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ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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**Erie County
Heritage Passport**

Erie County, New York



Thank You Passport Committee!

On behalf of the EC200 planning committee, we would like to recognize the committee that put together the wonderful passport experience that is integral to this year's commemoration. A consortium of local historians and historical societies, *(listed below)* took the lead on developing the concept of a county-wide passport and gathering the information from each town for inclusion in the booklet. Every corner of the county is represented, and we hope that this becomes a meaningful way for individuals and families to experience parts of the county that they might not otherwise visit.

We want to thank the historical societies and museums in Erie County who responded with information about their facilities and supplied photographs.

We also want to thank County Executive Poloncarz for his interest in this project and for members of his staff who guided this passport to publication.

And to all those who traveled the roads and highways of Erie County to visit the historical societies and museums, thank you, and we sincerely hope you learned more about this wonderful county of ours.

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- **Karen Sutton**, President, Lancaster Historical Society
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Marilla:	Marilla Free Library 11637 Bullis Road, Marilla 716-652-7449
North Collins:	North Collins Public Library 2095 School Street, North Collins 716-337-3211
Orchard Park:	Orchard Park Public Library 4570 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park 716-662-9851
City of Tonawanda:	City of Tonawanda Public Library 333 Main Street, Tonawanda 716-693-5043
Town of Tonawanda:	Kenilworth Branch Library 318 Montrose Avenue, Tonawanda 716-834-7657
	Kenmore Branch Library 160 Delaware Road, Kenmore 716-873-2842
West Seneca:	West Seneca Public Library 1300 Union Road, West Seneca 716-674-2928



Cheektowaga: **Anna Reinstein Memorial Library**
2580 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga
716-892-8089

Julia Boyer Reinstein Library
1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga
716-668-4991

Clarence: **Clarence Public Library**
Three Town Place, Clarence
716-741-2650

Collins: **Town of Collins Public Library**
2341 Main Street, Collins
716-532-5129

Concord: **Concord Public Library**
18 Chapel Street, Springville
716-592-7742

Eden: **Eden Library**
2901 E. Church Street, Eden
716-992-4028

Elma: **Elma Public Library**
1860 Bowen Road, Elma
716-652-2719

Grand Island: **Grand Island Memorial Library**
1715 Bedell Road, Grand Island
716-773-7124

Hamburg: **Hamburg Public Library**
102 Buffalo Street, Hamburg
716-649-4415

Lake Shore Public Library
S-4857 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg
716-627-3017

Lackawanna: **Lackawanna Public Library**
560 Ridge Road, Lackawanna
716-823-0630



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE



At times in our history it is important to pause and reflect on where we've been, the challenges and successes we've had, and the path that has brought us to this point in time.

Erie County's rich, vibrant and bustling history will be spotlighted and celebrated throughout our bicentennial year as EC200 gives us all the opportunity to become better acquainted with the men and women who shaped our county into what it is today.

Having this historical perspective makes us better - prepared to understand our role and responsibility in continuing Erie County's growth for the next 200 years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".



Our Erie County History

EC200 represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage residents, cultivate awareness, and illuminate the little-known stories of our county. It is also an opportunity to promote the wealth of heritage organizations that exist *throughout* Erie County.

Our story begins long before Asa Ransom or Joseph Ellicott, Louis le Couteux or John Cummings. It starts with the presence of the Indigenous peoples: the Erie, the Wenro, the Huron and the Haudenosaunee. The treaties signed by the Six Nations and the United States have established their sovereign rights within their traditional lands and within Erie County. Their presence enriches our community still today.

When Niagara County was incorporated in 1808, it included three towns. Cambria and Clarence in the north were divided from the town of Willink by the Buffalo Creek Reservation. On April 2nd, 1821, New York State divided Clarence, Willink and the reservation into its own county bounded on the north by Tonawanda Creek and by Cattaraugus Creek on the south. Over time, Clarence was subdivided to create the county's northern tier of townships. The name Willink ceased to be used as the southern towns were created.

Today, Erie County contains 25 townships and three cities (Buffalo, Lackawanna and Tonawanda) as well as two sovereign Seneca Reservations (Cattaraugus and Tonawanda).

