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Vision
The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society is a dynamic, community responsive, educational organization that inspires community memory by linking our local history and heritage to contemporary life.

Mission
The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society shall preserve and share our area’s history through educational programming and exhibits, building preservation, archival collections, and experiential learning.

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2019 Personnel Highlights

• We welcomed Gautam Meda to our Board of Trustees. Gautum is a Division Vice President and Director for Modeling and Computational Science at Corning, Inc., where he has worked since 1997. He moved to Corning following post-doctoral research at Carnegie Melon University, where he earned a PhD in Mechanical Engineering, a field in which he also holds a BTech from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras. Gautum joined the Board particularly hoping to contribute in the areas of strategic planning, personnel policy, museum advocacy, education and membership development. His engagement with the Society began when he and his son took a blacksmithing class here a couple of years ago, reflective of his interest in applied technology from both contemporary and historical perspectives.

• Early in 2019 Dr. Edward “Sandy” Franklin joined our Board of Trustees. Sandy is not new to the Society; he’s been a familiar face volunteering at many of our events, often greeting people as Ben Patterson, and working on buildings and grounds projects. Sandy’s wife, Mary, has also been with the Society for many years as a volunteer, docent and hearth cook.

  Sandy operated a private chiropractic practice in Painted Post for 25 years before joining the CCC faculty teaching Anatomy & Physiology to nursing and pre-professional students. He is the CCC Alumni Committee Chair, an Executive Board member of the CCC Foundation, and the Chair of the Educational Standards and Policies Governance Committee for the college.

  Sandy has also been very active in the community; over the past 39 years he has served as the President of the Painted Post Area Board of Trade, Director for the Corning Area Chamber of Commerce, Director for the Rotary of Corning, Chairman of the Painted Post Planning Board, Mayor of the Village of Painted Post for two terms, and more!

• Caroline Martin, a Public History student from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida, joined the staff of Heritage Village as a summer intern in 2019. During Caroline’s first couple of weeks at Heritage Village we still were busy with our school programs and tours, and so Caroline had an opportunity to work closely with our Executive Director, Monica Nix, our Education Coordinator Pat Monahan and our docents. Caroline was a quick study, and very soon it became apparent that she was becoming a valued member of our museum community. We counted on her help to plan and implement activities for this summer’s Garden of Fire event, relied on her ability to relate well to visitors and provide occasional tours, and we benefited from her enthusiasm for history, her fresh ideas, and her youthful energy.

  Caroline spent some time with our Archivist, Sheri Golder, learning about our archival collections, including our extensive 19th and 20th century clothing collection. She spent time exploring the archives on her own, as well, and from our collections she ultimately selected items to research and write about as her major internship project – a blog titled “Artifact of the Week” which she posted on our website and offers a fresh perspective on our valuable collections and on some items rarely seen by visitors.

• In May we said goodbye to groundskeeper Calvin Barton, and welcomed Anita Keyes. Calvin was a joy to work with and we wish him and his wife Cheryl, a long-time member and volunteer, all the best!

• In June we welcomed former Patterson Inn Junior Interpreter and volunteer Anna Hoyler to the Painted Post-Erwin Museum at the Depot. Anna served as Depot Manager from June through August.
Contributions and Gifts

The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society would like to acknowledge the following for their financial contributions and gifts in 2019:

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Summer Camp
Sheri & Leon Golder
Janice Glover
Jim & Lynn Hatch

The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society has taken every measure to ensure the accuracy of our listings. We apologize if we have overlooked any person or organization.

Please note that there are additional donations made to the 2019 Annual Appeal that will be reflected in the 2020 Annual Report.
Exhibits

During 2019 Alison Merkl, Board Vice President, created displays at the Southeast Steuben County Library and a window on Market Street (provided by Board Treasurer Amy Irving). These exhibits are a great opportunity to highlight our vintage clothing collection, artifacts, and special events offered at Heritage Village.

In the summer months the window on Market Street featured a selection of vintage swimwear (pictured right). Over the winter months the window was beautifully decorated with a Victorian theme featuring vintage ornaments and a woman’s and child’s winter coat.

