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- ❄ Dress for the weather! We hope for fair weather and sunny skies, but a warm scarf and gloves will surely make the day even finer.
- ❄ Wear sensible shoes. We could have ice and snow!
- ❄ Remove your shoes in the homes to protect those beautiful hardwood floors and carpets. “Go Green” and bring a reusable tote!
- ❄ Refrain from taking photographs in the homes.
- ❄ Note that this is not an event suitable for young children.
- ❄ Stop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday or Sunday for the Dessert Sampling Reception at Barton Hill Hotel. **Remember: The Dessert Sampling Reception closes promptly at 5 p.m.**
- ❄ While in Lewiston, visit the Lewiston Museum, Barton Hill Hotel and Spa, The Country Doctor, and Canterbury Place.
- ❄ Check out all the special events and promotions of Lewiston’s merchants.
- ❄ Remember to patronize our sponsors throughout the year!
- ❄ Have a wonderful time and a joyous holiday.
- ❄ Mark your calendar for our next Tour of Homes **December 2013**. Watch our website www.LewistonHomeTour.com for details.

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to our homeowners who wish
to be acknowledged:*

Ron and Marlene Craft
Ed and Diane Finkbeiner
Debra Sauro
Samuel and Christine Sirianni

President's Message

Hello, Folks:

Welcome everyone to the 7th annual Christmas in the Village Tour of Homes. This year we are celebrating *Christmas Through the Years* and we are featuring five beautiful homes – an historic mansion build shortly after the War of 1812, an adorable cottage that dates to the middle of the 19th century, a beautiful Queen Anne Victorian gem, an elegant mid-20th century showplace, and a late 20th century lovely retreat.

We are a small community and take great pride in showcasing our historic village and town. We are very fortunate to have homeowners, sponsors, decorators, businesses, and many, many volunteers that share our enthusiasm. We give thanks to all of them. Thank you, too, to all of you for visiting our quaint village to enjoy our Tour of Homes and the Lewiston Christmas Walk. We couldn't continue our many programs without your support.

On December 17 we are commemorating the burning of Lewiston during the War of 1812 with our second "Flames Through Lewiston" program. Village residents will "run for their lives" as British and Mohawk re-enactors chase them through the streets. There will be special promotions at many restaurants and retail shops on Center Street for this event.

In October 2012 we will host experienced re-enactors and hundreds of school children for the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights. December 19, 2013 will mark the bicentennial of the burning of Lewiston and a great act of heroism by a group of Tuscarora men. On that date we will unveil the Tuscarora Heroes Monument dedicated to the Nation that saved dozens of our residents' lives.

Please come back and enjoy our restaurants, shops, and history.

Thank you for your support and enjoy our village and the holiday season.

Bruce Sutherland, Volunteer President



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Polar Express

Park your car and ride to the homes on the tour on the Great Lakes Real Estate Polar Express! Three trolleys, provided by the Gray Line of Niagara Falls and sponsored by Great Lakes Real Estate, make a continuous circuit from the village to the featured homes. Scheduled stops are at the Barton Hill Hotel, The Country Doctor on Center Street, each of the homes on the tour, and the Lewiston Museum. However, feel free to flag one down anywhere along the route.

The complimentary trolley service begins at 10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday and will end at 5 p.m. each day.

Take the opportunity to rest, warm up, and listen to wonderful Christmas music as you travel from home to home.

Dessert Sampling Reception

It would be our pleasure to welcome you to enjoy a Poinsettia Cocktail compliments of SuperMarket Liquors & Wines, and sample the sumptuous desserts compliments of Lewiston's sweetest bakeries, DiCamillo Baking Company and the Village Bake Shoppe. Please come to the Barton Hill Hotel main lobby, decked out in holiday finery, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. To avoid the rush, we recommend that you stop in during the tour rather than waiting until the end as **the reception closes promptly at 5 p.m.**

Chris Castellani, owner of SuperMarket Liquors & Wines, is a contributor to many worthwhile causes, and we thank him for his generous contribution of champagne for our festive Poinsettia Cocktail.