Aurora:

Aurora Town Public Library
550 Main Street, East Aurora
716-652-4440

Boston:

Boston Free Library
9475 Boston State Road, Boston
716-941-3516

Buffalo:

Central Library
1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo
716-858-8900

Crane Branch Library
633 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo
716-883-6651

Dudley Branch Library
2010 South Park Avenue, Buffalo
716-823-1854

East Clinton Branch Library
1929 Clinton Street, Buffalo
716-823-5626

Elaine M. Panty Branch Library
820 Tonawanda Street, Buffalo
716-875-0562

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library
1324 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo
716-883-4418

Isaías González-Soto Branch Library
280 Porter Avenue, Buffalo
716-882-1537

Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library
1187 East Delavan Avenue, Buffalo
716-896-4433

North Park Branch Library
975 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo
716-875-3748



Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

A Great Place to Start for Information about Our County and Our Towns!



716-858-8900

- Akron/Newstead:** **Newstead Public Library**
33 Main Street, Akron
716-542-2327
- Alden:** **Alden Ewell Free Library**
13280 Broadway, Alden
716-937-7082
- Amherst:** **Main Library at Audubon**
350 John J. Audubon Parkway, Amherst
716-689-4922
- Clearfield Branch Library**
770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville
716-688-4955
- Eggertsville-Snyder Branch Library**
4622 Main Street, Snyder
716-839-0700
- Williamsville Branch Library**
5571 Main Street, Williamsville
716-632-6176
- Angola:** **Angola Public Library**
34 North Main Street, Angola
716-549-1271

We look forward to sharing our rich history and heritage with you as you travel the width and breadth of the county during the bicentennial commemoration.

We hope you will get to know more about your own town and experience some of the towns and villages that you may not know quite so well!

April 2, 2021

Douglas Kohler, Erie County Historian



COUNTY HALL

The construction of "Old" County Hall was completed in 1876. Designed by Rochester architect Andrew Warner, the building's signature feature is the clock tower that rises over 200 feet. The corners of the clock tower are adorned with four 16-foot high granite sculptures representing: Justice, Commerce, Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. In 1901, President McKinley lay in state in Old County Hall after his death following the shooting at the Pan-American Exposition.



THE BUFFALO HISTORY MUSEUM

The Museum is open with pay what you wish admission, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Buffalo History Museum
1 Museum Court, Buffalo, NY 14216
(716) 873-9644



Visit Buffalo Niagara is a presenting sponsor of EC200.

Please visit:
visitbuffaloniagara.com
for official EC200 events and more!

For locations and information of arts and culturals throughout Buffalo and Erie County such as:



Please visit: erie.gov/presenting

West Seneca Historical Society

919 Mill Road, West Seneca, NY 14224



Open:
Tuesdays
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
First Sundays
April - October
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Extensive collection of Ebenezer Society artifacts
- Haudenosaunee (Six Nations) artifacts
- 1/6 scale model of Leydecker Bridge, last covered bridge in Erie County
- "Street of Shops"
- Military, Police, Fire and Civil Defense Display

For more information:

WestSenecaHistory.com

Historical Society@TWSNY.org



Did you know? Incorporated as the Town of Seneca in 1851, the name was changed the following year to avoid confusion with a Town of Seneca in central New York.



Welcome Participants!

As we celebrate Erie County's Bicentennial this year, we encourage you to use this passport to visit as many museums and historical societies in Erie County as possible. There are thirty-five museums/historical societies listed. Each one is unique and commemorates the diverse nature of each town. As you travel around Erie County, enjoy the beauty and historic nature that surrounds you.

Our theme for the passport is **"Shining a Light on the History of Erie County,"** so each museum will have a numbered lantern (light) to look for, and record in your passport. Be sure to have your passport stamped at the end of your visit.

Since Erie County is still dealing with a pandemic, there will be restrictions in place: mask wearing, social distancing, hand cleaning, and possibly reservations will be required. Until restrictions are lifted, please call ahead or check the website (or social media) to inquire about restrictions and requirements for each museum.

Some museums may also charge an admission fee; look for a (\$) on its page. All museums will appreciate a donation.

We look forward to seeing participants and your passports filled with heritage experiences at this fall's turn-in event. Participants will receive a commemorative keepsake!

Check: erie.gov/EC200 for details.

