

# Sands Ring News

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*Friends of Sands Ring  
Homestead Museum is a  
non-profit organization  
organized exclusively for  
educational purposes  
under Section 501 c(3).*

## A New Roof Soon?

By Sally A. Stanley

Over the last year the Board of Trustees has concentrated its fundraising efforts on securing a new roof for the Homestead. The need is critical. Our 50 year old cedar shake roof won't last much longer. Both exterior and interior damage is visible and growing worse. The shingles are cracking and curling. The dormers are leaking. Inside, the plaster is flaking from the moisture.

We are pleased to announce that we have nearly \$12,000 in our New Roof Fund. Due to the generosity of the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation, we have been able to match their challenge grant of \$5,000.

Unfortunately, this is not enough to cover the expense of our new roof. We will continue to work towards raising the needed funds.

Our Annual Fund campaign will begin this month. Please be generous. Every contribution will help us attain our goal.

In addition, all proceeds from our Sands Ring Recipe Books benefit our New Roof Fund. The suggested donation is \$15 for those books obtained locally and \$20 for mailed books.

The Recipe Books are available through our website, by mail, and at our local retail supporters. In Cornwall these include: Candles, Creative Gifts, and More; Jones Farm, and the Cornwall Yarn Shop. Books can also be obtained in Cornwall-on-Hudson at the Hudson Valley Gallery.

Sands Ring Homestead has stood for 250 years through the past efforts and support of the Sands and Ring Families, business and government leaders, and members of the community. It's our turn now. As stewards of this historical treasure, it's our responsibility to keep history alive. So even if it's one shingle at a time, let's put a new roof on the Homestead. What a wonderful 250th birthday present that would be!

To contribute to our New Roof Fund, you can send a check to Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum, P.O. Box 226, Cornwall, NY 12518. Of if you prefer to contribute online, you can visit our website at [www.sandsring.org](http://www.sandsring.org).

**Sands Ring Homestead**

**1760 to 2010**

**250 Years of History**



# Our Members Help Us Grow

## *Thank you for your support!*

### Contributing Members

Jim and Lidwin Goodwine  
 Lynn P. Harrington  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tristan Laurion  
 Bruce and Sally Stanley  
 Erica Stanley  
 The Stanley-Dueck Family  
 Doug and Margaret Vatter  
 Colleen A. Zlock  
 Georgene Zlock

### Institutional Members

Adams Fairacre Farms  
 Len and Judy Rothman  
 Mr. and Mrs Ed Staudle and Daughters

**Not a member?  
 Become a member!  
 Join Friends of Sands  
 Ring Homestead  
 Museum!**

### Family Members

Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun and William Mulherin  
 Phillip and Elsa Cameron  
 Tom and Arlene DeSocio  
 Sally Faith Dorfman and Steve Sirota  
 Kate Erwin  
 Brooke Garfinkel  
 Carol and Wynn Gold  
 Mary Beth Greene-Kraft  
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 Kevin and Terry Trotta  
 Ronald and Eileen Tulloch  
 Hilary and Jean-Paul Vallet  
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 The Wickiser Family

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Cailen Belanger  
 Daniel Cameron  
 Philip Cameron, DC  
 Ken Cashman  
 Marilyn Klein  
 Mary Ann G. Newman  
 Jayne Peterson  
 Francine Pirraglia  
 Nicole Stanley

### Corporate Matching Partners

Becton Dickinson  
 Chevron Corporation  
 Benjamin Moore

### Membership Benefits:

*Receive Sands Ring News*  
*Email notifications of events and programs*  
*Discounts on museum programs*  
*Tax Deduction*  
*The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve and maintain a 1760 colonial home-  
 stead*

Contributing Member	\$100
Institutional Member	\$50
Family Member	\$15
Individual Member	\$10

As a non-profit organization we are eligible for company matching funds. If you wish to participate, please enclose your company form. Thanks!

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you wish to volunteer at the Museum. Your

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send your membership application and check to:

Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum  
 P.O. Box 226, Cornwall, NY 12518-0266

## Volunteers Keep History Alive

Sands Ring Homestead Museum operates with only a small volunteer Board of Trustees. Unlike many other museums, we do not have any paid staff members. We are grateful to our volunteers who assist us with our events and programs.

If you enjoy working with people and wish to help to keep history alive in the Hudson Valley, join Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum and indicate your willingness to volunteer.

