

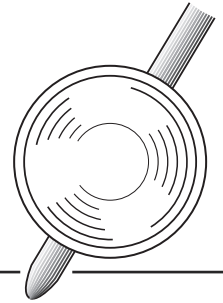


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& the Pound Ridge Museum

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Pound Ridge & the Civil War

*Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and
in honor of the enlisted men of Pound Ridge who served*

This very special exhibit pays tribute to the 109 men of Pound Ridge, almost 32% of the male population (18 and over) of Pound Ridge, who, in 1861, bravely served the Union.

A special video exhibit highlights pages from the diary of Sgt. George E. Dixon, who stood guard over the Lincoln conspirators and witnessed their court trial and execution.

We also honor First Sgt. Thomas J. Murphy of Pound Ridge, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, our country's highest military award.

Enhancing the exhibit are original illustrations by artist Don Spaulding, authentic Union uniforms, firearms and other fascinating Civil War memorabilia.

The exhibit is curated by Ebie Wood, Richard Major, Denis Harrington, Timi Parsons and Joyce Butterfield with special assistance from Don Spaulding.

The Pound Ridge Museum is open every weekend through December 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (or by special appointment). Closed on holidays, in case of inclement weather or power failures.

PRHS Annual Meeting, April 30, 2011

At the meeting, the Nominating Committee presented its slate for consideration. The following members of the Board of Trustees were elected by acclamation: Vice President Melissa Verdier, Treasurer Michael Santulli, Recording Secretary Josina van der Maas, Trustees Maryann Condon, Scott Fernqvist, JoAnn Langham, Richard Major, Norman Tunnell, and Jane Wood.

The revised Constitution of the Society was adopted.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Patrick Raftery, currently the assistant librarian and manager of the Westchester County Historical Society and co-editor of the society's journal, *The Westchester Historian*. Mr. Raftery has published extensively on the history of

Westchester with a focus on Revolutionary War sites and historical cemeteries. He has a 3-volume work on the cemeteries of Westchester County which is currently available for purchase.

His presentation, entitled "*A SERIOUS UNDERTAKING – The Cemeteries of Pound Ridge and Environs: A Not-So Grave Discussion of Living History*"— was illustrated by a slide show exploring the many cemeteries found throughout Pound Ridge. Before the 1850s, one could be buried anywhere and many families had family burial plots on their properties. Today, special permission must be obtained from the Westchester County's Board of Legislators.

Some of the noteworthy graves include Jonathan Brown, buried on Barnegat Road, who was the father of one of the first three men awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Battle of Yorktown during the Revolutionary War. Another is the gravesite of Samuel Dann in the Danntown Cemetery on Lower Trinity Pass, which is the second oldest in Westchester.

Pound Ridge's original settlers were from Connecticut, so the New England concept of a community burial ground was instituted. Fieldstone was originally used for gravestones. After the Revolutionary War, sandstone was used. In the later 19th century, marble became a popular material; however, it does not age well which may be why Pound Ridge cemeteries are generally in better condition than most cemeteries in Westchester County.

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Pound Ridge Historical Society · Annual Report for 2011

The Society was carried forward by the dedication and volunteer work of its Board, docents, members and friends. Highlights of the past year include:

• The Pound Ridge Museum

The exhibit for the year was about Beverly Bender and her extraordinary family, 1928-2010. Between 50 and 60 visitors attended the opening. Docents continue to volunteer on the weekends. Display pedestals have been refurbished and an 1853 flag was purchased for the Museum entrance.

• The Society

- Many acquisitions have been donated to the archives. Two include: The John Holmes Sawmill Ledger of 1805-1815 was photographed and placed on a disk. A framed poster of the Lockwood estate sale listed many of the family's possessions for sale. Over 1,600 acquisitions have been accessioned.
- Eleven photographs belonging to Hiram Halle are on loan to the Museum of the City of New York for exhibit purposes.
- Publications, posters and postcards continue to be sold from the Museum. Historical maps have again been reprinted.
- Again this year, we participated in the Memorial Day Parade using our new banner. The Pendulum is published seasonally.
- Road lists of 1789-1799 and 1806-1830, and marriage records for the years 1888-1907 are now available to researchers. Many requests for ancestry research have been answered. Approximately 1,000 town documents are now in the process of being scanned for research purposes.
- The Society held an historic bus ride for members and friends after last year's annual meeting.
- Three third-grade classes from the Pound Ridge Elementary School participated in historic bus tours through Pound Ridge. Each student received a tour booklet to take home to their family.
- Two Fox Lane students, one senior boy and one senior girl, each received a \$1,000 scholarship for excellence in social studies.

Our Goal This Coming Year

Have more of our Pound Ridge neighbors and businesses support us by becoming members of the Society.

Our Wish List

Refurbish the Archival Room/Collections in Conant Hall.

We welcome new members and thank those who supported us and those who volunteered this past year. Special thanks to the Town for its support and help.

Yours for historical preservation and education,

Joyce Butterfield

President



*31-Star Flag —
see article on Page 3*



Congratulations to 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Pound Ridge Historical Society is pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of two graduating Pound Ridge seniors who have excelled in History studies.

This year's recipients are Marc Cianciola and Roxanne Rappaport, pictured with Society Vice President Melissa Verdier. In the fall, Marc will be attending George Washington University and Roxanne will be attending Cornell University.

Congratulations and we wish you well in your future endeavors.



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