passes, 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 to use as a gift. Annual Corporate memberships are also available at $500. This membership includes one free use of the Ten Broeck Mansion for a company event and free Mansion admission for fifteen employees.

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 imperceptibly.

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: ___________________________

Today's Date: __________

Membership: NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

Student/Senior $ 25 Individual $ 40 Family $ 50

Contributor $ 75 Patron $ 100 Sustaining $ 250

Benefactor $ 500

Make checks payable to ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Executive Director’s Corner

SPRING IS HERE AND THE TEN BROECK MANSION GARDENS ARE BLOOMING. The master gardeners have done a splendid job and I urge everyone to come and visit the gardens over the next few months. Last year the gardeners put in over 1000 volunteer hours and it really shows! The interior of the Mansion is also looking well these days, with beautiful window treatments now installed in the Front Parlor. The Collections Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee are working on improving several other areas of the Mansion and grounds over the next few months.

As we continue to struggle through these difficult economic times, I spend a great deal of my time trying to devise ways to bring in more revenue to support our programs and general upkeep of the Ten Broeck Mansion. If you would like to help but don’t really feel like you have the means to donate sums of money, you can contribute to the organization by supporting some of our many upcoming programs. We have a lot going on, especially in light of the Quadricentennial celebration.

On the horizon are exhibits, lectures, summer concerts, garden talks, walking tours, and dinners at the Mansion.

On July 11th we have an “An Evening in the Garden” scheduled which will include hors d’oeuvres and champagne, all enjoyed under lanterns in the garden. We also have four summer concerts on the schedule. We have tried to keep the prices low so events of this type are affordable. Why not get a group of friends together and enjoy an evening at the Ten Broeck Mansion?

We are always on the lookout for volunteers, particularly docents to give tours of the Mansion. Help us support our mission to preserve, present, and promote Albany County’s rich history. Have an enjoyable summer!

Wendy Burch

UPCOMING EVENTS


Thursday, June 4, 6 PM: EXHIBIT RECEPTION FOR “JUST GAMING” ANTIQUE TOY EXHIBIT. Walter Wheeler will speak on the Embossing Company of Albany, 1870-1955. Exhibit runs through the month of June.

Wednesday, June 10, 4 PM: ACHA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 19, 8-10 PM: CONCERT: SKIP PARRENS-OXELAND AND ALL THAT JAZZ. Price: Members $10, Non-Members $15.


Saturday, July 1, 6-8 PM: “AN EVENING IN THE GARDEN” - a champagne and taste sumptuous hors d’oeuvres while all enjoy the Mansion’s beautiful gardens. Price: $25.

July 13-17: SUMMER ARCHEOLOGY CAMP

Friday July 17, 1-3 PM: ARCHEOLOGY CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 22, 1-3 PM: GARDEN TALK AND TEA. “History of Schenectady’s Central Park Rose Garden” by David Gade. Price: $5.


The Albany County Historical Association celebrated Opening Day at the Ten Broeck Mansion on May 2nd. Historical re-enactors were set up on the grounds under tents, providing instruction to the visitors, including representatives from Morgan’s Artillery, the Capital District Civil War Roundtable, the Shaker Museum, and Northwood Traders. Charley Flanagan, blacksmith, Bob Rawls, early electrical model machinist, and Larry Handy and Peter Bond, Jr. Civil War re-enactors, presented fascinating insights into our local history. Firefighter Steve Garty also displayed his beautifully restored antique fire engine. We were treated to some excellent entertainment as well. The Albany School for the Humanities’ Show Choir presented an excellent program of patriotic music and Bill Fraul and his group Rural Fidelity played traditional music from the 18th and 19th Centuries. Elderberry Mary was on hand with her homemade jams and jellies, and Ponies For Hire were back with their two ponies, Ginger and Whiskers, to offer pony rides for the kiddies. Linda Miller oversaw the craft table, where children could recreate their own cardboard flint tile from the beautiful template provided by Kristen Felsen. The Mansion was open for tours, and our docents presented the Quadricentennial Talking Exhibit.

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