

The Halfmoon Historical Society's Annual Newsletter



History Moving Forward!

At the Halfmoon Historical Society, we like to learn and have fun at our monthly meetings! We cover many topics, from old magazine ads to vintage tools. We encourage members to get involved with history and to bring in historical items and to talk about them while we enjoy refreshments.

Vintage Magazine Ads



Antique Tools



Our Family Farms project went out to local newspapers to try and get residents to give us their farm stories. Ellen Kennedy and Lynda Bryan worked on capturing stories and pictures from Halfmoon farms and farm-related businesses that were at least 50 years old. This is an on-going project so please, tell us your farm stories!



WE WANT YOUR FARM STORIES!

HALFMOON RESIDENTS! WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN GATHERING STORIES AND INFORMATION ON FAMILY/FRIENDS HISTORY OF OUR "AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE" FROM THE PAST (AT LEAST 50 YEARS AGO) TO INCLUDE FARMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO FARMS. AGRICULTURAL SERVICES SUCH AS FERTILIZER, SAW MILLS/LUMBERYARDS, ICE HOUSES, MILK HOUSES/DAIRY FARMS; FARM CROPS SUCH AS HAY AND PRODUCE. TELL US YOUR STORIES AND PLEASE INCLUDE PICTURES! WE WANT TO PRESERVE HALFMOON'S HISTORY FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS! WE NEED YOUR HELP BEFORE IT SLIPS AWAY!



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The Halfmoon Historical Society has a new up-dated website. A presentation of our new Web Page was given to us on our new flat-screen television and lap-top computer by Nancy Morris. We learned how to navigate the site through the Town's site and she showed us what new information it has to offer. Pictures, phone numbers, helpful links and calendar information are easily accessed on this new site.

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Established 1788

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Historical Society



Gerald E. Morris Historical Building

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Mission
 To bring together those people interested in the history of the Town of Halfmoon. The Society's major function is to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area. It will collect printed material, pictures, portraits, or other memorabilia. The Society will provide for the preservation of old as well as new records. What is new today will be historical in the future.

Historical Society Calendar

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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News & Announcements

Corporal William Secor
 Presentation
 Historical Meeting

Quick Links

- Brookside Museum
- Clifton Park Historian
- Heritage Hunters
- Waterford Museum

Contact Info

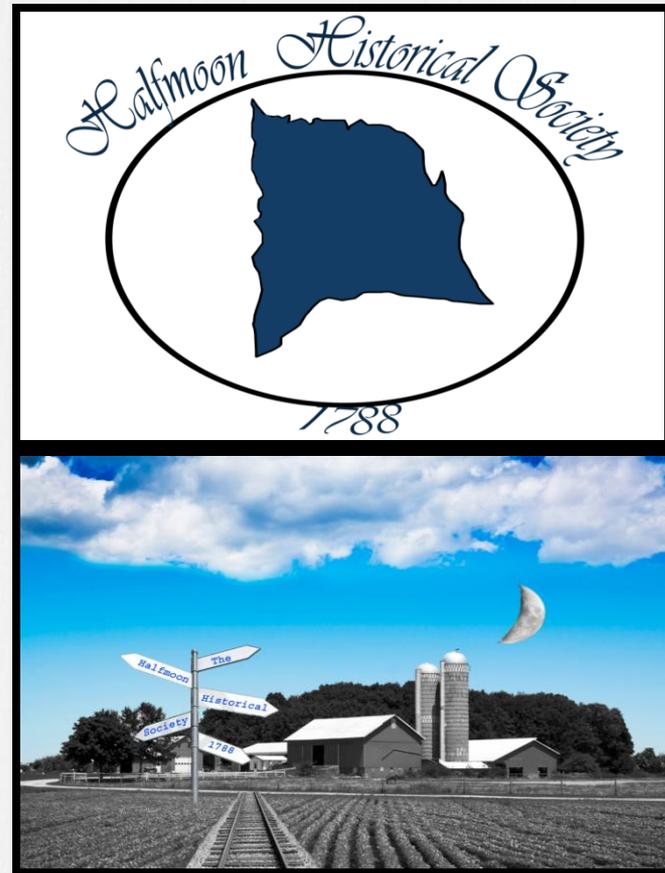
Hours of Operation
 1st and 3rd Saturday: 1:00 to 4:00
 2nd Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00
Meeting Information

A New Logo for the Halfmoon Historical Society: A Logo contest, consisting of 40 Logo entries from three local schools, Shenendehowa, Mechanicville and Waterford-Halfmoon High Schools, participated in our quest for a new logo. A slide-show presentation was shown at our meeting, showing Jim Bold, Ellen Kennedy and Beverly Emerick at Shenendehowa reviewing some of the art work. A special Committee of officers had cut down the entries from 40 to 10. A regular Officer's meeting narrowed the field down to 3 for a final vote for our members secret ballot vote on April 28th, 2015. The winner received \$100 and \$50 went to two runner-ups. Two honorable mentions of \$25 were also awarded.

