

2025 Nunda Historical Society Programs & Activities

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All programs are held at the Nunda Historical Society building, located at 24 Portage Street, Nunda, unless otherwise noted in the description. Please refer to the schedule below for specific times and locations. Unless indicated, all events are **free and open to the public**. The NHS building is wheelchair accessible. **This schedule is subject to change. For the latest updates, visit our website at www.nundahistory.com or follow us on Facebook.**

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- **Wednesday, March 12, 7 PM; Pleasurable Pastimes by Jane Oakes.** Parlor games, bees, and socials were how communities used to get together to work and to play. Have you ever heard of the game Dumb Crambo? What's a Bonnet Party? Have you been to a Poverty Social? No? It's time to find out about these past amusements!
 - **Sunday, April 6, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. (Please note we will be closed April 20 for Easter.)
 - **Sunday, April 27, 2025, 2:30 PM; Trinity Church, Nunda.** Join us for **Music Masterpieces in Miniature**, an engaging "Musica Curiosa" program presented by the renowned Dennis James. This unique event explores the fascinating history of miniature and toy instruments, blending performance and storytelling. Discover how these small but mighty instruments, from 18th-century training tools for young girls to mass-produced toy pianos, reflect social and musical trends over the centuries. James will showcase rare instruments from his collection, including a 19th-century Scottish Dulcetone, an 18th-century Italian Salterio, and the whimsical Marxophone, while highlighting their surprising roles in music history. Perfect for all ages, this entertaining lecture-demonstration promises an unforgettable afternoon of history, humor, and music! (*This project is made possible with funds from the Aid to Localities Program through the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.*)
 - **Sundays, May 4 & 18 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open! Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
 - **Wednesday, May 14, 7 PM – "Are You Smarter Than a 7th Grader?" Trivia Night with Ben Franklin.** Test your civics knowledge in this fun, fast-paced trivia challenge—hosted by none other than Ben Franklin himself! Presented by American History Live, this interactive program blends history, humor, and friendly competition. Will you impress Ben with your wisdom, or will he have a lesson or two for you? Join us for a lively evening of learning and laughs!
 - **Visit our booth on Friday and Saturday of this year's Nunda Fun Days!**
 - **Sundays, June 1 & 22, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs! This month we are open the fourth Sunday because of Alumni Weekend! Please join us!
 - **Nunda Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held in June - watch for details.**
 - **Wednesday, June 11. NHS Annual History Tour and Picnic!** From 4:30- 5:45 PM join us for a members only history tour of one of an area historic houses or buildings. (Watch for details of the tour ; 6:00 - 7 PM. - Annual picnic at the NHS Pavilion (Watch for details); **7 PM - 8 PM Musician and storyteller Don Dwyer returns to the NHS with a new program "The Music of the Erie Canal" Public is invited to the 7 PM Concert!**

- **Sunday, July 6, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
- **Saturday, July 12, NUNDA AMERICANA DAY!** This year, in addition to our popular history walks and special activities we will be highlighting old fashioned crafts, hobbies, games and activities of our friends and members! Watch for details!!!
- **Sunday, July 20, 3 PM; *Stories They Brought With Them*,** a special program featuring traditional stories from the cultures of the earliest Livingston County immigrants, adapted and told by professional storyteller **Cris Riedel**. This free program one hour program is suitable for adults and older children. This program is made possible by a grant from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts Aid to Localities program. **The Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery will also be open from 2 to 4 PM.**
- **Sundays, August 3 & 17, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
- **August 16, 9 AM - 2 PM; *NHS Annual Yard & Bake Sale*** This is one of our most important fundraisers. Stop by to look for that special treasure to take home along with some delicious baked goods. Thanks to all who make donations and those who come to shop
- **Sundays, September 7 & 21, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
- **Wednesday, September 10, 7 PM; *Music from the Nunda Song Kitchen presented by Don Burger and Friends.*** Don Burger, host of the Song Kitchen Show on WRAQ 92.7 FM has been holding a Community Song Kitchen activity at the NHS over the past year. The program includes will include songs written and performed by area residents, including several that celebrate the Nunda area!
- **Sundays, October 5 & 19, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
- **October (Date & Time TBD) *Oakwood Cemetery Ancestor Walk.*** Visit Nunda's historic Oakwood Cemetery and meet many of the men and women who have been part of our area's long and fascinating history! (The NHS is looking for individuals or families who would be interested in portraying some of these individuals who are buried at Oakwood. Watch for details!)
- **Sundays, November 2 & 16, 2-4 PM;** Nunda Museum and Rose Shave Gallery Open. Check our Facebook Page and nundahistory.org for any special activities or programs!
- **Wednesday, November 12, 7 PM; *"When Johnny Came Marching Home, the Role of Civil War Veterans in Nunda, Portage by Tom Cook* .** In honor of Veterans Day Tom will explore the impact returning veterans had on their communities in the years following the Civil War.
- **Saturday, December 13, 10AM - 5PM;** Be sure to stop by the Nunda Historical Society during this year's **Christmas in Nunda Celebration!** Enjoy our traditional Christmas decorations, our special holiday displays and shop for local history gifts. **Don't forget our Cookie Sale!!!** Watch for details!
- **Wednesday, December 10th, 7 PM; *Christmas Customs: Origins and Oddities by Jane Oakes.*** (Jane returns once more to the NHS to close out our program year with a special program for Christmas!) Why do we bring trees and greenery into our homes? Which holiday customs were rejected by early church elders? Which nationality gave us Christmas Cookies? Does Old Saint Nick have a malevolent companion? What does the Winter Solstice have to do with our celebrations?