If you have questions, please email us at

ErieCounty200@gmail.com

Enjoy your "trip" around Erie County.

Alden Historical Society

Alden Heritage Center

13213 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004



Open: March - December
First & Third Sundays
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Large collection of fossils found in Spring Creek's "Slate Banks" and in Cayuga Creek
- Neeland's Dairy and Bennett Manufacturing displays
- Display of artifacts from Alden's Black Water Baths Industry
- Office of Town and Village Historian
- Henskee Road one-room schoolhouse open for tours by appointment

For more information: aldenhistoricalsociety.org,
(716) 937-3700

aldenhistsoc@gmail.com

Did you know? Alden is the only town
in New York named after a mother-in-law,
Hannah Alden Hebard.



Wales Historical Society

11006 Emery Road, South Wales, NY 14169



Open:
By appointment call (716) 860-4240

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Former Aurora Wales District #8 schoolhouse, erected between 1840- 1850
- Second room was added in 1910
- Last New York State Common School District to be closed (1967)

For more information:
(716) 860-4240

Did you know? Wales is one of the
earliest of the towns in Erie County (1818).



Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society

105 Knoche Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150



Open: TBD, Check website

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Society is reorganizing. Please check website for information.

For more information:
www.kentonhistory.org



Did you know? Kenmore is known as "Buffalo's First Suburb".

Aurora Historical Society Aurora History Museum

575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Exhibits Open Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Historian's Office Open: Wednesday & Thursday
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- General History of the Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora
- Artifacts from Native Americans, earliest settlers, and industry
- 16 murals by artist Rix Hennings featuring a chronological history of the town
- Office of the Aurora Town Historian historian@townofaurora.com

For more information:
www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian, (716) 652-7944

Did you know? The Adams family were the first settlers to spend a winter in East Aurora in 1804. The family farm still stands on Olean Road.



Aurora Historical Society Millard Fillmore Presidential Site

24 Shearer Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Open: June - October \$
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, by reservation

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- History of Millard Fillmore from his journey to East Aurora to his post-presidency life in Buffalo
- Fillmore's political legacy as the 13th President of the United States
- Margaret Evans Price's role in preserving the Fillmore house
- Collection of furniture and personal items belonging to Fillmore and other East Aurora artifacts

For more information: aurorahistoricalsociety.com,
(716) 652-4735



Did you know? President Fillmore helped build this house for his bride and they lived here from 1826-1830?

Historical Society of the Tonawandas

113 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150



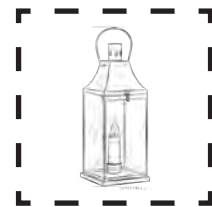
Open:
Wednesday, Noon - 5:00 pm, Thursday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Located in a former NY Central Railroad station
- Exhibits documenting Tonawanda's history as the Lumber Capital of the world and later as a manufacturing center
- Research library, photo archives, database of collections
- 1925 monument in memory of soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War
- Commemorative garden with stone markers dedicated to WWI veterans

For more information:
www.tonawandahistory.org

Did you know? From the mid-19th century to the early 20th century a section of Tonawanda was known as Goose Island.



Sardinia Historical Society

12070 Savage Road, Sardinia, NY 14134



Open:

April - October, First & Third Sundays, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Building was constructed in 1829 as the First Baptist Church of Sardinia, later served as the Town Hall
- First settlers in 1809—Ezra Nott and George Richmond
- Town was constructed from the Town of Concord
- Display of the Springville-Sardinia Railroad (begun in 1878)

For more information:

sardiniahistoricalsociety.org



Did you know? Sardinia is reportedly named after an old hymn and the second largest island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Aurora Historical Society

Elbert Hubbard Roycroft Museum

363 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Open: June - October \$

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, by reservation

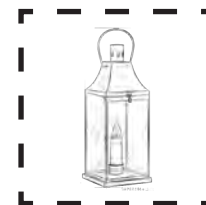
ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- History of Elbert Hubbard and the Roycroft Community.
- Extensive collection of Roycroft artifacts including books, furniture, art, copper and leatherwork.
- History of George and Gladys Scheidemantel—original owners of the house.

For more information:

aurorahistoricalsociety.com, (716) 652-4735

Did you know? Elbert Hubbard and his wife Alice lost their lives in the sinking of the RMS Lusitania in 1915.



