



# The Lyme Light

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## Native Plants & Animals No Match for Invasive Species

By Gerry Smith



Photo By: Julie Covey

Invasive species often have advantages over our local plant and animal species. These invaders are frequently more aggressive and have other abilities to out-compete North American natives. One advantage well demonstrated in non-native plants is the ability to bloom early in the spring thereby getting a fast start on the growing season. Invaders such as common buckthorn and some honeysuckles often display their foliage long before native trees and shrubs. Similar ability to get a jump start is evident in European Starling, House Sparrow, Rock Pigeon and Mute Swan – all non-native birds.

Usually by late January, Starling beaks are already turning a bright yellow color in preparation for the breeding season. Even within the large flocks that winter with us, the careful observer can discern behaviors that indicate breeding pairs are forming. These couples begin breaking off from the flocks and go searching for nest sites. Combined with the aggressive nature of this species, the early occupancy and defense of nest cavities gives them a tremendous edge over competitors. Rare is the Eastern Bluebird or Red-headed Woodpecker that can protect a nest cavity against these avian bullies. Even the woodpeckers' newly constructed nest sites may be seized and the builder must wait for these usurpers to finish and vacate the premises.

Early pairing and breeding occurs in European Starling and House Sparrow to the degree that it excludes many native birds from nesting near human habitation. The only way to solve that problem is for us to intervene using lethal methods to deal with these feathered aliens. Understandably many homeowners are reluctant to resort to

such tactics and in any case lots of time, persistence, and determination on our part is required. Also around large farms the masses of these two species present generally renders the most determined human efforts useless.

Most of our invasive birds were introduced by humans with the best of intentions. Unfortunately, with very few exceptions, these efforts have created ecological disasters. Declines of many native cavity nesting bird species can be directly traced to the impacts of large European Starling and House Sparrow populations. Ironically the Starling is declining over much of its native range in the Old World. The reasons for this vary depending upon region but in some areas the population loss is significant. Although not practical, the idea of a repatriation program to the old countries of their ancestors is a thought that warms this birder's heart. *Source: Ontario Bay Trust*

HELP The Town of Lyme PLAN  
Their 200th BIRTHDAY!



Bi-Centennial Celebration Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018  
Town of Lyme Offices, 6:30 pm

Please attend if you are  
interested in volunteering and  
working toward the celebration  
of the 200th Anniversary  
of the Town of Lyme !

Come one, come all.

## Editor's Corner

Anticipation, the watch word of spring! As the days grow longer we are filled with excitement and a little impatience. When will the flowers be popping up? When can I fire up the grill again? When can the kids ride their bikes and when can I put away the shovels and car snow brushes? But let's take a moment and reflect on some accomplishments of the past few months. We survived— winter weather and the cold weather ailments that arrive each year. We made sure our family members were warm and comfortable. And hopefully travel was on icy roads was without incident. Welcome spring.

NEWS TO NOTE...Congratulations to Lyme CSD Boys and Girls Basketball Players and Coaches. Your hard work and effort show you have determination, integrity and good sportsmanship. You prove that to do your best is the most important thing. You make us proud.

*Karen Donahue, Editor*

### A New Look for the Foundation

If you haven't been to the Lyme Community Foundation's website lately please visit <https://www.lymecommunityfoundation.org/> to see our new look. We are now including a blog with the most up to date information and also have some wonderful pictures and articles of various things happening around town. The Lyme Light has always been a wonderful way to get information out to the local community and now with our electronic version and the blog it can happen in a timely fashion. We hope you all enjoy our new look and feel free to share any information you might have with us to post.

### Lyme Community Foundation Looking for New Board Members

The Lyme Community Foundation is currently looking for new members to join the board and join us in bringing new events and activities to the community. Do you have experience with fundraising, event planning, retail, the arts or interested in giving back to your community? We are always looking for individuals who enjoy working with others and helping to carry on the mission of the foundation. If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact a board member. We would love to have you!!

