



Gem of the Mountains

The Newsletter of the Boonton Historical Society and Museum

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WORLD WAR II Heroes Remembered

In June, 1946, Boonton's returning military heroes posed for a group photograph.

Now, more than sixty years later, the Boonton Historical Society has had this picture copied and mounted. A project to identify everyone in the photograph has been initiated.

On February 21 at 2:30 p.m., we will honor these men with a special reception at the Senior Center on North Main Street.

It is our hope to be able to name everyone in the photograph, and there are still many that remain unidentified. Will you and your friends join us by helping match the pictures to names?



The photograph is now on display at the museum at 210 Main Street and we are open every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.



TITANIC: The Last Chapter

A program on Monday, March 5



Charles Haas, a retired English and Journalism teacher at Randolph High School, will present a program entitled "Titanic: The Last chapter" on Monday, March 5, at the Senior House, Main Road, Montville, at 7:30 p.m. The Historical Societies of Boonton and Montville

Township will sponsor the program.

Mr. Haas has co-written five books on the Titanic. He is a co-founder and past president of the national Titanic International Historical Society and is the first American teacher and one of two historians to have dived to the wreck. He is considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the subject of the Titanic.

He viewed the wreck in 1993 and 1996 from a three-person submersible capable of diving 2.5 miles to the ocean floor. A robotic camera, sent inside the wreckage, allowed him to see firsthand the sites he'd read and written about. He was also a member of the 1998 Research and recovery Expedition.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENING FEBRUARY 17 "The Artistry of Bob Bogue"



Step back in time and see Boonton as it was in the late 1800's to 1930's through the artistic talent of Bob Bogue.

Born in Saranac Lake, New York and raised in Boonton, Mr. Bogue specializes in paintings depicting the historical town of Boonton. Homes and businesses, many long gone, are recreated in watercolor from original photographs. This exhibit, which will display over twenty of the artist's works, will feature paintings from Mr. Bogue's personal collection, as well as the collections of Lloyd Charlton, who will curate the exhibit, and Donald Estler.

Still painting and accepting commissions for his work at the age of eighty-five, the museum is privileged to bring Mr. Bogue's work to the public. Prints will be on sale at the museum gift shop. The museum is open every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 973-402-8840 or email Boontonhistory@yahoo.com.



From the PRESIDENT

2007 will bring us new challenges in historic preservation and in our efforts to keep history alive in our town. The Historical Society's mission statement charges us with encouraging preservation and restoration of Boonton's historic landmarks. While we can promote awareness of issues concerning our local historical environment, we cannot bring about substantive changes on our own. We need your help in this endeavor. Please join us in our commitment to preserve history – your input counts!

*Jennifer Coultas,
President*

FEATURED VOLUNTEERS

Claire and Pam Hance



This mother and daughter team has worked hard for the Boonton Historical Society and Museum in many capacities.

Claire, Pam's mother, has been a member of the Society since 2001. She moved to Boonton after graduating from high school in Walkill, New York. Pursuing the idea of a theatrical career, she attended the American Academy of

Dramatic Arts in New York City. When fate led her down the matrimonial path, however, she starred in two major productions – her daughters, Pam and Nancy.

Claire worked for eighteen years as payroll and human resources manager for the Boonton Handbag Company. Bitten by the spirit of adventure during the seventies, Claire and her family spent a summer touring Europe, eventually settling in Spain for a year.

Claire is semi-retired and works as a receptionist at the Del Barton School in Morristown. She has a small business making tee shirt quilts, assists at her church's office and is member of the Boonton Historical Society's Board of Trustees where she serves as Corresponding Secretary and Hospitality Chairman. Her enthusiasm is evidenced by her willingness to volunteer in any capacity for the varied projects taken on by the Society.

Pam, Claire's daughter, grew up in Boonton. She remembers roller-skating on the lower end of Main Street, past Makowski's Market, Rocky's Florist and Artie's Sweetshop. She attended kindergarten through high school in the Boonton school system and credits exceptional teachers for the inspiration that sustains her today as an English teacher at Paterson's Eastside High School.

Pam moved to Marin County, California in the mid 70's where she raised her son, Christian. Pam's California resume includes: teacher and cook at a performing arts camp, face painter at festival time, piñata designer, photographer, speech and drama teacher, and the proprietor of a housecleaning business she established and ran for more than ten years.

