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BASEBALL and CLIFFORD B. SPRAGUE

by Rita Ferraro

1923, New York's Columbia University Varsity Athletics Baseball Program was in full swing (pardon the pun.) At that time one member of the university baseball team university was 20 year old Clifford B. Sprague, whose position on the team was centerfield. Clifford was born in Glens Falls and later moved to Warrensburgh where he worked in carpentry as a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He married his wife, Pearl, and settled down with a growing family. During his high school years, Clifford was an avid, competitive sportsman playing basketball, baseball, running track and bowling in various leagues in the area.

In spite of the fact that Columbia could point to no imposing string of baseball victories in 1923, it can justly lay claim to the possession of perhaps the brightest

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WARRENSBURGH WATER WORKS COMPANY

By Mark Brown

I was going through some old papers at my Mom and Dad's house and came across water bills my Grandfather Ralph Brown paid from 1907 – 1910.

The Warrensburgh Water Works Company was established in 1884 by Samuel Bates, James A. Emerson and Louis W. Emerson. Water to the town was piped 2 miles down Alden Ave. from a reservoir created on Big Brook (John McClaren Brook). In 1910 my grandfather paid \$9.00.

What were the prices for Water use for one year in 1910?

- \$8.00 -One family, domestic use (Double house- no exception)
- \$2.00 -Bath Tub
- \$2.00 -Water Closet
- \$3.00-Sprinkling
- \$35.00- Livery Stable
- \$30 and \$35-Hotel
- \$25.00-Bottling House
- \$6.00- Barber Shop
- \$6.00-Drug Store
- \$2.00- Dentist
- Pleasure team- \$2.00 for first horse and \$1.00 for each additional horse,
- Work horse- \$1.00 for first horse and \$.50 for each additional horse
- Cows- \$1.00 each

All water rents are due Sept 1st and are payable at the Emerson National Bank. Don't forget that no person shall sprinkle between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm without a special permit from the company.

Vagabonds in Warrensburgh

by Paul Gilchrist

The following excerpt is from the first WHS Quarterly of November 1996 (Volume 1, #1).

It's a Warrensburgh News article from many years before, but there was no date indicated in the article. This immediately triggered a research effort to learn when this happened and find out more about such adventures by these famous men. The Internet provided a lot more information. A documentary has also been shown on television with old film clips.

Thomas A. Edison on Vacation
Passes through Warrensburgh With a
Party of Distinguished Friends.

Thomas A. Edison. Henry Ford and H.S. Firestone, of Acton O., head of the automobile tire concern that bears his name left Orange, N.J., Monday morning of last week to camp in the Adirondacks. They passed through Warrensburgh Friday, going north. John Burroughs, the naturalist, joined them below here. Camp equipment, cooks and other attendants followed in automobiles. The four expect to camp two weeks.

The four men will camp with the object of getting back to nature and escaping cares of business. Following out the seclusion idea, the less frequented roads will be the first vacation Mr. Edison has taken without his family. It will be his first summer vacation in two years. In 1914, with Mrs. Edison, he took a motor trip through New England. *Continued on page 7 (Vagabonds)*

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This issue marks the 20th anniversary of the WHS Quarterly. Volume 1 Issue #1 was published in November 1996. You can access all the old issues now by going to our website, whs12885.org - click on "WHS Home" and then "Quarterlies" and scroll down in the archives.

Appropriately, some articles in this issue make reference to articles in previous issues. The article on the Vagabonds herein is based on a short piece in that very first issue. The article about Minerva King was instigated by the Warren County Historical Society's focus this year on the centennial of Women's Suffrage, approved in New York State in 1917, and the request for information from each town's historical society about women who contributed to the women's movement.

Our Graveyard Walks featured World War II veterans John Taylor, Emily Martin, Vera Brown, Eldon and Ray Haskell, played by Adam Allen, Mikelean Allen, and Justin Parker. Dinner with the Dead was held at the Merrill Magee House. We plan to focus on World War I next year, as 2017 marks the centennial of the entry of the United States into that war.

