



Howland Stone Store Museum

Located at 2956 State Route 34B in Sherwood

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Opendore Capital Campaign Getting Closer to \$1 Million Goal !

HSSM is pleased to announce that we are two-thirds of the way to our goal to raise one million dollars for the Opendore Project. We have received just over \$675,000. Funding sources include *grants* from Environmental Protection Fund and Rural Area Revitalization Project, MuseumWise, and Cayuga Community Fund plus local contributions from our corporate sponsors Cayuga Lake National Bank and the Solstice Group as well as individual donors. We are most grateful to all of our donors and look forward to sharing more about the project with you. Please *stay tuned to learn how YOU can support this project.*



Opendore Update—January 31, 2013

On Site: Work on the Opendore project continues in spite of little visible change. If you live near Sherwood, you may have noticed some activity on the Opendore site during the fall months. In order to provide easy access for people and equipment, it was necessary to remove trees and undergrowth, clearing an area 15-20 feet all the way around the building (photo shows South side of house). More problematic was a rather significant and persistent infestation of honeybees in several locations of the North Wing, the portion to be saved. We are most appreciative of donations of time and services toward this clean-up as provided by Town of Scipio, Jon Ryan, Ann Sill, Dave White, Alan Emerson, Dillwyn Otis.



Behind the Scenes: The more significant activity has been much less obvious. On July 24, 2012, HSSM appointed Crawford and Stearns (C&S), of Syracuse, NY as architects for the Opendore Project. They will prepare scopes, drawings, and specifications for the work to be done and will oversee construction for the project, which will be done in two parts. Phase One includes abatement of hazardous materials (primarily asbestos), removal of failing portions of the structure—the entire south end of the building—and stabilization of the remaining North Wing; Phase Two is the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the North Wing of Opendore. Fisher Associates of Rochester, hazardous material consultants, have done sampling/testing for types and locations of asbestos and other contaminants, and are working with C&S to prepare the Project Manual for Phase One of construction. Once we have received state



approval, Phase One of the project can go to bid. We hope on-site work can start by early summer with Phase One being completed during 2013. Check theopendoreproject.com for updates.

Woman's Suffrage 2013 Calendar

HSSM's special project, the 2013 Woman's Suffrage Calendar, fits the museum's mission of telling the story of the women who fought for the right to vote, most especially Sherwood native



Emily Howland, while spreading that story in a colorful and creative way. Profit of slightly more than \$4200 is a boost to our treasury, and is a meaningful step toward our goal to

improve our long-term financial viability. While many contributed in a variety of ways, Martha Clymer deserves the credit for bringing this project to fruition. Watch for the 2014 calendar!



Cayuga Community Fund Awards \$3108.

HSSM is grateful to *The Cayuga Community Fund* for an award of \$3108 to support financial development of HSSM: hiring a consultant, Paula Peter of the Solstice Group in Ithaca, to provide fund-raising development and training for our capital campaign; purchasing a website (theopendoreproject.com); and setting up a professional-level bookkeeping system for HSSM and Opendore. These actions move HSSM toward the long-term financial growth as outlined in our Sustainability Plan.

Rural Area Revitalization Program Grant of \$200,000. On December 21, HSSM received notification that we had been awarded a grant of \$200,000 to be used for the Opendore project. This significant gift is especially helpful, as it not only adds to our total receipts to date, but these funds can be used as matching funds for \$200,000 of the \$400,000 EPF grant. [EPF funding up to \$400,000 is only available to the extent that we can provide a 50/50 match.]

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### ***New Members 2012-13***

Thanks also to previous members who continue to support HSSM by renewing their membership.

Martha Clymer  
Alice Ennis  
John & Patricia Kimber  
Christine A. Ockenfels  
David & Katharine Owens  
Sarah Gotwals Stowell  
Barbara Wiggans Taylor  
Frances Weber

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Recent Donors

Listed below are those donating to HSSM from May, 2012 until January 21, 2013. HSSM thanks *all* donors. Your gifts allow us to continue to operate our Museum and provide services to our community. NOTE: We are also most grateful to all those who have contributed to the Opendore Project. Those donors will be recognized at another time.

Barbara Adams
Eleanor Cleaveland
Martha Clymer
Gary & Barbara Culver
Peter & Rhoda Curtiss
Faith Emerson
Elsie Gutches
Howard Harnett
Cornelia Hill
John & Patricia Kimber
Irene Kulis
Hayden & Leonora Letchworth
Leonora Brown Letchworth
Paula J. Peter
Carmen Reynolds
Andreas & Hannah Richter
John & Cheryl Rpeemelt
Ed & Louise Rossman
Rebecca Ruggles
Lisa Marsh Ryerson
Jean A. Schafer
Andrew & Elizabeth Simkin
Linda Simkin
Douglas C. & Doris S. Towne
Marcia Walsh
Patricia Howland White
Ellen Baker Wikstrom

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## **Museum Visitors**

While HSSM has no regular visiting hours during the winter months, we have had older students from **Peach Town** in Aurora visit us in January, and 40 students from **Colgate University** visit us in late October. If help is available, we do try to accommodate special groups. Call us!

### ***We need YOU!***

Volunteers make our museum work. Won't you help? Contact Pat at 315-364-5587 or [pwhite2299@aol.com](mailto:pwhite2299@aol.com)

## MEMBERSHIP FORM - DUES (2013)

**YES! I/We would like to support the ongoing restoration/preservation and educational programming of the Howland Stone Store Museum. (Since HSSM's total income is from donations and fund-raisers, your contribution is really appreciated.) THANK YOU!**

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| <b>Name:</b> _____<br><b>Address:</b> _____<br><b>City/State:</b> _____<br><b>Phone:</b> _____<br><b>E-Mail:</b> _____ |  | _____ <b>\$10 individual</b><br>_____ <b>\$15 family</b><br>_____ <b>Additional donation</b><br>_____ <b>TOTAL enclosed</b> |
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Volunteer Opportunities— want to help?

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| _____ assist with programs or displays | _____ assist with Grants   |
| _____ greet visitors Thurs or Sat p.m. | _____ work on accessioning |

**2013 HSSM Board:** Martha Clymer, Alan Emerson, Hayden Letchworth, Sharon Porter, Cheryl Roemmelt, Ed Rossman, Ann Tobey, Patricia White, President (315-364-5587) Bradley Mitchell, Curator.

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