



February 2024

Dear Members,

It is once again time to renew your 2024 membership in the Historical Society of the Walden and the Wallkill Valley. Thanks to members like you the Historical Society is able to continue to maintain the Jacob T. Walden House and the Shafer House, offer programs and displays, and focus on Walden's history.

As an all volunteer organization, we are continuing to raise money for maintenance and upkeep of the Walden House and Shafer House. In 2023, we received a generous offer and gift from MAX Home Improvement. They are donating a new roof for the Walden House, including all supplies and labor. We are anxiously waiting for this to begin. During a recent conversation with the Company they said they are very busy but looking for a spot/date to get our roof done. They already have the shingles. They are made of a fairly new product called Eco Star - which is a synthetic roofing product.

Even with the generosity of MAX Home Improvement, the Society has many general expenses – oil, insurance, snow removal, alarm, and electricity, to name a few. Our house insurance went up 19% this year. Our expenses are running about \$10,00-\$12,000 per year. We continue to brainstorm new fundraising ideas – and we are open to suggestions. We have 3 main goals this year:

- **Increase membership** -- Membership is very important to any organization. The membership dues help to offset some of the expenses. Plus the old adage “many hands make light work” is very true.
- **Change Displays** - which we hope will bring many new visitors to the Walden and Shafer House. We are planning a new display on Walden Business Memorabilia that will be on display in the Shafer House. In our archives room is a large collection of local business memorabilia just waiting to go on display!
- **Fundraising** - The Archives committee is currently researching a number of old maps, of varying sizes, from surrounding areas and counties. These maps are not from the Walden area. Once we have researched the maps, they will be offered to the public via a Silent Auction this Spring.

Please be sure to renew your membership and participate in our Programs and Activities. We are once again publishing *The Tattler*. If you have not received a hard copy or a digital copy in 2023, please contact us, or download them from the website, thewaldenhouse.org. Check the website, Facebook, *The Wallkill Valley Times* and *The Tattler* for upcoming events.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees – Thank you for your continued support.

Barbara Imbasciani, President



Please complete and return this form.

Make checks payable to: Historical Society of Walden & the Wallkill Valley

Mail: PO Box 48, Walden, NY 12586

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Village: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Would you like to receive notices and the Tattler by e-mail? Yes ____ No ____

2024 Dues:

Student (K-12) \$7.50 _____

Single \$20.00 _____

Family \$30.00 _____

Business \$50.00 _____

(entitles you to a free business card ad on our website as a "Thank You")

Donation (optional, but always appreciated) \$ _____

I would like to Volunteer for the following:

Assisting with Archives

Baking

Decorating for Events

Displays

Fundraising

House Cleaning

House Maintenance

Lawn Maintenance – mowing, trimming

Writing for *The Tattler* Newsletter

Other

Things I would like to see the Historical Society do or offer are -