We continue to improve our website and our Facebook page, including a potential boost in our SEO (search engine optimization) as a result of a contract with a professional firm from Glens Falls.

A good time was had by all who attended our Holiday Dinner on December 6 at Lizzy Keys Restaurant.

Donne Lynn and Paul met with Stephanie Gibson at the Elementary School to plan our 4th grade Enrichment Program. This will start on January 12 and continue into May. There will be three components: glacial landforms in Warrensburg, museums and artifacts, and local historical architecture. Sessions will be held in the conference room on Thursday afternoons. Steve Parisi and Mark Brown will handle the museums and artifacts component. Dean Moore from the Soil and water Conservation Service will do a session on stream erosion dynamics, as he has done

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Historian's Corner

By Sandi Parisi

I recently ran across a brochure in my office and wondered where the property was. Pine Park Lodge in the Adirondacks, Warrensburgh, NY, run by Mrs. Lillian I. Duell. The brochure describes an idyllic place for rest and recreation. A place for one depreciated in health or underweight and who is seriously in earnest about feeling better and gaining weight. The location is described as unsurpassed and overlooking the beautiful Schroon River Valley. A farm is connected to the property, furnishing an abundance of vegetables and berries. Excellent cuisine, the best of Western beef, broilers, fowls, shell fish and fresh fish, fresh eggs and milk.

The brochure continues to describe Warrensburgh as a thriving, ideal village and up to date in every respect. Village streets are lighted, the walks are cement, roads are excellent. Many healthful outdoor amusements, churches of all denominations, moving picture show, garages, billiard rooms, bank, free library, fair ground, race track and skating rink. The last item in the brochure states "The tuberculous not taken."

One of my best resources is Jean Hadden's column, and sure enough I found one in my files titled "One of my favorites." She wrote that Lenore Smith recently (as of the article) purchased the Potter house on Burdick Ave. Jean wrote of an article in a 1918 issue of the

Warrensburgh News saying that the house was built in 1904 in the down east style with house and barn under one roof by Rev. Silas C. Fox. Rev. Fox and his wife ran it as Fairview Cottage. During the years of 1912 and 1913, I found several articles of his presiding over weddings at the Cottage. One of the weddings was the marriage of Cora Warner, daughter of Charles Henry Warner and Jennie A. Harrington, to Robert E. Goodfellow in 1912.

After Rev. Fox's wife died, he rented Fairview in 1916 and moved to Glens Falls with his daughter. In the March 3, 1916 issue of the Warrensburgh News, a small article stated that Lillian I. Duell has leased Fairview Cottage. After much research, it didn't appear that she ran it for very long. The property was sold at a mortgage sale on January 12, 1918. It was purchased by Silas C. Harrington for \$1,350.

When searching through Warren County's Deeds on line, I was only able to go back so far. The property consisted of two parcels. The vacant property on Smith Street, owned by Orley (Orlie) Potter in 1968 was sold to his grandson, Fred Potter on August 11, 1982. The property on Burdick with the building, owned by John & Marion Potter in 1968, was sold to their daughter Sally Potter Edenfield on June 5, 1986. Then on September 5, 1986 Lenore purchased both parcels for about \$150,000 from Sally & Fred.

I hope to fill in the missing years before the next Quarterly.

If anyone knows more, please contact me at sandi.parisi@gmail.com or 623-504-4135.

Department of Historical Women Minerva Richards King

*"Editor's note: 2017 marks the centennial of women's suffrage in New York State. The Warren County Historical Society is asking each town historical society for information on one or more prominent women who are regarded as contributing significantly to the women's cause. We think one such woman would be **Minerva Richards King** and we are reproducing her story here, which was written in Volume 9 Issue #4 (winter 2004) of our Quarterly by Jackie Hazlett, who portrayed Minerva in the Graveyard Walks that year. Readers can find the original article on our website whs12885. Click on "WHS Home" then "Quarterly."*

Minerva Richards King was born in 1817 in the Town of Caldwell in the section known as North Caldwell, the fourth of seven children. Caldwell is now the Town of Lake George, and North Caldwell is the area from Price Chopper to Truesdale Hill and almost over to Diamond Point and north on East Schroon River Road a little ways beyond the big RV Park.

