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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

Although we're generally in the museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays, of late we've been a bit lax in that habit: sickness and no heat have prevented us from keeping up with winter appointment hours. The sickness is simply unplanned and not needed to be shared with others. The heat is soon to be resolved as the courthouse is getting a much needed updated heating system, which the museum is fortunate enough to share in. No heat is not good for us humans but also it isn't good for paper based artifacts, particularly those that could be handled while brittle under cold conditions. So now we're hoping to get back into the swing of things and the only other thing that could prevent that is weather and we all know how unpredictable that can be.

So for now we're going to update you on some of what is going on at YOUR museum. We are continuing to work on preserving more of the papers from Thomas J. Ingham. Many of these need to be cleaned, sometimes repaired and then sleeved for future preservation. Community service workers and volunteers have been picking away at this project for about three years now and the work will eventually need to be indexed in chronological order. (Any takers for that job?)

Another project in the works from a committee is that of doing another History Quest for 2017 but with new destinations and questions. The brochures for this will be available, hopefully, by the end of April and it is being done again this year in cooperation with the Sullivan County Conservation District. At some point to be announced there will be a talk on a subject similar but different from the history of Nordmont and the Acid Factory/reclamation that was done last summer. The subject has yet to be decided but will be announced when the brochures are available.

Late last summer and into fall, the Society decided to place gutters and snowbirds on the roves of the Barn and the Shed to help preserve both buildings. Meanwhile the Shed has been slowly acquiring artifacts for display with the last big item yet to come in of the remaining portions of a cider press. Men and women from the board of directors have been working with the donor of the press (a descriptive article will appear later in the year) and considering ways in which to display each artifact to the best viewing advantage and public safety. To that end it was decided to concrete the floor of the Shed which is presently just stone. So we started a fund drive along with grant applications. To that end we're oh, so proud to say that to date the restricted fund donations only has \$5,104 of the needed \$10,000. This grass roots effort is inspiring for us to know that the people of Sullivan County care about their history and the keeping of it for present and future generations. So to all of you who have contributed and those who yet will give - a big and grateful THANK YOU!!!

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