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The Chamber is organized for the purpose of advancing the retail, commercial, industrial, and civic interest of Clinton and its surrounding area.

REVOLUTION GALLERY

Since its inception in October of '05 Revolution Gallery has hosted four gallery receptions; each month features four new local artists. In January Revolution Gallery decided to bring local art even closer to home by giving four Clinton Senior High School Students the opportunity to showcase their talents. Rebecca Haines-Stephan, Nicole Schilder, Jessica Matthews and Tyler Cavellero were hand-selected by their art teachers to showcase their talents as photographers. The end result was an eclectic mix of unique style and vision from these young photographers.



Melodic Revolution has also showcased many talented musicians in the Gallery. Over 18 free shows to date, from Local talent such as Singer – Songwriter, Storyteller Mike Williamson to The Academy of Music located here in Clinton to the most recent show featuring Future Destination Recording Artists – THE APPRENTICE from Ashland, Kentucky playing their own brand of country pop music.

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WINNERS

Congratulations to Cynthia Smiegal, the CCC 50/50 raffle winner! Holly Eastman was the lucky winner of the Clinton Jewelers' drawing for an Alexandria's Fragrance Lamp, and Pondra's Homes & Hearth Realty had a "guess the reindeer droppings" contest which was won by Sarah Bobrow and Olivia Rogers.

CHAMBER ALLIANCE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Clinton Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-President Ferris J. Betrus, Jr. was elected President of the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley. The Alliance represents Boonville, Camden, Clinton, Herkimer County, Marcy, Mohawk Valley (Utica), New Hartford, Rome and Trenton Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Betrus will represent the Chamber Alliance on all broad-ranging issues affecting members throughout our region.

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CCC ANNUAL MEETING

Hosted by Hamilton College in their new Science Center on January 13, 2006 at 5:30. Cocktails and dinner were catered by Bon Appetit. Cynthia Kershner, the outgoing president presented the group with an annual update of the chambers activities and projected plans for 2006. New nominees were unanimously voted in as follows:

Bonnie Wood - *President*
Matthew Brockett - *Vice President*
Denise Rouillier - *Treasurer*
Pondra Bowen-Kitchen - *Secretary*
Ferris Betrus - *Executive Vice President*

Directors: **Mary Combs, Mike DeBraggio, Mimi Fehlner, Eric Huckaby, Nick Katona, Cynthia Kershner, Beth Luvera, Linda McHarris, Tom Owens, Bobbi Paravati, Carol Renaud**

Ferris Betrus presented Cynthia Kershner with a lovely gift and great thanks for her dedicated service to our community as past president.

Tours of the Science Building were provided as well as the opportunity to attend the college hockey and basketball games.

Our thanks for a lovely evening.

CLEANING UP AFTER KATRINA AUCTION

Attendance/Bidding

March 2nd. Annex A and B, Hamilton College. All day silent Auction. Dinner at 6 Live Auction at 6:30pm. Silent Auction Closes at 8:30 pm. Sign up for dinner \$10 suggested donation by emailing Shakim@hamilton.edu

Donations of Goods/Services

Any services or goods we can auction off would be welcome! Including but not limited to: airplane tickets, time shares, electronics, food, gift certificates, sporting tickets, sports memorabilia, home-made items, crafts, college items, Hamilton college apparel, college snacks, dorm room decorations, shopping sprees etc.

NEW BUSINESSES

Kirkland House - There's a new Bed & Breakfast in town and you can find it at 82 Old Kirkland Ave. For more information, call Dave and Sue Forbes at 315-853-6655 or visit them at www.kirklandhousebandb.com.

Seven Petals Wellness Inc. - opened at 3 Fountain Street. For more info., call 315-292-3667.

CHANGES ON THE STREET

Clinton Pottery - Owned by Jonathan Woodward, has a newly opened showroom at 66 Utica Street. You can reach the showroom at 853-6873 for hours of operation, or look for the open sign out front.

EM.MI Beads has new shop hours, Tuesday-Saturday 10-5 and Thursday until 8pm.

The Lava Spa is recovering nicely from their recent fire and is open for business. Please stop in and see them.



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AN INTERVIEW AT THE KIRKLAND HOUSE

On Wednesday, January 16th, **Lauren Koss** had the great pleasure of interviewing **Sue and Dave Forbes**, hosts of The Kirkland House Bed & Breakfast. Below are excerpted some highlights from there conversation. She started right in the middle of the food talk, showing where her own interests lie!

LK: I was wondering if you were a baked-French toast sort of a person.

SF: Well there's a few things we've done... you can do the same thing, if you want to, every time because it's always different people. (*laughs*) But I do an egg casse-roule kind of thing that you make the night before and you bake in the morning. Sometimes there's meat in it, sometimes I serve that on the side. Then, I do an apple-oat pancake with a sour cream maple syrup drizzled on top of it...

DF: With pecans.

SF: That one...people if you ask ahead of time say, "Oh, no. That's too heavy." But if you serve it, I have not thrown one single pancake away! They love it. And we're working on a Mexican kind of thing, but we haven't quite perfected that yet. With chorizo... maybe a frittata or something like that...

