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2023 Report Town oof Lake Pleasant Historian

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Town of Lake Pleasant
Historian's Report of 2023
Written on January 19, 2024

Introduction: This has been another busy and successful year for local history despite the weather not always cooperating. I wish I could have done more than normal, but sadly I received a concussion in January of 2023 and as such had difficulty performing normally. However, we are blessed with many individual who have a great interest in our local history and as such there has been no lack of events or information for the public. I am grateful for living in a community who has a love for our past.

Memorial Weekend: On memorial weekend I helped open the Town of Lake Pleasant Museum for the year by portraying Daniel Fish, a local soldier who died at Fort Erie during the War of 1812.

Col. Peck: This year I gave two tours of Col. Peck's Family Cemetery. With an educational video at the beginning and then a short hike to the cemetery itself. Well attended with both events. Around or over 20 individuals. Events were on Tuesdays July 4th and August 15th.

CCC Camps: I cannot take credit for this event. But I did attend and help represent our local history. The 90th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Adirondacks of NY. Marty Podskoch, author of a book about the CCC Camps, spoke. The program was Thursday, July 6 at 7 pm in the Adirondack Room at

the library. Co-hosts of this event were the Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library and the Speculator Lake Pleasant Historical Society Inc.

Robert Garrow: On Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm at Oak Mountain, Author Lawrence Gooley discussed his book "Terror in the Adirondacks, The True Story of Serial Killer Robert F. Garrow." Fifty years have passed since Garrow walked in our community. Cosponsored by the Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library and the Speculator Lake Pleasant Historical Society. I helped host the event.

Cemetery Tour: On October 21st. Location: South Shore Road Cemetery (a.k.a. South Side Lake Cemetery & Love Cemetery) On South Shore Road in Lake Pleasant. 7p.m. Cemetery Tour was a non-scary, family friendly event for all ages. I helped guide people through the cemetery and helped them meet historic characters. These individuals of the past told their stories and the history of Lake Pleasant & Speculator.

Other activities: I have been sharing local history in social media. Helped answer some e-mail questions. Helped an author research some local history for his book. (Coming out this year!) Helped so tourists groups on French Louie by giving local history and showing historical locations including the grave stone. I also worked on some new history posters with information from the different Library displays created and researched by Cathy O'connell.

Final: I have gained and shared much knowledge in 2023. As always, it is a blessing to serve the People of Town of Lake Pleasant as their Historian and hope to continue in preserving the rich history of our local community. The good, the bad, and the ugly.

Your Humble Servant,
Aaron J. Weaver
Town of Lake Pleasant Historian