Minerva was the daughter of an early settler and prominent businessman in Warrensburgh, Peletiah Richards [1786-1870], and his first wife Sarah Wheeler Richards [1791-1829]. She was the aunt of Mary and Clara Richards, who founded the Richards Library. Minerva attended school in Warrensburgh and then graduated in 1840 with high honors from the Albany Female Academy.

While attending the Academy in Albany, she met Hesden King, a prosperous merchant from Wisconsin. They married in 1843, moved to Brooklyn in 1858, and later to a farm in Wisconsin. They had six sons: George, Horace, Frederick, Hesdon Prior, Samuel, and Charles.

When her husband died in 1866, Minerva moved back to Warrensburgh with four of her sons. Her father gave her one of

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FAIRVIEW COTTAGE, WARRENSBURGH, N. Y.

Quilted Wall Hangings

Linda Denner is an author, teacher, quilt designer and former quilt shop owner. She was a contributing editor of Quilt Magazine, a columnist for Quick and Easy Quilting and has her own line of patterns offered through Keepsake Quilting. She has authored four books on quilting. Linda is a resident of Warrensburg, and a member of various quilting and fabric groups in the area.

Wall Hangings by Linda Denner



Goose Holiday—1980—Hand Quilted



A Child's View of Santa—1990—Machine work

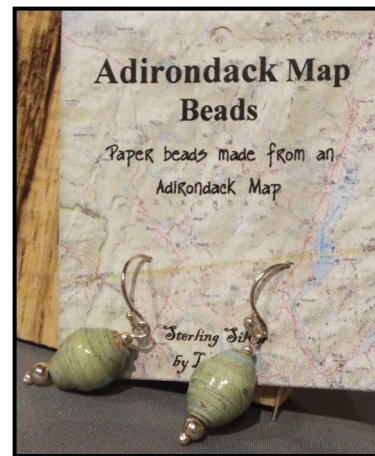
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Pet Portraits on Glass - Mechelle Roskiewicz



Adirondack Map Beads - Lucyann



Balloon Festival Quilt - 1983—Donated by Jane LeCount for Raffle



Tools of the Trade - Elementary School Window Display

Dinner With The Dead



Pictured here are three of the actors who played deceased World War II veterans from Warrensburg at our Dinner with the Dead at the Merrill-Magee Inn on October 30. Adam Allen played John Taylor, who served as a torpedo man on the submarine Sail Fish. Mikelean Allen portrayed Vera Brown and

Emily Martin, and Justin Parker portrayed Ray and Eldon Haskell, both of whom were killed in the European Theater. Mikelean also organized the event.

28th Limited Edition Christmas in Warrensburgh Ornament



Local artisan April Fiorentino was commissioned by Warrensburgh Beautification to design and create the **2016 Christmas in Warrensburgh Limited Edition Ornament**. Handcrafted in the shape of a star, the patriotic ornament is representative of this year's theme "I'll Be Home for Christmas", which marks the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and honors the World War II veterans and those who served on the home front, the Greatest Generation, whose service and sacrifice advanced freedom throughout the world.

Image and information provided by Teresa Whalen

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his finest houses, this one on Main Street [where Tops is now], modeled after a plantation house in Virginia which he had once visited. He later sent builder Joseph Woodward to Virginia to copy the Greek Revival design and build it here. It became known as the King House.



The King House in the 19th century. Photo p. 118 "Warrensburg New York, 200 Years, People, Places and Events." Credit Richards Library Collection.



The King House (aka Gilchrist Manor) in 1950. Photo from Paul Gilchrist. See article in the Winter 2008 Quarterly (Volume 13, #4).

Minerva hired her father's free black servant, Grace Noyes [1825-1881], who kept the house and cooked while Minerva managed the farm, which extended behind the house to the base of Mt. Hackensack. It was 36 acres with cattle, pigs, chickens, wheat, potatoes, and corn.

