Year without a Summer

Welp, Summers warmth is finally bearing down on us upon like an angry dragon. Remember back in May and early June, we thought it would never come? Well, it did but in 1816 that wasn’t the case. On April 10th, 1815 Mt. Tambora erupted in what is now Indonesia, the largest eruption in 10,000 years caused a major geological event that lasted 3 years! It produced an aerial dust cloud consisting of up to 100 cubic kilometers of debris. This great sun-obscuring plume then circled the earth at the equator in a matter of weeks before drifting pole-ward, playing havoc with the world’s major weather systems. This event caused frozen crops, drought and flash floods.

Hundreds of thousands perished from hunger and diseases like cholera and typhus, from China to Ireland, Switzerland to India, Russia and west to America.

In New England, 1816 was nicknamed “Eighteen-Hundred-and-Froze-to-Death,” while Germans called 1817 “The Year of the Beggar.” Another fun fact that during a holiday retreat at a lakeside villa near Geneva, by the warmth of the hearth, Mary Shelly wrote her famous novel, “Frankenstien”.

So, while we thought that summer would never arrive, remember in 1816 it never did.
Greetings and Welcome!

First off I would like to personally welcome our newest members! It is with your support that we are able to continue our mission. Thank You!

I would also like to welcome our newest board members, David Alamo, Steven Groff and Brian T. Rose as we bid farewell to Helena Garan and Nelli Van Berge. Thanks for Sharing your time with us!

With that being said, WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS for events and performances. We are looking for financial support as well as baked goods. If you are crafty in the kitchen and would love to donate some delicious treats or sponsor a program please contact us at: info@phelpsmansion.org. In the subject please put “Event Sponsor”.

Repairs and restoration...

Repairs and painting of the gables on the dormers of the ballroom roof have been completed by Peranich & Shelp Construction as well as the gutters being cleaned by Steve’s Gutter and Downspout Cleaning. They did a great job! We have more projects in store for the summer but we could use your help. Please consider making a donation to help cover some of these costs. Some of the projects lined up are to repair cracks in the 2nd floor ceiling plaster, cutting back the tree behind the ballroom, paving the parking lot and filing cracks in the concrete of the front steps to name a few. So your donation will get put to good use. When making a donation please put ‘Capital Improvement’ in the memo section. Thank you all for your continued support!
One of our most important parts of our mission is the ongoing preservation of our 1870 mansion and 1905 ballroom. This month we had the dormers on the ballroom scraped and repainted and any rotted wood replaced or repaired. We also had the gutters along the ballroom cleaned to ensure they work as they should.

Our many thanks to:

Peranich and Shelp Construction Inc. for their work on the dormers and also to Steve's Painting for cleaning out the gutters.

We have attached some photos of the ongoing work and will share more when the work is completed.

If you would like to support our mission please consider becoming a member or making a donation to the museum at www.phelpsmansion.org

Thank you for your support.

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**Mondays at the Museum are Back!**

September 10th - Brian Frey The story of Exterminator
October 8th - Judy McMahon & Heidi Weeks Halloween comedy reading
November 12th - John Darrow will portray Willis Sharp Kilmer.
December 10th - Holiday Musical Program by the Harmony Club.

Lunch is $20.00 and starts at 12pm.
Reservations are necessary by calling the museum at 607-722-4873 by 4pm on the Friday before. If you wish to attend just the program, it's only $5.00 - All programs start at 1pm.
Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars:

* **July 21** - Walking Tour of Downtown Binghamton 10am - 12pm
* **July 21st** - Saturday Morning Kids Art Workshop 10am - 12 pm
* **July 28th** - Saturday Morning Kids Art Workshop 10am - 12 pm

* **August 3rd** - First Friday 6-9pm- Kids art exhibit
* **August 16th** - History Happy Hour - Bob Connelly 6pm - 8:30pm
* **August 18th** - Walking Tour of Downtown Binghamton 10am - 12pm
* **August 30th** - Hudson Valley Mansion Bus Tour 6am - 10pm

* **September 7th** - First Friday- Mansion Viewing 1st and 2nd Floors FREE
* **September 10th** - Mondays at the Museum- Brian Fry: Exterminator Program
* **September 15th** - Walking Tour of Downtown Binghamton 10am - 12pm
* **September 23rd** - Chamber Concert Series: Uli Speth 3pm

For more events, information and tickets please visit phelpsmansion.org/events

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Mondays at the Museum Lunches Provided by Joe Cline
at Clines Catering Service - www.clinescatering.com
This Summer and Last

Unhappy summer you,
Who do not see
What your yester-summer saw!
Never, never will you be
Its match to me,
Never, never draw
Smiles your forerunner drew,
Know what it knew!

