

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM

Located in the Aurora Town Historian's Office, Southside Municipal Center,
300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora, NY. Open Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.,
and by special appointment. Visit www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian.

The Aurora Historical Society moved the museum in the fall of 2012 in conjunction with the relocation of the town municipal offices. We invite you to enjoy this self-guided tour of the museum on the right side of the room.

Special Exhibitions



Carolcade

Local legend has it that the voices of a small group of Girl Scouts overheard among the aisles of Vidler's 5&10 in 1968 launched what has become one of the most successful Christmas traditions in these parts. Organizers combined "caroling" and "parade," to come up with the name, "Carolcade." And the rest, as they say, is history! Items in this exhibit are from the Aurora Town Historian's Office and the Town Historian's personal collection.

When Doctors Made House Calls



The town doctor was one of the most important people in a growing community. As the Town of Aurora grew, so did the need for more doctors. In Aurora, both men and women filled the role. In this exhibition, learn the stories of Aurora's earliest "country doctors" and what they carried in their modest medical bags.

A 'New Age' of Medicine



Before the modern era of so-called new-age medicine, people came to East Aurora from across the globe beginning in the 1920s looking for non-traditional healthcare at the Sun Diet Sanatorium. During this time, East Aurora also became known for producing and marketing a variety of other non-traditional healthcare products.

Permanent Collections



The First Settlers

Among the items in the Aurora Historical Society's collection in two display cases are items owned and used by the community's earliest settlers. Also on permanent display are items from the original land survey by the Holland Land Company. Items in the second display case are from the late 1800s, including women's fashion items. Don't miss the old-time curling iron! Displayed on the one side of the double-sided Roycroft cabinet are unique items from throughout Aurora's history.



Our Earliest Residents

The Native American artifact collection of Andrew Kuster (July 9, 1882-June 26, 1971), a surveyor in this area for nearly 70 years, was donated to the Aurora Historical Society in the 1970s. Many of the artifacts were found at Sinking Ponds, which today is a wildlife preserve at the edge of the Village of East Aurora. In this exhibit, learn about the earliest residents of our community.

Photograph Exhibition

Taking Shape: A History of The Circle

It is officially known as Willink Square, named after the village that once surrounded it, but it has never been "square." Photographs from the Town Archives—on exhibit in the two-sided Roycroft display case—show the history of one of East Aurora's most interesting local landmarks.

