

# WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## SAVE THE DATE

**George Washington**

**Day**

July 26

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**Under the Tent**

Annual cocktail party

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**Yard sale**

Sept. 20, Lewis Park

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**Art Show**

September 27

Baird's Tavern



**Baird's Tavern**

**Gift Shop**

Hours

Wednesday & Saturday

10 - 2

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**Office Hours**

Mon - Fri 9 to 2

With occasional days off

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**1810 Archives**

**Office**

Tuesdays 9 to 12

(by appointment)

845-986-5987

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**Museums open**

Tuesdays and Saturdays

July and August

2 - 4:30 PM

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## "WINE, CHEESE & JAZZ" - A SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON

It turned out to be a beautiful warm late afternoon in Lewis Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> - the kick-off of our society's social season that started in 1981 and a thank you to new members of the Historical Society. The cheeses were paired deliciously with the wines and the mellifluous jazz was played by Michael Jackson.

More than 100 people enjoyed the event under the crabapple trees. Great thanks go out to Karen Emmerich and Debbie Iurato for organizing it.

## WARWICK SAVINGS FOUNDATION GRANT

Many of you have seen the signs in front of the Shingle House and in Lewis Park asking for help in the restoration of the 1764 Shingle House. Last fall we received a grant from the Warwick Savings Foundation for \$25,000 to launch the project. The monies will be put to work now to abate the rising problem of dampness which has been causing rot and mold in this centuries-old structure. It is a complex multifaceted undertaking which will begin with the basement.

The entire project will take years to complete not only because of the structured fragility of the house but because of its cost.

## SYBIL SKINNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY, LEAVES

Sybil, the Society's first paid employee, has left to work at Grammy's Garden doing flowers and design - her passion and talent. She has brought the Warwick Historical Society to a professional level and the Board of Directors and Trustees are grateful for her tireless work in raising the profile of the Society throughout the community. She will remain a friend of the WHS and when asked may help with special events. Jo Marvel Hull serves as Office Manager.

## LESLIE WOOD, RECORDING SECRETARY AND GRANT WRITER, GOES TO UTAH

Several years ago, Leslie, new to the village, volunteered to be a docent at one of our buildings. She became our recording secretary on the board and then a grant writer, securing the Warwick Savings Foundation grant and several others. Unfortunately she and her husband are moving back to Utah but are leaving a boat on the Hudson so we hope to see them now and then. We can't thank her enough!

Gail Bates has taken on the grant-writing job (board member - assistant treasurer) and Shelly Sherfy the recording secretary's position on the board.

## WVT DONATES FUNDS TO AID WHS COMMUNICATIONS

We have received a generous donation from WVT Communications. With this money, we have improved our internet access, and expanded our phone lines and alarm systems.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The Education Committee is offering a history camp for children ages 9 – 11. The program is being held July 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> and then 28 – 30<sup>th</sup>. The first session is filled but if you are interested in having your young person attend the second session, please call the office. Space is limited. The fee is \$30.00 for the three days.

Coordinating the camp are Pat Reinhardt, legendary third grade teacher now retired, and board member Betty Hurd, a former media specialist in the high school. Neither has a retiring personality. Both are well qualified to engage the children in exciting “living” historical projects.

This history camp is partially funded by grants from Orange County Arts and Provident Bank.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY – JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>

In between the history camp sessions is George Washington Day in Lewis Park, a tradition that began in 1919. This year there will be a Revolutionary War encampment in the park for two days. The history camp children are invited to attend any of the programs, which will be publicized as it gets closer to the day. Of course it is also open to the public.

There will be a picnic around 6 pm in the park. The Society will provide the main entrée along with iced tea. If you come, please bring a side dish to share with your neighbors. Call the office (986–3236) and let Jo know how many will be coming. We’ll provide tables and chairs too.

## SUMMER HOURS FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUMS

The buildings are open July and August on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2 – 4:30. Each building must have two volunteer docents. The Society would consider opening more often but it is difficult coordinating the dedicated persons to commit to more time. We are looking for new recruits and are willing to do a training session. The criteria are a love of history, an ability to explain it to the public, and a willingness to wear a period outfit. Men and women including college students are invited to call Jo in the office at 986–3236.

## THIS AND THAT

Thanks to Kurt Emmerich, Michael Newhard, and a group of worker bees, several cleanup days have taken place on the old UAME Church. The interior has been gutted, grounds cleaned up, panels in the windows painted and the back addition is beginning. There is much to do and so little money to do it with . . . but the Warwick Historical Society is committed to truly incorporating the church with the other buildings we own.

**On that note**, we are delighted that so many have renewed their membership and that – thanks to a very active membership committee – we have 27 new member families. The Historical Society is grateful for every penny we get. Believe it or not, we do not have an endowment for the nine buildings we own. It’s only through membership, continual fundraising efforts and occasional grants that we are able to keep the buildings standing.

**Don’t forget** to visit our “Spindles and Threads” exhibit in Baird’s Tavern. Beautiful quilts and Windsor chairs from our collection are on display in the ballroom through most of September.

**“Join our community ~ Share our commitment”** This is our new motto. We have a community of dedicated volunteers – the board and trustees of the Society number 23; they meet every month and are active on committees such as Education, Membership, Fundraising. The 1810 House team works tirelessly every week on archival material and documents which have been given to the Society. We have an extensive costume collection – from beautifully embroidered dresses to simple aprons and men’s evening wear. These have been donated to the Society over many decades and the group of volunteers take great pride in handling the outfits with loving care. Since we acquired the old UAME Church last year, we have had several people working on Saturdays to prepare it for the public. What this all means is the Warwick Historical Society is alive – a living Historical Society! Come – **Join our community and share our commitment.** We promise, believe it or not, excitement, fulfillment, friendship, intellectual stimulation, fun, and satisfaction in the fact that we are caretakers of the rich history of the beautiful Town of Warwick.

**Types of Membership:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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<input type="checkbox"/> Senior dual	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor	\$150.00
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Make check payable to: **The Historical Society of the Town of Warwick**  
 You may pay by credit card. Please call office 845-986-3236  
 Office hours: Mon – Fri 9 – 2 ; Wednesday chats 2-4 on the terrace. Stop by.

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## OUR MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR!

For over thirty years we have been hosting an end-of-summer cocktail party.

This year is no different. The date is: **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6 to 9 pm**

**Under the Tent at Lewis Park.**

“Locovore” (one who eats food produced within 100 miles) is the buzz-word this summer, and as a “living” historical society, we are involved in up-to-the -minute sustainability, using local foods, glassware, and compostable products.

Our Fundraising committee will be calling on their neighbors to help make this the best party ever!



**THIS IS WHAT THE PARTY WAS LIKE LAST YEAR – 200 PEOPLE, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE, WINE & BEER, MUSIC & DELICIOUS FOOD !**

**SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, FROM 6 – 9 PM**