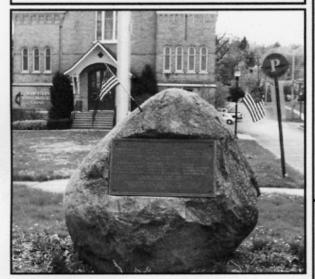


# MARCELLUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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80th Anniversary of Dedication of the Soldiers' Memorial



**Dedication of Soldiers'** Memorial In Marcellus

The Marcellus Observer June 2, 1926 (Written by Mrs. Harriet J. Case)

The observance of Memorial Day finds its motivating influence deep in the human heart, and prototypes of the day are common all through history. Some few years ago, Memorial Day was treated more as a festival, than as a solemn requiem for the dead. But this is passing, and the day is now observed in a manner more in keeping with its character. And it seems as if it would ever be a day of memories to the people of Marcellus after the impressive services, which marked the Dedication and Unveiling of the Memorial to the Marcellus boys who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War.

The memorial was made possible by the Marcellus Soldiers' Comfort League, after six years of effort, with many discouragements. The bronze tablet was purchased four years ago of Hinman-Boynton of Syracuse. A committee consisting of Charles E.

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WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

Jones, William F. Malley, J. Hynds Weidman and Horace M. Stone was appointed to select a suitable boulder, and site for same. After some time the boulder was found and the site secured. But the boulder, which was found on the R. M. Stone farm, proved difficult to move. One party finally agreed to move it, but gave it up after moving it some distance. Finally, Arthur Hackford agreed to move it and place in its permanent position, which was done very successfully. The Methodist people gave the site, which is ideal.

Mrs. F. T. Schoonmaker, a zealous worker for the cause, was much interesting in presenting a suitable program for the occasion, and in her efficient manner, and with the assistance of Prof. Ernest Black, representing the Ralph Share Post, American Legion, and in the presence of Joseph Hones Post, G.A.R.,

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

# Sunday, May 21, 2006

2 p.m.

## Phil & Kathy Coccia

"Park Programs, Senior & Outreach Projects"

Saturday, June 3, 2006

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Museum Open House - Olde Home Days

Sunday, June 11, 2006

2 p.m.

To be Announced

## 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.

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Please direct comments or questions to Hollis Abbott.

## From The President ...

Summer is fast approaching and volunteers are busy at the museum cataloging, numbering and indexing artifacts, paper work and pictures that have recently been donated to the museum. Thank you to the volunteers and to the donors. We have much to do before the Open House on June 3rd and welcome all volunteers.

A big thank you to **Bruce Widger** for providing us with such great programs and to **Mary Jane Domurat** for the weekly column in the Observer.

In November of 2005, the Historical Society applied for a grant of \$25,000 from the Gifford Foundation to help fund construction of overlooks along the proposed Nine Mile Creek Walkway to be constructed by the Village. The overlooks would include historical interpretive markers at significant locations along the walkway to revive interest in Nine Mile Creek. We have just been notified that a grant was approved by the Gifford Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for these historical markers and overlooks.

To our senior citizens: we would like very much to see you at the museum and to hear some of your recollections of Marcellus. Remember - we are handicapped accessible and we have a wheel chair available if needed.

Does anyone have a picture of "Popeye" Manahan's Barber Shop when it was on Main Street? We can copy any pictures that you think would be of interest to the museum so that you can retain the originals.

Have a great summer!

Peg Nolan ~

**<u>Donations:</u>** Our thanks to the following people for cash donations:

Christopher M. Bedford ~

#### **Museum Hours:**

Tuesday Evenings 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday Afternoons 1 to 4 pm

Or By Appointment: Peg Nolan - 673-1765

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## In Remembrance

Suzanne Durgee - March 17, 2006 Katherine W. Arthur - April 3, 2006 (Continued from page 1)

Veterans of the Civil War, Relief Corps, American Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary, school children and townspeople generally, the following program was presented:

The Star Spangled Banner was sung, lead by Miss Edna Hogan, Miss Ophelia Taylor and Mr. Roy Gallinger.

A beautiful memorial prayer was offered by Rev. H. A. Sloan.

Remarks by Prof. P. M. Helfer calling the attention of the young people to what the monument stood for and its sacredness.

Salute to the Flag, and singing The Battle Hymn of the Republic by the school children, led by Prof. Helfer.

Mrs. M. J. Thornton gave a brief history of Marcellus in the World War, Marcellus losing ten per cent of enlisted men, the largest in Onondaga County.

America, was then sung, led by Miss Hogan, Miss Taylor and Mr. Gallinger.

The tablet was then unveiled by Mrs. J. A. B. Daye and Mrs. W. T. Case, followed by appropriate remarks by Rev. David S. MacInnis.