DF: The best part of it is that she always makes too much. (*Sue laughs*) So I have to help clean up the leftovers.

LK: So what made you want to do this?

SF: A moment of insanity. Oh you're taping! (All laugh)

DF: Well we've done bed and breakfasts for a long time for the ABC program at the college. And, the kids had grown up and gone, and we wanted to stay in our house. We put an addition on the outside, which is the first floor master bedroom suite so that I wouldn't have to go up and down the stairs anymore. And then we ended up with three really pretty nice rooms upstairs and said, "Well, why don't we run a B&B?"

SF: And then we got pushed into it because Dan English, who runs The Rose Petal, he's the Chief of Police. David was the Police Commissioner until January. He called us this spring and said, "Are you still talking about doing a B&B, because I have someone to stay at your house." So he kind of pushed us over the edge, he said either you're doing this or you're not, so we took this reservation and said, "Ok, I guess we're doing it."

LK: So this is pretty recent?

DF: Well officially, we started August 1st. I think we're Kirkland's newest B&B. And we've had a lot of referrals from other B&B's in town because there's a lot of people looking for rooms.

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LK: Well, generally, how's it been?

DF: We've had a couple of real busy weekends, but we have not been too busy yet, and we can handle some more. We are getting a lot of repeat business from people who've been here, who have apparently liked it here and have made reservations for parents' weekend next year. And we're booked for graduation for '06, '07, '08, and '09!

LK: Wow!

DF: We like to make a place where we treat people the way we'd like to be treated. We don't want to be too sophisticated... I think we say it in the brochure, we offer a comfortable alternative to a hotel...and we like it to be...home. More personal, closer relationships... In October a lady came in and watched the Boston Red Sox/ Yankees game with us in the family room and had her feet up on the coffee table, and we had a great time! That's the kind of place that we want to run. I'm not sure that you can do that if you're turning people over boom-da da-boom-da da-boom. You want to just have people on a regular basis, and take good care of them. I think that so far we've done that. And I think we have fun doing it. It gives us a really good reason to get up in the morning!

Clinton Event Calendar

FEBRUARY 2006

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- 4 Live music by Tofu Deluxe w/special guest Joe Sweet 7:00PM at Melodic Revolution
- 5 Tom Gunnings Lectures on Louie Fuller 2PM at Hamilton College
- 8 Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at Lumbard Hall 8:00AM
- 10 Canadian, Fiddler/Step Dancer & Singer April Verch 8:00PM at the KAC
- 12 Lucretia Mott, Abolitionist - King Davis at 1 Fountain St - 2:00PM at Clinton Historical Society
- 14 Special Valentines Day Special Double Feature: The Freshman (Circa 1925) & The Marriage Circle (Circa 1924) 7:00PM at Hamilton College
- 15 Maintain Your Brain Workshop by the Alzheimer's Association 6:30-7:30PM at Alterra Clare Bridge Cottage. Register today call: 1-800-272-3900
Cancer screening w/Kathy Russo of Faxton -St.Luke 7:00PM Kirkland Town library
- 18 Gypsie/Folk/Punk/Pop Rock by Gogol Bordello 8:00PM at Hamilton College
- 19 Direct from Italy Flat picking Guitarist, Beppe Gambetta returns to the KAC 7:00PM
- 24 Song Circle with Artie Traum – Colin Aberdeen & John Hatson 8:00PM at the KAC

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MARCH 2006

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- 1 Fitness w/ Christina Bushmann 7:00PM at the Kirkland Town library
- 3 Song Circle with Sparky & Rhonda Rucker 8:00PM at the KAC
- 4 Pop Singer Kristin Hoffman will perform 8:00PM at Melodic Revolution
- 5 At the Hamilton College Science Auditorium –Darwin’s Nightmare (2004) by Hubert Sauper 2:00PM
- 8 Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board meeting 8:00AM at Lumbard Hall
- 12 Baseball in Central NY - Scott Feisthumel 2:00PM at Clinton Historical Society
- 15 The new food pyramid w/Mary Schumaci 7:00PM at the Kirkland Town library
- 19 Sunday night hockey league playoffs 7:00PM at the Clinton Arena
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- 28 Alzheimer’s 101 by the Alzheimer’s Association 6:30PM at Alterra Clare Bridge Cottage.
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- 31 Figure skating club ice show 7:00PM at the Clinton Arena

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Chamber Trivia:

The United States Chamber of Commerce
A wholly voluntary institution is nearly 222 years old, which is 8 years older than the Declaration of Independence.

What is a Chamber?

A chamber is the business community at work as a voluntary institution with an elected Board of Directors who serve without pay and abiding by Bylaws. Determining policies and the general course of operations of the chamber, numerous Ad Hoc committees gather to study needs and provide recommendations to improve our business community.

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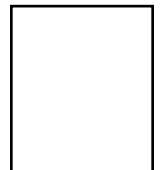
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