Grace Noyes



See "Warrensburg New York, 200 Years of People, Places & Events" p.100. Photo from Richards Library Collection

For more on Grace see the December, 1997 Quarterly.

Minerva kept a watchful eye on the business left to her by her father, among them shares of the Glens Falls National Bank, the Glens Falls Insurance Company, Burhan's Tannery, Glens Falls & Lake George Plank Road Company, and the Warren County Railroad [which became the Hudson Valley Railway (the trolley)].



The King family on the front lawn of their home. The woman in the middle must be Minerva, the man sitting to her right her father, Peletiah, who lived until 1870, and the four young men her sons, two of the girls may be Clara and Mary Richards., Minerva's nieces, daughters of Minerva's brother Samuel. Note the Napoleonic hand-in-vest pose of Peletiah. It seems strange the windows are shuttered. Photo p.84 in "Warrensburg New York, 200 years of People, Places and Events"

The members of Minerva's household in 1870 are listed in the 1870 census which is shown on the bottom of page four. It does not include Peletiah who had recently passed away.

Minerva was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Warrensburgh, founded in 1804. A stained glass window was given to the Church in memory of her father, Peletiah. The window is on the east wall of the sanctuary.

Minerva lived in the King House until her death in 1895. She's buried with her husband in the Warrensburg Cemetery near her father and his two wives. Her son, Fred, continued to live in the house until his death in 1940.

Editor's note: The house was purchased from the Fred King estate in May 1941 by Paul and Helen Gilchrist from Groton, NY, for \$5,000. After the War, they built cabins, moved camp cottages down from Sherman Lake, made the ice house into a cabin (nice and cool), and added on to the chicken coop to make a housekeeping

cottage (which still exists, unbeknownst to the current owner, as part of a lakeside home on Lake George at Diamond Point - the only remnant left of the King farmstead). The Gilchrists sold the property in 1968. The house burned in the winter of 1976.

Just as farmland in our contemporary era gets subdivided and sold off for suburban residential development, so 30 acres of the King farm in 1897 was subdivided as the King's Addition and sold off in 159 lots between the main house and Mt. Hackensack.



King's Addition as it looked in 1912. Photo taken from Sunset Hill looking north along Oak Street. See photo and article by Ben Gurney on page 6 of the Winter 2015 WHS Quarterly (Volume 20, #4)

Minerva King and women like her, educated, hard-working, and family-oriented, undoubtedly deserve to be considered the precursors of the women's movement that resulted in suffrage in New York State in 1917 and the U.S. in 1920.

Items from Holiday Craftsmanship Exhibit



WARRENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #3*By Mark Brown*

My grandfather Ralph Brown was Trustee for Warrensburg School District #3 (Schroon River Road) and received a letter from District Superintendent Franklin F. Gunn (Glens Falls) dated April 22, 1924.

Following are portions of the letter.

The date of the annual meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th.

In as much as the proposed rural school bill which would have increased the amount of financial aid to the schools did not pass each District should now without further delay do what it can to improve conditions in the local school.

A liberal allowance should be made for other expenses than the teacher's salary, fuel and janitors wages.

With the exception of a very few Districts that have bought books this year practically all Districts should add to their libraries new and approved books for the work in English and for supplementary reading. The State will duplicate upon the money spent by the District to the amount of about \$20, thus giving a real bargain to every District to buy books. Schools that are still using the old wooden blackboards should replace these by slate or composition boards. Slate by far is the cheapest in the long run.

Materials for seat work for the younger pupils and for all pupils in drawing should be supplied by the District. There should be plenty of chalk and erasers always on hand. A GOOD thermometer is an absolute necessity.

Paint is almost always in order, nearly white for the ceiling, light gray or buff for the side walls. The outside of the building might better be painted white, certainly not RED.

The entire letter was read to the voters at the annual meeting on May 6, 1924. My grandfather was supposed to be furnished with a proper book for keeping the accounts of the District. I don't know if he did but I do have a financial report he presented at the 1924 Annual meeting.