*If you're on our current list of volunteers, Thank you! We will be contacting you.*

*If you would like to volunteer, we sincerely appreciate your assistance.*

*Call us at 845-534-4829 or e-mail us at [sandsringfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:sandsringfriends@yahoo.com).*

### Thanks to our 2010 Business Contributors:

Robin Hastey of RLH Websites

Adams Fairacre Farms

Luanne Richards of Candles, Creative Gifts, and More

Gail Parrinello of Cornwall Yarn Shop

David Clearwater of Jones Farm

Paul Gould of Hudson Valley Gallery

Danny Maniscalchi of Leo's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

## Thanks to our Volunteers!

Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum is very grateful for the support and assistance of our volunteers who helped us with our 2010 events, including:

Brooke Garfinkel      Nicole Stanley  
Martha LaVallee      Christine McDonald  
Kate Erwin

Thanks to our Corporate  
Benefactor

**Becton Dickinson**

*Thanks for our 250th Birthday banner and all of the additional assistance during this year and in the past!*

## Join the 194

### Sands Ring Facebook Fans!



Learn interesting facts about Sands Ring history, keep posted on upcoming events, open houses and news. We invite you to share your memories of the Homestead.

# Celebrating 250 Years of History

On Saturday, October 2, the Board of Trustees hosted a birthday party for Sands Ring Homestead Museum. Adults and children gathered together to celebrate this historic occasion.

The party came alive with children's hoop games, family scarecrow making, wool spinning, and herb planting. Noted musician, Rosalinda Perez, entertained the guests with period harpsichord music. Sally Stanley, the museum's Executive Director, shared Sands family stories with the guests as they sat spell-bound in the old meeting room. After a rousing happy birthday song in the colonial herb garden, the crowd was treated to birthday cupcakes and apple cider.

Sands Ring Homestead is one of the oldest Dutch colonials still standing in the Hudson Valley. Built in 1760, prior to the Revolutionary War, this home has stood steadfast through time. It served as the home for members of the Sands and Ring families until 1907. Currently it now serves as a living-history museum.

The celebration also served as a fund raiser for a new roof. The present roof was a gift from Ralph E. Ogden over 50 years ago. It served the Homestead well, but it is time to replace it.

With \$12,000 in the New Roof Fund, Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum is still in need of contributions. The projected cost for a new roof and dormer repair is \$50,000. Bruce Stanley, President of the Board of Trustees, is confident that with community support the funds will be raised.

To contribute to the New Roof Fund, send donations to:

Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum

P.O. Box 226,

Cornwall, NY 12518

or contribute online at [www.sandsring.org](http://www.sandsring.org).

All donations are tax-deductible.

## Recipe Books Make Great Holiday Gifts

Sands Ring Recipe Books are available for holiday gift giving. Created to commemorate the 250th Birthday of the Homestead, the books contain recipes from the Sands Ring Homestead collection, pictures and historical information, along with fascinating facts about herbs.

For each book, we are requesting a \$15 donation. These can be obtained locally at: Cornwall Yarn Shop; Candles, Creative Gifts & More; Jones Farm; and the Hudson Valley Gallery.

For those who live out of town and wish to obtain a recipe book, we ask for a \$20 donation to help defray shipping and handling expenses. Donations can be made on our website via Paypal or email us for more information regarding payment and shipping. More information can also be obtained by calling 845-534-4829.

All proceeds from the sale of the Sands Ring Recipe Book benefit our New Roof Fund.

## Docent-led Homestead Tours

On Saturday, July 31, costumed guides led tours of the Homestead, discussing its historical features and furnishings while sharing stories about the inhabitants. Tours lasted approximately 40 minutes.

Traditionally, Sands Ring Homestead offers Open Houses throughout the year. This year, in honor of our 250th birthday, the Board of Trustees offered another option to our visitors.

The docent-led tours gave visitors the opportunity to learn more about the Homestead and the Sands and Ring families in a more intimate setting. Sally Stanley, past-president of Friends, said "Open Houses are fine, but often our visitors want to learn more. The Open House crowds prohibit an individualized tour."

If you did not have the opportunity to participate in the docent-led tour in 2010, check out our calendar of events in the spring for the next opportunity to learn more about this Hudson Valley treasure.

