



Western Monroe Historical Society

Morgan-Manning House

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS & JUNE HAPPENINGS AT THE MORGAN-MANNING HOUSE – For many of us, much of our free time at this time of year is occupied with the care of our gardens, flowers, and lawns. Did you know that the frequent rumbling of lawn mowers in our neighborhoods was already a familiar sound in the 1870s, when lawns were considered to be a sign of prosperity? D.S. Morgan’s lawn and garden were even praised in the *Brockport Republic* as being the nicest ones in the village (*BR*, May 16, 1872, p. 3).

As you may remember from previous newsletters, the Historic Preservation & Landscape Committee of the WMHS has been studying the “Plan for Mrs. D.S. Morgan’s Place” that W.W. Parce, landscape architect in Rochester, drew in April 1897. Our hope is to restore the grounds to their exemplary “glory” as designed by Mr. Parce. A letter written in April 1897 by Gifford Morgan to his sister Gladys indeed mentions Mr. Parce’s work and the fate of some of the property’s apple trees: *“I suppose that you are interested in all that is going at your old home [...]. Well, Mr. Parce has finished with the Brock[port] home and never has the place looked so fine in my way of thinking. Your old apple trees have been taken all but two. The one in the center of the North yard and one at the north side of the south yard, yes, there is still one more, one by the stable...”*

Early on Saturday, **June 1**, a group of volunteers joined Lori Staubitz and her husband to plant six new fruit trees, which have since been placed under the care of John Izzo and Gordy Fox. The Society is very thankful that Lori choose to share the proceeds of her book “Little Nut” by giving us these pear and apple trees. This gift helps fulfill both our desire to restore the grounds to their historical look and Lori’s wish to increase the tree canopy in the village.

We beat the rain and had the chance to plant four pear (Flemish Beauty and Red Bartlett) and two apple

(McIntosh and Haralson) trees on our North lawn, near the parking lot. Under the guidance of Lori and Ward Staubitz, Gordy Fox, Kathy Goetz, John Izzo, Merrill Melnick, Harry Snyder, BoB LeSuer (my husband), and I dug holes for the trees, prepared compost-rich soil to apply around the root balls, and watered them abundantly to help them adapt to their new home. Our thanks go to our volunteer gardeners and, once again, to Lori for her **Celebration Forest Initiative** and her gift of trees, compost, and mulch.

On Sunday **June 9**, at the occasion of the 2nd **Historic Housewalk**, six historically-designated homes of the village opened their doors to share with the community their unique architectural features. For this event, docents of the Morgan-Manning House gave tours of the first floor, and the Carriage House & South lawn became the venue for a post-tour “picnic” and wine tasting. Thanks to the generosity of the organizers of the events, the homeowners, and the sponsors (The College at Brockport, Stoneward Brewing Company, Mahan Discount Liquor & Wine, and Jimmy Z’s), we had the opportunity to showcase the gem that is the Morgan-Manning House and to raise some funds to preserve it.

Finally, on **June 15**, several members of our board, under the leadership of Mary Lynne Turner, revealed how multi-talented they are! At the Brockport Area Vets Club, we participated in a **Lip-Sync battle**, sponsored by **Us Living Local**, and we won!



*The Shoop
Shoop girls of
Morgan-
Manning
House!*

What a fun event! I wish to thank Diana Flow and her colleagues of Us Living Local for contacting me, for inviting the WHMS to be a part of the competition, and for offering us \$614.75. In case you are not familiar with this association, Us Living Local is a non-profit group with a passion for bringing our communities closer together. "One way we hope to accomplish this is by bringing awareness to community organizations & businesses that thrive and give back to their communities, and another is to develop relationships with local non-profits to gain insight on how to best assist and support them."

Rozenn Bailleul-LeSuer, Historian

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK – It's been a very busy time at the House as preparations are underway for the 4th of July celebration plus the Historic House Tour on June 9th. The Tour event ticket sales started slowly but then picked up as the date neared. That Sunday was a beautiful day and a large number of people bought tickets at the event. The Society shared the profits with the Capen Fire Museum, which was also on the Tour. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors for making this happen.

We are happy to report that a couple of significant donations were made during the month of June. Our thanks go to these generous donors. It's always gratifying to those of us directly involved in the operations of the Morgan-Manning House to have this kind of support for our efforts to maintain and operate this historic home.

