



# The Upland Journal

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## CPF Annual Gathering Honors 200th Anniversary of Cazenovia

The community is welcome to join CPF for an exceptional annual meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12th at the Presbyterian Meeting House, 27 Albany Street. To honor the 200th anniversary of the Village of Cazenovia, Gene Gissin will present a fascinating program featuring his photographs. Entitled "Cazenovia Then and Now," the photos will be juxtaposed to illustrate the striking difference between various Village sites from years ago and now. See examples page 4.

Barbara Bartlett, director of Lorenzo State Historic Site, will present "An Update on Lorenzo." Lorenzo's significance to Cazenovia is widely appreciated, and Barbara has generously agreed to outline current programs and plans for the future.

CPF's Environmental Projects Manager, Judy Gianforte, will offer highlights of a busy CPF year and win-

ners of several CPF traditional annual awards will be announced.

The Nominating Committee's report to the membership will be given by Pringle Symonds, chair:

Brian Coughlin will be recommended to serve a second, three-year term. Tim McCay has been recommended for a board position to fill the unexpired term of Simon Hurley. Liz Moran and Hanni Kmetz will be nominated to serve first terms (2010 –2013). The recommended slate of officers for one-year terms are: President, Barbara Clarke; Vice-President, Pringle Symonds; Treasurer, Don Stehle; and Corporate Secretary, Carlos Gavilondo.

CPF acknowledges the remarkable service to CPF given by retiring board members Jana McDonald and Simon Hurley. Both have contributed mightily to CPF's efforts.



*This photo was taken along East Lake Road. The lovely masonry horse trough, dated 1907, is one of several located in Cazenovia. CPF wants to learn more about the horse troughs with the possibility of restoring them to their original beauty. We know of two along East Lake Road, one along Number Nine Road, and one on the grounds of Lorenzo. If anyone has information on others or on the history or ownership of any, please contact CPF at [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net).*



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Those who attended noted architect and author Sarah Susanka's presentation at a recent Cazenovia Forum heard her emphasize the importance

of a "sense of community" to ensure satisfaction in our daily lives.

I was struck by that message and was reminded that every day CPF members, the board, our staff, and our many volunteers who work in various ways contribute to the "sense of community" in Cazenovia, one that CPF is committed to preserving. Cazenovia, our beautiful, rural community, attracts residents and visitors alike who value the small town atmosphere enhanced by extraordinary surrounding landscapes. They come not because it is like other places but because it is unlike any other.

This past year, all of us have worked hard to make significant improvements to our miles of trails in and outside of the Village; finalize Madison County's first Farmland Protection easement on the Critz Farm; provide a popular summer educational series; and strengthen collaboration with other community organizations. And, we've enjoyed some lighter moments together, such as the Christmas tree offering and the second "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event for CPF members.

As this year progresses, we will again expand the summer educational series; convert the generous land donation of 15 acres from Ernest and Marilyn Koglmeier to a wetland interpretive trail for public use; continue to work on new easements to protect valuable land, communicate with property owners whose land abuts CPF's; strengthen baseline documentation on current protected land; and continue efforts to preserve the entrances to Cazenovia from east and west so that they remain attractive and inviting.

We hope you will continue to support and enjoy the events and activities that CPF offers and that you will let us know when you don't. CPF exists for Cazenovia. Please work with us to ensure that our "sense of community" endures for generations to come.

— Barbara Clarke

## Thanks!

We thank the following people for their recent contributions of gifts, time, and energy on CPF's behalf:

- Ernest and Marilyn Koglmeier for their generous 15-acre land donation to be used as a wetland interpretive trail for public use
- Cazenovia Lumber and Lauren and Luke Lines for the materials and labor to repair the resting benches along the Gorge Trail
- Pat Trush for providing parking for access to the Fairchild Hill trail
- Don Doherty and Randy Nash for plowing the parking area along Burlingame Road
- Amy Kochem for her help in organizing the 2010 summer walks series.
- Richie Clark for endless hours bushwacking through CPF-owned properties to help establish property boundaries and conditions
- Kelly Herr and Vicki Lessack for helping to cut and transplant willows from the Willow Patch to the Gorge Trail for bank stabilization of an eroding area
- Julia and Sam Schotzberger for their annual inspection of the Sherman's Gulch property.
- Colleen and Jim Dungey, Pat and KC Hill, Cindy and Tim McCall, Jill Ryan, Jim Perry, Tim McCay, and Pete and Sam Webster for their energetic help filling holes in the CPF Christmas tree area with bark mulch from Johnson Lumber
- Luke and Piper Gianforte with their horse team for hauling Christmas trees for CPF members in December
- All CPF trail stewards for their continued monitoring and maintenance of CPF trails
- The "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" committee, Kathleen and Nate Hoak, and the 12 dinner hosts who offered a special evening for their guests

# CPF formalizes its land steward program

For many years, dedicated volunteer “Trail Stewards” have taken care of CPF trails. Other CPF members and community volunteers have helped with special “work days” on projects that maintain or improve CPF lands and trails for public use and access.

