

Knickerbocker Mansion Restoration

The work on the Knickerbocker Mansion's Ballroom continues! J.D. Masonry has begun working on Ballroom's plaster work. The project began with old plaster being removed after it had previously been tried to save and consolidate it. The consolidation failed and plaster started to fall from the ceiling, making it unsafe. The original beams were reinforced and insulation was then able to be installed, not only for energy conservation purposes, but also for fire protection and sound proofing. While the ceiling was open, recessed concealed heat and electrical was run into the upstairs bedrooms. Plastering is beginning as this newsletter is being written. So, when you visit on Mother's Day, you will be able to view our progress on the plaster work in the Ballroom.

Mother's Day at the Mansion (Sunday, May 13, 2018)

Our Mother's Day Open House, on Sunday, May 13, 2018, begins with a Pancake Breakfast (\$8 per adult, \$4 per child 12 years old and under) from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and continues with a Chicken BBQ (\$12 per adult, \$7 per child 12 years old and under) from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. Reservations for the chicken BBQ are not required, but you can call us at 518-664-1700 to reserve meals by leaving a message. Our special Veteran's Memorial Service in the Knickerbocker Cemetery is at 1:00 p.m. Colonial re-enactors honor the veterans in our cemetery who fought in the wars from the Queen Anne War through the War of 1812. Of course, we will have Mansion tours, so everyone will be able to view the new construction, and new-comers can learn about the history of the Mansion.

Knickerbocker Mansion Tours: Sundays (May-October) 11:00am - 3:00pm

The Knickerbocker Mansion is open for tours every Sunday from 11:00-3:00 May through October. Bring your friends and family for a look at the mansion and hear a little history about the area, the house and its family. After the tour of the Mansion, take a walk out to the remains of the historic Witenagemot Oak Tree and over to the Knickerbocker family cemetery.

Did You Know...?

Elizabeth and Johannes Knickerbocker



Portrait 1805

Johannes and Elizabeth Knickerbocker, who married in 1769, built the mansion in the late eighteenth century.

In 1789, Johannes was the largest landowner in Schaghticoke, and his property was a large working farm.

The Knickerbackers hosted the Albany Common Council each year at their Schaghticoke home, providing food, drink, and lodging.

Johannes and Elizabeth are both buried just up the road from the mansion in the family cemetery.

2018 Schedule of Events and Rack Cards

On the back of this newsletter is a 2018 Schedule of Events. We have also enclosed two racks cards with our 2018 Schedule of Events. One is for you to keep and the other is to share with a family member, friend or neighbor.

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Knickerbocker Mansion 2018 Schedule of Events

Mother's Day Open House: May 13, 2018 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00 a.m. \$8
- Chicken BBQ 12:00-4:00 p.m. \$12
- Veterans Memorial Service in Cemetery 1:00 p.m.
- Bake Sale
- Charlotte's Shop
- Mansion and Cemetery Tours

Harvest Festival: September 22 and 23 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- Pancake Breakfast 8:00-11:00 a.m. \$8
- Chicken and Biscuit Dinner 12:00-4:00 p.m. \$11
- Historical Presentation 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
- Bake Sale
- Charlotte's Shop
- Harvest Produce Sale
- Snack Bar
- Mansion and Cemetery Tours

Knick at Night: October 26 and 27 5:00-9:00 p.m.

- Souper Supper 5:00-9:00 p.m. \$10
- Ghost Tours in the Mansion 6:00-9:00 p.m. \$8

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