



Friends of Pruyn House Newsletter

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President's Message

Chris McAllister

It's that spectacular time of year again as the trees change and we go from summer to fall. We had a very successful summer at the Pruyn House thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers.

We had a terrific concert season as well as a fun Old Fashioned Sunday. Our beautiful garden was in full bloom thanks to the Fort Orange Garden Club. Thank you ladies! Our wedding season was a great success and we are booked for summer 2017.

As I start my second term, I would like to thank the Pruyn House staff for always going that extra mile. I hope this next year brings as much success. I am looking forward to 2017 as president. Thank you to everyone and I hope to see you all soon.



2016 Concerts in the Barn

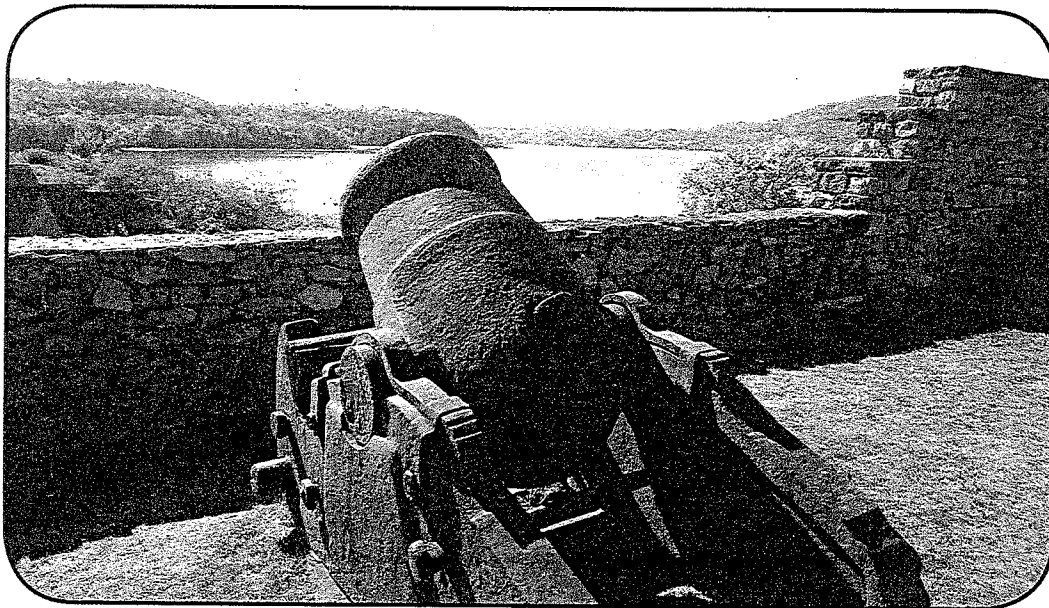
by Courtney Antonucci

Our 2016 Concert Series was a hit again this year! I just want to say THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for dedicating your time and energy to help make our concerts run smoothly and our guests feel welcome, our fantastic bands for entertaining our community every Wednesday night, our sponsors who were so generous in underwriting our series and the Town for supporting us each and every year! Thank you to all of our guests for coming to our concerts this year! Your support every year is always appreciated! We hope to see you next year!!

Programs Update

by Pamela Rowley and Tami Sherry

Our charming group of intrepid adventurers enjoyed a fabulous fall Friday, October 7, 2016, exploring Fort Ticonderoga on foot, as well as a very educational boat tour of Lake Champlain. We would like to thank Charlie Flanagan for being a terrific tour guide. The sun shone all day! Please join us on our next adventure in the spring!



