



# Gouverneur Historical Association

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TO: MUSEUM MEMBERS AND HOPEFULLY NEW MEMBERS  
FROM: JOE LAURENZA  
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MUSEUM VISITORS THIS PAST YEAR TOTALED 187, AND, THE MUSEUM ANNEX AT THE FAIRGROUNDS HAD 109 VISITORS DURING FAIR WEEK.

IF YOU CANNOT GET TO THE MUSEUM FOR A TOUR, YOU CAN STILL TOUR IT BY GOING TO OUR WEB SITE [gouverneurmuseum.org](http://gouverneurmuseum.org) AND DO A VIRTUAL TOUR.

THE GOUVERNEUR MUSEUM IS OPEN WEDNESDAYS, YEAR ROUND, FROM 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. AND SATURDAYS BY APPOINTMENT. OUT-OF-TOWNERS AND GROUP TOURS ARE ARRANGED AT THE MUTUAL CONVENIENCE OF MYSELF AND CALLERS. MY PHONE NUMBER IS (315) 323-2654.

IN JUNE, WHICH IS DAIRY MONTH, LYLE HOTIS GAVE A VERY INTERESTING TALK ON THE EVOLUTION OF MILK BOTTLES AND THE LOCAL DAIRIES. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE AND REFRESHMENTS OF ICE CREAM, MILK, COOKIES, CHEESE AND CRACKERS WERE ENJOYED BY ALL.

THE OTHER MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS ARE: JON JACKSON, JOE WEEKES, KATHERINE PISTOLESI, WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT, TAMMY FINLEY, MICHAEL GRIFFITH, MELISSA TERSMETTE, TANIA STERLING, LEA DICKSON, AND MIKI HOPPER. THE MUSEUM HAS SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS, WHO ARE INVALUABLE.

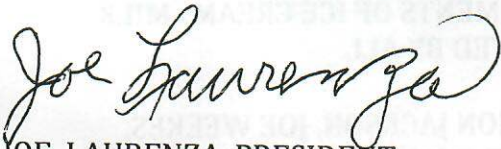
THE MUSEUM CONVERTED THE HEATING SYSTEM TO NATURAL GAS TWO YEARS AGO AND THIS HAS SAVED US BIG BUCKS. YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS GO TO ALL EXPENSES LIKE ELECTRICITY, INSURANCE, WATER AND SEWER, SECURITY SYSTEM, PHONE AND INTERNET, ETC. NO PAID STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS HELP KEEP MUSEUM EXPENSES MINIMAL. ONLY WHEN WE HAVE TO CONTRACT FOR UPKEEP AND NECESSARY REPAIRS DO WE HIRE SOMEONE.

RESEARCH REQUESTS THIS YEAR FOR GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION AND LONG AGO BUSINESSES WERE:

YERDON FAMILY  
CLOSS FAMILY  
GOUVERNEUR MORRIS MANSE  
NATURAL DAM SCHOOLHOUSE LOCATION

DR. ABRAM BURR  
ELVIA & HIRAM STOWELL  
JAMES LASHBROOKS  
LYDIA BURCH  
DRUMMOND DAIRY  
GOUVERNEUR MORRIS AND GOUVERNEUR AVENUE IN THE BRONX  
JESSE L. SKINNER  
ORMISTON'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE  
BOBBY HUNTRESS  
FOWLER ELEMENTERY SCHOOL  
DR. HARRY MILLS  
DOROTHY GRIFFITH  
ADIRONDACK BOTTLING COMPANY  
VANDERWORKEN FAMILY  
WOOD AND HARVEY FAMILIES  
JOHN. L. DODGE FAMILY  
LEONARD FREEMAN  
LAURA BLAIR, POSSIBLE DESCENDENT OF GOUVERNEUR MORRIS.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. LAST YEAR OVER \$10,000 WAS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS. THANK YOU TO ALL PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND DONORS, AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE MORE NEW DONORS THIS YEAR. THE MUSEUM IS NOT PART OF THE VILLAGE OR TOWN, WE ARE A SEPARATE NON PROFIT ENTITY.



JOE, LAURENZA, PRESIDENT