



Western Monroe Historical Society

Morgan-Manning House

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS – I am sometimes asked to write reviews of recently published Egyptology books. Since my new position as Historian at the WMHS gives me insight into archival management, I recently received *Photographing Tutankhamun. Archaeology, Ancient Egypt, and the Archive*, by Christina Riggs. At the Morgan-Manning House (MMH), one of my duties is indeed to take care of the archive started by Eunice Chesnut. A close reading of *Photographing Tutankhamun* inspired me to consider how archives were formed. In this particular case, the negatives and photographs produced when work was taking place at the tomb of Tutankhamun were sent to two institutions and placed under the care of archivists. What about our archive, here at the MMH. How did it start?

Currently, the MMH archive is primarily comprised of documents related to the members of the Morgan family. Since last Fall we have housed the business papers belonging to D.S. Morgan, previously kept in the Library Archives of the College at Brockport. Our Society archive also includes a multitude of manila folders started by Eunice. She carefully kept notes, newspaper cuttings, and photos for all the community members who joined the WMHS. She also gathered all relevant information on the programs and events that the Society organized. The Curatorial Committee, under the direction of Peggy Fox, had already sorted through all the folders, which Eunice had accumulated in more than 20 filing cabinets. The documents on Brockport's history were donated to the Emily L. Knapp Museum and the Seymour Library, where they can be freely accessed. With the help of a summer volunteer, Cheyanne Tucker, we have started placing all the remaining documents in plastic sleeves for easy consultation. Slowly but surely, we will go through the approximately 400 folders kept in the Conference

Room. I will also soon focus on the Morgan family letters, some of which had been transcribed by Eunice for her book *And Papa Cried Hoorah* in 1987. I do look forward to reading these documents more carefully, as I hope to learn additional anecdotes about the lives of D.S. & Susan Morgan and their seven children, which I will share with you in future newsletters.

Rozenn Bailleul-LeSuer, Historian



Work in progress: some of the Morgan papers are still kept in boxes. They soon will be in archival folders.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK – Peggy and I had the pleasure of visiting the Skaneateles Creamery and Wooden Boat Museum located in the picturesque Village of Skaneateles. Our tour guide, by luck, happened to be Dave Bates, the past president of their Historical Society. We compared notes about the two Historical Societies and Mr. Bates has e-mailed me several times with more information. We both agreed that volunteerism is declining for a variety of reasons. I suggest a visit to their facility if you get the chance. One half of the Museum is a restored creamery with historical information about the area and the other half houses recreational wooded sailboats in a new building.

We all would like to thank Jack Mahan for a generous donation to our Society. Rozenn and I had the great pleasure of giving a tour to Jack and six of

his “college buddies” and their wives. Mr. Mahan made his gift to me prior to the tour so we cannot claim the donation was a result of the tour! However, one of the out-of-state visitors in his group also mailed me a very nice financial donation.

Please reserve time for the Peddlers Market (September 7) and the Art Show in the Carriage House (September 27 and 28). Both events will be fun and worthwhile.

Gordon Fox, President

IN JULY AT MORGAN-MANNING HOUSE:

As a member of the WMHS, you undoubtedly know how special July 4th is for the Morgan-Manning House. This year, as a welcome to all who attended, our president Gordy Fox took a few minutes to remind us of the rich history of the ‘**Old Fashioned Fourth of July at the Morgan-Manning House.**’ It all started 39 years ago when our Historian Eunice Chesnut wished to see the Society celebrate Independence Day with the whole village of Brockport. She began planning a day filled with family-friendly activities, games for all, patriotic music to remind us of the meaning of the day, and food to enjoy on the grounds. Some special favorites are the Cake Walk, attended by both children and adults, as well as the Children’s Parade, the brainchild of Alicia Fink, that attracts myriads of children eager to showcase their decorated bikes and carts.



The group of talented drummers leading the parade.

This year’s event was certainly another success, a most joyful occasion to catch up with friends or make new ones. Here are a few special and greatly deserved thanks we wish to give to:

- The Brockport Police Department, who ensures that the parade can safely proceed in the streets of the village;

- Doug & Dianne Hickerson and the Westside News, for kindly providing press coverage of the event, with lovely photographs of all our attractions;

- Last but certainly not least, all the wonderful volunteers who baked the cakes and cupcakes distributed at the Cake Walk, and who worked on the grounds all day, from setting up in the morning to removing all chairs, tents, and debris at the end of the afternoon. Special kudos to our announcer, Dan Hawken. His enthusiasm is contagious and thanks to his repeated challenge, we now have several new members in the Society!