CPF protects nearly 1,500 acres, or 46% of the land in the Town of Cazenovia. While the majority of this land is privately owned, CPF conservation easements protect it. CPF owns 14 properties totaling 380+ acres and include about 10 miles of public-use trails.

To address the increasing need and opportunity for community involvement in CPF’s land protection program, CPF has broadened the program and renamed the volunteer corps “Land Stewards.” In addition to removing brush and clearing trails, these volunteers will help monitor and maintain the natural and recreational resources of the CPF lands for the benefit of the community. Land Stewards can adopt a trail section or a CPF property, be involved in invasive plant control, or help coordinate outdoor volunteer activities and work days. There are no scheduled hours, but it’s an opportunity for training in land and trail management and to work outdoors with others equally committed to protecting Cazenovia’s public outdoor spaces.

An organizational meeting for current and new Land Stewards will be Tuesday May 18th at 7 p.m., St. Peter’s Church, 12 Mill Street. For more information about the CPF Land Steward program or to add your contact information to our general list of trails volunteers, please call Judy Gianforte at 877-1742 or e-mail [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net)



*Four volunteers finish putting the structure in place for a bridge along the access to the CPF Burlingame Road trail system. The Land Steward Program always is looking for volunteer assistance to help oversee its 14 properties and 10 miles of public-use trails. Call Judy Gianforte to get involved, 315-877-1742.*



See cover story page 1.



Saturday, May 22

## A Hunt for Traces of Cazenovia Village's Railroads

10 am to noon

Park at Village garage off William St.

All aboard for an eye-opening tour of two historic railroad lines that ran through the village in the last century. Led by Gene Gissin, we will review old photos of the railroads and then go on a hunt to discover the remnants of trestles, bridges, mills, and other features of this part of Cazenovia history.

Saturday, June 12

## Wild Edibles

10 am to noon

Burlingame Road Trails parking area, half mile west of Route 13

Learning about wild foods is a fun and fascinating way to interact with nature. There are many plants that we now consider to be weeds, but were once considered useful and edible. Join lifelong wild foods enthusiast and science professor William Chapman to learn to identify and prepare common wild edible foods.

Saturday, June 26

## Nelson Swamp Unique Area

10 am to noon

Lyon Road — park at sign half mile east of Moseley Road

What makes the Nelson Swamp area so unique? Join SUNY-ESF environmental and forest biology professor Don Leopold to explore the trees, flowers, and animals in a variety of micro ecosystems of this swamp. Be prepared for damp conditions and bugs.

Saturday, July 10

## Salamander Hike

10 am to noon

Burlingame Road Trails parking area, half mile west of Route 13

Explore the rocks, logs, and crevices of Sherman's Gulch searching for salamanders with Amy Kochem, local naturalist and educator. Discover the secrets of these sly creatures, including where to find them and how they survive. Wear boots or water shoes.

Monday, July 26

## Full Moon Hike

8:30 pm

Burlingame Road Trails parking area, half mile west of Route 13

Leave your flashlights behind and let the moon lead the way as we set out for an enchanting night hike. Guided by local naturalist and educator Amy Kochem we will observe nature at night and keep our eyes and ears open for elusive nocturnal animals. Rain date: July 27

Saturday, August 7

## Honeybees and Honey

10 am to noon

Thorp's Honey, 4727 Lincklaen Rd.

Nectar, supers, queen bees, royal jelly, extractor.... We've heard these terms, but do we really understand how honeybees and humans partner to bring us the delicious taste treat we call honey? Bob and Bev Thorp will be our guides through the process from flower to bottle.

Saturday, August 28

## Geocaching

10 am to noon

Cazenovia Library and Village

Love scavenger hunts? Then join Bridget Maloney as she shows us how to use current GPS technology to find geocaches hidden in the Village. We will start in the Library Community Room to learn how to get geocache location information and then go outside to hunt for nearby geocache sites. Bring your GPS if you have one.

GET OUT THERE!



