

NUNDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Calendar Items

- *The Re-enactment of Red Jacket/Annual Meeting*
- *Historical Society Tea*
- *Open House at the Museum with Senator Cathy Young*
- *Annual Picnic - Warsaw Chordbusters*
- *Roycroft Tour*
- *Bottle Collection*
- *Craig Colony & Sonyea Hospital*

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Historic Nunda

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Part 1 of Building Renovations Complete

Come to our Open House Fri. May 27th, 4 - 6 PM



In the last newsletter you saw photos from April 2010 when a new roof was being installed over the southern portion of the museum. Much has happened since then. Windows and doors were removed and a new floor, ceiling, and partitions creating the new archive room and exhibit space were installed. The photos at left show Hark Homes crew working on walls in the exhibit area and the same area completed, except for carpeting. The room on the left is the new archives room, pictured below with Society volunteers. (L-R: Sally Hall, Alice Thompson, Gail Diemoz, Charles Ostrum, Gerald Barkley, and Margaret Barkley).

Some preliminary work was completed by Society members, Hark Homes completed construction/finish work, Doug Hesse installed electricity and Dana Rathbun installed a furnace for this portion of the museum. All materials were from Nunda Lumber & Hardware, including flooring for the archive room and the carpeting to be installed in the exhibit area. Thanks to all those who worked on this renovation project and made it such a great success.

The cost of the 2010-2011 renovations, including the new roof, was \$53,032. These expenses were covered by: \$24,765 from a NYS Legislative Grant; \$16,993 from the Building Fund Drive; and \$11,274 from the Society's checking account. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who have contributed to the Building Fund Drive (BFD) and to loyal members over the years who have made this renovation possible.

Our goal for the BFD is \$25,000 and if you have yet to donate, please consider helping the Society with the next phase of our renovation project.

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*Nunda Historical Society
Museum & Rose Shave
Gallery are open on
Sundays, 2 - 4 PM, April
through November and at
other times by arrangement.
Call 468-3879 or 468-5991*

The President's Corner

2011 is certainly shaping up to be an important year for the Nunda Historical Society. The ongoing building renovation, strategic planning, a great slate of programs, along with some new activities add up to a busy year!

As detailed elsewhere in the newsletter, the next phase of the building program has



Our Mission

The Nunda Historical Society collects, researches, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history, heritage, and culture of that area of western New York in and around the Town of Nunda and educates the public through its collections and programming.

been completed. The southern portion of the building, once the garage area, has successfully been converted into an archives room and exhibit area. This includes heating and lights, and the finished tile floor for the new archives room. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the building fund – your generosity has helped to make our building project a reality. If you haven't made a donation yet – it is not too late! Even as we complete this phase of the project there is more to do. We will need to install carpeting in the future exhibit area, and purchase shelving and other furnishings for the archives room. Once the design for the new exhibit area is completed, we will need to purchase proper lighting fixtures and additional display cases and materials. This is, of course, as we continue to meet our normal operating expenses. So the building fund still needs your help!

The Historical Society has also completed the strategic planning process we started last year. The strategic plan has already helped us focus on the Society's mission and allows us to tap into addition grants that will help us make the most efficient use of our new archives room and future exhibit area. The completed plan is posted on our website!

We are pleased to announce that we have recently received another GET SET Grant from Museumwise, a non profit New York State organization that distributes grant funding provided by the NYS Council on the Arts. This grant will allow us to have Walter Mayer, Director of Collections for the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, work with us to help us organize our new archives room. We look forward to working with Mr. Mayer over the next months.

You will also find in this issue an exciting list of historical programs. In addition, the Society is planning several new activities this year, including a Victorian Tea and some bus trips to regional attractions. The best way to keep track of these events is by purchasing the Nunda Historical Society's 2011 Calendar. It is chock full of photographs, maps, and information relating to State Street in Nunda and Dalton. If you don't already have one hanging up in your house, you can still purchase one from the Society. But hurry – they are almost sold out! Events and activities are also posted at www.nundahistory.org.

Speaking of our website, would you like your ancestors to be part of a local "hall of fame"? We have a page on our website called "Nunda Notables". If you send us their name and a short summary of their life (up to 200 words) we would be happy to add it to our site! The full guidelines are on our site on the "Nunda Notable" page or you can contact me for more information.

2011 also marks the beginning of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War. The Nunda Historical Society will be taking part in the county-wide planning and events. Watch for details!

