

RICH in HISTORY

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Grant enables Town of Richford to Restore Historic Photographs

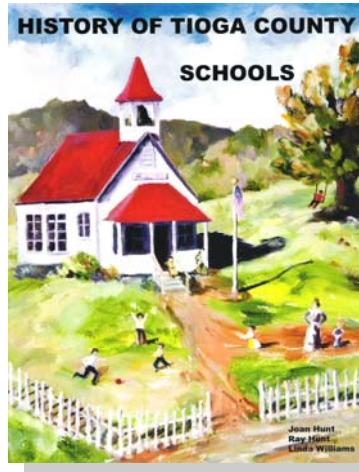
The Town Historians of Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley were the joint recipients of a grant in 2007, from the ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes, Decentralization Regrant Program. The grant request was submitted by the Newark Valley Town Historian and enabled Historians of all three towns to obtain funds to be used to restore historic photographs. The photograph restoration project has continued since 2007 through the receipt of proceeds from the sales each year of calendars with historical photographs of people, places and scenes from the three towns.

The 2011 calendar is now available for \$10.00 each from members of the Historical Societies of Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley and at various community events and locations in the three towns.



New Book Documents History of Tioga County's Schools

A new book has been released, documenting the history of Tioga County's schools, from the 1800s through the present. The book contains old and new photographs, locations of school buildings, years of operation, and even personal notes from teachers. Is there an old school site in your neighborhood? Pick up a copy of the book and find out how many schools Richford



used to operate! The book is available for purchase from the Tioga County Historical Society and Museum, 110 Front Street, Owego, NY, for a cost of \$32.50. Members of the Tioga County Historical Society will receive a 10% discount.

Thank-You!

The Richford Historical Society extends its sincere thanks to the following citizens:

The Conway Family, for a donation made in the honor of June Conway.
The Yapple Family, for a donation made on behalf of Kay Yapple.

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The Richford Historical Society welcomes your participation. Regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month, April through November, in the historic graded school on Rte 38 in the village. Questions may be directed to Bill Sherwood, Town Historian, at 607-539-6283.

Call for New Members

The Richford Historical Society (RHS) is seeking new members. Please join us and enjoy participating in a local, community-minded organization that works to preserve the history of our beautiful town. Bring your energy and ideas to monthly meetings, held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month, from April through November. New members who join during the 2010 Potato Festival will automatically be entered into a chance to win the 2010 Richford Historical Society Raffle basket, which includes a signed copy of the new "History of Tioga County Schools" book (a \$32.50 value), the new 2011 calendar (a \$10.00 value) and framed reproductions of historic Richford photographs, among other handsomely displayed gift items. Other Member benefits are described on the Membership Form, available at the Graded Schoolhouse. Stop by during the festival to learn more, and to join our organization. Membership fees are as follows:

Be a FRIEND of the Richford Historical Society!

Friends are not required to attend meetings, but are welcome to attend if desired.

1-Year Friend: \$15.00

Or, be an ACTIVE MEMBER!

Active members are encouraged to attend at least 3 of the 8 meetings held each year and dedicate at least 2 hrs, in addition, toward RHS activities, which may include work on grant applications, new member recruiting, newsletter production, RHS publicity, and participation in RHS-sponsored activities and events, such as the Annual Potato Festival.

Active 1-Year Single Membership: \$5.00

Active 1-Year Family Membership: \$7.50

Send us your story ideas!

Do you know something about Richford's history? Do you have an historic Richford photograph you'd like to have reproduced in the town's archives, or shared in the newsletter? Do you have a story you'd like to share about life in Richford?

Help preserve Richford's history. Please contact Bill Sherwood at 607-539-6283, or send your stories and ideas to wes6@cornell.edu. We will be happy to scan your historic Richford photographs and return them to you. Please contact Bill to discuss.

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