Boston Historical Society

9410 Boston State Road, Boston, NY 14025



Open:
Call to schedule a tour
(716) 648-4077

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Ellen Beach Yaw (American Soprano/Opera)
- Early Boston/Pioneers Collection
- John Love Murder
- Buffalo Susquehanna Railroad through Boston

For more information:

townofboston.com.about-boston/historical-society



Did you know? Early settler Richard Cary's cabin was only 12 feet square and provided shelter for a family of 10.

Orchard Park Historical Society

4287 S. Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY 14127



Open: Regular House hours anticipated in fall 2021.
Check Facebook page.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Museum is in the Jolls House, home of Dr. Jolls, a beloved doctor
- House is a beautifully restored 1870 Italianate structure in the heart of Orchard Park
- Dr. Jolls's medical suite is maintained as it was until he stopped practicing in 1960
- Rotating exhibits of subjects of local interest

For more information:

www.ophistoricalociety.wordpress.com;
ophsjolls@gmail.com
(716) 662-2185

Did you know? Orchard Park was originally named Ellicott after Joseph Ellicott, surveyor and agent for the Holland Land Company.



North Collins Schoolhouse #8 History Center and Museum

2101 School Street, North Collins, NY 14111



Open: June 1 – November 1, Third Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Unassuming on the outside, fascinating on the inside!
- One-room rural schoolhouse
- Period appropriate furnishings and teaching aids
- Artifacts and memorabilia of days gone by, circa 1900

For more information:

www.schoolhouse#8.info; (716) 337-3341



Did you know? This schoolhouse, one of several in North Collins, was built in 1857.

Brant-Farnham Historical Society

Brant Town Hall, 1272 Brant-North Collins Road,
Brant, NY 14027



Open: Third Saturday of the month, 9:30 am – Noon
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Brant and the Civil War
- Famous Personalities
- Brant Strawberry Festival 1957-1971
- Canning factories, farms, farm labor camps
- Local businesses through the years

For more information:

www.brantny.com Dept: Historical, historian@brantny.com

Did you know? Brant was named after the Mohawk chief, Joseph Brant.



Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228



Open: May - October \$
 Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
 Thursday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Agricultural and rural history of Buffalo Niagara
- Historic village featuring 10 historic buildings
- Indoor exhibits
- Community artisan village on Saturdays during open season
- Self-guided and guided tours. Call for information and to book guided tour

For more information:
 bnhv.org, (716) 689-1440



Did you know? The BNHV sits on a 35-acre site.

Newstead Historical Society Knight-Sutton Museum

123 Main Street, Akron, NY 14001



Open:
 April - October, First & Third Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Every Wednesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 2021 exhibit "Akron Through the Ages" explores the community's history and development from the local Native Americans to the present day. Agriculture, business and cultural life will be on display.

For more information:
www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org,
info@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org
 (716) 542-7022

Did you know? Early industries in Akron included lumbering, barrel making, flour and cement milling, gypsum processing and cigar making.



Newstead Historical Society Rich-Twinn Octagon House

145 Main Street, Akron, NY 14001



Please see website for opening date

Open: April - October \$

First & Third Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Circa 1850 Victorian house
- Speaking tubes throughout the house
- A dumbwaiter
- Open hearth
- Cupola

For more information:

info@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org,

(716) 542-7022



Did you know? Octagon houses were a unique house style briefly popular in the 1850s in the United States and Canada.

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228



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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1.) Shaw Exhibit Building | 9.) Sweethome School c.1847 |
| 2.) Bandstand | 10.) Hoover House c.1875 |
| 3.) Amherst Rotary Pavillion | 11.) Smith Log House c.1838 |
| 4.) Lavocat House c.1840 | 12.) Dann Road House c.1840 |
| 5.) Williamsville School c.1880 | 13.) Bigelow House c.1860 |
| 6.) Blacksmith Shop Replica c.1899 | 14.) Transit Road Church c.1854 |
| 7.) Elliott House c.1851 | 15.) Pavillion |
| 8.) Barbershop c.1898 | 16.) Steffen Educational Activity Building |



Cheektowaga Historical Association

3329 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227



Open: Every first Sunday of the month,
March - December 2:00 - 4:00 pm,
Every Monday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Large collection of town, county and state maps, and atlases.
- Town aviation history (airport, Curtis Wright, Bell Helicopter)
- Town National Landmarks (Our Lady Help of Christians, War of 1812 Cemetery & Villa Maria Motherhouse)
- Founding Families

For more information:

cheektowagahistory.org,
cheektowagahistory@yahoo.com
(716) 684-6544



Did you know? Cheektowaga comes from an Erie-Seneca word, "JUKDOWAAGEH", meaning "land of abounding fruit", referring to the native hawthorn trees (crabapples).

