

Rushford Historical Society

The Rushford Historical Society is incorporated under the New York State Department of Education, which has granted a provisional charter to the Society.

The Rushford Historical Society was formed in 1958 after the Town of Rushford 150th year anniversary. The Society works closely with the Town Historian to help preserve Rushford history and heritage.

The Rushford Historical Society owns the Museum at 8982 Main Street in Rushford. In addition it owns and maintains the Gothic School House at 9024 Lewellen Street, Rushford. Recently it was given the Blacksmith Shop at the 4 corners in Rushford.

The Rushford Grange donated its building at 8898 Main Street, to The Rushford Historical Society in 2011. Built in circ. 1862 as a Presbyterian Church. Currently the building is being refurbished and plans are to have it used for many community functions

The Society meets on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Rushford Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. A program of local interest, presented by local people, highlights each monthly meeting. Membership dues of \$5.00 per year is encouraged.

The Rushford Historical Society is a Government recognized, 501c3, compliant non-profit organization. Donations always gratefully accepted.

Call or mail for more information:

The Rushford Historical Society

PO Box 133

Rushford, NY 14777

Points of Local Interest

Rushford Lake

Moss Lake

Houghton College

1st drilled oil well in Allegany County

Local Events

Rushford Concert Band

July—August

Labor Day Celebration

Held annually since 1908 over Labor Day Weekend. Events are held at Legion Park, West Branch Road, Rushford.

Giant parade at 10:30 AM on Labor Day

The Rushford Historical Society is a member of the Museum Association of New York and the Upstate History Alliance.

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Rushford Museum

8982 Main Street

Rushford, NY

Hours: 10:00—Noon

6:00 PM —8:00PM

Every Saturday, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Other times by appointment.

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Mission:

Preserving local history for the future generations of Rushford and the surrounding area.

Blacksmith Shop



The Blacksmith shop was built in 1908. It was in continuous operation until 2002.

In 2007, the Society completely renovated the Blacksmith Shop to its original dimension of 1908. The original forge and tools are all intact and operational. The Blacksmith Shop is used by several local blacksmiths and for training new blacksmiths. Throughout the year various schools tour the shop and watch demonstrations. The building is open for major holidays and by requests from groups..

Grange Building



The Rushford Museum



The Museum Building was originally built in the 1860's as a store and living quarters. Prior to becoming the museum in 1950, the building was home to the Town Hall and Fire Department. The Town meeting room and Court room are still intact, with all fixtures.

The museum currently houses many artifacts from the early Rushford era. Additional display rooms include a living room, a kitchen, a band room, an agricultural room, and a carriage room. An 1800's Brougham and Band Wagon are on display and used in local parades.

Living Room in Museum



The Gothic School House



9024 Lewellen Street is the site of the 1st Frame School House in Allegany County. Built in the 1830's, the building has been restored to 1860 condition when it was used as a select school for boys. Located in one wing is the living quarters used by the School Master. The building is open to the public by appointment. The facility is used by home school children as part of their study trips. Arrangements can be made for group tours with guides in period clothing and children in a classroom situation.

Classroom in the Gothic School

