



# MARCELLUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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The Village of Marcellus will begin its sesquicentennial celebration on **May 25th** with a **Pancake Breakfast** from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Middle School, followed by an **Ice Cream Social** on Main Street from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. There will be **25¢ ice cream** with toppings along with **local bands**, including **Bells & Motley**. A special **Memorial Day** celebration on **May 26th** will recognize the role of our Village as we salute our nation's veterans, past, present and future. **June 4th** is the actual birthday of the Village and there will be **Birthday Cake for All**. At 6:30 p.m., the Village and the Marcellus Historical Society will unveil and dedicate an **historic water trough** on Main Street as well as bury a **50-year time capsule**. Awards for the **MCS History Contest** will be made and John Curtin will be signing his new book about Marcellus, *Pucker Street*. Music will be provided by the **Marcellus Middle and High School Bands** from 7 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. The **Marcellus Olde Home Days, June 6th, 7th and 8th** will highlight 150 years of Village history. There will be the usual crafter displays, library promotions, food booths, rides, duck races and **Live Music** along with a **Parade** and floats that highlight local themes from our Village past. Also on **June 7th**, beginning at 9 a.m., the U.S. Post Office in Marcellus will provide a **special picture postmark** on any stamped envelope. A **Captain & Crew Golf Tournament** will be held on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** at The Links at Sunset Ridge (sign up at Links or Village Office by July 26<sup>th</sup>). On **September 13th** from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Main Street will be closed off for a **Blue Grass Festival** with local band participation. The Marcellus Historical Society will host a **Walking Tour** of the Village on **September 27th**.

*Sponsored by Senator John A. DeFrancisco CNY Tourism Grant Fund*



### EVENTS SCHEDULE

*The tentative schedule of events is as follows:*

**Wednesday, May 7, 2003**                      **Noon -7 p.m.**  
Appraisal Fair (\$2 per item or 3 items for \$5)

**Sunday, May 18, 2003**                              **2 p.m.**  
Pat Koloski from Hillside Gardens  
 "Landscaping and Flowers"

**Saturday, June 7, 2003**                      **10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Olde Home Days Museum Open House

**Sunday, June 15, 2003**                              **2 p.m.**  
Slide Show from Historical Society's Albums

### No Meetings during July and August

*Meetings are open to anyone and are held at the Marcellus Fire Station unless indicated otherwise. A short business meeting will precede each program.*

### Historical Society Officers for 2003

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 P.O. Box 165, Marcellus, NY 13108,  
 publishes this newsletter and mails it quarterly  
 to its members and advertisers. ~

### Guestbook on Web Site

Sign the Guestbook and record your Marcellus memories at: [mhs.marcellusny.com](http://mhs.marcellusny.com)

### In Remembrance

Jane Eberle Raleigh - January 15, 2003  
 David Hanke - January 30, 2003  
 Louise Berry - February 23, 2003  
 Robert J. Sweet—March 4, 2003 ~

### From The President ...

It is wonderful to be back in Marcellus - there is no place like home! Thank you to the board for all that was done during the winter months and to those who donated items to the museum which will be enjoyed for many years to come.

**Thanks to Vince and Mary Murphy** for attending the Community Arts Grant Award Ceremony where the Historical Society was awarded a grant of \$2,000 for the restoration of Dr. Parsons' carriage. This was made possible with Funds from NYSOPRHP secured by Senator John DeFrancisco's Heritage Grant Program, administered by the Cultural Resources Council. The restored carriage will not be ready for the Olde Home Days Celebration but will be on display later in the year.

This is a busy time at the museum and volunteers are needed **Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.** Beginning June 22nd, the museum will also be open **Sunday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.** and by appointment any other time. Those interested in volunteering - please contact me.

**Our thanks to John Curtin for his new book and for donating the proceeds to the Historical Society. Enjoy the Village's 150th Celebration!**

Peg Nolan ~

### Recent Acquisitions

*We wish to thank the following people for donating items to the museum collection:*