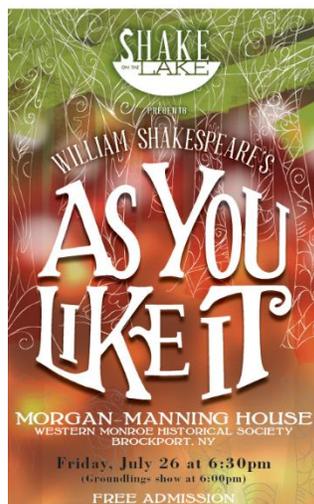
Hope to see you and talk to you on the 4th!

Gordon Fox, President

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – We want to thank all of you who already renewed their memberships. If you have yet to receive your renewal form, it should come in the mail during the next couple of weeks. Thank you once again for your continued support to the Society.

CARRIAGE HOUSE CARPENTERS – We still have a few spots available for Gordy Fox's woodworking class. It is open to people **age 13 and above** and will take place **July 8 to 12, 8am to 12 noon each day**. Participants will learn how to make a dovetailed wood toolbox. Registration fee and cost for materials is **\$55**. Call 637-3645 to make your reservation.

SHAKE ON THE LAKE AT MORGAN-MANNING HOUSE, JULY 26TH AT 6:30PM:



The WMHS and the Village of Brockport are delighted to host for the third consecutive year the **Shake on the Lake Theatre Company**. This year, on **Friday July 26**, the evening entertainment will start with the **Groudlings Theatre Camp Green Show at 6pm**. Then, at **6:30pm**, Shake on the Lake's

troupe will perform **Shakespeare's comedy, As you like it**. You can find a brief summary of the play on the company's website:

<https://www.shakeonthelake.org/programming/summer-tour/>.

This event is free and open to the public. You do not need to register. We will have seats available on the lawn of the Morgan-Manning House, near the copper beech tree. You are welcome to bring your lawn chair if you want to sit in the back. Popcorn, ice cream, and drinks will be available for purchase.

DONATIONS FOR CARRIAGE HOUSE SALE –

As part of our annual Peddlers' Bazaar, which will take place this year on **Saturday, September 7**, we will start accepting articles for the Carriage House Sale **after the 4th of July**. This is an excellent occasion to do some "Summer Cleaning" in your house, let go of items that you no longer need, while benefiting the Society. We accept the following 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 clothes, shoes, and beauty products.** You can drop off your donation Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:45am. If you have large items and need help, or if you want us to come and pick up your donation, call the office at 637-3645 and we will set up an appointment. Thank you in advance!

SAVE THE DATE – Six years ago the WHMS had a fundraiser in the form of an art show, which featured many of our outstanding local artists. Everyone who attended enjoyed the social time, and mostly the opportunity to admire and purchase pieces of art. On and off during the last six years, members have been asking the WMHS to repeat such a beautiful event. We have been working on plans for a second Carriage House Art Show. We have scheduled it for **Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September**

28. The opening reception, with an opportunity to meet the artists, will be Friday from 7 to 10pm. Saturday will be free and open to the public.

We are very excited about this show, and we hope you write it in your calendars so as not to miss such an important event. More details will be forthcoming.

Alicia C. Fink, Committee Chair

ERRATUM – As I was preparing this newsletter, I re-read last month's issue. To my horror, I noticed that I misspelled both of the names of the Brockways, our village's namesake. I humbly apologize. The correct spelling is **Hiel** and **Phebe** Brockway.

Rozenm Bailleul-LeSuer

JULY CALENDAR

July 4 – Thurs – 10am-2pm – Old Fashioned 4th of July
July 7 - Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
July 8-12 – Mon-Fri – 8-12 noon – Carriage House Carpenters
July 14 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
July 9 – Tues – 7pm – Board Meeting
July 17 – Wed – 10am – Quilters
July 21 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *
July 26 – Fri – 6:30pm – Shake on the Lake production of Shakespeare's *As you like it*
July 28 – Sun – 1-3pm – Summer Sunday tours - no reservation required *

* Last tour starts at 2:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE

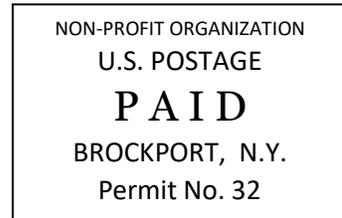
Sept 7 – Sat – 9am-3pm - Peddlers Market
Sept 27 & 28 – Fri – 7-9pm: *Meet the Artists* Wine & Sweets Reception - tickets required (\$10 donation)
Sat – 10am-2pm: Art Show open to public - free admittance

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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