Our Poinsettia Cocktail would not be complete without the delicious cranberry juice. Thanks to Wegmans for supplying this crucial ingredient. Wegmans also provided the beautiful poinsettias adorning the featured homes.

The Village Bake Shoppe

A boutique bakery and coffee house in historic Lewiston, the Village Bake Shoppe offers a wide variety of baked goods from breakfast through dessert. The store is a warm, comfortable place to meet friends for a cup of coffee, a piece of something delicious, or a light lunch.

They offer a full line of award winning desserts and specialty cakes for all your occasions. At the Village Bake Shoppe, everything is made the old-fashioned way, from scratch, simple, basic and cozy. Open 7 days from 7 a.m. Lunch served daily. Visit them at 417 Center Street in Lewiston.

DiCamillo Baking Company

Every product of the DiCamillo Baking Company is derived from their family heritage, their traditions, their belief that exquisite foods lovingly prepared are not only an art form, but also an expression of life – reminders of past celebrations, heralds of celebrations to come.

As unique and varied as the DiCamillo family, all of their products are inspired by their grandparents' insistence on both excellence and beauty. They invite you to sample their thick-crust, hearth baked bread, their signature biscotti and their unforgettable cookies and confections. Serving you from five locations in Western New York, including 535 Center Street in Lewiston.

Don't forget to Vote!

When you vote for your favorite designers, you are automatically entered in our raffle, winners to be drawn at the close of the Tour. Prizes include two tickets to the 2012 Tour of Kitchens in June, two tickets for a 1-hour sail on the Brigantine Black Pearl for the summer of 2012, half case of Niagara wines, and a full color picture of the Tour of Homes logo – in chocolate!! – compliments of Niagara's Honeymoon Sweets chocolates.

Just fill out the ballot on page 25 of this booklet, place it in the Christmas gift ballot box in any of the homes, the Lewiston Museum, or the Barton Hill Hotel, and wait for the call!

Beautiful Mantle Design at Barton Hill Hotel

Linda Radford and husband Keith feel privileged to call the Village of Lewiston home. As an accredited home stager and realtor, Linda has a passion for architecture and design. This passion influenced the Radford's decision to renovate their 1800's home which was featured in Buffalo Spree Magazine and the 2008 Lewiston Tour of Homes. Both fireplace mantels in the Barton Hill Hotel reflect the classic beauty of the hotel's lobby. Linda's use of natural elements with a little holiday dazzle combine to create the best of the season.

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#1

Barton Hill
210 Center Street

A carriage ride up the bridle path from Center Street reveals Barton Hill's prime location in Lewiston – at the crest of the hill that descends to the waterfront. It was here that Major Benjamin Barton chose to build his Greek Revival mansion. From here he could keep an eye on his portage business at Lewiston Landing and still be close to his office in the Frontier House. It was 1807 when Major Barton first constructed a home for his wife Agnes and their children. When the British burned Lewiston during the War of 1812, this grand lady was not spared. So it was in 1815 after the war was over that Major Barton again built for his family the home you see today. It is built on the foundation of the original structure using some of the original beams (scorch marks can be seen on beams in the kitchen).

The focal point of the foyer is the majestic elliptical staircase. This staircase, called a flying staircase, is cantilevered from the wall – there is no center support. Its elegant curves draw the eye up toward the dome-like skylight that bathes the staircase and the foyer in subtle natural light.

The high ceilings, extraordinarily large six-over-six windows, massive moldings, and wide plank floors are responsible for the grand feel of this home. Add in a fabulous French marble fireplace and crystal chandeliers and this regal dwelling is indeed fit for royalty. As a matter of fact, the Marquis de Lafayette had tea with the Bartons in the West Room in front of that marble fireplace in 1824.

The dining room is graced with murals painted by local artist Michael LaDuca. These murals depict the Niagara region from Fort Niagara to Niagara Falls. Each had as its inspiration original works of art, some from local artists, some of international renown. The breakfront is a product of a local craftsman and replicates the Greek Revival lines of the house. The door panels at the bottom were found in the basement and are from the Captain's Walk on the top of the house. They are in as-found condition.