**Rain or shine. No dogs please.**

Questions: Call Judy Gianforte at 877-1742 or e-mail [cpfstaff@verizon.net](mailto:cpfstaff@verizon.net)

For updates, please check [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org)

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# Preservation Month fills May calendar

CPF, Lorenzo, Cazenovia Public Library, and the Village's Historic Preservation and Architectural Review committee have collaborated to schedule five free events to celebrate Preservation Month in Cazenovia.

## **Behind the Scenes Tour of the Gothic Cottage**

Sunday May 2 – 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

This is an opportunity to get a first hand look at the nooks and crannies—from basement to attic— hidden history and evolution of one of Central New York's most significant examples of the Gothic Revival. Advance reservations are required. Please call Diane Voss at (315) 655-3200.

## **Architectural Walking Tours of Historic Cazenovia**

Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. – noon

Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. – noon

“Mr. Lincklaen's Cazenovia” will be the focus of the May 8th tour, and “Riverside Drive and the Creek Walk” will be highlighted on May 15th. Advance reservations required. Tour begins at Cazenovia Public Library. Please call Diane Voss at (315) 655-3200.

## **“Gothic Revival Domestic Architecture in CNY: Context & Sources”**

Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m., Cazenovia Library meeting room

William Krattinger of the NYS Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will offer an historical and design context for the development of this significant mid-19th C architectural style. Sponsored by The Friends of Lorenzo in cooperation with the Cazenovia Public Library.

## **A Hunt for Traces of Cazenovia Villages Railroads**

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. – noon

All aboard with Gene Gissin for an eye-opening tour of two historic railroad lines that ran through the Village in the last century. Tour starts at the Village garage off Williams Street. For more information call Judy Gianforte at (315) 877-1742.

## **Historic Preservation and the NYS Historic Preservation Office**

Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m., Cazenovia Public Library  
Join Julian Adams of the NYS Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to learn more about how SHPO helps communities identify, evaluate, preserve, and revitalize their historic, archeological, and cultural resources through a variety of programs. Sponsored by Lorenzo State Historic Site and held in cooperation with the Cazenovia Public Library. Please call (315) 655-3200 for more information.



*Jeanne Ryan, leading a bird walk in 2009, is one of many Cazenovians looking forward to the third season of CPF's Walks 'n' Talks. Nine outdoor adventures began April 17th and continue until August 28th. A page in this newsletter contains the schedule. Visit our website for updated information: [www.cazpreservation.org](http://www.cazpreservation.org)*

# “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner” a delicious & fun CPF fundraiser

“Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner” the second time around was as awesome an event as was the first, two years ago. When the whimsical invitations came out, the stage was set for an evening to treasure. Kudos and gratitude go to Kevin Mann for his creative invitation.

Twelve host homes and all 90 seats were filled at festive tables. The evening was perfect on the first day of spring – no wind, cloudless sky, a crescent moon and an orange red sunset. Cocktails kicked off the event at Kathleen and Nate Hoak’s enchanting home filled with fresh spring flowers and heaps of light hors d’oeuvres. Such excitement occurred when the guests’ names were drawn and randomly placed on the Host Homes. By 7:30 p.m. everyone knew where they were going to dinner, and off they went to their awaiting hosts and hostesses. Reports and rave reviews have been received from both guests and hosts. The experience of not knowing where you are going to dinner or with whom, then arriving and being pampered and served a delicious meal is truly delightful.

The twelve hosts were captivated by the surprise of who was coming to dinner, and they are to be commended above all. They truly made the event a success with their caring hard work and creative dinners. The committee and CPF appreciate the gracious generosity of the hosts & hostesses: Debbie Holmes & David Evanciew, Stephanie & Jeff Hunt, Jessica & Mike Johnson, Elizabeth & Fritz Koenecke, Susan Light & Eric Olson, Jan & Tom McCobb, Pamela & James McDonough, Suzanne Phillips, Colleen & Ross Prossner, Beth & Tom Seeley, Cindy Sutton, and Sarah & David Webster.

The Fundraising committee thoroughly enjoyed working on “Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner”: Kathleen Hoak, Katherine Huftalen, Hanni Kmetz, and Marjie Wason most definitely have what it takes for success. My heartfelt thanks to all who helped and were a part of this outstanding event.

—Wendy Taylor



## Attention village residents:

Once again, the Village of Cazenovia requests that before starting construction work you check with the Village Clerk to determine if you need a building permit. If you also live within the Historic District, your plans will need to be reviewed by the Advisory Commission on Historic Preservation. According to Bill Carr, Village Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, checking with the Village first will save you and the Village a lot of time.

Thanks!

The mission of the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is to protect historic, agricultural, and natural resources in and around Cazenovia for the benefit of the community.

Visit us at:  
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