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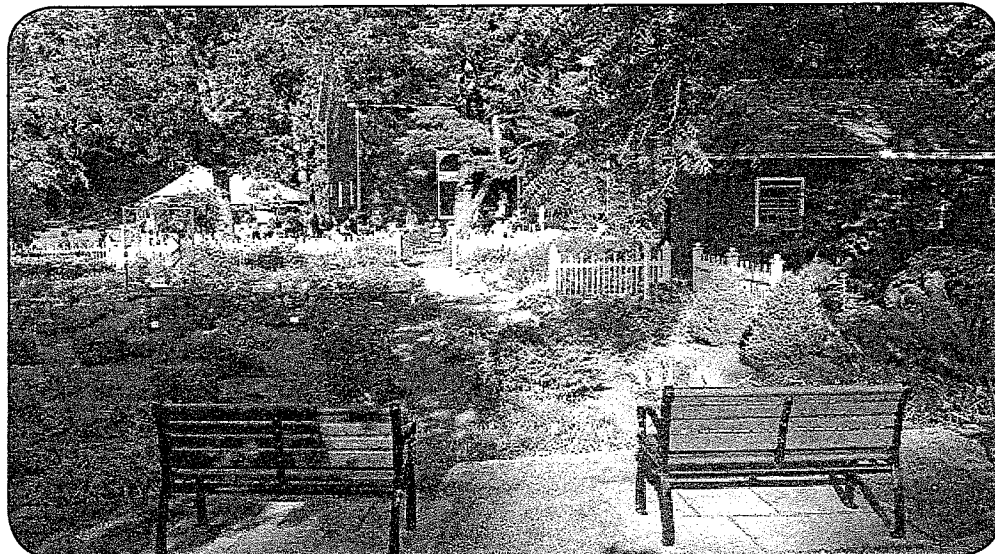
by Tami Sherry

The Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau has a wonderful website, www.albany.org and right now – it features a blog called, “If These Walls Could Talk”. Please go see our Pruyin House blog on their site! Also, please visit our updated website, www.pruynhouse.org and our facebook page!

Buildings & Grounds

by Carol Fitzgerald

The Friends of Pruyn House who come to visit the property are "Seein' Red" — not because they are annoyed, but because so much red paint has been showing up on the buildings. The Friends have arranged to have the walls of Tool Museum



and Well House repaired and replaced then painted red. The Carriage Barn doors on both levels have also been rebuilt and painted red with appropriate white trim. The three new benches by the garden were installed with new landscaping in time for enjoyment at the concerts. The rotted exterior base of the restroom building was also repaired, replaced and painted. Lots of red paint!

Moving along to the main house, Friends of Pruyn House have retained an architect with a background in historic renovations to research and write a Building Assessment Report which deals with the deterioration of the buildings' bricks and paint. The report is now complete and contains a history of the building's physical condition, previous repairs and recommendations for repair and rejuvenation. Both the Town of Colonie and the Board of Trustees of Friends are reviewing the document. Watch for more information on this project as the report is digested by both groups.

Welcome New Friends

These new Friends joined between October 2015 and October 2016.

