



The Garden City Historical Society

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Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Garden City Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at its Museum, located at 109 Eleventh Street. The agenda will include welcome remarks by President Mary Mahoney, a brief Treasurer's report, including an update on the Society's capital campaign fundraising efforts, and the election and installation of officers and trustees.

Members and friends of the Historical Society are invited to attend; RSVP is requested by June 11 to Gloria Jones, 516-248-0042, or via email to events@gardencityhistoricalsociety.org. Light refreshments will be served.

30th Anniversary

This summer marks the 30th anniversary of the monumental move of the structure that is now the home of The Garden City Historical Society Museum to its current location on Eleventh Street. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the structure is one of Garden City's first ten houses (fondly called "Apostle Houses") built in 1872.

"Many residents have fond memories of seeing the building transported from Cathedral and Fifth Street, over railroad tracks and along Village roadways to its new home," notes Kris Harder, a longtime Society trustee and co-chairman of the Society's recent fundraising Gala. "While the interior saw a significant restoration in 2004-5, the restoration of the building's exterior is now the goal of the Society's capital campaign."

Purchase of a Period Weathervane

The Society began restoration of the exterior of its Museum in November, under the able direction of Page Ayres Cowley Architects and Vinny Muldoon and his fine craftsmen at Old World Quality Corp. The project included repair to damaged window components, crown moldings, brackets and siding. Workmen refurbished existing window sashes, and milled new circular wood trim. All molding and brackets that couldn't be restored were constructed and installed to match existing materials. Workmen also removed the old roof of the cupola, and after applying a new plywood base, fabricated and installed a spectacular period copper standing seam roof and copper flashing.

The Society has purchased a period weathervane, bearing the 1872 date when the structure was built, and in mid-May, workmen from Old World Quality fitted the weathervane to the top of the cupola. The Society offers its deep appreciation to Historical Society Trustee Kate Schmidt and her husband Karl,

whose donation made possible the purchase of the weathervane. Please take a look when you pass the Museum.

The Historical Society plans to offer additional ways in which supporters can have their donations reflected in the funding of different aspects of the exterior restoration work.

A.T. Stewart Awards

This year, the Society will take time to recognize the homeowners who were the recipients of its A. T. Stewart Awards. These awards, initiated in 2006 at the urging of the Society Past President Brian Pinnola, are presented in two categories: Residential and Non-residential. The awards were established to encourage property owners and tenants who construct new or renovate existing properties to keep them within the historic nature and fabric of A.T. Stewart's vision for Garden City. The awards also apply to those properties that have been maintained and cared for by their owners or tenant with the same consideration.

Again, if you are planning to attend the Society's annual meeting, please RSVP by June 11, to Gloria Jones, 516-248-0042, or via email to events@gardencityhistoricalsociety.org.

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As part of the initial exterior restoration, a period weathervane was purchased and installed atop The Garden City Historical Society Museum on Eleventh Street.