

Our Museum in Action

Signs of More Good Things to Come. Thanks to funding from Catherine Schweitzer and The Baird Foundation, Utzig Signs (1917 Niagara Street) has installed attractive new signage to our beautiful home at 436 Amherst Street. In addition to our iconic logo above our front door, historic renderings of the Battle of Scajaquada Creek Bridge (by our Museum Curator Doreen DeBoth) and the Erie Canal (postcard, c. 1908) now grace the front of our museum. The Baird Foundation grant has also helped us offset our December 2020 moving expenses and needed upgrades to our computer network. [\[PHOTO\]](#)

A Lifetime of Service

Grant News

Arts Services Initiative of WNY, Inc. The Black Rock Historical Society was very pleased to earn that we have been awarded Give for Greatness funding by the Arts Services Initiative (ASI) of Western New York Inc. The \$1000 Give for Greatness general operating expenses grants are awarded annually to small to mid-sized organizations based on their successes, activities, and impact on the community. We sincerely thank ASI for deeming us worthy of this award and look forward to applying these much needed funds to our 2021 programs. [\[LOGO\]](#)

Erie County Bicentennial

New Acquisitions

Riverside Review Archives. It is with deep regret that we mark the closing of the *Riverside Review*, an irreplaceable asset that has served our community since 1923. We sincerely thank Rich Mack and his staff for their dedicated service as well as allowing the Black Rock Historical Society to serve as a permanent repository for their archives of past issues, photographs, and display ads. Over the course of several days in March, BRHS volunteers Rebecca Torres, Emily Haslam, Doreen and Doug DeBoth, Jeanine Baran, Suzanne Pilon, and Bill Butler have combed the archives to ensure that the historic “Voice of Northwest Buffalo” resonates for generations to come. [\[PHOTO\]](#)

Peszko Family Religious. BRHS Vice President Mark Peszko

Erie County Atlas, 1880

Calling All History Detectives!

ARTICLES

National Register of Historic Places

Pratt & Letchworth

Weidrich Battery

Founding 500

Please consider joining our team of special donors by contributing to the Founding 500 fund. In recognition of your donation of \$100, you will receive a commemorative Founding 500 ceramic plaque along with our gratitude and knowledge that you are fostering historic preservation and education in our community. We thank the following Founding 500 businesses, organizations, and individuals for their generous support:

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