

The Niagara County Historical Society

Cordially invites you to the

“PAST, PENNEY AND FUTURE GALA”

A Fundraiser Celebrating 90 Years of History

and

The Grand Opening of “THE PENNEY GALLERY”

Saturday, August 20, 2011

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies: Kevin O’Connell

Channel 2 WGRZ’s Beloved Weatherman

For Your Evening’s Enjoyment

Cocktail Reception

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Dinner Served Alfresco

Catered by Lockport Town & Country Club

Silent Auction

Erie Canal Discovery Center

The Penney Gallery

24 Church Street

Lockport, New York

Donation \$125 per person

Semi-Formal Attire

RSVP and Information: 716-439-0431

thepenneygallery.com



“PAST, PENNEY AND FUTURE GALA”

To celebrate its 90th Anniversary and the grand opening of the new Penney Gallery, the Niagara County Historical Society is hosting the “Past, Penney, & Future Gala”.

This fundraiser will allow the Society to support the staffing and maintenance of the Penney collection, making it available to historians both locally and around the world.

The Niagara County Historical Society was formed in 1921 and is now celebrating its 90th anniversary of fulfilling its mission to promote the rich history of Niagara County and the Erie Canal. The Erie Canal Discovery Center opened in 2005 as a state-of-the-art interpretive center for the history of the Erie Canal.

In 2008 Charles Rand Penney approached the Niagara County Historical Society to be the recipient of his Niagara County Collection of over 5,000 artifacts and archival items. Mr. Penney was a life member and past president of the Society's Board of Directors. In similar acts of philanthropy, Mr. Penney helped create the Burchfield-Penney Art Center and gifted his collection of Niagara Falls art to the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University.

In 2010-11, a new mezzanine gallery was designed and constructed within the Erie Canal Discovery Center to accommodate Mr. Penney's collection. This gallery will feature items from his collection on a rotating basis. A new resource center was added that will allow the archival material from Mr. Penney's collection to be available to the public on a year-round basis.