Our winner, Callie Schweitzer from Shenendehowa



Runner ups were Mathew Moore and Mercedes McDonough both from Shenendehowa. Special recognition awards went to Katelyn Wulff from Waterford-Halfmoon and Kasey Joyce from Mechanicville.



An awards ceremony was held at the Town Board Meeting in the Town Hall on June 3rd, 2015. All 40 entries were displayed in the lobby for all to see the talented images and the hard work and artistic abilities of these kids. The quality of the entries for this logo project were very impressive and we thanked everyone involved on the project.

**Winner, Callie Schweitzer,
her parents and her art
teacher from Shen**

**Students honored at a
Ceremony at the Halfmoon
Town Hall on June 3rd,
2015**



A Tool Crib from Fellow's Farm circa 1900 was donated to us in rough shape, but with a little TLC, it will be a welcomed piece of history for the Historical Society. Jim Bold and Dan Chouiniere have been working on the shed all summer long and it will be a nice place to display some vintage tools. Please come visit the Tool Shed!

Moving the shed



Refurbishing the floor



Our Annual Picnic, held at the Betts' Family Farm, was a great success this year! Pot luck dishes and desserts were a delicious addition to the fun and conversation had by all!



Field Trip to Grant's Cottage

It was a warm summer day when 21 members enjoyed a tour and visit to President Grant's last home in Wilton. The Cottage staff gave an excellent presentation about the final days of the President as he wrote his memoirs to preserve his recollection of the days during the Civil War and his time as president of the United States of America.



Townsman News Clippings

A Halfmoon Brewery Article is just one of the many articles archived by Shirley Bold



Shirley Bold giving a presentation on the Townsman Newspaper



Every wonder why the corners of Crescent Road and Dunsbach Road are called Gray's Corners? Well, Nancy Morris gave us a presentation in September on James and Gitty Gray who were born in the late 1700's and owned the property at this corner. In the early 1940's, the Town straightened and paved the two intersecting roads. After all of her research, it turns out that Nancy is related to the Gray family!



**Halfmoon
Celebrations
Association and
The Halfmoon
Historical Society
Present...**

The Halfmoon Celebration
Association and the Halfmoon
Historical Society had a great
display for the 75th Anniversary
of the Wizard of Oz at The Clifton
Park/Halfmoon Town Library in
October!

75TH ANNIVERSARY



The **Wizard of Oz**

Sponsored by Halfmoon Celebrations Association

&

The Halfmoon Historical Society

100 Years of Military Conflict

Jim Bold welcomed the audience to our Veterans' Celebration of 100 Years of Military Conflict. After a moment of silence, and members of the audience standing and recognizing their veteran family members, Lynda Bryan, Ellen Kennedy, Nancy Morris and John Wazielewski gave presentations on the different war eras. Veterans and their families were thanked, war stories were told and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY 1914-2014



Veterans' Day Program

Halfmoon Historical Society 100 Years of Conflicts

Tuesday November 24th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Halfmoon Town Hall Foyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence & Reflection for all Veterans'

Welcome – Jim Bold, President of Historical Society

Ellen Kennedy, Town Historian

Lynda Bryan, Town Board Liaison

Additional Speakers: Nancy Morris & John Wasielewski

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*We will never forget*

*Special thanks to all of the veteran's and their families for making this presentation possible!*

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- Allan Atwell
- Allen Ayotte
- Hector Ayotte
- Frederick Chase
- Merritt DeVoe
- Carol Pingelski Hotaling
- David Jarrett
- Ellen Keegan – Books for Troops
- Edward & Iris Kennedy
- Robert Kennedy
- Patricia Klimkewicz
- Al Mincher
- Gerald Morris
- John O'Grady
- Harold Perkins
- Sicko Family
- Charlie Sommers
- Josephat Stah
- William Thiele
- John Wasielewski

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President, Jim Bold; Vice President, Lynda Bryan; Treasurer, Nancy Morris;
Secretary, Marianne Geleta

Directors: Shirley Bold and Kathy Suchocki

Halfmoon Historian: Ellen Kennedy

The building is open to the public three times each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
First and Third Saturday and Second Wednesday
Workshop Schedule Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Regular member meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month January through November

Patron Membership Dues: \$20.00; \$50.00 and \$100.00 Please make checks out to the:
Halfmoon Historical Society.

The Halfmoon Historical Society is a not-for profit organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