As always, if you have any concerns, suggestions, or questions regarding the Nunda Historical Society, feel free to contact me at 585-468-5991, tscook@rochester.rr.com, or at Box 177, Nunda New York, 14517.

Building Renovations & Open House *continued from page 1*

Tom Cook

President Tom has noted above the expenses we still face to furnish the archive room and design and create new exhibits, We also hope to include air conditioning to aid in climate control for the Collection. As you can see, we still need donations to the Building Fund Drive.

An open house celebrating completion of our latest renovation project will be held at the museum on Friday, May 27th 4 - 6 PM. Senator Cathy Young will join Society members and local dignitaries in the official ribbon cutting ceremonies beginning at 4 pm. Members and the general public are invited to the ceremonies. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there and show you our newly renovated museum.

Nunda Notables: Kenneth R. Willard

By Joan Schumaker



Local businessman Ken Willard, a man of many talents, spent his life serving the Nunda community in a variety of ways and extended this service to include more of western New York as a state assemblyman from 1956 to 1965 and state senator from 1965 to 1968.

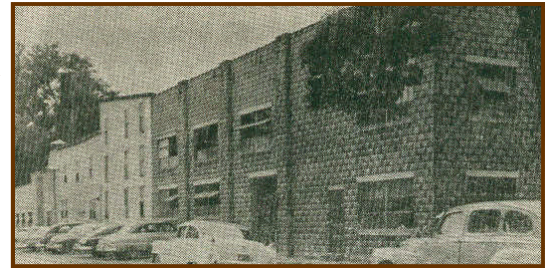
Kenneth R. Willard was born in Nunda in November 1902. Wilson Willard, his grandfather, arrived in Nunda from Utica by way of the Erie and Genesee Valley Canals. In 1876 he purchased the local cabinet factory started by Henry C. Jones in 1823 and later operated by Tuthill & Wilcox and Hammond & Whitcomb. This business, Wilson Willard & Sons (W. Herbert and Oscar, Ken's father) became the Nunda Casket Company in 1913 and the Willard Family business for over 100 years. In 1890, caskets were shipped to Seattle in Washington Territory, but sales in later years were mostly in central and western NYS. (This business is featured in the 2011 NHS Calendar. See pg. 11 of newsletter)

Ken started in the business as a young man. The *Nunda News* has him exhibiting caskets in Olean in 1924. Over the years he served as secretary, business manager, and president until

the business closed in 1979.

In May 1920 the *News* notes that Sergeant Kenneth Willard, leader of the St. John Military School Orchestra, was home for the summer and in charge of music at Nunda's Casino Theater. Ken was a most talented musician and "in charge" of music in the "greater Nunda area" for many years. In 1925, he formed the Mary Jemison Orchestra and provided dance music for the Nunda Club that met at the Mary Jemison Inn. Ken either played in or was leader of various community bands and orchestras over the years. He was organist for more than 20 years at the Nunda Presbyterian Church and provided marvelous piano music for many organizations and special events in Nunda and beyond.

In addition to his work in the New York State Senate and Assembly, Ken served as Nunda's mayor from 1935 to 1959. He was a member of the Nunda Rotary Club and recipient of their Paul Harris Fellowship and Distinguished Service Award. Ken was a board member of the Boy Scouts of America Genesee Council No. 367, a member of the Genesee College Council for 19 years, a former chairman of the Livingston County Republican Committee, and a long time treasurer of Nunda's Bell Memorial Library Board and Livingston - Wyoming County Library System. He was a member of the Nunda Chamber of Commerce, the #4 Fire Company and the Masons. Ken was recognized as Nunda Citizen of the Year in 1974.



Nunda Casket Company, South State St., 1958

For recreation, Ken enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Nunda Rotary Club Team that placed third at the NYS Tournament in Syracuse in 1941.

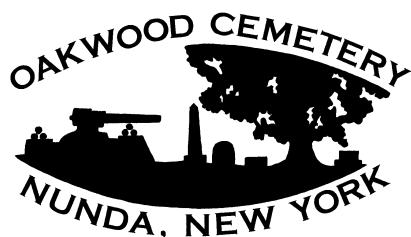
Ken died in January 1987 after a long illness, but is fondly remembered by those of us fortunate enough to have worked with him, performed with him, or just had the pleasure of listening to his music.