When Pam came home to Boonton, she became active with the Boonton Historical Society as a volunteer and trustee. She has chaired and co-chaired many museum events including three Victorian Teas, a children's program about Boonton's role in the Underground Railroad, an exhibit of local newspapers and a house tour.

What would the Boonton Historical Society do without the invaluable contributions of the team Hance and Hance!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I am seeking help identifying the organization represented by the letters "B.S.C.B.," as seen on my great grandfather's hat in the attached photograph. The uniform seems to indicate that he was a member of a band.

His name was Daniel Lovell. It was changed to "Lavelle" sometime between 1880 and 1890. His father, Patrick, and mother, Bridget Murray, came to the USA from Liverpool. I know he lived in Boonton in the late 1800's.

Any assistance you may be able to offer would be greatly appreciated.

Gary Carnevale, 98 Francisco Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070



2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AFTERNOON & EVENING PROGRAMS

February 21	“Boonton in World War II” The unveiling of the photograph of Boonton’s military heroes.	Boonton Senior Center	2:30 p.m.
March 5	“Titanic: The Last Chapter” Program by Charles Maas, noted expert on the Titanic	Montville Senior Center	7:30 p.m.
April 18	“Eleanor Roosevelt: A New Woman” A program offered through the Speakers Bureau of the NJCH	Boonton Senior Center	2:30 p.m.
May 12	Museum: House Tour Registration at the museum for self guided tour of Boonton Homes	Boonton Historical Museum	11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
October 17	“Ichabod Crane and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow” A program offered through the Speakers Bureau of the NJCH	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.
November 21	Annual Membership Meeting	Boonton Senior Center	7:30 p.m.
December 8	Holiday Open House at the Museum	Boonton Historical Museum	1:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WALKING TOURS

Saturdays; suggested donation \$5.00

April 4	Morris Canal and Ironworks Meet at the Boardwalk on Main Street	10:00 a.m.
May 5	The Park Meet at the Gazebo in Grace Lord Park	10:00 a.m.
July 7	Main Street Meet at Canalside Park overlook	10:00 a.m.
August 11	Historic Residential District Meet at the Boardwalk on Main Street	10:00 a.m.
September 8	The Park Meet at the Gazebo in Grace Lord Park	10:00 a.m.

HOUSE TOUR

Once again the Boonton Historical Society is sponsoring its ever-popular house tour. Save the date: Saturday, May 12! Registration for a self-guided tour is at the museum where coffee and cake will be served. Houses may be viewed from 11:30 until 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and will go on sale March 1.



Featured Recipe:

English Plum Pudding

This recipe was sent to us by Jennifer Coultas, President of the Boonton Historical Society and a native of England. Her grandmother, Harriet Wright, passed it down to her. Harriet was the mother of five children. She found time to run a soup kitchen during the depression, and in addition to baking cakes and puddings, she made her own jams, preserves and wine from her garden fruits.

“As children, Grandma Wright would hide one silver three-penny bit in our serving of pudding (we never swallowed a single one). My grandmother passed away when I was ten years old, but I still have my silver three penny bit”, says Jennifer.

Plum Pudding:

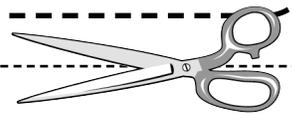
1/2 lb. Sultanas	Juice of 1 lemon
1/2 lb. Raisins	Grated rind of 1 lemon
1/2 lb. Currants	1 Egg
1/2 lb. Suet	1/2 pint Milk
1/4 lb. Flour	4 oz Brandy
1/2 lb. Sugar	1 Grated Apple (no skin)
1/4 lb. Breadcrumbs	1 Grated Carrot
1/2 tsp. Salt	1 tsp. Mixed Spice

Mix all together in a bowl suitable for steaming. Cover top of bowl tightly with greaseproof paper or with cheesecloth and steam from 8 to 10 hours. Allow to cool and refrigerate. Serve warm with white rum sauce.

White Rum Sauce:

2 tbsp. Butter
2 tbsp. All purpose flour
1 cup Milk or Half and Half
Dark Rum

Prepare 15 minutes before serving. In a medium saucepan or double boiler, melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Add dark rum to taste.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual fee (renewable in November)

Individual, \$15

Family, \$20

Seniors & Students, \$10

Business, \$25

Lifetime, \$200

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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