One of the more interesting and “cheeky” displays in the library case was “Thundermugs or Chamber Pots?” Several of the Society’s vintage pots were showcased along with various items often used in conjunction with the pots. Before the advent of modern toilet paper, many different materials were used for the same purposes. Different materials were used depending upon the country, weather conditions, social customs and status. People used leaves, grass, ferns, corn cobs, maize, fruit skins, seashells, stone, sand, moss, snow and water.

Collections

There were 60 items added to our collection in 2019. The PastPerfect catalog now contains 19,063 items; a mix of books, photos “paper memorabilia”, clothing and objects of all types.

Some interesting items added in 2019 were an Amish “Postage Stamp” quilt donated by Francis Fehlner (pictured right); also from Francis Fehlner, a telebinocular stereopticon and 6 boxes of stereopticon cards; 1920s leather booties and glove donated by Collette Roberts (pictured on report cover page); a brass and bronze bath bucket, brass spittoon, block ice tongs and an ox cart brace from Theodore Fellows.

We also added a number of books to our collection, including *The Women of Corning: The Untold Story*, by Amo Houghton and Geoffrey M. Kabaservice. Donated by Jerry and Virginia Wright.
Selection of Event Posters

**Corning-Painted Post Historical Society Annual Report**

**HERITAGE VILLAGE**

**Chili & Chocolate**

March 8 4:30-7:00
Dinner Includes:
Chili (several kinds to choose from), Salad, Bread, Beverage, Chocolate Desserts
Dine “Inn” or take out
$8.50 Adults $5.00 12 & under
59 W. Pulteney Street 607.937.5281
www.heritagevillagesfl.org

**Corning-Painted Post Historical Society**

1 Day Western NY Bus Trip
October 3, 2019

**Corning-Painted Post Historical Society Annual Report**

**Country Store**

**MUSIC**

**BAKE SALE**

**RAFFLES**

**Children’s Games & Activities**

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**LECTURE SERIES**

**Fun, Facts and Folklore Along the Cemetery Trail**

October 10, 2019 6:30 pm

Presented by Helen Brink
FREE and open to the public!

**Call 607.937.5281 or visit www.heritagevillagesfl.org for more information!**

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**HERITAGE VILLAGE OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES**

**ALL HALLOWS**

October 15 6:30 - 8:30 pm
$3 Admission per person

Ben and Sarah Patterson invite you to experience the Heritage Village by candlelight! As the light fades and days turn early to night, what awaits us in the darkness? Join us for a bit of spooky history, special exhibits, tasty treats on the hearth, cider and candy for the kids and more! Halloween fun for all ages!

59 W. Pulteney Street Corning, NY  607.937.5281
www.heritagevillagesfl.org
We had a very busy 2019 with events! Here is a re-cap of some of our events:

Chili and Chocolate (March 8)
This year we saw a slight decline in attendance for this popular fundraiser. Next year we hope to revamp the event and include more kid friendly options on the menu.

Spring Hearth Dinner (April 6)
On a delightful spring evening, 19 guests dined in the atmosphere of our historic inn as it was filled with the scents, images, and flavors of a hearth cooked meal. The 5 course meal began with cheese, fruit and hearth-made crackers, followed by cream of asparagus soup; the third course featured a Spring salad. The main course was a delicious home-cured baked ham and chicken with wine sauce, small potatoes with parsley, broccoli with olive oil, and a vegetable medley. The dessert course was a choice of cherry pie, apple pie, or ginger cake.

Lecture Series (April 10 & May 8)
The Society resumed its popular lecture series in the spring of 2019 at the Academy Place Apartments auditorium. Our first program was Celebrating our Past, Saving for our Future: Historic Preservation in Corning and Painted Post, a presentation by Dr. Edward A. Mainzer. The second program was Barracks to Prison Pen Civil War Elmira 1861-1865, presented by Terri Olszowy.

