

Membership Information

Membership year: Jan 1–Dec 31

Individual or Household: any person or family group residing in the same household.

Institutional: any related organization, board, school, or library.

Patron: Any person or firm.

Contribution or sustaining: any person or group offering special support.

Tax exempt contributions, memorial gifts and bequests gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

Membership Benefits:

- ◆ Participation in the preservation of this history of the people, lands and communities on and around the Backbone Ridge.
- ◆ Engagement in the direction of the BRHG by attending annual meetings of the Membership as a voting Member.
- ◆ Several public programs each year featuring aspects of Backbone Ridge history.
- ◆ Quarterly newsletters

How do I share my information?

If you would like to share stories, documents, or photos, please contact us.

We're always looking for volunteers to do things such as transcriptions, assist with programs, write articles for our newsletters, and many other things related to our history.

You can contact us through our web site, www.backboneridgehistorygroup.com, or directly through one of our trustees:

Allan Buddle (607) 532-4213, email: orchardland@zoom-dsl.com

Doris Pike, (607) 546-5533, email: DorisBPike@aol.com

See the BRHG Website to get details of specific programs, publications, activities, projects, and other items of interest.

www.backboneridgehistorygroup.com



HISTORY MATTERS!

Please share your stories, photos and information. Help us save your history for generations to come.

Group Mission:

To identify, collect, interpret, and in cooperation with surrounding historical societies, to facilitate access to archives and artifacts related to the history of the lands, communities, and people on and around the Backbone Ridge and to share this history with others.

What is the Backbone Ridge History Group?

The group is a not-for-profit organization that was formed to preserve the history of the land, people, and small hamlets on the Backbone Ridge between Seneca and Cayuga lakes.

What is the Backbone Ridge?

The Backbone Ridge is the name given to the hilltop ridge that runs between Seneca and Cayuga lakes, in the towns of Hector, Covert, and Lodi.

Why focus on this area?

The group is very interested in this area because the Backbone Ridge was once heavily populated with people, farms, and towns. Between 1936 and 1940, the Resettlement Administration purchased more than 100 farms on the Hector Backbone in Seneca and Schuyler counties. Although some believe otherwise, this New Deal program was designed to aid economically stressed families and to conserve natural resources by removing lands with poor soils from

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agricultural production. Most of the homes and barns were razed, some of the land remained as pasture. This area is comprised of these farmlands, and remnants of the past such as old stone walls, cellar holes, stone foundations, wells and cemeteries dot the landscape on both public and private lands.

What does the group plan to do in the next upcoming years?

Continue interviewing residents, collecting stories, documents and photographs, indexing and making the indices available on the website, updating the website, improving the research center, creating and distributing the Backbone newsletter, publishing books, exhibiting historical displays at various venues, cleaning and restoring cemeteries and providing burial lists for them, presenting programs about the history of the people, lands and communities on and around the Backbone Ridge and partnering with surrounding organizations to improve access to the history of the Backbone Ridge through additional forums of information and education.



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Annual Dues: (Please indicate with checkmark)

- New Member
- Renewal
- \$10.00 Individual or Household
- Free Institutional
- \$50.00 Patron
- \$100.00 Contributing & Sustaining

Please mail form and payment to:

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