The gourmet kitchen is spectacular. A wide peninsula, glass-front cupboards, built in appliances, and incredibly huge fireplace with bee hive ovens – even a reluctant cook would savor spending time here.

The intention of the design was to re-create a palette of greens and holiday décor that could have graced this historic gem in its earlier years. The Greek Revival architecture has been embellished with organic finds and natural accoutrements. Dressing this home with festive elements is restrained to only enhance the beauty of this Lewiston treasure and not overpower it. The designers based their choices not on the bold glitz and glam of today's Christmas, but on the earthy elegance of Christmas past, using organic materials to create a beautiful, warm, "grand country home" feeling of the early 1800's.

While you're here, take a minute to listen to Agnes Barton reminisce.

Space Innovations

Designer James Harasimowicz of Space Innovations comes with a background in interiors and architecture. He specializes in creating and re-creating interior spaces for clients' specific lifestyles. His vision is to maximize every space to reach its fullest potential: practically, functionally, and aesthetically. With 21 years of experience, James is able to bring the design of your space to a whole new level. He can bring new life to old materials and blend it with new innovative ideas. James can help you with every stage of your project. He is also expert in integrating home with garden.

James graduated from the interior design program at Buffalo State University and pursued his Masters degree at the U.B. School of Architecture. Reclaiming space and adaptive re-use drives James' design process and has become just one of his specialties.

Space Innovations
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Lewiston, New York
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Summertime Blooms

Linda O'Connor of Summertime Blooms is a local grower of specialty cut flowers, located on the south shore of Lake Ontario. She farms 2½ acres with over 60 varieties of seasonal annual and perennial flowers, selling them from her farm and Saturday mornings at the Williamsville Market and the Mill and the Clarence Farmers' Market. She also designs beautiful arrangements for parties, weddings, and events. Come and let her create something special just for you!

Summertime Blooms
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Ransomville, New York
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#2

*Widow Dougherty's
Cottage
305 Center Street*

Whoever said good things come in small packages was talking about this charming little cottage. This treat of a home was built in 1840 by the Widow Dougherty after her young husband died in 1839. It commands a prime corner space in the village, close enough to village activity to be handy, and far enough away to be peaceful.

Debra Sauro has made this quaint space both her professional suite as well as her personal refuge. The crackle finish on the front door and the trompe l'oeil runner up the staircase offers a hint of the creativity Debra has used to make this historic structure her own.

With faux textured walls, "stone" columns on the wall, and scrolls and fluted casings, this adorable cottage has a definite classical feel. The clever use of space, every available inch used to its maximum advantage, belies the actual square footage available, only 600 on the first floor. The elegant color palette of taupe, tan, black, and ecru, along with the incorporation of animal prints, allows for the use of not-quite-tiny pieces without overwhelming the space.

The floors are original wide plank pine, another element that enhances the small space rather than overwhelms it. Two-over-two windows let in all the natural light necessary. Touches of gold throughout add sparkle and torchere lamps offer gentle rather than glaring light.

Debra's black and white kitchen is a study in efficient use of space. The glass topped column that is her dining table affords functionality without adding any mass to the room. The clever placement of the range and the counters around it provides access to the door and the patio and the beautiful gardens beyond.

Debra has definitely made her artistic mark on her home. Her garden is a showplace in the summer months. In fact, her garden has been on numerous garden walks in recent years. We think the Widow Dougherty would be impressed.

Designer Richard Nashwinter

Richard Nashwinter and his wife Billie have lived in Lewiston since 1980. Richard is a hair stylist and has owned Studio 1 of Hair Design in Niagara Falls since 1975. He had a grand time with Debra's holiday décor and sends her a message:

"Thank you, Debra, for selecting me to design your Christmas Home. Was I pleased? Definitely. I've incorporated elements from the garden, plus silver and shine to express an indoor/outdoor winter experience!

"Deb always asks for a little *drama*. Make it a little *edgy*. Make it *different*. Add some *sparkle* and some *wow*! I hope I've captured all of her requests!"

