

Grand Island Historical Society
Programs, Events and Open Houses
September 2016 - December 2016

Please join us for our monthly meetings and interesting lineup of programs and speakers. Enjoy some refreshments while visiting the historic River Lea Farmhouse, home of the Grand Island Historical Society, in Beaver Island State Park. All programs are **free** and **open to the public**.

Thursday, September 1, 2016- 6:00 p.m. -POTLUCK PICNIC-- Please bring your own place setting and a dish to pass. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Save a stamp and bring your membership check to the dinner, too! Our guest speaker will be Steve Cichon with a presentation on "Grover Cleveland's Buffalo".

Sunday, September 18, 2016- OPEN HOUSE AT RIVER LEA-2:00-4:00 PM Costumed docents will greet you for a tour of the historical farmhouse.

Thursday, October 6, 2016 - 7:00 p.m., general meeting and program. Our guest speaker will be Timothy Bohen, speaking about his book, "Against the Grain", the story of a group of mostly Irish immigrants who toiled in the hulls of grain ships and other waterfront industries of Buffalo's First Ward.

Sunday, October 16, 2016 -OPEN HOUSE AT RIVER LEA 2:00-4:00 PM. Costumed docents will greet you for a tour of the historical farmhouse.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL EVENT!! The Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, a reenacting group performing military field music of the American Civil War, will be our special guest presenters. ***PLEASE NOTE: Our meeting location is changed for this event*** and will be at **Historic Trinity Church at 2100 Whitehaven Rd.,** Grand Island, N.Y 14072.

Holiday Luncheons-Tues., Nov. 29, Wed., Nov. 30 and Fri., Dec.2, Noon, \$25.00
Program: "Christmas in Miniature" by Nancy LaChiusa.

Reservations required. Call Carole Moore at 773-3817 for lunch reservations.

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 -Members' holiday party, 6:30 P.M. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to pass and a fun, inexpensive, small wrapped gift if you wish to participate in our Christmas game.

Back by popular demand: The River Lea Bell Ringers!

Sunday, December 4, 2016- CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE-1:00-4:00 PM. Come and enjoy the decorations and sounds of the season in our historic farmhouse. Shop in our boutique and enjoy some refreshments while listening to holiday music by a harpist. Costumed docents will be on hand to share information about the house.