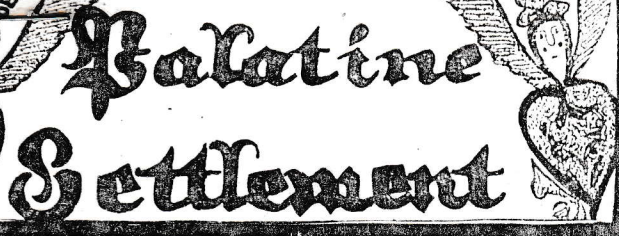


Fall 1989



Palatine Settlement

Nellis Tavern progress: Removed partitions added in 18th century in central hall and original east room; removed loose plaster from ceiling of 1830 addition; cleared pantry and kitchen areas of accumulated debris; made temporary repairs to cellar staircase; cleared the passageway in the rear (under the original porch) to open access to the basement level of the building; negotiating contract to make a drainage ditch on north side of tavern and to rebuild the north cellar wall; made plans to put a new roof on the cheesehouse (having been unable to find a source of old tin to match the original roof).

Grants: Many thanks to the Fowler Foundation for a grant to purchase a weedeater, which will be most helpful in clearing more land and uncovering foundations of outbuildings.

Summer events: Attendance was down somewhat this summer, as was also the case with other area historic sites. However, our quilt show was bigger, better, and attracted a larger attendance than ever before. Highlights were autograph quilts, the Canajoharie sesquicentennial quilt, the St. Johnsville Bicentennial quilt, quilting by a 7-year old boy and a 95-year old woman, modern original design quilts, and of course, the fabulous Saltsman wedding quilt loaned by Sally Ready. Our appreciation to everyone who loaned us quilts for display. Oh, yes, we also soldout our delicious Palatine gingerbread.

National Register application: At this point, all necessary information has been collected, including the required maps and photographs, and we are now awaiting the go-ahead signal from the State Department of Historic Preservation to file the application. Our special thanks go to architect Robert Noble for his gift of a complete set of professional architectural drawings of Nellis Tavern. In appreciation we have made Noble a life member of our organization. *where are they*

New schedule: The society has adopted a new dues schedule to establish a uniform due date for all memberships. Beginning in 1990 all dues will fall due in September. If you have paid your dues this year, your membership will last until September 1990. If you haven't paid your dues, we hope you will do so now. We need the revenue from dues to pay our insurance and other running expenses. Dues may be sent to: Mr. Melvin Smith, 17 Kingsbury Avenue, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Fund-Raising: During the month of October we will be raffling a pastel-striped hand-crocheted afghan, a handmade black bear (care bear pattern), and a plastic needlepoint tote bag. Winner gets first choice, second winner, second choice, and third winner whatever is left. Chances are 50¢ or 3 for \$1.00. Contact any member of the society or send money to Melvin Smith (address above). Good luck!!

Have a good winter & a happy holiday season