#### LYME LIGHT DUE DATES

*Articles are due to the Editor...*

**April 2018 Issue: March 21**

**May 2018 Issue: April 18**

*Please forward text and photos to our email address:  
lymelightnews@gmail.com*

## From the President

I am sure none of were surprised when the groundhog saw his shadow to let us know there will be six more weeks of winter. This has been a good old-fashioned winter in the north country. The only problem is when we did have snow it was so cold outside you couldn't go out to enjoy it and when it was warmer there wasn't much snow to enjoy. It is always frustrating when you can't get out to enjoy the snow and winter in the north country so you have to take advantage of it when you can. I think we have had about 1-11/2 weeks that we can truly say was enjoyable where people could snowmobile, ski and get outside to enjoy our north country winter.

With spring coming soon it won't be long until we will all be celebrating Lyme's Bi Centennial. A committee has been meeting on a regular basis to finalize a schedule of events for the weekend of July 27-July 29. It is a time to celebrate Lyme and all that we have here in our community. We hope that all community organizations will join the parade, sponsor a game at the carnival and find creative ways to help make this a memorable celebration for everyone in our community. Since this will be the Lyme Community Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we plan to join in the festivities and also celebrate all that the foundation has accomplished over the past 20 years.

During the next month or so the foundation will also be doing some repairs at the Copley House. We will be refinishing additional floors in the house and will be putting out an RFP to finally get the outside of the house painted later this year. We will also do some spring cleaning to get the house ready for future events. We already have a wedding scheduled for May and the Lyme Prom Crowning scheduled for June. If you are interested in using the Copley House please be sure to contact me at 315-456-8702 so we can get your activity on the calendar.

We hope you all have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and we hope to see you all at the Irish Festival activities.

*Deanna Lothrop, President*



*Copley House*

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## Lyme Heritage Center News

By Phyllis Putnam

The Lyme Heritage Center is closed for the season. Our building is located in the old Grange hall at 8718 County Route 5, in Three Mile Bay, New York. We have an extensive collection of family files, newspaper clippings, and other research interests. We will be open again in the spring with our open house on May 20th. Watch for information on our summer programs.

## Treat Yourself- Go To the TMB Chicken and Biscuit Dinner



Don't miss the chicken and biscuit dinner at Three Mile Bay United Methodist Church on the third Wednesday every month. Serving starts at 4:00pm and continues until all is gone.

Take outs are available and there is always a large assortment of desserts. Adult meals are \$10.00, ages 5 to 12 are \$5.00 each and those under 5 are free.

The upcoming dates are: March 21--- April 18---May 16--- June 20-- July 18--- August 15---September 19--- October 17--November ? NOTE: December—*NO dinner this month!*

## Town of Lyme News

By Scott Aubertine, Town Supervisor

Plans are being made to celebrate the Town of Lyme Bicentennial Celebration. Interested residents, organization representatives, fire department members and Town and Village Board members have met twice and will meet again on February 1st at the town office to continue making plans. Presently, the tentative plans call for new events to be held during the Chamber of Commerce Community Days on July 27, 28 and 29. In addition to the annual events put on by the Chamber of Commerce and the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department, a parade, carnival, concert and various other new events are being planned. Organizations, churches, school classes and businesses are being urged to volunteer their time, skills and manpower to operate simple, easy to do games (ring toss, dunking booth, sack races, etc.) to go along with the carnival which has mechanical rides, bouncy houses and other fun options. There is an opportunity for a group to sell concessions at the carnival and those groups that operate the games can see a profit as well. We will be contacting our organizations and businesses to see if they would be willing to help us put on a good time for our town residents and help us celebrate 200 years of the Town of Lyme. Everyone is welcome to participate in the celebration process. This is a celebration of us and for us.

The Town Board met jointly with the Chaumont Village Board and the Lyme Central School Board on January 23rd. The Inter-municipal Agreements were reviewed and each board approved the signing of them for 2018. Everyone was very appreciative and grateful for the cooperation shared between the three boards. An update on the Bicentennial Celebration plans were discussed and it was mentioned that students from the school could be recruited to run many of the old time games at the Centennial Carnival. A discussion was also held regarding elementary classes visiting the Town of Lyme Transfer Site on an educational field trip that would teach the students not only how the transfer site operates, but also about environmental and electronic recycling, waste management and County requirements.