Oakwood Cemetery News New Website & Logo

The Nunda Historical Society website is now linked to: www.nundaOakwoodcemetery.org

This new website, created by the Oakwood Cemetery Association, debuted in January and features history of the cemetery, latest news and information about Oakwood, and a growing list of transcriptions and other information about local individuals and families buried there. This site is worth a visit – you can even add your own family's information.

The Oakwood Cemetery Association Board is most pleased to announce a new logo, designed for Oakwood by Historical Society member and local artist, **George Lucas**.



*Oakwood will
celebrate its
Sesquicentennial
in 2015.*

***Save the dates: Aug 12 - 14, 2011
Nunda Reunionists to Meet***

Former residents, current residents, anyone interested in Nunda, should plan on attending this event. Food, Music, Special Programs, Village, Town, & Cemetery Tours, ... Discover What's New, What's Changed (like the NHS Museum), and What's Planned in Nunda (like the Main Street Program). Watch the website and local newspapers for details.



*Nunda Historical Society History Days
October 13th & 14th 2010*



Fall 2010 & Winter/Spring 2011 Programs

History Days were a huge success in fall 2010 with about 300 students (3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th grades and some high school students), and 50 teachers, parents, and adults from the community visited the museum and participated in numerous activities, bringing local history to life.

Pictured at left are: **James Kimball & Friends** in a concert that included music written about Nunda and played with a violin made in Nunda; **Laura Thornton** instructing students in the use of a treadle sewing machine; **Val Griffing** introducing students to Nunda's one room schools; **Tom Cook** assisting students locate historic photos during a scavenger hunt; **Missy Clark** demonstrating spinning; **Tom Thornton** using students as both subjects and photographers with an early camera; **David Palmer** interests students with 19th century tools; **Sue Long and Sally Hall** challenge students to identify once common household items; students carding wool for **Missy**; **Tom** with eager scavenger hunters; **John Affonzo** in his pioneer encampment; **Sue Hengelsberg** plays Early American Music on the banjo and dulcimers; **John Gordinier** helps students understand Indian artifacts; **Mike Coward** demonstrates an early rifle, other weapons, and a variety of historical trade beads; and **Douglass Bassett** has students try throwing the Atlatl.

History Days are supported in part by a Community Arts Grant from the NYS Council on the Arts, administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Additional support was provided by the Genesee Valley BOCES Enrichment Program.

In November, Dr. James Somerville, SUNY Geneseo Retired History Professor, presented his research on "Women in World War II," including women who served from Nunda and the activities of other women on the home front.



Tom Cook leads the December Show & Tell Program



Larry Hoyt, long time collector of musical instruments, presented "Mijwizes, Erhus, & More" in January. Larry discussed the evolution of the various instruments and played them, resulting in a fascinating program.



Tom Byrnes, Society Member and Eagle Scout, explains a scout emblem during his February program, "Nunda's Boy Scout Troop #77 & the Genesee Council." Representing Troop #77 at the meeting were: Bill Costello, Tyler Green, Philip Wood, LeRoy Wood, Matt Coates, Sharon Coates; Front: Joy Costello, Liam Costello



2011 Spring Programs *continued*



In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with harpist **Mary Lester's** informative and entertaining program, **"The Irish and Their Music Through the Years."**

When April's speaker was forced to cancel, **Tom Cook** provided a most interesting, enlightening, and timely program, **"Nunda and Portage During the Civil War."** Tom answered questions like: What was the size and population of these towns during this time?; What did they look like?; What were people doing and thinking just prior to and during the war. Part of the audience is pictured at the right



Grants Assist with Work of the Society

In 2010, the Society received two grants from Museumwise, a non profit organization devoted to assisting New York State museums. The first was a Get Ready Grant that resulted in consultant Sally Treanor's assessment of our organization and her report featured in the last issue of *Historic Nunda*. This was followed by a Get Set Grant, that brought Ms. Treanor back to provide guidance for the board as we reviewed and revised our mission and vision statements and developed a five year strategic plan for the Society and Museum. This work was completed in January 2011 and the results can be found on our website.

In 2011, we have received two more grants from Museumwise. The first was a Go Grant that provided expenses for Joan Schumaker to attend the three day "Museums in Conversation" Convention sponsored by Museumwise and the Museum Association of New York and held in Buffalo in early April. The second is another Get Set Grant to bring Walter Mayer, Director of Collections for the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, to work with us to help us organize our new archives room. These grants are made possible through funding from the New York State Council on the Arts and we are most appreciative of their assistance.



