



Western Monroe Historical Society

Morgan-Manning House



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy Spring!

We have not had a recent newsletter, but things are heating up along with the weather at our beloved Morgan-Manning House. Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. It will be a hybrid meeting, which you may attend in person or by Zoom. Sign on info is at the bottom of this page, but we will send out the link that week to those whose e-mail addresses we have.

Fourth grade tours were resumed in the fall. We have set up 5th grade tours in May, as these students did not have the opportunity to tour as 4th graders. We are also participating in "A Night at the Museums" on May 21. It is a repeat of a successful event where several local museums are open for people to visit all in one night. More info is found later in the newsletter. If you wish to volunteer as a docent or a helper for this event, please call the office at 637-

3645 and leave a message if there is no answer. We need a number of people to be present in the rooms during the 4 hours, and it is nice to break up the shifts. We will provide training, and it won't be difficult. We will not hold full tours at this event, but we hope that many participate in visiting the various sites listed.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that plans are underway for the community 4th of July Celebration. The musical entertainment, food, and games will happen once again (weather permitting) after the 2-year break. It will be wonderful to see everyone outside, enjoying the Morgan-Manning grounds and each other!

On a sadder note, I must mention the passing of George Dunn and John Killigrew. Their wives Betty and June predeceased them in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Both couples were lifetime members and participated in activities here at the House. Our condolences to their families.

Best wishes for good health to all! We continue to do what we can to provide a safe environment for those who visit.

Mary Lynne Turner, President

ANNUAL MEETING: The Society's Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm Eastern Time**. As Mary Lynne announced, it will be hybrid, so you may choose to either attend **in person** (No pot-luck dinner this year however. We will follow the Monroe County Health Department guidelines) or join us via **Zoom**:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89291593733?pwd=a2VGQmdKUUdua21oOHNqaGswd2UyQT09>

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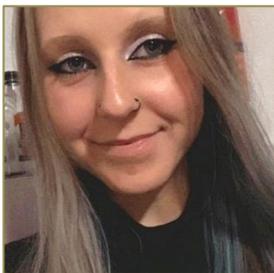
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We look forward to seeing many of you on May 10.

CURATOR'S CORNER – It is a really good feeling to see the Morgan-Manning House calendar getting filled with events and activities. The Museum Room committee, with Pat Kutz at the helm, has been hard at work for a month and progress is made on a weekly basis. We have also had the pleasure to collaborate with Richard Black, formerly from the College and now photographer extraordinaire. He kindly agreed to photograph for us the Tiffany stained-glass window dedicated by Sara Morgan Manning to her son Arnold, which now adorns the chancel in St Luke's Episcopal Church. Additionally, several groups have asked to rent the House for social events during the next couple of months. In May, classes of 5th graders will fill the House and finally get to know the Morgan family (the pandemic had prevented them from doing so during their 4th grade). And, once again, I am working with a group of 7 SUNY Brockport students who need to fulfill their internship requirement for their Museum Studies minor. The partnership that we have created with the College has allowed us to continue being a vibrant organization even during the pandemic, with more than ten students working with me in 2021. If you have not had a chance to visit the House recently, I encourage you to come back, as many displays have changed and been updated on the 2nd floor of our mansion.

I will now let the students introduce their projects. Once again, transcribing family letters is popular, a boon for me as it gives me more insight into the daily life of the Morgan family that I can share with you and our visitors.

Rozenn Bailleul-LeSuer, Curator



“I am **Kaitlyn Carman**, a junior at SUNY Brockport majoring in Anthropology and minoring in Criminal Justice, with a focus in Forensic Science, and in

Museum Studies and Public History! The project that I have been actively working on, during my time at the Morgan-Manning House this semester, has primarily focused on the medical equipment. My partner and I, Emma Wasson, split up approximately ten boxes of artifacts. We have been given the

opportunity to sort through, catalog, research, and observe these unique artifacts that have been stored throughout the house. It has been such an interesting and exciting experience working at the house and learning further about its overall history, along with being able to physically see the historical or technological advances that have occurred throughout medical practice, simply by studying these objects.”

“Hello, my name is **Jacob Maloney** and I am a senior at SUNY Brockport, finishing up my major in History and minors in Museum studies & Public History and Anthropology. This Spring semester, Dr. Rozenn began by leading us towards different projects and my initial focus has been on letter transcription and book cataloging. I have been transcribing several letters written between Susan Morgan and her children. So far, these transcriptions and cataloging of their book collection have been really interesting, allowing me to glimpse into different perspectives of the Morgan family around the turn of the 20th century. I hope that the information collected by my fellow interns and myself helps future staff and visitors to better understand and appreciate the family.”