Mrs. Schoonmaker called the Roll of the honored dead; response of each in turn given by Mrs. Davenport. After each response, some member of the family, escorted by a member of the Legion, placed a tribute of flowers at the base of the monument. The Roll was as follows, with the family member:

Private William Coyne (Miss Josie Kelly, cousin.) Private Thomas Dunn (Mrs. Thomas Hogan, sister.) Corporal Leroy S. Edwards (Mrs. Samuel B.

Edwards, gold star mother.)

Private Owen Joseph Haney (Legion Member.)
Corporal Frank J. Kelly (Mrs. Elmer Lavey, sister.)
Private Fred R. Cooper (John B. Cooper, father.)
Private William Joseph Kelly (Miss Maude Kelly, sister.)

Private Ralph Cameron Share (Miss Oral Share, sister.)

Private Louis F. Thornton (Mrs. W. S. Conley.)
Private Ernest H. Williams (Legion Member.)

"In Flanders Field, And Answer" was most impressively rendered by Martin Doane, a Marcellus High School pupil. A tribute from the Ralph Share Post, American Legion, was given; two flags were placed above the tablet. This was followed by a brief address by J. Rev. Edward Taylor, rector of St. John's Church, telling what the Legion stood for.

A beautiful basket of flowers was given by the

Comfort League, Mrs. C. E. Jones presenting them, escorted by a member of the Legion.

Father Driscoll followed with an inspiring and patriotic address.

After this, the military honors were given, closing these very impressive ceremonies.

The Marcellus Soldiers Comfort League would thank Prof. Black, The American Legion, Marcellus Band, Miss Hogan, Miss Taylor, Mr. Gallinger, Principal Helfer, and all who helped make these exercises a success. Their dream of years has come true; our heroes have been honored in a fitting manner.

It would not seem right to close this account without mentioning those who were interested who have been called by death, Mr. W. F. Malley, Rev. Clyde C. Gustin, and Mrs. Dwight C. Baker. I am sure all felt their nearness in the impressive ceremonies of the dedication. - H. J. C.

..Submitted by John Curtin ~



Renewed Members: (since our last newsletter) (Sustaining members in bold print, New members underlined): Dave & Sally Bailey, Bruce & Helen Baker, Dave Ball, Timothy & Kathryn Barstow & Family, Joyce Beak, Christopher M. Bedford, John & Gerry Bednarski, Dr. Gary & Vanessa Belcher, Pat Blackler, Ron & Betsey Bond, Harold Brinkerhoff, Joy L. Buffan, Priscilla Carmody, Harold Chapman, Victoria Clark, Phillip & Helen Clarke, Peter & Ethel Cole, Marsha Connor, William T. Cook, James & Vera Costello, Kathy Coyne, Catherine D'Angelo, Beverly P. Dann, Frank & Janis DeBevic, Regina Dillon, Francis Eibert, Barbara A. Fero, William H. & June Frawley, Alan & Phyllis Gammon, Pat Gascon, Sharon Gibbons, James & Marilyn Gilmour, Doris Haggett, James Hamilton, Sterling & Ruth Jansen,

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Current membership: 350 ~

Recent Acquisitions: We wish to thank the following people for donating items to the museum collection: Jennifer Griffin for picture of 2005 MCS NY State Boys Hockey Champions; Sara Barlass for 2 Guernsey Pharmacy bottles; Mary Tuthill for 23 books, pamphlets, post card & envelopes; Eugene Harmon for wooden bowl he made from tree between Ryan Funeral Home and Masonic Temple; Polly Weigand for Civil War & Clark Blanchard records; Barbara Spain for Methodist Church pamphlets & mat; Barbara Shoemaker for MCS 1961 Commencement Program, Rose Hill Baptist Church marriage & funeral records; Michael Plumpton for MFD mug & Installation Banquet program, Rose Hill Baptist Church records; Skaneateles Historical Society for Marcellus related articles & family records from Mrs. Helen Newell; Marcellus Library for 3 pencils from C.W.Crysler & Son; Peg Nolan for 2 books; Mary Widger for metal knitting needles; William Lucchetti for wedding

invitation for niece of Edward Moir, Strand Theater movie notices & ads, book, postcard of Marcellus Park, coins, before & after photos of Marcellus Group Office, boy's hat from J. Pilot home, boot & shoe found in Fulmer building, part of horse harness, photo of Quintuplets and unidentified photos, Cayuga Omnibus bus schedule, Hyatt's Nursery ad, Marcellus Lodge #658 delinquent notice; Jane Amidon for numerous records & letters of the Reed, Cody & Cummings families, 1927 linen map of Reed farm, MHS 1919 class picture, 1920 MHS Commencement book, Clintonville History, 1814 tax receipt, 1850 map of New York & New England, genealogies of the Reed, Cody, Goodwin & Daboll families, several pictures, voting machine names for Nov. 2, 1937, ad for 1897 Alvord House show, Jonathan Reed deed dated May 22, 1800. ~

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