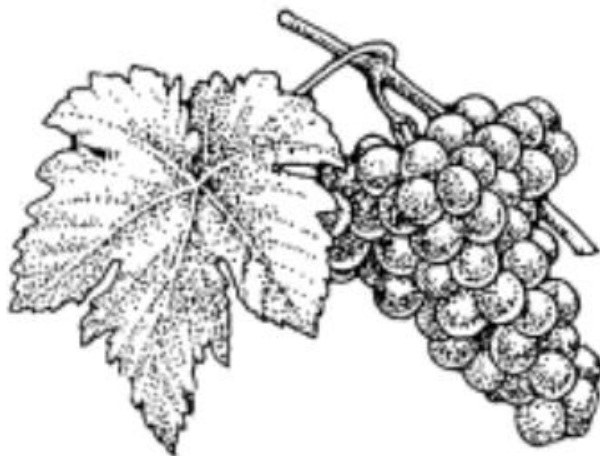


**The Barker Historical Museum
Presents**

THE LOST LEGACY OF THE LAKE ERIE GRAPE BELT

By John Thomas Slater

**April 4th 2009 at 1:30 in the Barker Library's
Steele Meeting Room**



**Followed by a panel discussion on
the preservation of this
county's agricultural heritage**

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Lake Erie Grape Belt History Program
Hosted by the Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum • Fredonia, New York
Saturday April 4, 2009

Join us for an afternoon devoted to the history and legacy of the Lake Erie Grape Belt. The rich heritage of the oldest and largest Concord grape-growing region in the world will be the subject of a two-part program to be held at the Darwin R. Barker Museum's Steele Room on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 1:30 PM. This program is open to anyone interested in local history and the preservation of material, data, and images associated with the Lake Erie Grape Belt. Admission is free.

1:00 PM Doors open

1:30 PM *The Lost Legacy of the Lake Erie Grape Belt*
A PowerPoint program presented by John Thomas Slater
This fascinating presentation will focus on images from the late 19th and early 20th centuries that represent a lasting legacy of the Chautauqua-Erie region that must be preserved for future generations.

This program was made possible through the cooperation of the Chautauqua County Historical Society's McClurg Museum, The Patterson Library, The Portland Historical Museum, the Dunkirk Historical Museum, The Hanover History Center, The D.K. Barker Historical Museum, The North East Historical Society, The Harborcreek Historical Society, and Cornell University's Lee Library.

2:15 PM Question & Answer Period

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Panel Discussion - *Preserving the Legacy*

Scheduled Participants:

Vincent Martonis - Town of Hanover Historian - Silver Creek, NY
The importance of identifying and preserving personal and family collections of Grape Belt and grape industry material.

Marybelle Beigh - Westfield Village & Town Historian & columnist for the *Westfield Republican* - Westfield, NY
Promoting grape belt history in the local media.

James Boltz - Preservation Advocate - Fredonia, NY
Preservation issues surrounding small, local museums.

Andrew Dufresne - Executive Director, Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association - Mayville, NY
The Grape Heritage Center as a focal point for the preservation of the Grape Belt's legacy.

Nancy Brown - Curator, Darwin Barker Museum - Fredonia, NY
Expanding cooperation and communication between historical groups and organizations in northern Chautauqua County.

John Slater - Director Emeritus, Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society - Niagara Falls, NY
Building a preservation network in the Lake Erie Grape Belt Region.

3:30 PM Open Discussion/Audience Participation

3:50 PM Wrap-up

4:00 PM Adjourn

The Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum is located at the intersection of Main (Rt. 20) and Day Streets in downtown Fredonia, just east of the park. You are invited to come early and enjoy the museum's exhibits prior to the program.