

Vision and Goals:

The Beekman Historical Society wants to re-energize the community to become interested and involved in local history. We want to galvanize people into action and to all become gatekeepers of history. We want the community to take an active part in shaping the organization and to participate in living history programs for students of all ages. Our goals are to have a permanent home for the Beekman Historical Society, to increase our membership, and to provide meaningful children's programs.

Acknowledgements:

The Beekman Historical Society Scholarship Committee would like to thank the following contributors to The Beekman Historical Society's 2005 Scholarship program. They are as follows, Mr. & Mrs. Broege, Mrs. Tonya Capalbo, Mr. John Cunningham, The Fendrich Family, The Magill Family, Ms. Dorothy O'Leary, The Usher Family, Mr. and Mrs. Kanterman, and The Wagner Family. We appreciate your support.

This is our first year that we have offered the \$500.00 scholarship. We are hoping to offer the same or more in 2006. Please consider supporting our young adults as they go forward to college by contributing any amount to the program. Contributions may be made to The Beekman Historical Society, PO Box 235, Poughquag, NY 12570, Attention: Beekman Scholarship Program.

This year, The Beekman Historical Society Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winner of the 2005 scholarship. Her name is Lisa Taravella, a Beekman town resident and recent graduate of Arlington High School. Lisa is planning on studying at SUNY Binghamton this fall. Lisa is very interested in local history. As she expressed in her essay, history provides a past reference for people to understand their community, relate the past events to the present, and the importance of being a keeper of history so it will be preserved for future generations.



Left to right: Ruth Hogan, Scholarship Committee, Lisa Taravella, BHS Scholarship recipient, Pat Goewey, Tonya Capalbo, Scholarship Committee

A heartfelt thank you to our Lifetime members:
Fred Broege, Ruth Hogan, Robert Novak, and Thom Usher.
The BHS will utilize our donations to get better established in the
community through various events and programs.

Calendar of Events

We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 07:30 pm at the Beekman
Town Hall, 4 Main St Poughquag, NY 12570 or write to
historicalbeekman@yahoo.com for up coming events.

July 16th - Community day - look for the BHS tent and the “Colonial Kids
Corner”, Quill Pen Writing and Colonial Games

July 19th Meeting - at the Town Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

August 16th Meeting - at the Town Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

September 20th – at the Town Hall, featuring Alex Miller speaking on
“American Political Campaign Collections”



A sample from Alex Miller's collection

October 18th - at the Town Hall – Don't miss local historian George Lukacs
lecture on “Stoneware Pottery”. George is a Poughkeepsie resident and
subject expert in stoneware and ceramics. Author George Lukacs has
collected, researched, and studied Hudson Valley stoneware for more than
fifteen years. In his book, “Poughkeepsie Potters and the Plague”, he
combines his knowledge and skill in identifying significant artifacts and his
dedicated pursuit of history with a stunning collection of nearly two hundred
photographs and illustrations. The owner of an antiques business, he
displays each August products manufactured in Dutchess County at the
Dutchess County Fair, where he and fellow members of the Century

Museum Village & Collectors Association present living history demonstrations.



All Beekman Historical Society meetings are open to the public.