Designing for the Christmas in the Village Tour of Homes is yet another way to express his creativity!

Studio 1 of Hair Design
3024 Niagara Street
Niagara Falls, New York
716.284.9610

And the Finishing Touches

In addition to the work by Richard Nashwinter, Debra Sauro has enlisted the talents of Lewiston resident Dale Williamson who has designed the tree and added finishing touches throughout the home. Dale and her husband Norm live in Lewiston and she is a graduate of Niagara College's School of Floral Design.



#3

Alderman House
105 North Fourth
Street

Architect Albert Elia built this house in 1950 for Dr. Alderman.

The unique blend of architectural materials makes this home a standout, both inside and out. There are so many beautiful things to see in Ron and Marlene Craft's home, one hardly knows where to start.

The entry breezeway is a delightful transition from the outdoors. Marlene's sense of whimsy is evident in the "hayloft" where a rooster is right at home. The French country kitchen is so inviting, with its textured walls and hardwood floor. Marlene, an avid gardener, has brought the outside in with a tree branch (complete with bird) that frames the fabulous view into her wonderful garden.

The dining room window is adorned with an antique tapestry and tassels with lacy shears puddled on the floor. The table, elegantly set by Canterbury Place, is ready for holiday meals. The living room is a comfortable haven with cozy sitting areas, extensive library, and a reading lamp tucked into a nook under a front window. The armoire from the Pyrenees, dating from the 1750's, is as useful as it is beautiful.

The upstairs bedrooms are *tres chic* with lush carpets, textured walls, antique furnishings, and sumptuous window treatments. You'll want to notice the delightful lamp shades, imaginative headboards, and luxurious linens.

The decorated vintage musical Christmas trees and Santas throughout the house were lovingly collected by Harold and Jean Haseley, residents of Lewiston. Harold's collection, one of the largest in Western New York, consists of many one-of-a-kind examples and has been featured in many collectibles magazines. We are honored to offer this inaugural exhibit and ask that you enjoy Harold's collection with your eyes only.

Both couples share a fondness for the German toys and Christmas decorations used in their childhood homes. Each have traveled extensively in their search for additions to their private collections as well as treasures to offer to the public in their shop, Fine Antiques.

A Continental Christmas

The exterior of this house, while stately, provides little hint to the stunning elegance of the décor Marlene Craft has created throughout her home. A journey to the countryside of France would impart no more of the French country feel than Marlene has created here. Warm woods and rich tapestries combined with smooth leathers, European antiques, and a touch of glimmering gold transports the guest to an old world haven. Marlene uses natural materials and a quiet palette to create her Christmas décor. The addition of vintage Santas and German belsnickels are the finishing touch to her lovely, comfortable home. Christmas here is like a step back in time.

Canterbury Place Timeless Gifts

Canterbury Place Timeless gifts, a New England style gift shop in the heart of Lewiston, has been serving Western New York for 19 years. The selection of merchandise is grounded in the traditional with both American and European influences. You will find a selection of serve ware, linens, and accessories for your tablescape as well as innovative and unique kitchen tools. Canterbury Place also carries home décor items, including lamps, clocks, and small accent furniture, as well as offering a large assortment of candles and candle accessories.

Canterbury Place Timeless Gifts
547 Center Street
Lewiston, New York
716.754.4818



#4

White Christmas

on the River

4661 Lower River Road

What a magnificent setting for a joyous family Christmas! This circa 1895 Queen Anne Victorian home was built by Dr. Pliny Harold Hayes for his son Dr. Harold A. Hayes and his family. Dr. P. Hayes also built the homes directly north and south of this home. It has been a haven for several of Lewiston's most prominent families and for the last 20 years it has been a place of winter solace for the Sirianni family.

The first thing you see is an expansive front porch, suggestive of the style and comfort that awaits. Entering through the cheerful red door, friends and family find a warm and inviting atmosphere full of the details that were so important in the 1890's – beautiful wall sconces, honey-colored oak floors, substantial moldings around the windows and doors, an elegantly curved staircase. A cubby under the staircase landing adds a sense of whimsy as well as functionality. The large windows and gorgeous bay windows at each turn of the three-story turret afford a spectacular venue for sunsets over the river.