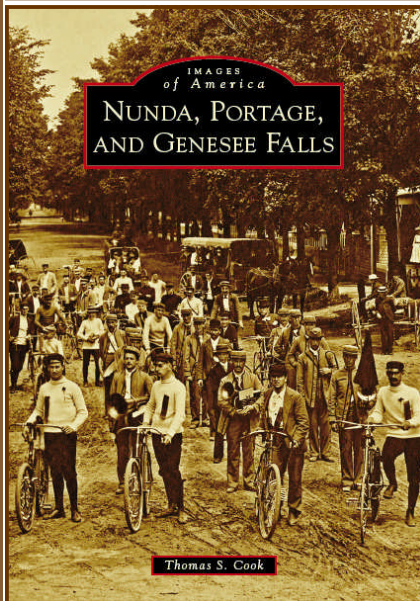
In October 2010 we were awarded a grant of \$932 from the Genesee County Antique Dealers Association (GCADA) for conservation of the 1896 Rose Shave oil painting, "Still Life with Roses." Each year GCADA "designates worthy organizations within the Western New York Region to grant funds in the preservation and enhancement of historical activities." The Society was most pleased to receive this grant which will allow this important painting to be added to the Rose Shave Gallery. Conservation work on the frame was completed in 2009 and the painting should be ready this May. Be sure to visit

the Gallery in late May to view this newly preserved painting.

Joan responded to the GCADA request that the Society provide an informational table at their two day Annual Antique Dealer's Show and Sale held at Nazareth College on March 12th & 13th. She will also be presenting a program on the Nunda Historical Society & Rose Shave Gallery at the GCADA meeting in Rochester on May 3.



New Local History Book Coming in June



A new local history book is scheduled to be release in June. The book, **“Nunda, Portage, and Genesee Falls” is a history of the three towns written by Nunda Historical Society member Tom Cook.**

The work consists of over two hundred historical images, many from the Nunda Historical Society collection. Tom has also included photographs from our local town historians, area residents, and the New York State archive. These are woven together with text which explores our local history from the time of the Seneca People to the present day.

The book will be available after June 13th from the Nunda Historical Society as well as Arcadia Publishing, internet sites such as Amazon and Barnes and Nobles, and a variety of bookstores. **The Society is planning a special book signing by Tom on June 18th at the Historical Building.**

Tour with the Society on July 13th

The Nunda Historical Society is hosting a bus trip to East Aurora, NY on Wednesday, July 13th, leaving Nunda at 8 AM. The day will be filled with many interesting and educational tours, shopping, and a delicious lunch.

Join our guide to view and learn about the beautiful Tiffany windows in the Bethany United Methodist Church, visit Vidler’s “the store that is shopping entertainment at its best,” tour the Roycroft Inn before staying for a great lunch, and follow lunch with a guided tour of the rest of the Roycroft Campus.

Founded by Elbert Hubbard in 1895, the Campus was his reaction to the effects of the Industrial Revolution on art and society. The men and women who believed in this movement

wanted the return of artistry and a focus on the beauty of the materials used. The tour of the many buildings shows the mark left by Hubbard and others on the Arts & Crafts Movement in America. Before leaving, there will be more time to browse in the many unique shops on and around the Campus. The bus will return to Nunda by 6 PM.

The cost of bus transportation, tours, shopping opportunities, and a very special lunch is \$85 per person.

*Visit the Historical Society Museum
& Rose Shave Gallery*

Attend our Open House & Ribbon Cutting with Senator Young on May 27th

*Attend our Tea on May 14th
& Tour with us on July 13th*

Visit us on Facebook, become a fan!

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Donate to our Building Fund Drive



The day promises to be one you will remember for a long time. Please join us for this exciting trip into the history of our own Western New York. If you have any questions, call **Sue Long, 468-3413, or Fran Ludwig, 476-2749.** Seats are limited and the bus is already half full, so put your reservations in soon. Additional details and reservation forms are available on the website or from Society board members. **Reservations must be made by June 8th. Hope you join us on July 13th.**



Nunda Historical Society 2010 - 2011 Membership & Building Fund Drive

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Note: The NHS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Your membership/gift is fully tax deductible.

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for selecting the Society as their means of
honoring friends and family members.**

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Membership News - Renew or Become a New Member

The Society's membership year is from September 1 through August 31. **2010 - 2011 members are listed below. A sincere Thank You for your support.** If you missed our reminder and have yet to renew, please do so now. **Join as a new member and your membership will last until August 2012.** We look forward to growing our membership numbers, so please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about us.

