



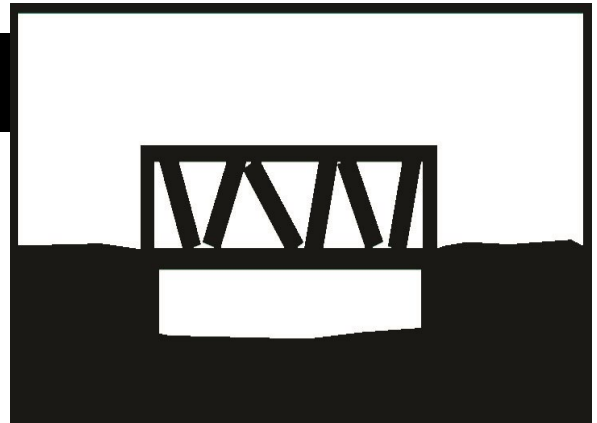
# The Bridge

September 2017 Bakers Bridge Historical Association

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Programs at 7:30 p.m. Meetinghouse

September 18, 2017 Craig Braack



Post-eclipse newsletter. What has been termed “The Great American Eclipse” occurred on August 21, 2017.

Treasurer’s Report	
Checking account	\$2169.05
Savings account	\$4362.39

Current membership: 97/101, as follows; 62 paid, 1 in nursing home 34 life memberships, 4 unpaid.

## 2017-2018 Programs

- September 18—Craig Braack—  
Allegany County and the Civil War
- October 16—Jude Frechette-  
Growing Up in Alfred
- November 20—Laurie McFadden-  
Hiram Burdick
- December 18– Dr. Spencer Annabel-  
Civil War Medicine
- January 15– Bill Greene-Andover/  
Alfred Grand Army of the Republic
- February 19– Scotty MacCrea-  
History of His Family
- March 18-Jim Ninos-  
Hazel Humphreys
- April 16– Bill Heaney—TBD

**Baker's Bridge Historical Association Field Trip  
Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, Friday Morning, May 19, 2017**

Seventeen members gathered in the lobby of the newly opened Museum on Pine Street at 10 a.m. Those who were not members of the museum or connected with AU or ASC (10) had their admittance fee paid by the Association. We were met by Caitlin Brown, Operations and Programs Manager and Audrey, a grad student intern, who welcomed us.

Susan Kowalczyk, curator and collections manager led our tour. We were told that the Museum was formed in 1991. Five full time people work in the museum including interns and student workers. The new permanent building houses nearly 8,000 ceramic objects and opened in October 2016. It is a "green" (energy efficient) building with a roof of Sedum grass. The building is very safe and secure with alarms throughout.

We went downstairs where she showed us the conference room, the collection archive room, rest rooms, the mechanical room for heat, electric & water, and a crate storage room. We were welcomed into her office and collections-management work-room combined, where every piece is documented with an accession number, date acquired and the number of the piece for that year, information about what it is, who made it and when, and where it is stored. The oldest piece was made about 2200 B.C. and the newest in 2017 C.E. Most of the items are in specifically named collections and individual pieces that have been donated. The average display upstairs is only about 10 % of the whole collection. In her work space, many old pieces were spread out upon a very large table. She had recently unpacked these pieces from being moved into the museum from Harder Hall, and was documenting where they will be stored here. They were the Krevolin Collection, acquired 1986-1991, of North, Central, and South American very early pottery.

We then moved into the collection archive room which is made up of shelving, large and small drawers in movable units that can be moved like library stacks, called Compact Storage. The storage spaces were custom made to fit the pieces in the museum. The University has an MFA graduate program that keeps a piece from every grad student since 1940 for the museum. When not on exhibit, the approximately 700 pieces are used for student study and inspiration.

Upstairs we viewed the exhibit, "Core Sample – Additional Findings", on display from April 6 – July 16, 2017. It explores the permanent collection of the Museum, a sample of the artwork that constitutes the fundamental ground around which the museum is built. Here the walls are temporary and can be repositioned and anchored to the floor.

Museum membership allows year-round free admission, 10% off publication purchases, Information regarding exhibitions and special event announcements, a subscription to the annual Ceramophile Magazine, and free or discounted admission to museums across NY State through the Empire State Museums Reciprocal Program.

Every Thursday evening is free and open to the public, as well as during AU family weekends and Hot Dog Day. It is open 6 days a week (closed Monday and some Holidays). Admission fees are: \$7 Adults, \$5 Senior Citizens, \$3 Local residents, AAA and Military, Free for Museum members, children 17 & under, Alfred University and Alfred State faculty, staff and students.

After touring the Museum, 10 of the group congregated at the Terra Cotta Coffee House for lunch, and several went to the Jet. The afternoon consisted of touring the new Allegany County Historical Museum and the Andover Historical Society in side by side portions of the old Hardware store, 11 East Greenwood Street, Andover.

~by Mary-Lou Cartledge