Money left over from 1923	\$558.95
Raised by taxes	\$274.50
Received year 1924 (public)	\$535.36
Received from State for equipment	\$7.50
TOTAL	\$1376.31

EXPENSES

For teachers wages *	\$608.00
For fuel	\$40.00
Cleaning, repairs and census	\$15.00

Baseball—continued from page 1

individual star in the constellation of college baseball teams. He happened to be the team pitcher, who also happened to bat the ball really well! On the same day that the New York Yankees were celebrating the grand opening of the new Yankee Stadium, Columbia's pitcher struck out 17 batters from Williams College. Ten days later he hit a 450 foot home run "out of the park" and into the street at 116th street & Broadway! NY Yankee Scouts observed both of these plays which later led to earning that batter an offer from the professional NY Yankee Club, which he graciously and immediately accepted! That "Iron Horse" as he later came to be known due to his prowess as a hitter and for his durability, was none other than LOU GEHRIG!

He went on to play Major League Baseball with the Yankees from 1923 to 1939. Unfortunately this Hall of Famer was struck with a devastating, incurable disease (which later came to be named for him) and succumbed to it, passing away at the age of 37 in 1941. In his iconic farewell speech at Yankee Stadium, he thanked all his fans, friends and teammates and concluded with these famous words: "Today I am the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Clifford B. Sprague never failed to tout the privilege he held in such high esteem....to have played baseball with the greatest player of all time, his college teammate, the great Lou Gehrig!



Jack Van Brocklin—Captain & Pitcher

(Author's note: This article was based on information and clippings given to Steve Parisi by Jerry Sprague.)

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for the past two years. All sessions feature students' hands-on involvement. We will apply for another Stewart's Holiday Match grant to help with materials. We will host a program titled "There's More to Adirondack Architecture than Great Camps" by Steve Engelhart, executive director of Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) in Keeseville. The program will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday February 8 in the Community Room at Richards Library, which is co-sponsoring the program. There will be refreshments. We continue to want members to submit articles for publication in the Quarterly. Thank you to Rita Ferraro, Mark Brown, Bob Knowles and Sandi Parisi for contributions to this issue. With this issue you will find a letter of notification of our Annual Meeting to be held at Lizzie Keays on February 23 at which board members will be elected and amendments to our Constitution will be voted upon.

Until then, keep looking backwards

Paul Gilchrist

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Memorials for Lynne Richards

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Warrensburg Class of 1955 -
Monthly Lunch group of women

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A few years ago Mr. Burroughs, joined the Edisons at their winter home at Fort Meyer, Florida. They made a camp in the Everglades and recorded songs of birds and other woodland sounds with special phonographs.

One can try to imagine the 50-car caravan passing through town. Did they stop for gas? Did any of the townspeople have a chance to meet and talk with these famous men? Did they buy eggs, bread or milk locally which they normally did? What follows is a description of their camping trips, as described in Christopher Klein's 2013 Internet article *Ford and Edison's Excellent Camping Adventures*.

Between 1915 and 1924, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, and naturalist John Burroughs, calling themselves the Four Vagabonds, embarked on a series of summer camping trips together to escape to the wilderness. The idea was initiated in 1914 when Ford and Burroughs visited Edison in Florida and toured the Everglades.

Their annual gatherings received public attention and curiosity seekers who wanted to observe and hopefully meet these celebrities of the 20th Century. Trips were made in 1919 to the Adirondacks and New England; in 1920 to John Burroughs' home and cabin retreat into the Catskill Mountains.



The Vagabonds: Ford, Edison, Burroughs, & Firestone as they looked in 1919 passing through Warrensburgh.

Each of the four would have an assigned role to play on the excursion, with Edison tending to the electricity and battery needs, Firestone ensuring the cars were well equipped and stocked with food, Ford scoping out possible camp sites, and the elder Burroughs playing the role of wildlife resource, bird caller, and hiking

instructor. Each excursion would also usually include a photographer who would document the trip.

The "Vagabonds" may have slept under the stars, but they were hardly "roughing it." Edison's mobile electric generator kept their campsites fully illuminated, and the men slept in personal tents embossed with their names. They traveled in a convoy of chauffeured Ford automobiles with an entourage of cooks and attendants and trucks to carry equipment and household comforts. [The first two passenger cars of the caravan were Packard's, according to Dr. David Lewis in *The Illustrious Vagabonds*, Henry Ford Heritage Foundation.]