A recent meeting with Steve Weed, owner of Steve Weed Productions, lead to discussions which would make it easier to access Town of Lyme meetings and also broadcast any Town of Lyme event live. At present, town meetings are broadcast live via the internet. We discussed an additional, easier access link for live streaming of meetings, or any activity held in the town. Steve will give a presentation to the town board at the February meeting. In addition to explaining new technology that will make it easy for our residents to watch town meetings, we will also learn how residents can "tune in" to any Town of Lyme event that chooses the live video feed option. He will present the information on a large screen for everyone to see, whether they choose to watch in person or online. Visit the town website and watch the presentation. Who knows, this may be the start of the Lyme TV Network.

Town meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at the town offices beginning at 6:30 pm. Meeting agendas, new and old business, live viewing and other information can be found on the town website at [www.townoflyme.com](http://www.townoflyme.com).

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### Hold on to Your Antiques: Jefferson County Historical Society to Deny Historic Donations in 2018

By Jordan Walker

Watertown, NY – The Jefferson County Historical Society would like to ask the community at large to please hold-on to your heirlooms, antiques, documents, letters, photographs, books or other historical donations to the museum’s collection throughout the remainder of 2018. As the museum has served without a formal collections manager for the past several years, the new collections manager Christine Godfrey will take this time to organize the collection and catchup with a backlogged donation list. The goal is to meet a greater standard of archival arrangement and museum storage so that future donations can be accommodated more readily in 2019.

Historical donations and research requests should be submitted in writing and or photographed and submitted for review via e-mail or by mail: [Curator@Jeffersoncountyhistory.org](mailto:Curator@Jeffersoncountyhistory.org) or JCHS 228 Washington St. Watertown, NY 13601. The requests will be filed and held on record until 2019.

Items *will not* be accepted that are dropped off at the front desk, front door, or sent by mail without receiving permission. All items sent by mail will be returned to the sender.

The Jefferson County Historical Society has for 130 years collected and preserved a documentary record of our county and its people. Special events, lectures, and educational programs are offered throughout the year. Please visit our website: [www.Facebook.com/jeffersoncountyhistory](http://www.Facebook.com/jeffersoncountyhistory) for more information.

The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm, and Saturdays 9:00am – 4:00pm. 228 Washington Street, Watertown, NY.

## Lyme Garden Club News



March is here – and that means that Spring is less than three weeks away (so the calendar says!!). And although many garden club members are scattered around the country during the winter, we have been hard at work, planning our 2018 Season. So mark your calendars –

Opening Meeting – May 9, Wednesday, 6:00 PM at the Copley House. Bring Appetizer or Dessert. Come and plant an Herbal Tea Garden. For green thumbs and tea fanatics alike, growing your own herbal tea garden is a refreshing alternative to store-bought tea bags. Watch for further information in the April Lyme Light News. At the meeting, get first choice on sign ups for summer watering of the Lyme gardens and offer your suggestions for summer activities.

Of course our primary planning and subsequent activities will center around the biennial Garden Club Tour, which will be held on July 7. This is our primary fundraiser, which supports the activities of the garden club for the next two years. It is an event anticipated by many in the North Country. It has some particular significance this year because 2018 is the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Lyme. The Lyme Garden Club enthusiastically endorses all the plans underway, and wants to do its part to continue to make Lyme (Chaumont and Three Mile Bay) look beautiful, colorful and welcoming.

Please watch the Facebook page of the Lyme Garden Club for updates on events, dates and times.

For those of you who enjoy indoor projects and garden planning during the winter months, check out the website at [gardenclub.homedepot.com](http://gardenclub.homedepot.com). It has some amazing ideas to share.

Don’t forget, on “First Saturday” of every month, we are asking all residents to take the time to pick up the trash on the frontage of their own property. This can be a year-round effort to which we all can contribute.

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## Lyme's Native Burial Sites

By Margaret Putnam Bremen

*"Many curios and antiques were found by boys of the Y.M.C.A. camp on Long Point during their visit Friday to the Indian burying grounds on Point Peninsula."* - The Watertown Daily Times, July 6, 1921

Lyme's best-known Native burial sites are those on Point Peninsula, but Native graves have been found all along our waterfront. Unfortunately many of these sites have been unearthed by amateur diggers and treasure hunters, who treated the human remains with little reverence and the artifacts as curiosities to be pocketed.

