



The Scribe

Newsletter of the Scriba Historical Society

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Purpose: *“To preserve the cultural and historical records of the early Scriba pioneers and future pioneers including, but not limited to , early schooling, early industries, cemeteries, burial records, school districting and craftsman”. Chartered 1978*

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Kelly Miller*

A Word from the President

The first quarter of 2026 is already in the books and you will see highlights of what we have done so far in the pages that follow. We have been very busy! We did hit a roadblock in our pursuit of a 501c3 tax exempt non profit corporation, but are still working on it. Once we become established, any dues or donations will be tax exempt for those who support us. We will be sure to let you know when that happens.

We are looking for volunteers for a few things. We are in need of people who enjoy scrapbooking as well as those who would be willing to help us put flyers around town a couple of times a month. We could also use volunteers to help us out with scanning and possibly filing. If you or anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please let us know. If you have other ways you could volunteer just a little time we would be glad to have you. No time is too little time - or too much!

If you are interested in preserving our history, this is the place for you! We hold meetings that are open to the public twice each month in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. On the SECOND TUESDAY of each month we hold presentation meetings at 6:30 PM. Each month we host a different presenter and light refreshments are served. Please let us know what presentations you would like to see in the future.

On the LAST FRIDAY of each month we will begin holding our board meetings at 11 AM. All are welcome to attend. Only board members can vote on issues we bring up for resolution at these meetings, but all will be heard. All members will vote at our annual picnic in August.

Also on the LAST FRIDAY of each month we hold a Roundtable Discussion meeting at 1 PM. These are “show and tell” type meetings with a theme. All are invited to bring in items from home to share with the group. We also invite you to try to “Baffle Bob” with any items that seem highly unusual.

I hope that you are having a great year so far. Be on the lookout for more to come!

- Mary Himes

Wow, a year has flown by and brought many new ideas, historical documents and memories that are being preserved for the future generations

Our Board Meeting of the 23rd pooled together a number of items to start off the new year with.

We started by gaining a new member and volunteer to be a Trustee. Kelly Miller, former Town of New Haven Historian, brings with her a hay wagon full of experience, research talent and love of history. Kelly joins Brain Kocher on the Media Committee to produce interesting and eye appealing publications, along with content that will build our library.

The upcoming Girl in the Glass Coffin presentation on Friday during our Roundtable Discussion was given a final once over for seating and snacking.

Updating the ByLaws for clarification of the various committees and financial definitions and revising some admin forms followed. These don't sound like much, but our Board is already at work on some of these projects.

January 23

Lee Ellen Hickey honored us with a look into her book "The Girl in the Glass Coffin". Through pictures showing on the new monitor and the words of the author, many questions were answered, but "a must to find" "the rest of the story" were instigated. The program, all in all, was a first class historical novel and adventure.



February 27. The Roundtable Discussion



The focus of this month's Discussion was the use of tools by our forefathers. Mary Himes brought in a "contraption" to have identified. Bob LaMay stepped forward and explained that it was a planter, often used for



planting corn. He described the mechanisms that made it work and gave a short demonstration. (Hoping for the corn to be knee high by the fourth of July)

Conversations about other popular farming devices ensued and made the time fly.

March 10

Mary Himes, our President, gave a history of the early days of Medal of Honor recipient Curtis Shoup and his relationship with the Himes family. A genealogical essay on how early families bonded, married and provided for the future generations.

This was a great example of how we can share the good, the (?) and the in-between remembering the history of our forefathers (foremothers).



March 27.



Mary introduced the audience to our Roundtable Discussion theme and encouraged us to find more for possible future days.



Items displayed were from many crafts that families had in order to survive the times. Butchering, cooking, blacksmithing, barrel making and a display of early tractors. Who knew that a ricer was not a "squeezer" for seed laden things (me).



Barrel making



The observational picture series



Mary Lantry Food Preserving



Bob LaHay's Saw



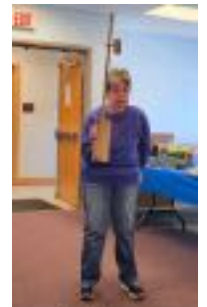
Eric Mathis Hog Shovel



It is a tractor. It is not a toy. It is a tractor. It is not a toy. It is a tractor.



Happy Birthday President Mary



Betty's "What is the Farmhouse Menu?"



Keith LaHaye showing seed packets

And last but not least:

Tentative Upcoming Events

DATE	SUBJECT	INFO
April 14	George Scriba	The Man, The Myth, The Legend by Christene Kieffer, Constantia Town Historian
April 30	Roundtable TBA	
May 15	Scriba Meats	
June	Strawberry Social	
June 26	Roundtable TBA	
July	County Fair	
July 31	Roundtable TBA	
August 8th	Scriba Car Show	Make A Wish Foundation
August 28	Roundtable TBA	
Sept 8th	Lansing Corners	History by Eleanor Crouch LaMay
Sept. 25	Roundtable TBA	

Watch for our next issue about June 30 and in the meantime we would like to take a survey of what you might be interested in knowing more about. Is it the ice house on Black Creek, a wagon business, how about a blacksmith shop, or maybe the family in the big house. Possibly you would be willing to share your family history, either as a Presentation or as an interview. In other words, we are trying to fill the history and needs of the community.

And of course we are looking for volunteers that like to write, research, do scrapbooking or be a jack of all trades. This is your Society and let's keep it growing.

Send your survey answers and interest to Mary Himes at scribahs@gmail.com

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