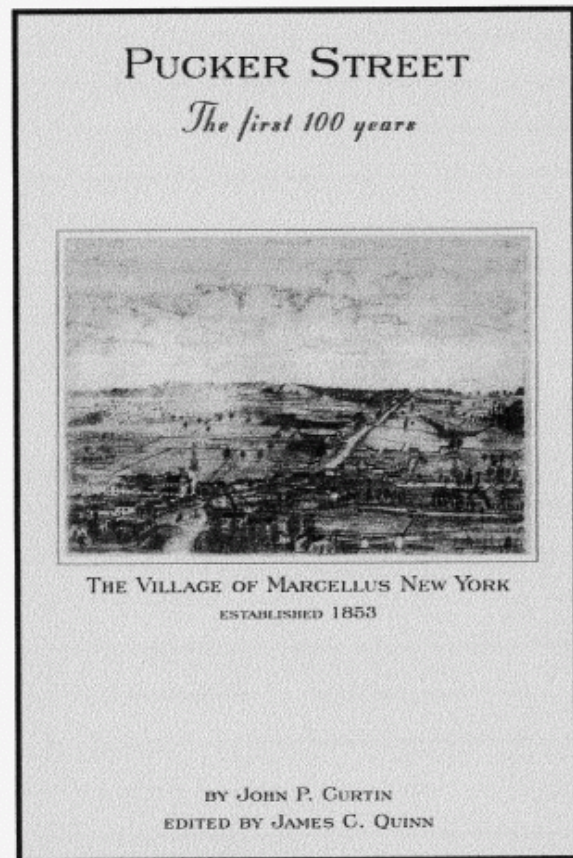
**Cathy North** for Girl Scout Sr. Troop #598 scrapbook; **Marion Ossit** for 1954, 1957 and 1966 Town Zoning Ordinance Books; **Helen Hopkins** for 1¢ - 9¢ post cards, Bicentennial can; **John Curtin** for 1932 Marcellus School District Map; **Joyce Murphy** for baby hat (1967), hair curler & bobby pin (1950), baby dress (1936), watch (1930's), autograph book (1949), MFD memorabilia; **Shirley Gallinger** for American flag used by Don Gallinger's Boy Scout Troop # 66, pictures of Upper Crown Mills with machines working, Amber post card, plaques for awards to Don Gallinger; **Florence Lawson** for 1909-1910-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935 yearbooks; **Francis & Marjorie Eibert Family** for District # 9 school bell. ~



# Pucker Street – The First 100 Years

## A Unique Name For the Village of Marcellus New Book Celebrates Village Birthday

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about a book that has been recently written about the Village of Marcellus by John P. Curtin, edited by James C. Quinn. Entitled *Pucker Street - The First 100 Years*, publication of the book is planned for May 2003 in conjunction with and in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Marcellus.



What the author has tried to do is provide a glimpse of the history of the Village of Marcellus from a slightly different perspective. He has primarily used the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marcellus (1853-1953) and copies of the local newspaper, *The Marcellus Observer* to help tell the story.

He also wants this work to serve as a reference tool for those who might need to research items related to the history of the Village. To this end, he has tried to make the index as inclusive as possible and has cross-referenced many entries. As a Trustee of the Village, he was often at a loss trying to find information about government operations in the past and is hopeful that this work will assist future officers of the Village in their search for relevant information.

The author has also tried to incorporate a brief biographical sketch of some individuals who he has found to be of interest in the story of the Village. He feels that people make history, but they are also influenced by their circumstances, which in turn affects what they may or may not have done during the times in which they lived. Often, therefore, it is important to know something about individuals as well as their families in order to understand the times.

He has also allocated any royalties from the sale of this book for the benefit of the Marcellus Historical Society. Retail price of the book is \$25.00 plus shipping and will be available in early May 2003 at the Marcellus Village Office and on line at <http://www.trafford.com/robots/03-0101.html>. It will also be available at the Village birthday celebration on May 25<sup>th</sup> where there will be a book signing opportunity for those so interested and throughout the Olde Home Days Celebration in June.



**East Hill District # 9 School Bell Donated  
by the Francis and Marjorie Eibert Family  
to Marcellus Historical Society**



*The District 9 Octagon Schoolhouse around 1900.*

The Historical Society is pleased to announce that the bell from the East Hill District # 9 Schoolhouse has been donated in the name of Francis and Marjorie Eibert and family.

Located 2 1/2 miles east of Marcellus on Seneca Turnpike, the octagon school was built in 1867 to replace a log school erected in 1813. District # 9 served the community for 124 years until the Central School was built in the village in 1937. The building was vacant until 1939 when Fred and Catherine Cullen made it their home, adding a cellar, a well and other improvements. Controversy about ownership arose and in the early 1940's, it was purchased by Clayton Lathrop who then sold it in 1944 for \$365 to Mayon Johnson. After the Johnsons moved out in 1948, the building was torn down and some of the material was used by Lloyd Pepperman of East Maple Street in building his home.

Some of the teachers that taught at the East Hill school were: K. Ardell Fellows, E. Woodford, Kate Mulroy, Marion Crysler, Lucy Harrison, Genevieve Neuman and Helen Heenan. Some family names of students were: Dorchel, Mahan, Eibert, Maser, Olney, Eggleston, Edwards, Whalen, McDeid, Murphy, Brinkerhoff, Kessler and Crysler.

Francis "Bud" Eibert said that his mother purchased the bell when the school closed. The Historical Society is grateful to the Eibert family for this wonderful piece of Marcellus history and will look for a suitable place to have it displayed. ~

**ALLTEL Directory**

The 150th Anniversary of the Village of Marcellus is highlighted on the cover and starting on page 31 of the 2003 ALLTEL Directory. ~

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*(Patrons in bold print, New members underlined):*

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Sunday, May 18th at 2 p.m.**



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