Gregg Anderson

Elizabeth Asadourian

Kathy Batcher-Mascelli

Colleen Benson

Thomas & Joann Carabis

Sandra Carella

Mary Ann Davis

Sharon DiLorenzo

Kelly Draper

Gordon & Lois Enfield

Kim Fisher

Wendy Fleitz

Zelda Golden

Stormy Isabel

Karen Jones

Kathleen Lentlie

Kathleen LeRoux

Peter & Jane Maloney

Michael & Eileen O'Connor

Erika Parry

Lynne Priestley

Joanne Razzano

Donald Robbins

Marie Schnitzer

Pat Siary

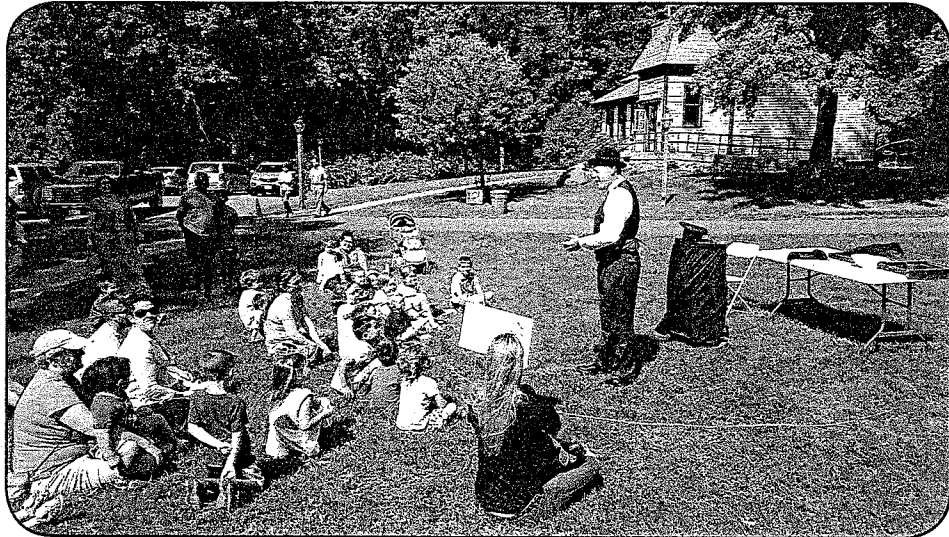
Lee St. John

Jane Stavely

John & Noreen Thompson, Jr.

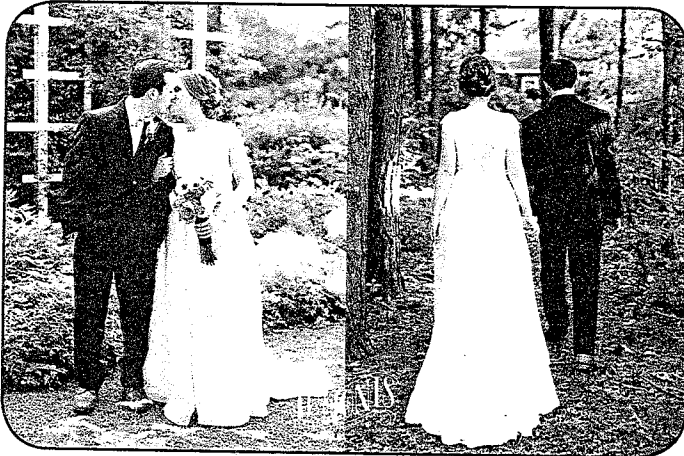
Mary Jane Zink

Old Fashioned Sunday – What a beautiful day!



2016 Weddings

The Barn and grounds were the location of twenty-two beautiful weddings this season. 2017 is reserved with twenty weddings scheduled! The weather was especially accommodating this year. Our thanks to the ladies of the Fort Orange Garden Club for creating such a lovely focal point for our property.



Friends of Pruyn House would like to thank Frank C. Kiepura Associates, PC for their very generous donation of \$1,000 to help underwrite the 2016 Concerts in the Barn.

2016 Upcoming Events

Thursday – Sunday November 17th – 20th,
Thurs 2pm – 9pm, Fri 10am – 9pm,
Sat 10am – 5pm, Sun 12pm – 4pm

Hudson Mohawk Weavers – Show & Sale
Fashion Show Daily Thursday & Friday 7pm
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 2nd & 3rd
10am – 4pm, both days in Schoolhouse

Fort Orange Garden Club Holiday Green Sale
Schoolhouse – free admission; wreaths & more!

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 2nd & 3rd
10am – 4pm, both days in Pruyn House

Blue Creek Garden Club Greens Show
Free – theme is “Down Memory Lane”
Holiday Boutique in basement of House

Saturday, December 3rd
10 am – 4pm

Friends of Pruyn House Open House & Greens Show
Free. Music by members of American Recorder Society.
Refreshments. Garden Club sales in House & Schoolhouse.

Wednesday, December 7th
6:00 – 8:30pm

Member's Party – champagne, hors d'oeuvres,
desserts and music. Free to Members.

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