“My name is **Alex Mercado** and I am a junior Anthropology student at SUNY Brockport. I plan to pursue further education in architectural preservation and my

internship at the Morgan -Manning House is providing an incredible foundation (pun fully intended) for this career path. I am spending my time researching and documenting a history on the physical house and its structural design. Ultimately, the goal of my work is to bring us closer to having invaluable preservation tools to allow the MMH to be an incredible and unique space for the people of Brockport and beyond. However, my work is also contributing to understand what the lives of the family looked like, as well as the lives of their neighbors. I think spaces like this house give people

incredible insight into the past, but, just like pictures, they are only one moment in time. I am very happy to be doing work that gives the house and its legacy a dynamic perspective.”



“Hello, my name is **Sebastian Sanchirico**. I am a senior at SUNY Brockport, majoring in History and Anthropology, with a minor in Museum Studies and Public History. I started my internship by analyzing and studying the 1969 archaeological

excavation that took place on the property under the direction of Dr. Clune. My current intention after undergrad is to pursue further study in Archaeology, so this hands-on experience is not only very applicable to my future career interests, but it has also helped me to understand how I can tie together Archaeology and Museum work efficiently. While none of the original artifacts remain, many contemporary artifacts from around Brockport and the surviving Clune pictures have helped to give us a picture of the Archaeology of Victorian era Brockport. It is my hope to organize, with the help of SUNY professor Dr. Smith and my peers from Anthropology Club, another dig in which we can obtain new samples and examples of Victorian material culture. By uncovering new examples of the Morgan material remains, the contextual picture surrounding the house would only get larger.”

“Hello, my name is **Kylene Smith**. I am a junior at SUNY Brockport working on a dual major of Women Studies and Anthropology with a minor in Museum Studies & Public History. My project for this semester has been to transcribe the letters of the matriarch of the home, Susan Morgan. Currently, the letters have helped me to better understand the lifestyle of middle- to upper-class women of this period and the various communication styles that coincide with linguistic anthropology. My hope is that future patrons and interns of the Morgan-Manning House



will get a sense of what daily life was like thanks to my research and transcriptions.”



“Hello, my name is **Kristin Strong**. I am a senior at SUNY Brockport, completing my major in History and my minor in Museum Studies. This internship at the Morgan-Manning House is my first internship of two required by

my Museum Studies minor, and, to be honest, I would love to come back here for my second if possible! Since starting the internship last month, I have been transcribing letters from Frederick Arnold Manning to his wife Sara Morgan, the oldest of the Morgan daughters and the last family member to live in the house until the fire of 1964. Working with his letters has changed my perspective on what I thought 19th century marriage was like, and I’m looking forward to reading and transcribing the next batch of letters that let me back into the lives of Arnold, Sara, and their infant son.”

“Hi, my name is **Emma Wasson**, and I am a senior graduating in May 2022 from SUNY Brockport, with a degree in Anthropology, along with minors in Biology and Pre-professional health. I took this internship to gain experience in curation, research, and collection management, in hopes that one day I will have the privilege of working with collections of hominin remains. I am currently working with another student, Kaitlyn Carman, on a collection of artifacts in the Morgan-Manning House. These artifacts are mostly related to 19th century surgical, gynecological, and obstetric medicine. Over the semester we have been cataloging, photographing, and researching these artifacts, with the end goal of finding new homes for the objects that do not fulfill the mission of the Society. We will contact other local museums and organizations that could add this medical equipment to their collection. We also hope to put together an exhibit of the most interesting objects for the Morgan-Manning House.”





MMH OPEN AGAIN TO THE COMMUNITY

FOR NIGHT AT THE MUSEUMS: The local museums in Brockport, Sweden, and Clarkson are delighted to announce that we will all soon be open again for a **Night at the Museum**. First launched in 2019, this event—an evening of self-guided visits in our historical landmarks—was extremely well received by our community, who wished to see it happen again. We are able to fulfill this wish on **Saturday May 21, 2022**, with the Seymour Library joining the event. Join us for tours of not just the Morgan-Manning House (first floor), but also the Sweden Farmers' Museum, Capen House Co. No. 4 and Fire Museum, Emily L Knapp Museum, Clarkson Academy, and the Seymour Library. Each institution will be open and staffed from **4-8 pm** that evening. At **4 pm**, the Brockport Community Museum will also dedicate a new historical marker memorializing the Buffalo, Lockport, and Rochester Railway and its Brockport trolley depot on Erie Street! Stay tuned!

While we will need a few **volunteers** here at the Morgan-Manning House (**please call or email us if you are interested in participating**), we also encourage everyone to visit one or more of the sites that might not be as familiar. There will be no charge for the event, but each site will gladly accept monetary donations.



FUNDRAISING:

Sara's Garden & Nursery gift cards will soon be available for sale at the House. Call Sandy at 637-3645 to let her know how many you would like and we will contact you when we receive them. These cards will be valid at Sara's from **May 1 to December 31, 2022** for everything **except mulch**. For every \$25 card purchased through the Society, Sara's Garden will donate \$5. We are very grateful for the continued support of this local business, so come and get gift cards for all your gardening needs. Only cash and check (payable to **WMHS**) are acceptable methods of payment at this time.

