



# August 2012



**Labor Day Breakfast  
Sept. 2nd**



**Sweatshirt/TShirt  
Sale**

T-shirts & sweatshirts are still being sold. Get them while they last! Due to popular demand, all the shirts have the diagram of Sacandaga Lake on the back. There are still some green shirts available as well as royal blue shirts.

Sweatshirts are \$30-\$35, Tshirts-\$10. Help support the FHCC. Thank you!

<http://sites.google.com/site/fishhousehistory/>

## **Fish House Flags**

Fish House now has three new flags. Each royal blue banner/flag can be seen as you enter our hamlet of Fish House. The flags were designed by Jennifer Flezar.

The Northampton Historical Society donated the money for the flags.

Next time you are driving into Fish House, check it out!



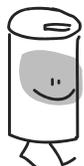
## **Historical House & Garden Tour 2012**

Fish House held its second Historical Tour on July 21st. Once again the weather was perfect. The Center had a PowerPoint slide presentation as well as many local artifacts. The United Methodist Church, also on the tour, celebrated the day with many arts & crafts vendors, along with book sales and food. There were 8 houses that people could walk through and 3 premier gardens for all to enjoy. Four houses on Ryder Road were part of a Walk By Tour as they had been moved up from the village center in the late 1920's in preparation for the lake.

People came from nearby as well as from great distances. We were fortunate to have so many in attendance as there were quite a few activities around the lake that day.

Our thanks goes out to all the people who worked hard to make the day so successful. Thank you, too, to the people who opened up their homes and gardens so that other people could learn and enjoy.

The FHCC July breakfast was held that Sunday, the day after the tour. Many of the same volunteers were also working at the breakfast to make it a successful one.



## **Bottle & Can Drive**

The bottle & can drive will continue through Labor Day weekend. If you have any cans to donate, please leave them behind the Community Center.

All the money that is raised will go toward the maintenance of the Center. Thank you for all that you donate!

## **July Food Drive**

Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Broadalbin Food Pantry. All donations were greatly appreciated.



## Fish House circa 1900

In the 1850's, Fish House was a popular Adirondack destination. It was the summer home for several wealthy families, such as the Sinclairs. Fish House's covered bridge made Fish House the popular gateway into the wilderness of the Adirondacks.

In the 1860's, the town paid \$500 to have a railroad line built, but the railroad company went bankrupt, ending those plans.

Finally, in 1895, the FJ & G Railroad came to Broadalbin. Improved transportation options (including the plank road from Broadalbin to Fish House), encouraged people to build several more summer houses.

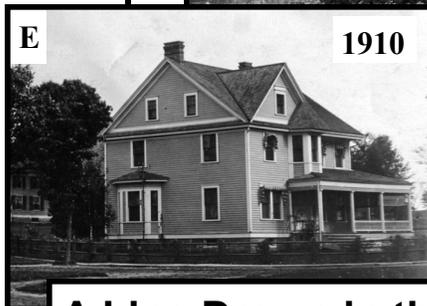
**1900** - A large home (**A**) was built, by the Brown's, on the original corner of Fayville. The house was moved to its present location, on the corner of CR 7 & Fayville Rd. For a while, during the 1930's, it was a popular hotel. It is now a private residence, owned by Jim & Terry Migli.

**1900** - The Hascy House (**B**) was built by Davis H. Anderson, for a wealthy Long Island family. This house was on the Dyke Road, near the covered bridge so it had to be moved. In 1929 it was relocated to higher land, but was later torn down. The Lewandowskis of Sunset Rd now own that property.

**1904** - A small Victorian bungalow (**C**) was built on CR 110 almost across from the Community Center. It was part of a farm and remains very true to its original design. The Neri's now own this house.

**1909** - A small Victorian bungalow (**D**) was built on land once owned by the Stark family. Davis Anderson, the builder, was a popular contractor in this area at that time. The house had to be moved as it was too close to the new path of CR 110. It is owned by Minna Broman.

**1910** - The Sumner House (**E**) was built on the original site of the Osborn Hotel, where CR 109 used to cross Old Fish House Rd. In 1929, it was moved up to higher ground, near Ryder Road. The house is now owned by the Rendo family.



## Fish House Power Point

During the Historical Tour, a slide presentation on the transitions of Fish House was given at the Center. If you would like to see it, you can access the slides by going to the following website: [www.northamptonnyhistory.com](http://www.northamptonnyhistory.com)



## A Line Drawn in the Sand

In 1927, HRBRRD staked out the land in the Sacandaga Valley. The stakes were set at the elevation of 770 feet. The people of the valley were told that if their house was below the 770' elevation, they needed to move their house by mid 1929 or the state would burn it down. The state bought the land on which each house sat.

Look at the 3D model displayed in the Center. It shows how Fish House was affected by this ...

"line drawn in the sand".