

May 2012



Summer Breakfast Dates
July 22, Aug. 12, & Sept. 2nd



Historical House & Garden Tour **July 21, 10- 4**

Fish House is 250 years old! To celebrate this anniversary, FHCC is sponsoring another (yet different) Historic House & Garden Tour.

Walk through our most historic houses, stroll through beautiful gardens, eat and shop at the United Methodist Church, walk past many of the houses that were moved and learn how the lake changed this area.

Buy your tickets before July 1st to get a discount, just call 883-1016. \$15 pp before July 1st, \$20pp after. Even better discount if you are in a group of ten or more!

<http://sites.google.com/site/fishhousehistory/>

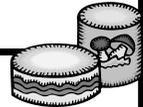


Sweatshirt/TShirt Sale

T-shirts & sweatshirts will be on sale at all of the FHCC summer events. This year's shirts have a special logo to honor 250 years of Fish House.

Sweatshirts are \$30-\$35, Tshirts-\$10. You can also preorder a shirt at this May breakfast. Help support the FHCC. Thank you!

July Food Drive



The Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House is sponsoring a food drive to help the Broadalbin Food Pantry. Please help by bringing nonperishable items with you to the FHCC at the July breakfast and/or the Historic Tour.



Donated items will receive a ticket for a special "Thank You" drawing.



Bottle & Can Drive

The FHCC Bottle Drive kicks off this weekend! All the profits for this summer long drive go towards helping maintain and improve our historic Community Center.

So bag up your bottles & cans and drop them off at the back of the Center. Thank You!

What's In A Name?

How many times do you drive past an historic marker and never read it? Fish House has 7 out of the 38 markers in the Sacandaga Area. Here is one of them:

HANS' CREEK
 NAMED BY SIR Wm JOHNSON
 AFTER A FISHING TRIP WITH
 JOHN CONYE WHO FELL OUT OF THE
 BOAT AND NEARLY DROWNED. HANS
 BEING THE NAME FOR JOHN.

THE 2012 RUMMAGE SALE

It is almost here!!! Do you have unwanted but nice items, such as clothes and furniture, in your house? Consider donating them to the FHCC for their annual Rummage Sale. You can drop off your donations in front of the Center. Donations will be accepted up until June 30th. (No upholstered furniture, please!)

Dates & times for the Rummage Sale are:

Friday, July 6th, 8 - 5
Saturday, July 7th, 9 - 3

Want to know more about Fish House! Go to the website below to see lots of photos the way this hamlet used to look like.



www.northamptonnyhistory.com

TRANSITIONS

When most towns celebrate their age, they probably never went through the drastic changes that Fish House did.

- **1762** - the first permanent house is built by Godfrey Shew, but it was burned down in the Revolutionary War, at which time, Godfrey and sons are taken prisoner
- **1784** - Godfrey Shew and sons returned from being captured and rebuilt their home, thus restarting Fish House
- **1865**— the end of the Civil War. Many of the Fish House men fought in that war. Fish House, once primarily a farming community, started to really establish itself as a town with stores and mills.
- **1875**— The railroad came to Northville, & Sacandaga Park, a resort with cottages, a theater, a hotel and a bandstand.
- **1890's**— Fish House had become quite the summer place to be. Many wealthy people had built large summer homes. Fishing was also a big draw to this beautiful summer place.
- **Early 1920's** - Rumors began that a lake would be made, destroying the valley as they knew it. Land sharks began to buy up many properties in anticipation.
- **1927** - The preparation for the lake began. Trees were cut and houses were burned or taken down. Twelve houses in Fish House were moved to higher ground. Six were burned or razed. Parts of CR 110 were moved to higher ground.
- **1930** - The lake filling began in March. The depression had set in. Many people who had lost their homes due to the lake, moved away, not to return. Some who remained, struggled & some lost houses, not due to high water but to foreclosure.
- **1942** - With the depression over, the lake, once again became a popular summer destination. But in 1942, gas rationing started. Many camps and cottages were closed, never to recover.
- **NOW** - Fish House, flooded by the lake, never returned to be a town center with stores. But it has beautiful lake views and it is a wonderful place to live!

Before & After

A Fish House General Store

In 1865, Robert Humphrey came to Fish House, bought a building from P. Grinnell, and started a store. Since that time, the store had been run by the Noyes, Smiths and the Steads. This store was one of the 12 buildings that were moved when the lake was built.

Circa 1900

Near the village square of old Fish House.



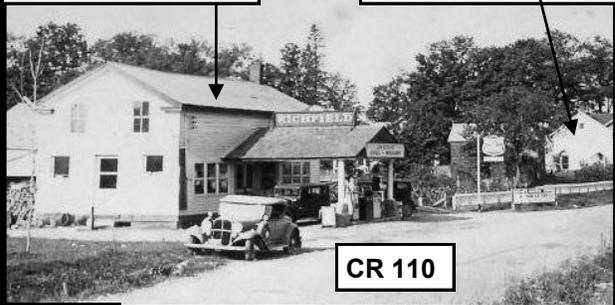
Early 1930's ?

Shown after moved to its "new" location on CR 110. Building was turned, so side faced road.



Late 1930's ?

"Detweiler's now"



NOW

A complete remodel !



CR 110