MEMBERSHIPS will expire on June 30, 2022, coinciding with our fiscal year. You will be getting a membership renewal notice in the mail in June, unless you are a lifetime member. If you are interested in giving someone a gift membership, email Sandy (morganmanninghouse@gmail.com) and request a form. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

- ... for their donations in memory of **George Dunn**: Nancy Ackles, Margaret Blackman, Elizabeth Caruso, Luanne Cenci, Jim and Kitty Conroy, Jim & Sara Cook, Jack & Kathleen Evans, EFPR Group CPAS PLLC, William Fitzgerald, Mark & Judy Kronenberg, Robert & Lee Lee Muesebeck, Anthony Pacilio Family, John & Joan Reule, Harry & Deanna Shifton, and Arthur & Carol Zimmer.
- ...for their donations in memory of **Joyce Brawn**: Allan Berry, Craig & Amy Bush, John & Beverly Milner, John Lodge, Dawn Minemier, Connie Peters, Donald & Lucille Roberts, and Carl & Sharon Wheat.
- ...for their donations in memory of **John & June Killigrew**: Jean Brooks, Council Rock Associates, LLC, Pam & Greg Ketchum, Bruce Leslie, Chris Mazzarella, Michael McCullough, and Carl & Sharon Wheat. Before John Killigrew passed away, he sent in a donation in memory of his wife, June.
- ...for their donations: Robert & Barbara Adams, Scarlett Aeckerle, Erin Anheier, Priscilla Baglio, Patricia Baker, Frank & Jane Balling, Jon & Nancy Bell, Allan & Jean Berry, Valerie Bishop, John & Susan Bixler, George & Carol Bott, John Bowser, Thomas & Ann Burger, Marilyn Cornish, Annette Crane & David Neuman, Allen Cretney, Connie & Robert Dilger, Anne Marie D'Agostino, Marilyn Duryea, Richard & Joan Fenton, William Fitzgerald, Brian & Kathleen Fox, Charles Garlock, Jim & Kathy Goetz, Allyn & Lynne Hammel, Joan & James Hare, Hanny & William Heyen, Diane Harrington, Ian & Rita Henderson, Jennifer Hoenk, Dottie & Larry Humm, Owen & Susan Ireland, John & Donna Izzo, Sharon Kehoe, Kenneth & Janet Koford, John & Kathleen Kutolowski, Archie & Pat Kutz, Brian & Pat Lemon, Bruce Leslie, Jack Mahan, Donna Mancuso, James & Cathy Martin, Chris

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MAY & JUNE 2022 CALENDAR

May 10 – Tuesday – 7 pm – Hybrid Annual Meeting.

May 11-17 – Guided tours for the 5th graders of the Brockport School District

May 21 – Saturday– 4-8 pm– Night at the Museums of the Brockport area.

June 5 – Sunday – House closed for private function.

June 14 – Tuesday – 7 pm – Hybrid Board Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

July 4 – Thurs – 9:45 am-2:30 pm – Old Fashioned 4th of July at the Morgan-Manning House

These fine businesses in the Brockport area are supporters of the Western Monroe Historical Society. We encourage you to patronize them.

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Bittersweet
Brad's Northside Service
Brockport Animal Hospital
Brockport Auxiliary
Brockport Custom Carpet
Brockport Optometry - Dr. Raff
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The Western Monroe Historical Society is committed to educating diverse audiences on the life and times of the Morgan-Manning house; preserving this Brockport landmark as a historical museum; providing a repository for a collection of archival materials and artifacts related to the Morgan family; and extending its legacy.

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BALLOT

ELECTIONS TO BE VOTED ON MAY 10, 2022: Gordon Fox, Chair of the Nominating Committee has presented the following names for election:

The slate of officers presented for the year 2022-23:

- President: Mary Lynne Turner
- Vice President: Paul Kimball
- Recording Secretary: Erica Linden
- Assistant Secretary: Amy Stoker
- Treasurer: Benton Hart:
- Assistant Treasurer & Past President: Gordon Fox

New Board Members:

- Barbara Britt
- Merrill Melnick
- Mike Schaffer
- Al Cretney
- Jennifer Ames

Please fill out this bottom portion and mail, email or hand-deliver it to us by May 7.

Email address is morganmanninghouse@gmail.com Thank you.

WESTERN MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Morgan-Manning House, 151 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420

I/We, the undersigned member(s) of the Western Monroe Historical Society, hereby authorize Erica Linden, to cast my/our vote at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Morgan-Manning House on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

I DO **I DO NOT** accept the above slate. (Please circle one)

Signed: _____

Date: _____, 2022.

Please go to our web site at **www.morganmanninghouse.org**, and look under the section called "About Us". There, you will see "Revised Bylaws". The revisions are in red. After you have read the Revised Bylaws, please let us know if you approve:

I DO **I DO NOT** approve the Revised Bylaws. Signed: _____

Dated: _____, 2022