A closer look reveals the smallest details that are the jewelry that completes the ensemble. Crystal doorknobs on the interior doors are original to the house. The brass escutcheons behind them have a cross incorporated into the design as was customary during the Victorian era. Brass window lifts are stamped with the date – December 1928.

The dining room is adorned with a crystal chandelier mounted against a hand-carved ceiling medallion to reflect the light from the fireplace, lending elegance and ambiance to Christmas dinner. Passing by the door next to the fireplace one can see a most splendid butler's pantry – more than enough space for the holiday china and crystal. The drawer pulls are embossed with symbols the homeowner believes represents the three most important human ideals – an anchor for hope, a cross for faith, and forget-me-nots for love.

The stone wall enclosure in the back yard is historically known as Carleton's Garden, named after a Catholic priest and the son of the second owners, Francis and Ida Sage. Currently, it is fondly referred to as Three Sister's Gardens; the Sirianni daughters found it to be a magical, whimsical place – perfectly located within a jump's reach of their favorite rope swing.

A plaque on the house greets all who enter with a maxim written by Ralph Waldo Emerson in which the Sirianni family steadfastly believes: "The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it."

Russell's Tree and Shrub Farm

Russell's Tree and Shrub Farm has been a part of our Christmas in the Village Tour of Homes for several years. They are always helpful, talented, and enthusiastic about their work. We encourage you to pay them a visit. Please find the information about them on page 18 of this booklet.

Rooms Re-Created by Tasia

Your Décor – Re-Styled

This is Tasia's second year with the Tour of Homes. Her gorgeous historic home was featured on the Tour in 2010 and she collaborated with Artie Vanderpool to create a fantastic holiday feast for the eyes in her home. This time, she and Colleen Wurster have collaborated to recreate more holiday magic in the Sirianni home. Please find Tasia's details on page 18.

Creations by Colleen

Colleen Wurster is the owner of Creations by Colleen where she specializes in custom window treatments, accent pillows, window seat cushions, duvet covers, and table runners to fit every décor, budget and lifestyle. Colleen is a talented seamstress, consultant, decorator and installer who has been in business for over 10 years. Her work has been showcased most recently in two homes that were featured in the 2010 Tour of Homes as well as in past Junior League show houses. Her ideas and finished product are sure to transform any of your rooms into a show room.

Whatever your style, Colleen will be happy to make your room say WOW! Visit her Facebook page to see samples of her work.

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#5

Holiday Hideaway
4370 Autumn Lane

Imagine a beautiful winter day, bright sunshine, a fluffy blanket of snow on the ground. Now picture yourself surrounded by family and friends, snuggled up on the sofa, a wooly blanket on your lap, a cup of hot chocolate warming your hands, and a roaring fire on the hearth. That is exactly the kind of Christmas enjoyed in this spectacular post and beam home.

Built in 1970, this warm and inviting home is deceiving. Passersby are unaware of the massive beams that support this house. The foyer has a vaulted ceiling soaring to the full height of the house. An open staircase with its oak newel post, handrail, and balusters leads to an open balcony that surrounds the space below.

The open concept of the floor plan makes hosting family and friends all the more enjoyable for its ease of maneuvering from room to room. A stone fireplace with a rough hewn beam mantle is the centerpiece of a room made for relaxing. A small table with a view of the family Christmas tree is a great place for writing Christmas cards or playing a board game.

Baking cookies or making a holiday feast is a treat in the bright and cheerful kitchen. Rich honey-colored cupboards provide ample space for the cook's accoutrements. A peek through the back door reveals a 3-season room and a family room that not only extends the living space but adds a retreat for a restful afternoon.

The dining room, with its antique step-back cupboard and dry sink, has been the setting for many holiday celebrations. A peg rail circles the room and is perfect for hanging mementos and interesting relics of times past.