Annual Meeting (May 21)
The Corning-Painted Post Historical Society held its annual meeting at Heritage Village. Guest speakers Peetie and Tom Dimitroff gave a presentation on Canfield Park.

Victorian Tea Party (May 4)
The Historical Society was excited to host our first Victorian Tea Party. At this sold-out elegant event guests enjoyed our vintage atmosphere, lingered over a cup of tea and indulged in a variety of scrumptious sandwiches, scones and desserts. The event had a Kentucky Derby theme and included raffles, door prizes, photo opportunities, and a vintage hat and accessories exhibit, featuring a beautiful selection of items from the Historical Society’s collection.

Hudson River/Hyde Park Bus Trip (June 20)
For our 1 day summer bus trip we visited the historic Vanderbilt Mansion, Hudson River Maritime Museum and enjoyed a buffet dinner at the beautiful River Station restaurant.

Heritage Festival (Whingblinger – September 28)
It was a beautiful day for this year’s Heritage Festival. We had over 600 people come out to enjoy the day’s festivities. In addition to the event staples, such as blacksmithing, hearth cooking, spinning/weaving, candle dipping, and coopering, we also had lots of fun activities in the schoolhouse. There was a delicious assortment of items for our bake sale, fantastic offerings for our raffle, and many beautiful and unique items in our Country Store. The Three Rivers City Jazz Band, Silver Lining, and Art Hofstetter all kindly donated their musical talents to entertain our guests.

Western New York Bus Trip (Oct 3)
We had a very full day for our fall bus trip. We visited the Roycroft Campus, Graycliff, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed summer home, Erie Canal Discovery Center and had dinner at the historic Tillman's Village Inn.

All Hallows at the Village (October 19)
We had a spooktacular evening of history and Halloween fun for this year’s All Hallows. The Village was decked out with a wake in the dining room, a display about death portraits, skeletons and ghouls in the tap room, Halloween history facts and crafts in the exhibit room, witchy prophecies in the cabin, fears and phobias in the schoolhouse, headless horseman in the barn and an electric chair in the coopering shop, where we told the tale of our own local connection to the invention of the electric chair.

Lecture Series (October 10 & November 6)
Our lecture series continued in the fall with History of Our Local Cemeteries, a presentation by Helen Brink and History of Steuben Glass with presenter Steve Bender.

Blast into History/Cheers to History (November 9 & 10)
The 1st New York McCracken's Company joined us again for a fun filled, historic weekend! The event featured a War of Independence 1776 re-enactment with firearm demonstrations, campfire cooking, drilling, an encampment area and a variety of talks throughout the day.

The second part of the event was “Cheers to History.” Guests enjoyed a variety of adult beverage tastings and a hearty soup with hearth cooked bread. The MCracken’s regaled guests with their stories and songs.

Holiday Open House (December 14)
It was another fantastic year for our annual Holiday Open House event. This event would not be possible without the hard work of our planning committee, amazing bakers, crafters, soup makers, contributors to Attic Treasures, and everyone who comes out to support the event, purchase raffle tickets and order letters from Santa.

Thank you to the Corning Garden Club for adding an extra special touch of holiday cheer to the event with their beautiful greenery and decorations.
During 2019 docent training and enrichment focused on refreshing the good work done by our Education Committee. The school programs we offered to participating schools were reviewed at each docent meeting, prior to schools requesting them for their museum visits. Docents also participated in intense training for the textile and log cabin programs we offer. Schools have been coming to the Heritage Village for many years because of the high-quality, hands-on experiences provided by our highly trained docents. They have the skills to work with many different age levels and help students understand the historical content of each program. Heritage Village could not provide this strong education programming without the volunteer help of our approximately 25 active docents.

Docents also went to Elmira to learn more about the city’s role in the American Civil War. They visited Woodlawn National Cemetery, the John Jones Museum, Park Church, and Elmira’s Civil War Prison Camp.