The 1919 Adirondack trip involved fifty vehicles, among which were two specially designed by Ford: a heavy touring car mounted on a truck chassis with compartments for tents, cots, etc., and a kitchen car that Burroughs called a "Waldorf- Astoria on wheels" that featured a gasoline stove and a built-in refrigerator that stored everything from fresh eggs to rib-eye steaks.



Caravan crossing a bridge, perhaps near Warrensburgh.



Chefs prepare the gourmet meals. The special kitchen vehicle is in the background and in the photo at the top of the next column. It is also the third vehicle in the caravan picture above.



The Vagabonds dining outside in their camp. They also had a spacious dining tent, inside of which jacketed waiters served bowls of gourmet food and pitchers of beverages.

Henry Ford wanted for his Model T to enable ordinary Americans to have access to the great outdoors. In this he succeeded. His camping trips with the Vagabonds made news all across the country and set an example few could hope to emulate. Camping by automobile became enormously popular and, especially with RVs, is certainly a major activity and economic benefit today in Warrensburgh and the Adirondacks. But even a 46-foot motor home RV, as luxurious as it is, somehow lacks a certain *Je ne sais pas quoi* experienced by the Vagabonds as white-jacketed waiters served them in the open or in their dining tent the gourmet food prepared outdoors in the forever wild wilderness by 5-star chefs.

We invite you all to submit stories, photographs, and remembrances for inclusion in upcoming issues of the Warrensburgh Historical Society Quarterly.

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9		- Charles P.	9	m	w	at Home		NYork
10		- Richards Ann	58	7	w	Domestic Servant	300	NYork
11		- Thompson Corbin	70	7	m	Domestic Servant		Washington D.C.
12		- Richards Angeline	18	7	w	at School		NYork
13		- Clara	18	7	w	at School		NYork
14		- Mary	16	7	w	at School		NYork
15		James Grace	47	7	m	Domestic Servant	120	Connecticut
16		King Prudent	19	m	w	Clark in Store		NYork

This is the entry for the King household on page 6 in the 1870 U.S. Census for Warrensburgh. Minerva was the head of household, as Peletiah had recently died. Notice on lines 13 and 14 the names Clara and Mary, ages 18 and 16. These are the Richards sisters who founded and funded the Richards Library four decades later. They are likely two of the girls in the photo on page 5.

The Ice Cutters by Bob Knowles

My father ran a natural ice delivery business in Plymouth, NY in the 1950's. This involved cutting large blocks of ice from a lake and hauling them to a well-insulated storage facility from which they were distributed to homeowners and businesses alike.

Two miniature ice cutter figurines, hand carved from leather scraps, were given to me by their creator, Al Merrill of Burnt Hills (see photo top of page 4.)

Mystery Photo

No one identified the Mystery Photo in the last Quarterly—the building that now houses Miller Antiques and More. That was a tough one. Now can you identify the photo below? It should be easier.

Email your answer to whs7396@yahoo.com or call Paul at 623-3162



In Memory of Lynne Richards

Lynne Richards recently passed away; our condolences to her family and friends. Lynne and her family requested that donations be made in her memory to the Warrensburgh Museum of Local History.

A number of donations have been received and Steve Parisi, museum director, wishes to thank those who contributed for their generous donations.

Steve would like everyone to know about a contribution Lynne made to one of the museum's permanent exhibits several years ago. In addition to her long-time support of the museum and numerous donations of historical Warrensburgh artifacts, Lynne set up a loom we have on exhibit, with the help of her mother, the late Lenore Smith, and wove the beginning of a scarf, leaving the shuttle in place for the "next" pass.

This involved many hours just tying up the warp on our cranky old loom, before any actual weaving could occur. The result, however, gives extra life to the exhibit and offers a fitting memorial to both Lynne and her mom.



Donations in Memory of Lynne Richards \$545.00

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