



# Clarkson Historical Society

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## October Membership Meeting

We begin the fall season with a meeting on TUESDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Academy. The address is above. Rick Preston, current President of the Garland Cemetery Association, will talk on the history of the cemetery. This is always a popular topic. Many familiar Clarkson families are found in the Garland Cemetery, including Blodgett, Cotter, Kleinbach, and Maw. Be sure to mark your calendars.

We will not have a meeting this year in November because of the National Election. There will be a membership meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## October is also Membership Month

Enclosed with this newsletter is an invitation to renew your membership for the 2024-2025 year. A copy of the membership form is also on our website (above under the address for the Academy). We appreciate all our members, and the newsletter is one way to keep you abreast of the activities of the Clarkson Historical Society. It will be emailed to you unless you don't have email or just prefer a hard copy.

## So that the bell at the Academy can ring again . . .

One of the projects "in the works" is to see if we can make the bell so that it can be rung again. At present, the axle supporting the bell has worn away and is not stable. If the bell continued to be rung, it would eventually fall. Chad Fabry has given us some recommendations. At present, Anita O'Brien, CHS President, is conferring with a company out of Buffalo who could do this work. They plan to visit the Academy in person this coming week to assess the bell tower. More information to come.

## Leanna Hale gives a talk to the Public Historians of NYS

Leanna Hale, our Clarkson Historian and member of CHS, recently gave a talk on "Bring Back Cursive" to a gathering of the Public Historians of New York State. There is increased interest in the teaching of cursive writing since it has been observed that those without that skill . . . cannot read old documents or even sign their name to obtain a

<i>October</i>
1 – Membership meeting – the history of the Garland Cemetery.
21 – 6 p.m. Board Meeting
<i>November</i>
5 – National Election
18 – 6 p.m. Board Meeting

license. Leanna sent in a proposal for this very topic, and it was accepted. Patricia Galinski and Bridget Camman prepared a PowerPoint on our activities that was used in this presentation. It is good to know that the presentation was well received. Thank you very much, Leanna.

## More on Summer Camp

In the last newsletter, there were several pictures of our students and their classes. Here are two more:



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playing games in the school yard.



Reading the play about Louis Swift. This information was researched by Bonnie Howlett and Olivia Thall. Play written by Pat Galinski.

Another good thing is happening in summer camp. We know how important it is for our young people to become interested in history. This year we had some former campers return to help, especially with cursive writing. The youth involvement with the play was another involvement. We'll see what next year brings.

**We'll see you at the membership meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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