Exposed beams, knotty pine floors and ceilings, six-panel doors, and 6-over-6 window sashes combine to create a peaceful refuge from a hectic holiday season. The warm and inviting atmosphere of this elegantly rustic home has welcomed guests for many years, and will be a comfortable retreat for many yet to come.

A Country Christmas

This marvelous home with its warm woods and country antique pieces is the perfect setting for a traditional country Christmas. Fresh greenery, natural materials, plaid ribbons, and woolen throws are a must. Baskets of pinecones, plush pillows, and elegantly casual table settings exude comfort and hominess that beckons one to slow down and enjoy the holiday season.

The Country Doctor

The Country Doctor has been an anchor business on Center Street in Lewiston for over 12 years. You can easily spend an entire afternoon browsing, there is so much to discover. The 3-floor shop features many choices, antique to new. Vintage, retro, and new clothing; home décor, jewelry, and glassware are just a sample of their wares for sale. After you've discovered all of the treasures in the main house, step down to the out-buildings where you'll find gently used furniture, oriental rugs, art, and more! Some of their most fabulous pieces were used to decorate Lewiston's Barton Hill Hotel.

The Country Doctor is a unique emporium where you never know what you will find. Items are brought in daily from any one of the seven dealers that run the shop. The shop was originally located in a house that had been a doctor's office for 150 years – hence The Country Doctor! It is now located two blocks east of that original location on Center Street, a property comprised of several buildings with an extensive outdoor "showroom."

Lovely and fun furnishings from The Country Doctor can be seen in many Niagara Falls and Lewiston homes, including several homes on this year's Tour of Homes as well as the Barton Hill Hotel.

The Country Doctor Antiques and Gifts
756 Center Street
Lewiston, New York
716.754.2614

Russell's Tree and Shrub Farm

Russell C. Gullo's father started the tree farm in 1980 in his back yard. In memory of his father, Russell continued with the business, finding a niche through exceptional customer service and the highest quality material.

Following several expansions, Russell's Tree and Shrub Farm launched their "We Plan, You Plant" design service, a free design program enabling their customers to realize their dream gardens. In addition to their stock of standard items, Russell's specializes in specimen and large plant material.

Russell's has a large seasonal department for Christmas as well as for other holidays. They offer some of the finest cut and live Christmas trees, custom wreaths, poinsettias, and more to perfectly trim your home at a price you can afford! Come visit and get inspired by an industry leader. Let their experience help you make your dream home a reality.



Russell's Tree and Shrub Farm, LLC
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East Amherst, New York
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Rooms Re-Created by Tasia

Your Décor – Re-Styled

Tasia Fitzpatrick is, by day, a Vice President at M&T Bank. But her passion also lies in decorating, gardening, and entertaining. No stranger to home tours, Tasia's fabulous Lewiston home, which she shares with her husband Paul, was in the Lewiston Garden Walk and was featured in the Tour of Homes in 2010. She collaborated with interior designer Artie Vanderpool and together they created award-winning holiday décor and tablescapes that earned them the title of Best in Show. Tasia and Artie also claimed Best in Show in the 2011 Tour of Kitchens in June. We're sure you will continue to be wowed!

Sue Campbell as Agnes Barton

Sue Campbell is an award winning writer, having won first place for Feature Writing and third place for News Writing by the New York Press Association. She is currently the editor of the *Niagara Wheatfield Tribune* published by Niagara Frontier Publications.

Sue is on the board of directors at Lewiston Council on the Arts and has been in the cast of the Marble Orchard Players for many years, bringing to life historical Lewistonians – Lucy Williams Hawes in the Marble Orchard Ghost Walks, Sister Laurina Pelzer in the Star of Niagara, and Agnes Barton in the Spirits of 1812. Spend a few minutes with Agnes at Barton Hill.

Agnes Barton Reminisces

"I loved Lewiston from the first day in 1807 when I stood with Benjamin, overlooking the Niagara River. I hadn't wanted to leave our farm in Canandaigua and God knows I had plenty to complain about, but Benjamin had a way of convincing people to his way of thinking, and I was no exception.

