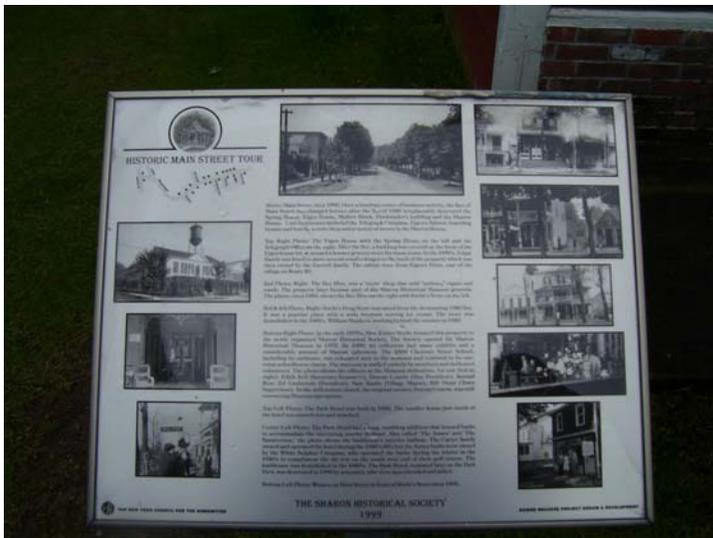


TOWN OF SHARON



In 1797, Schoharie County was subdivided into six towns: Blenheim, Bristol (Broome), Cobleskill, Middleburgh (originally called Middletown), Schoharie and New Dorlach, which was renamed Sharon at that time. These six towns are frequently referred to as “The Original Towns.”



A historic walking tour begins at the corner of Routes 10 and 20 in Sharon Springs and continues along Main Street through the Lower Village. Twenty plaques describe the historic buildings along the route as well as previous structures which were once at the sites.



The scenery in the Engleville area of the Town of Sharon is breathtaking.



The rainbow and pretty landscape are in the Staleyville area north of the Village of Sharon Springs.



Looking west from Route 10, one of the most beautiful ever-changing views is seen near the Mereness Farm.



Engleville Pond, located on Mill Pond Road, is a reservoir and the source of the water supply for the Village of Sharon Springs.



Bowmaker's Pond on Route 10 is a popular place to fish and have a picnic.



One of the most prominent men, not only in the Town of Sharon, but throughout Schoharie County, was William Beekman. Judge Beekman was the first judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Schoharie County from June 1795 to April 1833. He built his Federal-style home in Sharon 1802-1804, on the Loonenbergh Turnpike (today Route 10). This photograph shows the mansion in 2001 after a great deal of restoration work had been completed. *Photograph by Breanne Larkin*



This view from Clausen Farms is looking north toward the Mohawk Valley with the Adirondack Mountains in the background. *Photograph by Leila Durkin, Village Hall Gallery*



In the spring or after a heavy rain, the water rushes down the hillside in the Dugway on Route 10. *Photograph by Breanne Larkin.*



Geology buffs have been attracted for years to the rocks along Route 20 just east of the Village and also in the Leesville vicinity, about two miles east of Sharon Springs. Students from area colleges come armed to study the formations and record their findings. The area is easily accessible right next to the highway.



Sunnycrest Orchards and the Sunnycrest Café & Ice Cream are located north of the Village of Sharon Springs on Route 10. Every year on Father's Day weekend, Sunnycrest hosts an old-time tractor show with all the old-time farm technology on display for the weekend. A "tractor pull" with flea market and craft show rounds out the weekend.



The American Hotel has the distinction of being listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as being included in the Historic District. *Photograph by Leila Durkin, Village Hall Gallery*



Across from the American Hotel on Main Street in the lower Village are Black Cat Café, The Finishing Touch boutique, and McGillacuddy's Natural Soap Products. *Photograph by Leila Durkin, Village Hall Gallery*



Cobbler & Co. is a small gift shop in the heart of the Historic District in the lower Village. It was once a shoemaker's shop and still has the original working equipment.
Photograph by Leila Durkin, Village Hall Gallery



The Sharon Springs Free Library renovated the “old bowling alley” building for a new Library and Municipal Office complex, completed in 2009. The Library is housed at the left side of the building. The Town and Village offices are located at the right.



Leila and Phillip Durkin bought the “old” Village Hall and Library building at 187 Main Street, Sharon Springs, and completed renovations to this unique historic building in 2009. The Village Hall Gallery features contemporary fine art paintings, pottery, photographs, collage, jewelry and much, much more.



The Sharon Historical Society maintains a small museum on Main St. (Route 10 North) in the heart of the spa district. A major portion of its collection consists of artifacts and ephemera relating to the mineral waters, baths, and accommodations for summer guests, from the 1860s through the 1930s. The Sharon Historical Museum Complex consists of the Museum building and storage barn, donated in 1972 by Esther Sticht, and a one-room schoolhouse and outhouse, moved to the site in 1989. The Museum buildings are open to the public every day during July and August from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. *Photograph by Leila Durkin, Village Hall Gallery*