Carriage House Carpenters (July 8-12) was once again sold out this year. As reported by Gordy Fox, our master craftsman and instructor, “all the students were fantastic and worked longer than scheduled. Their boxes were works of art and they should be proud of their efforts.” During the weeklong workshop, this year’s students—two 13 year olds, and four retirees—learned how to design a box, cut dovetail joints with a chisel, and assemble the different pieces to make it all fit. One of the retiree students shared with me the following: “Well, it was a great experience for me. [...] Gordy is a great teacher, very patient and forgiving. I thought I had probably earned a B-, but he was kind enough to raise it to a B+!...”

At the end of July, I was in France to visit family and, to my chagrin, was unable to attend this year’s performance of **Shake on the Lake** on **Friday, July 26**. Friends able to be at the show reported that, despite a perfect weather forecast in the morning, a severe rainfall late afternoon prevented the troupe from building their stage on our lawn. The event was moved to the College, where a large group of community members all the same enjoyed **Shakespeare’s comedy, *As you like it*** performed with the characteristic style developed by Shake on the Lake. We hope to see them again in Brockport next year with—fingers crossed—a perfect weather to boot.

PEDDLERS MARKET, COMMUNITY HOUSEHOLD & CARRIAGE HOUSE SALE:

As announced in our previous newsletter, Peddlers Market will take place on **September 7**, rain or shine, **from 9am to 3pm**.

PARTICIPANTS AND DONATIONS NEEDED: Once again, vendors will be present on our lawn to sell their art and crafts. If you know any potential vendors, we would be delighted to have them come. We are also inviting members of the community, eager to downsize their possessions, to come and sell them here at our **Community Household Sale**. Spaces (20' x 20') can be rented for **\$20**, a real bargain, as this is a prime location for foot traffic and we will take care of all the advertising. Please call Sandy at 637-3645 to request an application, or visit our website at <http://www.morganmanninghouse.org/peddlers-market--carriage-house-sale.html>, where you can download the application.

You are also welcome to donate these items to the House. They will be sold during the **Carriage House Sale**, whose proceeds benefit the Society. We are already very grateful for the many donations that we have received, and we hope that many more will come. Here is the list of accepted items:

Antiques & collectibles	Glassware
Art work and frames	Jewelry
Baskets	Kitchen utensils (pots, pans, silverware)
Books	Lamps
Christmas and Seasonal decorations	Linens (sheets, quilts, blankets, throws)
Dishes and china	Small appliances in working order
Furniture	Toys

However, **we do not take textbooks, electronics, clothes, shoes, and beauty products**. You can drop off your donations Monday through Friday, 9:45-11:45am or 11:45am-3pm by calling first to arrange a time. If you have large items and need help, or if you want us to come and pick them up, call the office at 637-3645 and we will set up an appointment. Thank you in advance for these gifts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are able to help with the preparation and the running of this event, feel free to email or call Sandy (morganmanninghouse@gmail.com; 637-3645) to let her know which of the following activities and time slots are of interest to you:

Before September 7:

- Sorting and pricing in the Carriage House
- Baking goods for the Bake Sale

On September 7:

ACTIVITY	TIME SLOT
Bake Sale – pricing items and selling them	8:30 - 10:45
Bake Sale – selling only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:45 - 1:00 • 1:00 - 3:00
Coffee & donuts for vendors	7:00- 9:00
Set-up	7:00 - 8:30
Carriage House Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 - 12:00 • 12:00 - 3:00
Cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 12:15 • 12:15 - 2:00
Cooking assistant food server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 12:15 • 12:15 - 2:00
Volunteer check-in & Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 - 10:30 • 10:30 - 12:30
Flower Sales & checking with vendors (roving)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 - 12:00 • 12:00 - 3:00
Food tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 12:30 • 12:30 - 2:00
Furniture Sales, by the garage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 - 12:00 • 12:00 - 3:00
Money counter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 • 2:15
Popcorn and ice cream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 12:30 • 12:30 - 3:00
Popcorn sellers walking the grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 12:30 • 12:30 - 3:00
Take down & clean-up	2:45 - 3:30

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – We want to thank all the members who have responded to Sandy's reminders of dues to be paid. You know we are very happy to have you as active, supportive members. We still have a small number of members who have not sent in their dues. Sandy and I would love to hear from you. We value all the members of this fabulous organization, the Western Monroe Historical Society. If you have not sent in your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible and put a smile on Sandy's face.

