

# The Lily Trunk

(On display at SEFCU Insurance, Main Street, Schoharie)

## Fund Raising Raffle for Schoharie Promotional Association's First Annual Lily Festival

**Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5**  
**Tickets available at the Wolfe Den Laundromat**  
**Drawing will be at the Lily Festival on July 15<sup>th</sup>**

This is a Jenny Lind trunk which is one of the more sought after trunks today. Jenny Lind was an accomplished opera singer from Sweden (known as the Swedish Nightingale). She was brought to America in 1850 by P.T. Barnum and with her she brought an exclusive style trunk (also referred to as a bread loaf or keyhole trunk). This style was copied throughout the U.S. Jenny Lind left a legacy with many places and objects bearing her name.

This trunk is from a local home in Schoharie and was in very bad condition. Well over 100 years old, it was found lying in a building that had been flooded. It measures 28"W x 16" D x 14-1/2" H.

After many repairs to stabilize the trunk, the original leather was removed and it was thoroughly cleaned. After sanding, two coats of polyurethane were applied (the color is original). Surface rust was removed and all of the hardware painted with a hammered black rust preventative paint. Some of the original brass buttons have been repaired, while some were replaced. The handles have been replaced with Amish leather. No key is available.

The inside has been stripped, cleaned, and sealed with an odor blocking primer. It is lined with fiberfill and a lily fabric.

**This Jenny Lind trunk has signs of wear due to its age and neglect which only makes it more interesting. With this refurbishment, it should last another 100+ years. Who knows where it has been or how it wound up in an old building in Schoharie.**