I found references to the following mass grave discoveries in Lyme: 1886, Cherry Island, six skeletons; 1906, "near Chaumont Bay," 18 skeletons; 1920, Northrup Farm near Point Peninsula's Carrying Place, 16 skeletons; 1921, Point Salubrious, 19 skeletons; 1944, Wetterhahn farm in Three Mile Bay, 4 skeletons. These graves may have been ossuary-style burials, in which individuals who had previously died were disinterred and then buried together in a common grave. Some tribes in Canada and Northern New York practiced this type of burial.

While some of these sites were discovered and documented by trained archaeologists, many were not. Old newspaper articles mention the cavalier way in which burial grounds were approached and relics were taken (including the camp mentioned at the beginning of the article). Items commonly found around these sites included arrowheads, chisels, barbed fishhooks, awls, beads, pipes, and pottery shards. While some of these artifacts have been collected in the Jefferson County Historical Society and even at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, many are scattered in private collections. (The Jefferson County Historical Society does not keep artifacts specifically related to graves/burials; those items have been repatriated to Native tribes.)

Some of the most ardent diggers around the Isthmus and the Carrying Place were not looking for Native artifacts, but for rumored British treasure. In 1777 a British flotilla on Lake Ontario washed into Chaumont Bay during a huge storm and wrecked near the Isthmus. That much is historically accurate. A persistent legend tells that the sailors, guided by Native American allies in a hasty retreat to Fort Haldimand on Carleton Island, buried their quartermaster's coins in chests, or in the barrel of a brass cannon, under an earthen mound near the Carrying Place. There's never been any reason to believe this story was true, but nevertheless it spurred on the digging of Point Peninsula's mounds.



If you find Native artifacts on your property, please consider contacting the archaeologists at the New York State Museum in Albany for information about proper handling and documentation.

If you'd like to read them for yourself, you'll find copies of my resources on the Historic Town of Lyme Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HistoricTownOfLymeNewYork/>. I'm still learning about Lyme's Native history and so I'm very much looking forward to hearing Dr. Tim Abel, the Jefferson County Historical Society's consulting archaeologist, speak at the Lyme Heritage Center on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and join us!

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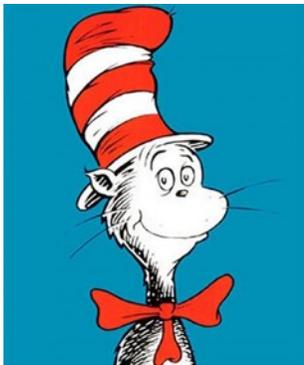
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# Lyme Free Library

## March 2018

### Fiber Optic Cable Installed at Lyme Free Library!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Jerry Schell at North Country System, Town of Lyme residents now have access to high-speed fiber optic Internet services at the library! Seventy-five percent of the cost of the installation was covered by the Schools and Libraries E-Rate Program and twenty-five percent was covered by grants secured by State Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, and State Assemblywoman Addie A. E. Jenne. We are appreciative of all of their efforts on our behalf!



### Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
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### Intro to Essential Oils

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### Paper Clay Workshop for Kids of all Ages!

Artist/Instructor Tracey Jean will guide participants through the process of creating a sculpture with unique features and personality. This is a two part workshop. Participants will sculpt with paper clay on April 6<sup>th</sup> and return to paint them on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions start at 6pm. Cost: \$15 per person for both sessions. Payment must be paid in advance at the library by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please call 315-649-5454 to register.

### Upcoming JCC Classes at Lyme Free Library

Please call JCC at 786-2233 to register.



#### iPad 101

This workshop will help iPad users get started with the basic skills needed for successful use and enjoyment out of their iPad or any other handheld Apple product. The workshop will include how to do tasks such as finding good apps, installing them, organizing or deleting them, how to connect to Wi-Fi hotspots, navigating your iPad and much more. **Instructor:** Jessica Dobson-Tufo Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 6 pm- to 8pm. \$20.

#### iPad 102

This workshop will take iPad users to the next level to get more use out of their Apple products. **Instructor:** Jessica Dobson-Tufo. Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 6 to 8 pm. \$20.