## Colonial Learning and Activity Programs

Sands Ring Homestead Museum continues to offer Colonial Learning and Activity Programs to area school districts and community groups. We offer a 2-hour combination House Tour and Workshop Program. The tour provides students with an historical perspective and the workshops provide students with a hands-on colonial experience. Choices of workshops include: spinning and weaving, open hearth cooking, and quill pens and cornhusk dolls. The cost is \$15 per student.

A more comprehensive one or two day program consisting of four hours each day is also available. It can be custom designed to meet your curriculum needs.

To learn more, visit our website at [www.sandsring.org](http://www.sandsring.org) or call us at 845-534-4829. Our season runs from April 1 to November 1.

*A note from Sally A. Stanley,  
Executive Director:*

This school year, Cornwall Central School District did not choose to send their students to our colonial program. Despite protests from parents, teachers, and past student participants; they decided to direct their resources elsewhere.

As an educator, I'm disappointed the School Board made this decision. As a lover of history, I'm sorry that Cornwall students won't have this opportunity to experience hands-on history and colonial life.

We continue to offer our programs to area children and community groups. We have not closed our doors. Cornwall's choice provides other schools with greater opportunities.

**Many Thanks to the  
Ralph E. Ogden  
Foundation for the  
\$5,000 Challenge  
Grant for our New  
Roof Fund**

**We have met the  
challenge!**

**Help Celebrate our 250th  
Birthday**

- Buy a Recipe Book
- Contribute to the New Roof Fund
- Become a member of Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum
- Become a Facebook Fan

## A Word from Our New President

As we closed the fiscal year in September, the Board of Trustees worked hard successfully planning our October 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. It was also a time to reflect on the progress of our non-profit organization and the expansion of our museum programs over the past year. Hard working volunteers, board trustees, along with community members of all ages joined together to create many exciting community events. These events fueled regional interest and increased knowledge of our collective historical past. I am convinced Catherine Sands smiles on us all. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees which worked tirelessly to make a difference. We are here to share not only our colonial history, but to actively make new history as we propel our museum and programs into the 21st century. Thanks to Sally, Colleen, Lidwin, Elsa, Doris, and Marge for your continued effort and support. With 2010 as a sound baseline, 2011 is poised to be a banner year for Sands Ring. I want to thank all of our members for your active participation in 2010. As the new president of Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum, I look forward to 2011 as a transition year with new programs, new members, new ideas, and new success. Thanks to all!

Bruce

## FRIENDS OF SANDS RING HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

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**Museum Executive Director: Sally A. Stanley**

*Sands Ring Homestead is one of the oldest Dutch colonial houses still standing in the Hudson Valley. The Homestead is open to the community during our seasonal Open Houses and during other events held throughout the year. Since the early 1970's students have participated in the living history programs at Sands Ring Homestead Museum.*

### Board of Trustees

**President:** Bruce J. Stanley

**Vice-President:** Colleen A. Zlock

**Secretary:** Doris Wickiser

**Treasurer:** Elsa Cameron

**Trustees:**

Marjorie Krupa Christine McDonald

Sally A. Stanley Lidwin Goodwine

*Our Mission:*

*To foster an understanding of the colonial period by sharing stories of the Sands and Ring Families showing how one family lived and prospered in the Hudson Valley.*

*To provide hands-on-workshops in an historical 1760 homestead using original artifacts and reproductions to illustrate life in colonial America.*

### Our Wish List

The Homestead has stood strong over the years. But at the age of 250 years, its needs are many. Our wishes include:

- New Roof
- Window Repair
- New chimney liner and hearth repair in the Meeting Room
- Reinforcement of the brick back wall of the Old Kitchen fireplace
- Modern downstairs bathroom that is handicapped accessible
- Glass display cabinets for the upstairs exhibit room
- New counter and sink for the upstairs mini-kitchen
- Additional volunteers to help us with our 2011 events

### Upcoming Sands Ring Homestead Events

Our season runs from April 1 to November 1 due to the limited heat in the Homestead. Though the building may look dark, the Board of Trustees is busy during the winter season planning for the upcoming season.

View our Calendar of Events on our website at [www.sandsring.org](http://www.sandsring.org)

We look forward to seeing you in the Spring of 2011!

#### Special Thanks to:

**Kevin Quigley, Town of Cornwall Supervisor,  
Albert Conley, and the entire Building and Grounds  
Department for their support and assistance.**

**We appreciate your efforts  
helping us to maintain this 1760 Homestead.**