

## *Society Attends Federation Meetings*

On April 6, the Alden Historical Society was represented at the Wyoming County Federation of Historical Societies by Curator Kris Rogers and Archivist Karen Muchow. Hosted by the Java Historical Society, the sessions on genealogy were particularly interesting. The day ended with a tour of Holy Family Church in North Java.



Three weeks later, Trustees Elli DeFilippo and Christopher Gust attended the annual Erie County Historical Erie County Historical Federation meeting in Orchard Park. After several informative (and entertaining) sessions, the group was treated to lunch and tours of the restored B&O train depot and the beautiful Jolls House, home of the Orchard Park Historical Society.

~Article & Photos, Christopher Gust



## *Renewals & Donations Received - Thank You!*

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We value your membership in our Historical Society and we would like to thank you for your continued support. Your dues help to continue our mission of preserving Alden's rich history. Please remit your dues promptly. If you have already renewed, THANK YOU! If you have a new address or phone number, please notify us so we may keep our membership roster current.

~Sue DeWitt

## *Alden's History in a Nine-Patch Quilt Block*

When the seven sections of Alden Central's fourth grade visited the Heritage Center in June, one of the activities was the coloring of a nine-patch quilt block as a review of Alden's history. After a brief discussion of how quilts were made and an examination of a couple of quilt blocks, each student chose two different colored crayons and was given a paper outline of a nine-patch block.



Photo: Alden Intermediate School

On each "patch" was written one of the following words: Agriculture, Alden, Black Water Baths, Education, Geological History, Haudenosaunee, Immigrants, Manufacturing, Railroads. Then the students took turns taking an object out of a bag, and they all decided to which "patch" it belonged. They colored in that patch as they listed to a brief explanation of that part of Alden's history.

The objects in the bag were: an arrowhead, a trilobite fossil, a ceramic figure of a Pilgrim man, a metal bathtub soap dish from The Village's sesquicentennial, a little red schoolhouse, a Bennett Manufacturing salesman's miniature trash can, an ear of corn, a model steam engine, a Polish flag and a German flag. How do you think they match up with the categories above? How would you explain each category?

~Karen Muchow

## *Coming Soon... Erie County Fair Display*

A committee of the Alden Historical Society is hard at work planning its display for this year's Erie County Fair, to be held from August 7th through the 18th. This year's theme is "Festivals and Celebrations" and the Society plans to pay tribute to the Alden Grange Fairs that were held annually during the 1920s and 1930s. Stop by the Historical Building on the Fairgrounds and have a look at our display.

~Christopher Gust



## *Lastly - Congrats to Sue Galbraith, 2024 Citizen of the Year*



On May 7, 2024, the President of our Board of Trustees, Susanne Galbraith, was honored by the Alden Chamber of Commerce as the 2024 Citizen of the Year. Presenting the award is Chamber Director, Rick Kohl. Congratulations, Sue. Well deserved. Thank you for everything you do for the Alden community.

~Christopher Gust

Photo: Alyssa Cooper, Alden Chamber of Commerce

## Alden Heritage Center

July 2024

The Alden Historical Society's many exhibits are located in the village at the Alden Heritage Center, 13213 Broadway, across from Alden State Bank. The mission of the historical society is to preserve, promote and present the history of Alden and its people.

### HOURS:

The Alden Heritage Center is open to the public from 11 AM to 1 PM the first and third Saturday of each month, **EXCEPT during January and February and March**. Tours for individuals and groups may be arranged by calling 716-937-3700 or 716-392-4295.

### MEETINGS:

**Program meetings** are generally held at the Alden Community Center on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Notices will be published in the **Alden Advertiser** in advance of the program. Open to the public, these programs are both informative and interesting, often featuring a guest speaker. You are very welcome to come and share your memories and experiences about the evening's program, followed by an informal social complete with homemade refreshments, as protocols allow. In the event of inclement weather, we will postpone when Alden school activities are closed. Monthly programs for 2024 will resume on September 12.

**Trustee meetings** are held at the Alden Heritage Center at 7 PM. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December. Trustee meetings are open to the membership.

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- Membership
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- Buildings & Grounds
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New members are always welcome. Your support will assure that the Alden Historical Society will continue to grow and prosper for years to come.

Please note: The membership year is April 1 through March 31, with the annual renewal due by April 1.

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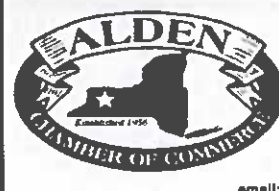
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The Alden Historical Society, founded in 1965, is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, presentation, and promotion of the rich heritage of the Town of Alden.



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