Marilla Historical Society Museum

1810 Two Rod Road, Marilla, NY 14102



Open: June 1 - November 1, Third Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Or by appointment

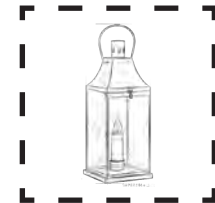
ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Restored 1854 log cabin
- Restored 1870 Roloff House
- Virtual tour of Marilla's historic sites
- Rotating displays of Marilla's history

For more information:

townofmarilla.com/attractions
(716) 652-1827

Did you know? Due to the damming of Little Buffalo Creek for milling purposes, Marilla once had a lake in the middle of town.



Lancaster, New York Historical Society

40 Clark Street, Lancaster, NY 14086



Open:
Second & Fourth Sundays,
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Research facilities
- Collection of maps
- Lancaster District School #6 at 3703 Bowen Road

For more information:

www.lancasternyhistoricalsociety.org;
(716) 228-7755



Did you know? Lancaster once had its own professional football team, the Lancaster Malleables, that played in the New York Pro Football League in the 1900s.

Historical Society of Clarence

10465 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031



Open: March-December,
Second & Fourth Sundays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Wilson Greatbatch Exhibit
- Flight 3407 Exhibit
- The Goodrich-Landow Log Cabin
- Farming & Agriculture Display

For more information:

ClarenceHistory.org

Did you know? The Goodrich-Landow cabin, now on site, stood on Goodrich Road for 165 years.



Concord Historical Society Warner Museum

98 E. Buffalo Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Native American baskets
- Antique toys and musical instruments
- "Pop" Warner memorabilia

For more information:

CHS14141.org,
(716) 592-0094



Did you know? Glenn "Pop" Warner, an important figure in American football history, was born in 1871 in Springville?

Lackawanna Historical Association

Lackawanna Public Library, 560 Ridge Road,
Lackawanna, NY 14218



Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm,
Wednesday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Local History Museum on ground floor of Lackawanna Public Library
- Father Baker
- Steel Plant
- Col. John B. Weber
- City of Lackawanna

For more information:

www.buffalolib.org
(716) 245-9383



Did you know? Lackawanna got its name from the Lackawanna Steel Company and was formerly part of West Seneca.



Hull Family Home and Farmstead

5976 Genesee Street, Lancaster, NY 14086



Open: Noon to 3:00 pm
May 16, 23, 30, June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25,
August 1, 8, 22, 29, September 5, 19, 26

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Home of Revolutionary War veteran Warren Hull (1762-1838)
- Oldest surviving stone dwelling in Erie County
- Fully restored to 1815
- Research library for genealogy and town history

For more information:

www.hullfamilyhome.com, (716) 681-6451



Did you know? Warren and Polly Hull raised 12 children here.

Concord Historical Society Mercantile Heritage Building

17 Franklin Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

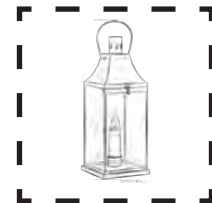
ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 1890s country store and gift shop
- Springville "Main Street 1950s" shows various stores in town at that time
- The 1907 "Around the World" auto race display

For more information:

CHS14141.org, (716) 592-0094

Did you know? Springville was originally known as "Fiddler's Green".



Concord Historical Society Lucy Bensley Genealogy Center

23 N. Buffalo Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Local newspapers 1840-present—some researchable on computer
- Extensive Civil War library—over 100 volumes
- Local genealogies
- Maps

For more information:

CHS14141.org, (716) 592-0094



Did you know? Concord is believed to have been named after Concord, Massachusetts by the early settlers.