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**Hearth Cooking Guild**

Thank you to the members of our Hearth Cooking Guild who provided hearth dinner/lunch for raffle winners, helped with the Hearth Dinner fundraiser, and demonstrated at all of our special events.
Buildings & Grounds

The buildings and grounds committee works tirelessly every year to ensure that our facilities are properly maintained. They continuously survey the grounds and make recommendations for repairs, maintenance, and improvements. Here are some of the projects that were completed in 2019.

- Erected two new Heritage Village signs for the Welcome Center and Heritage Village at the Inn were placed during September 2019.
- Traditional strap hinges were forged and installed on the two agriculture shed doors
- Eagle Scout project removed and replaced the fence along the parking lot
- Spread chipped stones in parking lot
- Glazed the front windows on the lower floor of the Inn
- Painted all the exterior trim on the Welcome Center
- Repaired the chimney draft door on the Inn’s open hearth fireplace
- Repainted the mortar on the log cabin chimney

Education Committee

During 2019 the Education Committee continued to plan and upgrade our education programs for children. Throughout the year their work provided engaging, hands-on experiences for the Heritage Village as a living history museum.

The Education Committee completed 4 wall hangings describing the materials used for textiles, created a Literature at the Museum series that matches children’s literature with some of our programs, developed a workshop for adults based on a day in the life of Sarah Patterson, provided docent training for Eliza’s cabin, updated program kits, and cleaned and reorganized the docent changing area with help from volunteers Jim Lyons and Dave Silvernail.

Thank you to Education Committee members Mary Bacalles, Norma Bird, Mary Franklin, Chris Hoyler, and Nancy O’Loughlin.
### Financial Report - 2019

#### Income Statement

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**Painted Post – Erwin Museum at The Depot**

Between June 26 and August 24 the Museum saw 144 visitors in the 35 days we were open. Saturdays were our busiest days with an average of 7.44 visitors. We had many local visitors, several of whom had never been inside the museum, despite living in our area for years. Our furthest visitors came from Belgium. Depot Manager, Anna Hoyler, reported that she had the privilege of interacting with people through the Museum Facebook page and helping a woman who was a descendant of the Erwin family by answering her questions and sending her pictures of our Erwin Family display.

Seven total accessions were added to our archives over the summer, several of which contained multiple items. One of the most interesting accessioned collections included the goods of Wilbur “Mac” Roody, a World War II veteran. This included railroad timetables, Japanese-language technical diagrams, photos, and memorabilia from his time in the Navy.
Education

In 2019 the Heritage Village had 59 groups visit from various schools and organizations. This brought 3,354 visitors to the site.

The list is as follows:

Schools (class visits)
Corning-Painted Post School District: 53 visits
Elmira/Horseheads/Elmira Heights Districts: 35
GST BOCES:2
Alfred/Almond: 3
Bath: 6
Canisteo-Greenwood: 4
Campbell-Savona: 6
Various Pennsylvania Schools: 12
Home School Group: 2
Various religiously affiliated schools: 5

Travel Program (classes)
Broadway Academy: 13

Groups (number of guests)
Corning Area Youth Center: 5
Nine Penny Club: 9
Private Parties: 122
Bus Tour: 14
Garden of Fire: 75
SE Steuben County Library: 26
Masons: 28
Patterson Inn “Sizzlin’ Summer at the Schoolhouse” Camp: 11 youth
Watson Homestead Intergenerational Experience: 86
Watson Homestead “Women at Fire”: 54
Social Service Agencies: 40
Waverly Recreation Program: 40
Scouts: 30
Corning Children’s Center: 37
Elmira College: 5
Appleridge outreach: 20
Corning Sister Cities: 20

General Tours
2019 walk-in total: 375
2018 walk-in total: 481
2107 walk-in total: 475
2016 walk-in total: 515

Membership

Memberships in 2019 are as follows:

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It is vitally important for the organization’s survival to increase the number of memberships.

Our event attendance was roughly 1,500 people. Our walk-in tour total was 375; combined school group totals and special tour totals were 3,354 for a grand total of 5,229 visitors to our site in 2019.

Thank you to all of our dedicated docents and volunteers who give so much of their time, knowledge, and energy to make our programs and events possible.