Divine things done and said
Illumined it,
Whose rays crept into corn-brown curls,
Whose breeze heard a humorous wit
Of fancy flit.
Still the alert brook purls,
Though feet that there would tread
Elsewhere have sped.

So, bran-new summer, you
Will never see
All that yester-summer saw!
Never, never will you be
In memory
Its rival, never draw
Smiles your forerunner drew,
Know what it knew!

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**FUN FACTS**

*On Jul 14 1870, The United States Congress grants Mary Todd Lincoln a life pension in the amount of $3,000 a year.*

*Feb 2 1874, Baseball's National League forms with teams in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Hartford, Louisville, New York, Philadelphia, St Louis.*

*Feb 14 1874m Alexander G. Bell & Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents Supreme Court eventually rules Bell rightful inventor*

*Jul 17 1918, The Romanov royal family and several of their retainers are executed by a Bolshevik firing squad in the basement of Ipatiev House, in Yekaterinburg, Siberia.*
Upcoming Events

Binghamton Walking Tour

Saturday, July 21 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, August 18 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, September 15 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, October 20 at 10 a.m.

$10 per person
Children 12 and under free
phelpsmansion.org/events
191 Court Street Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

Hudson Valley Mansion Bus Tour

Join us as we tour 3 Beautiful Mansions along the Hudson - Sunnyside, Lyndhurst & Kykuit
August 30th
Bus Leaves at 6am and returns 10pm
$150.00 per person for reservations and info visit phelpsmansion.org

U.H. Patterson Stereoview Photography S. D Phelps Residence circa 1870
We are looking to add to our volunteer roster. If you have some free time and would like to help us please fill out an application at www.phelpsmansion.org (click under the support us tab) and or drop into the museum to fill one out in person.

We are seeking: Greeters, Docents, Special Events help (as needed)

Docents and Greeter shifts are 11am to 2pm or 2pm to 5pm Friday, Saturday's and Sunday's.

Scheduling is flexible and training is provided.

For more information call 607-722-4873 or email us at info@phelpsmansion.org.

August 16th Bob Connelly: Time zones and Railroad watches

6 – 8:30 pm

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When was the last time you took a tour?
Stop down Friday, Saturday and Sunday
11am to 5pm
Tours leave every 30 minutes
Last tour at 4:30pm
Are you a member?
Bring a friend and use your free passes!
We’d love to see ya!
By becoming a monthly sustaining member of the Phelps Mansion Museum, you are helping to preserve and restore the history of the late 19th century. The museum’s mission is to preserve the mansion and its period contents and provide exhibitions, programming and education. To support our mission, we are faced with increasing monthly bills for utilities, insurance, repairs, staff salary and other necessities. Our only income is from tours, programs and memberships. You can help us keep things running smoothly by becoming a sustaining member.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and established under the NYS Board of Regents as a museum in 2005, the Phelps Mansion Museum is a dedicated historic house museum for the Gilded and Progressive Eras in Central New York.

Our museum provides a unique and exciting opportunity to experience what life was like in Binghamton, NY one hundred and forty-five years ago. With your contribution and support we can continue our programs and together, we can preserve and share our community’s history.

To become a sustaining member please visit: https://phelpsmansion.org/sustaining-membership

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We’re pleased to announce that Phelps Mansion Museum has been recognized with a 2018 Certificate of Excellence, based on the consistently great reviews we’ve earned on TripAdvisor.

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Return Service Requested!

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Enjoy one of Binghamton’s finest homes!
Journey back to the Gilded Era.

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www.phelpsmansion.org