

Annual Report of the Hastings Historical Society 2009

The last year has been one of celebrating our history, and making history, too.

We began celebrating the year-long Hudson-Fulton Quadricentennial at our 2008 annual meeting, where Jerry Silverman & Linda Russell performed traditional songs of New York State. Other programs relating to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration included two co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hastings Library. The first was a performance of Dutch and English music from the 16th and 17th centuries by the Venere Lute Quartet; the second was a talk by historian and author, Roger Panetta on Hastings and New York 1909: the First Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

In April, our first multi-part exhibition opened, highlighting four subjects in Hastings history: Hastings part in the 1909 Hudson-Fulton celebration; the Draper family's contributions to the study of astronomy in recognition of the International Year of Astronomy; the one hundredth anniversary of

the Hastings Literature Club; and the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Riverview Hose Company #3. A highlight of the exhibition opening was the arrival of the Riverview firemen with their newest fire engine.

This year will be remembered for the publication of the first book on our village, *Images of America: Hastings-on-Hudson*. Along with the book, Arcadia Press also printed a postcard set featuring photographs from the book. We held our first book signing last September. The book continues to be popular with the many reunion classes who have visited the Cottage this year.

Another first for us was Fatima Mahdi's publication of a bi-weekly blog. We have had a great response from it. Thanks, too, to Judy Wemer Chamberlain and Bob Russell, who have also written blog entries.

The Archive has continued its always busy service to the Hastings community near and far. We

have had visits from several former residents, researchers, and descendants of old Hastings families and e-mails from all over the world. Muriel Olsson, Fatima Mahdi, and all our regular volunteers have continued to provide excellent service to all who contact the Society.

I would like to thank all our board members and volunteers who do so much for the Historical Society throughout the year. Special thanks to Ken Smith, who co-curated the current exhibit with me, to Beth Smith and Jan Gustafson for their help in selecting photographs and artifacts that bring the show to life, and to Marty Roos for all his photographic and restoration skills. Thanks to Susan Korsten and Diana Jaeger for organizing the Literature Club exhibit. Thanks, too, to everyone who continues to support our work through donations. We could not do what we do without you!

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. Murphy, President

HASTINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Income and Expenses and Fund Balances 1/01/08 to 12/31/08

General Funds		Donations	5,890
Balance at 1/1/08	\$10,211	Sale of books & postage	9,300
Dues	17,700	Transfer from Endowment	33,457
Donations	9,115	Total Receipts	\$58,930
Merchandise sold	5,115	Payments: archives update services	42,386
Transfer — Beece & Endowment Funds	10,576	Books purchased & postage	11,080
Total Receipts	<u>52,717</u>	Total Disbursements	53,466
Cottage expenses and maintenance	19,666	Balance at 12/31/08	\$5,464
Business, insurance & sales tax	3,490	All Accounts	
Hastings Historian newsletter and postage	7,336	General Funds	10,241
Museum in the Streets new sign	1,750	Mary Allison Archives Account	5,464
Supplies, exhibits & programs	5,170	M. Beece Program & Exhibit Fund	10,154
Miscellaneous	5,064	Endowment Account	188,486
Total Disbursements	<u>42,476</u>	Total Funds at 12/31/08	\$214,346
Balance 12/31/08	\$10,241	Total Funds at 12/31/07	\$306,503
Mary Allison Archives Fund		Respectfully submitted,	
Balance at 1/1/08	\$10,283	Jean M. Glus, Treasurer	