Alicia C. Fink, Chair of Membership

SAVE THE DATE – Plans are moving fast for our long awaited **Morgan-Manning Carriage House Art Show**. The opening with a wine and sweets reception will be **Friday, September 27, from 7 to 10pm**. At Friday's reception, we will ask for a \$10

donation per person at the door. **Saturday, September 28, from 11am to 2pm**, we will be open for those who were unable to attend the opening the night before. As there is no reception on Saturday, there is no donation requested for attending.

At this time we want to extend the opportunity for our members to sponsor the Morgan-Manning Fine Art Show and Sale. We have three levels of sponsorship:

DEGAS DIAMOND \$100.00 and up
RAPHAEL RUBY \$75.00 to \$99.00
PICASSO PEARL up to \$74.00

All sponsors will be recognized on our website, in our catalog, in the publicity, and on posters exhibited during the sale. Any sponsorships received after September 10 cannot be included in our publications.

As you well know, the successful execution of any of our events requires volunteers. We need volunteers for work to be done before, during, and after the event, which promises to be most memorable. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sandy at the Morgan-Manning House (637-3645). I will be in touch with you when we begin to make assignments.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Alicia C. Fink, Show Committee Chair

THANK YOU TO:

- Mahan Discount Liquor & Wine for their donation in memory of Harry Sentiff.
- Carol Clarke for her donation in memory of Joan Aceto.
- F.W. Ruple for his donation in honor of Jack Mahan.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Aug 4 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
Aug 7 – Wed – 10am – Quilters
Aug 11 – Sun – 1-3pm – Tours of 1st floor only during Brockport Arts Festival - no reservation required *
Aug 13 – Tues – 7pm – Board Meeting
Aug 18 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
Aug 21 – Wed – 10am – Quilters
Aug 24 – Sat – 1-6pm – House Closed - Reserved for private function
Aug 25 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
Aug 27 – Tues – 10am – Quilters

* Last tour starts at 2:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 7 – Sat – 9am-3pm – Peddlers Market
Sept 27 – Fri – 7-9pm – *Meet the Artists* Wine & Sweets Reception - tickets required (\$10 donation)
Sept 28 – Sat – 10am-2pm – Art Show open to public - free admittance

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Western Monroe Historical Society is committed to educating the community and future generations on the history of the Morgan-Manning House, celebrating our heritage, and preserving this local landmark that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

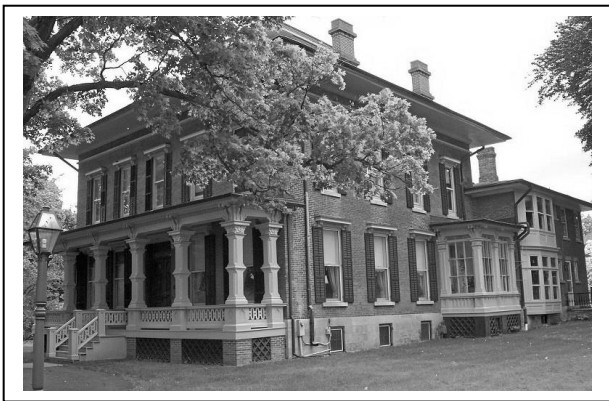
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*The Western Monroe Historical Society
at the Morgan-Manning House
Presents*

PEDDLERS MARKET - Community Household and Carriage House Sale

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

9am to 3pm - Rain or Shine



**40 Vendor Spots
Food & Drinks on Sale**

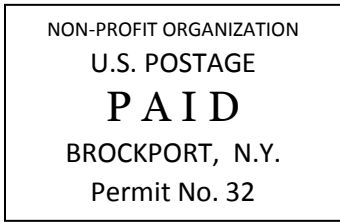
FREE ADMISSION

VENDORS WANTED

\$20.00 per spot. Go to our web site at www.morganmanninghouse.org and look under "Events," then "Peddlers Market." Print out the vendor application and the Peddlers Map. Be sure to see which spots have already been taken.

The Morgan-Manning House
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Brockport, New York 14420

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Brockport Custom Carpet
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Country Treasures
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