Hamburg Historical Society

5859 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075



Open: April - December 1, Saturdays, Noon - 3:00 pm
First Sunday of month, Noon - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Boise-Lord House c1850
- Restored Village Lock Up
- Carriage Barn
- Museum

For more information:

www.hamburghistoricalsociety.org



Did you know? The Erie County Fair has operated in Hamburg since 1868.



Grand Island Historical Society/River Lea

Beaver Island State Park, 2136 W. Oakfield Road,
Grand Island, New York 14072



Open Hours \$ (Admission to State Park)
April - September, First Wednesday 4:30-7:30 pm
April, May, September, Third Sunday 1:00-3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Yard Sale Fundraiser, May 21 & 22, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Museum will be open
- Much of Beaver Island State Park was once part of Lewis F. Allen's progressive, experimental Allenton Farm
- River Lea c1873 was a wedding gift from Lewis Allen to his son and bride
- River Lea was saved from demolition by the Grand Island Historical Society

For more information:

www.gihistoricalsociety.org



Did you know? Grover Cleveland worked for his uncle, Lewis F. Allen, on the Allenton Farm.

Depew Historian Office

Office on second floor of the Village Hall,
85 Manitou Street, Depew, NY 14043



Open:
By appointment only
Village Hall open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Various documents and papers of historical significance
- Photographs
- Artifacts

For more information:

Call for appointment
(716) 681-4396

Did you know? The Village of Depew straddles two townships — Lancaster on the east and Cheektowaga on the west.



Eden Historical Society Asa Warren House

8639 South Main Street, Eden, NY 14057



Open:

May, June, July, September, Third Sunday 1:00 pm -3:00 pm
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- House built by Asa Warren c1814
- Renovated to the 1840s era
- Items of historical significance to the Town of Eden
- House believed to have been an underground railroad station

For more information:
historian@edenny.gov



Did you know? The Eden Kazoo Company has a museum at 8703 S. Main Street in Eden.

Evans Historical Society

8351 Erie Road, Angola, NY 14006



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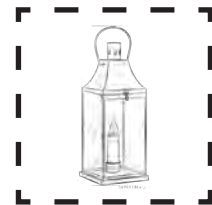
July & August, Sundays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
September to June, First & Third Sundays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 1857 School House Museum
- Farm & Household Tools
- Emblem Company bicycles made by local company

For more information:
www.evanshistorical.org; (716) 549-6139

Did you know? Evans was named for David Evans, the local agent for the Holland Land Company and nephew of Joseph Ellicott.



Elma Historical Society Hurd and Briggs 1846 Sawmill

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: May - October
First & Third Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Working sawmill using local 1840s machinery
- Replica built on original stanchions
- Original gear on display



For more information:
www.elmanyhistory.com



Did you know? A sawmill was usually the first type of mill built in a new settlement.

Eden Regional Farm Museum Welch Farm

8326 N. Main Street, Eden, NY 14057



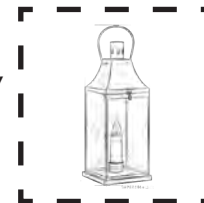
Open: May, June, July & September, Third Sundays
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- House built prior to 1838.
- Farm owned by the Welch family for almost 200 years
- Surrounding gardens contain plantings appropriate to early 1900s
- Small barn contains small hand tools and other farming implements

For more information:
Facebook page Welch Farm Museum

Did you know? When John Morgan Welch was clearing the land in the early 1810s, he found himself with so much excess wood, he simply burned what he did not need.



Elma Historical Society Hurd House

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: First & Third Sundays, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- First Town Board meeting to form Town of Elma held here in 1856
- Has 16 rooms, original windows, built in 1846
- Vintage toys
- Was part of the Underground Railroad
- Served as a parsonage during late 1800s and early 1900s
- Research library for genealogy and town history

For more information:
www.elmanyhistory.com



Did you know? The Hurd House was moved 700 yards north on Bowen Road to its present location in May 1985.

Elma Historical Society Barn

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: May – October
First & Third Sundays, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- c1860 Jerge carriage and utility wagon made in Elma
- Farm artifacts dating to the 1830s
- Bleek's and Luder's artifacts
- Bleek's post office artifacts
- Dairy equipment dating back to 1920

For more information:
www.elmanyhistory.com

Did you know? Elma is the youngest town in Erie County. It was created in 1857.