Note: Members who have donated to the Building Fund Drive since it started last year are identified in bold. Early non-member donors were listed in the Summer 2010 issue of *Historic Nunda*. Recent donors are listed below.

Thanks Again for Your Continued Support. Remember this is your Historic Society!

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* *New Member*

Additional Generous Building Fund Drive donations were also received from:

**+Mrs. Ivan DePuy, +Nedra Smith,
+Robert M. & Esther Smith**

We appreciate their support

See Page 8 for Memorial Contributions

+ Denotes a generous 2010 -11 membership/donation of at least \$100
++ Denotes a generous 2010 -11 membership/donation of \$500 or more
A very Special Thank You to these members.

We certainly hope there are no omissions from membership/donor lists. If we missed you, we apologize and ask that you please let us know.

Come Join Us for Tea! Saturday, May 14th

The Nunda Historical Society will be holding a tea on May 14th with two seatings, one at 1 PM and another at 3 PM. A light lunch of sandwiches and desserts will be served along with a selection of teas.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 8 years. **Reservations and pre-payment is required. Call Fran Ludwig at 476-2749.** Payment may be given to Fran or sent to the Society at PO Box 341, Nunda. Proceeds will be used toward renovations of the Historical Society Museum.

The Tea will take place at the Holy Angels Church Parish Center, 21 Massachusetts Street, former home of the Chauncey K. Sanders family. Chauncey founded the *Nunda News* in 1859, his son Walter (W.B.) took over around 1900, and the newspaper continued until June 1982.



2011 Programs & Events

Feel free to dress up for the Tea: encouraged—but not required.

The Society usually meets on the **second Wednesday of each month (except for July and August) at 7 pm.** **Note: some meetings may be on Sundays. All meetings, except those noted, will be in the Historical Society Building at 24 Portage Street.** Any changes in location or time will be advertised. Note that all meeting places are handicapped accessible. The location and time of special events are noted when the event is advertised.

***Wednesday, Jan 12 - "Mijwizes, Erhus, & More" - Larry Hoyt.** *A rare and unusual music showcase.*

Wednesday, Feb. 9 - "Nunda's Boy Scout Troop # 77 & the Genesee Council" - Thomas Byrnes

***Wednesday, Mar. 9 - "The Irish & Their Music Through the Years" - Mary Lester, Harpist**

Sunday, April 3 - "Memories of Dalton" - Area residents remember Dalton and share their stories.

Wednesday, April 13 - "Nunda & Portage during the Civil War" - Tom Cook

*Hope you didn't miss any of the above programs since they were all great! Now **Look to see what's coming.***

Wednesday, May 11 - "The Re-enactment of Red Jacket" - Alvin M. Parker, a descendent of Red Jacket

Also, the Historical Society Annual Meeting.

Saturday, May 14, 1 & 3 PM - Historical Society Tea, Holy Angels Church Parish Center, 21 Massachusetts St., A light lunch of sandwiches and desserts will be served. See above notice for details.

Friday, May 27, 4 - 6 PM - Open House , Celebrating Completion of the Society's Latest Renovation Project - Ribbon cutting with Senator Catherine Young, Light Refreshments Everyone Welcome

***Wednesday, June 8, 6 PM at Kiwanis Park: NHS Annual Picnic with entertainment by the Warsaw Chordbusters,** a well known men's barbershop group. **Bring a dish to pass and your table service.**

Wednesday, July 13, 8 AM – 6 PM, Roycroft Tour - Bus trip to East Aurora - Includes: Tiffany Windows, at Methodist Church, Vidler's, Lunch at Roycroft Inn, and Roycroft Campus Tour. See article for details.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 - "Bottle Collection" - Steve James

Saturday, October 8, 9 AM—4 PM - Annual Bake Sale & Yard Sale at the Museum. To donate baked goods call 476-2749. To donate to yard sale, call 468-3879. Then come and support the Museum.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 "An Overview of Craig Colony & Sonyea Hospital" - Tom Roffe, Leicester Historian