"I remember standing on top of the hill when he promised to build me the biggest, finest house I could ever want. I stuck a willow switch into the ground on that very spot for good luck. A woman with eight children does not turn her back on an offer like that.

"We filled that house with many fine things and more children. We entertained some of the most famous people of the day. The Marquis de LaFayette himself stopped by for tea. And John Jacob Astor, the fur trader, spent the night on his way east. He stunk so bad, I made him sleep in the basement!

"Working the river as he did, Benjamin saw that war was coming. I had enough warning to bury our treasures in the garden, including my grandfather clock, jewelry and family silverware. I took my children east for safety. Those no good Red-Coats came and burned everything we had. Benjamin's mills and stores, my beautiful home and the entire Village. Our oldest son James had joined the army and was stationed at Fort Niagara. I prayed hard for his safety and surely it was a miracle that his life was spared.

"After the war, we returned and rebuilt both our home and our lives. I could not believe that Benjamin went back to trading with the very people who had destroyed our lives. "It's just business, Agnes," he'd say, and he'd give me a look like I ought to be minding my own. Humph!

"Young James was grateful for my prayers and found that a soldier's life was not for him. He became a ship builder in Buffalo and built a ship that he christened the *Agnes Barton*. That ship sailed the Great Lakes for decades.

"As for my Benjamin, he was never the same. The war made him an old man and he lost that adventurous gleam in his eye. He was an affectionate father, an unflinching friend and always ready to lend a hand to a worthy cause. In his later years, he battled one illness after another only finding peace in farming.

"That willow switch I stuck into the ground took hold and rooted. It still stands today at the end of the path to Barton Hill. And like the weeping willow, I shed my share of tears over the years but learned to bend in the wind....not complain' mind you – wasn't enough time for that."

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*Don't Forget About Dining
During the Tour of Homes and Beyond!*

Lewiston has many delicious choices for dining. Our personal recommendations are:

- 🕯 The Village Bake Shoppe, 417 Center Street
- 🕯 DiCamillo Baking Co., 535 Center Street
- 🕯 Water Street Landing, 115 South Water Street
- 🕯 Orange Cat Coffee Co., 703 Center Street
- 🕯 Apple Granny Restaurant, 433 Center Street
- 🕯 Brio Pizzeria and Restaurant, 440 Center Street
- 🕯 Carmelo's Restaurant, 425 Center Street
- 🕯 Lewiston Village Pub, 840 Center Street
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Historical Association of Lewiston

We are deep into planning for the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 and the celebration of the 200 years of peace we have shared with our neighbor to the North (or West, depending on where you are!). Nowhere in our history are the events more important or the stories of our citizens more compelling than during that war. Our next event of this commemoration will be on Saturday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. – Flames Through Lewiston – a small representation of what it must have been like to be in Lewiston that morning when the British burned Lewiston to the ground. This is our second one and it has been expanded. British and Mohawk re-enactors will add more realism to the event. Watch our website, www.HistoricLewiston.org, or call the Lewiston Museum at 716.754.4214 for details of this event.

Another way to commemorate this anniversary is to start now flying a Star Spangled Banner, a 15-star 15-stripe flag, sister to the one that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and the one that inspired our national anthem. These flags are available at the Lewiston Museum for \$15.

Our free email newsletter now has nearly 7,000 subscribers who are kept in the loop about what is happening in town. You may subscribe by sending an email to join@HistoricLewiston.org.

We invite you to join us for fascinating programs and service to the community. Our monthly programs are always free and open to the public. You can become a member of the Historical Association of Lewiston on-line; visit our website at www.HistoricLewiston.org.

Lewiston Museum

Built in 1835 as St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the building that is the Lewiston Museum has undergone extensive renovation to the office and storage space. We have also added a newly created Museum Store – a must-see. We have entered the 21st Century with renewed vigor to preserve, promote, and interpret the events in our history.

Be sure to visit the Museum at 469 Plain Street. We will be open during the Tour of Homes. Our regular hours for 2012 will be June through August, Wednesday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. We hope to see you there!



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