*iPad classes fill quickly. Please register early.*

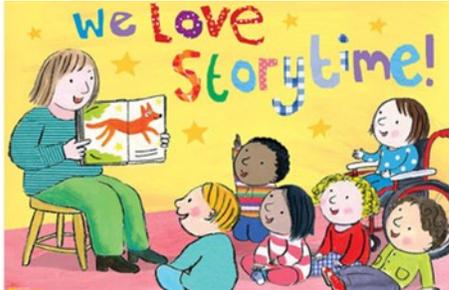


### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Victorian Tea Party!

### A Unique Mother's Day Gift

Join us at The Lyme Free Library in Chaumont on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm to enjoy Teas, Canapés, Tea Sandwiches and Desserts! The Library will be transformed back in time to the Victorian Era, a period in history that conjures up visions of beauty, tranquility, relaxation and social gatherings. Special touches such as china, silver, lace & flowers evoke the period

and will embellish our event. Bring your most treasured tea cup, or use one of ours. Tickets on sale March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are selling a limited number of tickets, so please reserve yours soon by calling the Lyme Free Library at 315-649-5454. Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50. All tickets must be prepaid to ensure proper quantities of food and door prizes. This is a fundraiser for the library. Hosted by Cathy Gallagher from The Cottage Bakery in Three Mile Bay.



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Lyme Free Library would like to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town by showcasing all our community has to offer. We are looking for community members that would be willing to volunteer their time to present free programs to the public at the library. We are open to all suggestions art, music, writing, history, crafts, astronomy, design, woodworking, knitting, fly tying, health, fiber arts, fishing, gardening, nature, technology, dance, acting... It can be a one-time presentation, class, multiple classes, a jam session, demonstration, lecture.... You can start a club: Lego, Book, Harry Potter, kayaking, Star Wars, American Girl... You get the idea! Simply submit your idea to the library and the board will review it and get back to you.



**Quilting Group**

Are you a quilter? Do you want to get out and meet with others who share your interest? Join us every Tuesday at 6:45 to share project ideas and make friends with other quilters. Open to all!



**O'Reilly Prints New: C. V. Fisheries Station, Union Cheese Factory at Stone Mills & Old Glory – Limerick Home**

Lyme Free Library is offering prints by Local Artist James O'Reilly for just \$20. Prints feature Sawmill Bay, The Cape Vincent Lighthouse, The Copley House, The Chaumont Hardware Store, Cove Cottage, the Cape Vincent Lighthouse, and more! See all of his prints on our Facebook page! The library also has book bags, histories and Lyme Heritage Center Calendars for sale.

**Library Board Meetings**

The Lyme Free Library's Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. All meetings are open to the public. Changes will be posted on our web site [lymefreelibrary.org](http://lymefreelibrary.org).

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## - Community Events, March 2018 -

- Thu Mar 1 Science Fair, Parent Viewing, @ Lyme CSD, 6:00pm
- Fri Mar 2 Dr. Seuss Crafts @ Lyme Free Library, 6pm
- Wed Mar 7 Board of Education meeting, @ Lyme CSD, 6:00pm
- Sun Mar 4 Mass, @ All Saint's Catholic Church, 9:00am  
(each Sunday) Worship Service, @ Chaumont Presbyterian Church, 9:30am  
Sunday Service, @ Three Mile Bay Baptist, 10:30am  
Worship Service, @ Three Mile Bay Methodist, 11:00am
- Thu Mar 8 Town of Lyme Bicentennial Planning Meeting, @ Town Offices, 6:30pm
- Fri Mar 9 The Wizard of Oz, @ Lyme CSD, 7pm
- Sat Mar 10 Second Saturday Cinema: "Keepers of the Game" @ Depauville  
Free Library, 4pm
- Wed Mar 14 Town Board Meeting, @ Town Offices, 6:30pm
- Wed Mar 14 Elementary Spring Concert, @ Lyme CSD, 7pm
- Thu Mar 15 Lyme / Copenhagen Annual Exchange Concert @ Copenhagen  
CSD, 7pm
- Sat Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Wed Mar 21 **Deadline for April Lyme Light Submissions**
- Wed Mar 21 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, @ TMB United Methodist Church, 4pm - gone

Daylight  
Savings  
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begins  
March 11,  
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