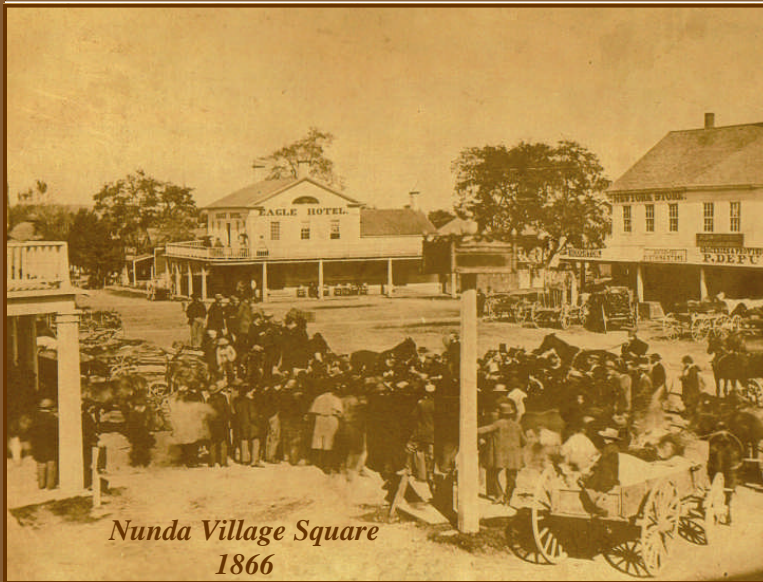
Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Special Civil War Program

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - "Show & Tell" -

** Program supported in part by a Community Arts Grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.*

Watch for other events sponsored by the Nunda Historical Society

2011 Calendar Features Nunda's State Street



*Nunda Village Square
1866*

The theme of the new Nunda Historical Society calendar is Nunda's State Street. Beginning in Nunda Station (Dalton), Charles Maker's Hardware and early scenes of State and Main Streets are featured.

In the Village of Nunda the following businesses/buildings are included: the Nunda Casket Company, Nunda's oldest continuing industry managed by four generations of the Willard family; the Nunda Lumber Yard, a family owned business that has grown continuously for 78 years under the guid-

ance of four generations; a building that housed a silk mill, a machine shop, and for the past 29 years, an employee owned business that has grown into a nationally known producer of natural peanut butters and honey; the Nunda Motor Inn that has been the site of Modern Home for the past 38 years; two businesses from Nunda's Square, a hardware and grocery that now serve as liquor and music/video stores respectively; a restaurant in the Livingston House; and Stanton's IGA in the Union Block that now, after renovation, serves as medical offices. "Sod" and Molly, frequent travelers on State Street, are also in the calendar.

A panoramic photograph of Nunda's Village Square is included so that a comparison may be made between today's Square and that of 100 years ago. Early advertisements from the *Nunda News* for many State Street businesses provide additional insight into Nunda's history. The calendar also features early maps and a 1981 aerial photo of the Village of Nunda.

Don't miss this special calendar. They are available for \$12 from the Nunda Historical Society, the Nunda Pharmacy, the Nunda Government Center, the Bell Memorial Library, and may be ordered from the web site: www.nundahistory.org

Treasures from the Past



This Miniature Double Portrait Oil Painting on Porcelain was painted by Nunda artist Rose M. Shave in 1893. The subjects are two sisters, Ruth M. Keeney, age 11 years, and Charlotte F. Keeney, age 4 1/2 years. Their parents were Calvin and Charlotte Kenney and the family lived in Le Roy, NY where Calvin was a produce dealer.

Rose started teaching art at Ingham University in Le Roy in 1877, became Director of the College of Fine Arts in 1887, and returned to Nunda to continue teaching at her home on East Street when Ingham closed in 1892. This miniature porcelain plaque measures 1 1/2" in height by 1 7/8" in width and was probably worn as a lapel pin by the mother of the children.

This miniature painting, donated by Joan Schumaker, displays the masterful work of the artist and is a welcome and unique addition to our Collection. The Collection currently includes 37 works of art by Rose with most being on display in the Rose Shave Gallery at the Museum. Visit soon to view the work of this very talented local artist.

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Early Nunda ~ 1958



The Nunda Village/Fire Department Building was completed in 1900. In 1911, after removal of the band stand from the Village Square, a large balcony was added to the building and a curved sounding board soon followed. The Village Band provided Saturday night concerts in summers for many years. The balcony was removed in 1973 and replaced in 1974 by a small balcony, similar to the original, designed by the local BOCES. The fire bell tower was removed sometime prior to that and the bell now rests in a tower in the Village Square. It last rang on April 12, 2011 as part of a Livingston County Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the beginning of the Civil War.