



Flanders Village Historical Society

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P.O. Box 1968, Flanders, N.Y. 11902

*A 501(c)(3) organization that encourages, promotes and disseminates an understanding
and appreciation of the historical and cultural heritage of the hamlet of Flanders.*

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Dear Flanders Village Historical Society Members and Friends:

We hope that you and your families are looking forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year. We started ours with a new logo and a rebuilt website, incorporating all the information on the former version with several additions and new features. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Because we have continuing expenses such as the website fees, we are sending a friendly reminder that annual dues are payable on January 1. If you have not renewed yet, please consider doing so now by mailing a check to FVHS, P.O. Box 1968, Flanders, NY 11901. Soon you will be able to pay with a credit card on our new website.

During the last year, there have been successes and failures, the latter including the recent loss of two historic resources, i.e., the Brewster House and the Oscar Goodale House. On the other hand, the barn behind the Oscar Goodale house and the Griffing farmhouse on Methodist Point has been recognized by the town as worth saving. The Griffing property was also purchased with CPF funds, but under a policy that takes into consideration its historic value. Since this is a familiar view along Flanders Road, we have high hopes for its preservation and future use.

We held two big events in 2022. During the summer, in conjunction with Friends of The Big Duck, we held a Tag Sale Fundraiser at Big Duck Ranch. Since it was quite a success, we are planning another such sale for this coming summer. Gently used donations of household items and furniture are welcome (no clothes).

Although the health crisis delayed our plans, we were finally able to host from September 14 - November 30 an exhibit of "Historic Photographs of Flanders" at the Crohan Center. This was made possible by a cultural grant we obtained from the town. Town Historian Julie Greene spoke at the opening reception, and Executive Director Kathryn Curran of the Gardiner Foundation attended the second.

To keep moving forward, we need to increase our membership. Please consider sending the attached application to a friend or neighbor who is interested in local history and supports the preservation of our hamlet's historic resources. Individual membership is \$20. New members who choose a family membership for \$30 will receive a free copy of the children's book, *Duckhampton*, by Christian McLean.

Thanks for your past membership. We hope you will continue to support our efforts in preserving the history of Flanders. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at the David W. Crohan Community Center on Thursday, January 25, 6:45 PM.

Sincerely,
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