

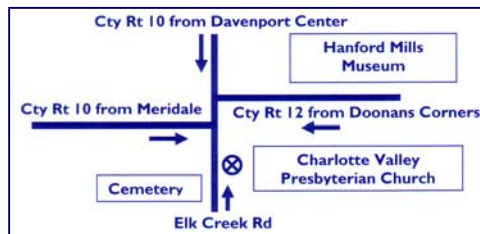
# Meredith Historical Society



Ruez and Everett Bisbee standing beside their circa 1919 Republic Truck

## Schedule of Events for 2010

The Meredith Historical Society cordially invites you to attend its programs and events which are open to the public, free of charge. The programs will be held at 7 pm at the Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church in East Meredith, New York. The church is located on Elk Creek Road in the village of East Meredith just south of the intersection of Delaware County routes 10 and 12 approximately across from the cemetery, as shown in the diagram below.



Meredith Historical Society, P.O. Box 26, Meridale, NY 13806 is a non-profit educational corporation. Membership forms are available at all of our programs. Further information or forms may be obtained by phoning 607-746-8083. Your membership or donation is important to the success of the Meredith Historical Society and the preservation of Meredith's history.

Saturday, April 10

3 pm

## Second Annual Homemade Pie Auction and Social

Auctioneer **Chuck McIntosh** will once again auction off some of the best homemade pies made by local pie bakers. This is a chance to support Meredith Historical Society and take home wonderful homemade pies. This year we will feature homemade pies donated by our friends and neighbors AND two Delaware County 4-H groups: The Crafty Kids and Porkies Plus. This is a fun event with a social hour after the auction where you can visit folks and have a free slice of homemade pie (with ice cream) and a beverage. Pie bakers interested in contributing to this event please call Emily Marlin 746-7288, Gretel Bachler 746-2974, Cynthia Waterman 746-8083 or Karen Barkman 746-2093.

Thursday, May 6

7 pm

## Computerizing our Collection and Annual Mtg.

**Bob Rosen**

Bob Rosen has developed a new software program that allows every object in Meredith Historical Society's collection to be viewed individually on the computer screen. The software also has a search engine that makes it easy to find stored information about a topic or person. The ultimate goal of this program is to provide public access to our collection for personal research. In this presentation, Bob will demonstrate the various features of the software and provide a brief overview of the historical society's collection.

We will hold our annual business meeting prior to Bob's presentation. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the coming year and to provide the membership with an update of the status of the society.

Thursday, June 3

7 pm

## Before Tractors Took the Fun Out of Farming

**Ken Stalter**

When shown a horse drawn implement, many people today do not know what it was used for, or much about how farming was done before the age of tractors. Ken Stalter, a retired farmer, wood carver and local artist, has many pictures he drew of farming being done by horse drawn implements. In this program, he will turn back the clock and show us, using his drawings as a teaching tool, how farming was done before the age of tractors. This program can be appreciated both as an art show and for its historical content.

Thursday, July 1

7 pm

## Meredith Bicentennial Rewind

Bernice Graham Telian

How quickly 10 years have gone by since Meredith celebrated its bicentennial. Come see in color and on a large screen the commemorative ceremony that Bernice wrote from 1997-2000. The Meredith Baptist Church was filled to capacity for this event and the audience participation in recollections and songs was strong. Some of the children in it are now in college and we've lost some of our citizens that were in the audience, but Bernice still wants to define the characteristics of our beloved Meredith by showing, a decade later, this patriotic public program that spoke to our beginning and early times. That night, March 14, 2000, our book, "Two Hundred Years of Rolling Suns," first went on sale as guests partook of a gorgeous bicentennial cake. Come enjoy a rewind of this eventful night of a decade ago on the big screen.

Thursday, August 5

7 pm

## Joseph and Bert Santora Remembered

Emily Marlin

Meredith is indebted to both Joseph Santora and his son, Bert Santora, for their contributions to the community.

Joseph Santora was a key figure in the Meridale community from 1917 until his death in 1956, where he played a leadership role in several organizations. A barber by profession, he was also a farmer, musician, and artist. However, he is perhaps best remembered today for his paintings of the Meridale area.

Bert Santora has been of great assistance to Meredith Historical Society for the financial support he has provided through the Bert Santora Memorial Trust. An officer in the U.S. army, he had a military career, and was a veteran of both WWII, in which he was wounded, and the Korean War, in which he was captured.

This program will present a biographical review of the lives and contributions of both men. Examples of Joseph Santora's art will be on display. Individuals who remember either Joseph or Bert Santora will share their recollections with the audience.

Thursday, September 2

7 pm

## Bisbee's Store

Wilfred Jurjens, Alice and Harold Fraser, Roy Palmer, Bob Rosen,  
and Frank M. Waterman

Bisbee's general store, which also served as Meridale's post office, gas station, and town clerk's office, was the hub of the community from 1900 until it was destroyed by fire in 1976. This multifaceted program will present the history of the store, including its pre-Bisbee origins, and an overview of the history of the Bisbee family. It will also include a number of pictures from our collection that have generally not been seen by the public. The assertion that the store was the hub of the community will be demonstrated through newspaper clippings and the recollections of members of the community. The audience will also be invited to share their recollections of Bisbee's store.

Thursday, October 7

7 pm

## The Life and Times of Charles W. Wilcox

Frank M. Waterman

Charles W. Wilcox was a progressive Meredith farmer who left a paper trail that includes diaries dating from 1867 to 1926, and articles written about him or his farm in newspapers and magazines from which one can construct a picture of rural farm life and customs in Meredith during the last half of the 19th century. A civil war veteran, he enrolled in Andes Collegiate Institute in 1867, but his diary indicates his attention was more focused on his future wife than his studies. Leaving after one term, he married and purchased land on the Spring Valley Road where he built his farm from scratch. He took great pride in his farm and was one of the first to incorporate new technology. He was especially proud of his maple sugar which he exhibited at the World's Exposition in St. Louis in 1904 for which he received a silver medal.

Thursday, November 4

7 pm

## The Ulster and Delaware Railroad

Doug Kadow

The Ulster and Delaware Railroad was the only railroad to run through the Town of Meredith with a station at East Meredith. Doug Kadow, president of the Ulster & Delaware RR Historical Society, will present the history of this railroad, which was founded in 1866 and, at its greatest extent, ran 108 miles from Kingston Point on the Hudson River through the heart of the Catskills to Oneonta. Along this route, it transported passengers to and from Catskill resorts, and hauled the freight of farms and creameries as well as businesses shipping coal, stone, ice and various wood products. Come and hear more about the history of this railroad and what became of it.