

News about town

The Gregory Museum: Then And Now

Just steps away from the hustle and the Hicksville Train Station and the roar of Broadway, sit the Gregory Museum, tucked in a little nook between mechanics' garages and a municipal parking field. The building has seen its share of practical use, and now serves as a historical structure, the once county courthouse, is home to thousands of fossils, moth specimens and more, belonging to the late Gardiner E. Gregory (1917-2005).

The History

The Gregory Museum, was once called the Heitz Place Courthouse, and is possibly the last remaining judicial building in Nassau County dating from the days when Nassau was actually Queens County. On Aug. 19, 1893, Arnold Heitz donated the present Heitz Place site to be used as a village hall. The main building was completed in 1895.

Between 1895 and 1920 the village hall served a variety of governmental and meeting purposes. At first the building, heated by potbellied stoves, had a two-cell jail on the north side. Justices of the peace, who were also town councilmen, held court once a week. Assistants were elected as part-time constables and caretakers of the jail.

By 1915 the existing jail was deemed inadequate and a bid was accepted from the Pauly Jail Company of St. Louis, Missouri to furnish, adjacent to the hall, for the sum of \$828, a brick three-cell jail. One cell has been retained by the museum and can still be viewed by museum patrons.

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Happy Father's Day



Letters



This is Dorothy (Kunz) Drago, & I am inquiring as to why I do not receive the Hicksville Newsletter anymore!! I spoke with Grace Way, and asked her to add my name once again to your list. However, I have had no response. My email has changed to (concealed). I am looking forward to a reply.

Thank you.

Dorothy Drago 1949



Editor note:

Good Morning Dorothy

Our monthly newsletter is “always” available at our website:

<http://hixnews.com>

Webmaster, Roger Whitaker, posts the current newsletter at that site the first of each month.

The list you reference is sent an announcement from Henry Lichtenstein once the newsletter is published.

It has nothing to do with newsletter that is always available on the website...it's just to let you know the newsletter is alive!!!

Bookmark the hyperlink <http://hixnews.com> so you can be whisked quickly to the website.

love yah buffalo bob casale

Fun Links

Bob: Thank you for enlightening me regarding how to retrieve the Hicksville Newsletter! I now have saved the link, as I enjoy reading it every month.

Dorothy Drago 1949

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This is a trick that has me baffled. Anyone have an answer?

http://www.youtube.com/embed/3PszMaZ5Ipk?feature=player_embedded



Vicky Penner: Homemaker of Tomorrow

(wife of Webmaster Roger Whitaker)

this is a flashback to an article that appeared in the December of 2000 newsletter

Linda and I have been researching our respective family trees and go through every box of papers we find looking for leads. Recently, Linda found some copies of "The Comet" that her mother had saved. In the March 12, 1958 issue it was announced that Vicky Penner had received the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award. We contacted Vicky and asked about the award. We received the following and laughed along with Vicky. Pat Koziuk Driscoll

"There is a story behind the story on the Betty Crocker Homemaker of America contest.

Even in high school, I was an avid reader with what was essentially a photographic memory. It's a skill that has served me well as a reporter and editor. However, in high school, I was one rotten home ec student. I used to drive the teacher nuts (was it Mrs. Clarke?) because I couldn't sew a straight line and couldn't cook too well either.

Let me digress for a moment to put this in perspective. My grandmother, who lived with us, did all the sewing and cooking when I was a kid, while my mother worked as a secretary for my father. Her mother actually forbid her to step in the kitchen! When my grandmother died, my mother, naturally, took over the cooking. Her first attempt was a roast turkey, which she proudly showed off to the family. One thing, though. She forgot to take out all the packed stuff on the inside before throwing it in the oven. After that, we ate out a lot).

Getting back to home ec. In addition to being a terrible cook, I was also a terrible seamstress. I remember having to make a gore skirt. It seemed that everyone else's mother knew a lot about sewing. My mother did not, so when we went to go shopping for fabric, we picked out a pretty red fabric that was probably the worst material you could use to sew a skirt. Plus, neither of us knew any of the sewing terms that everyone else seemed to know. I never did wear the skirt I made. All the seams were crooked, the hem a disaster and, well, the zipper took a dozen attempts which drove the teacher wild. Now, knowing all this, here comes the Homemaker of Tomorrow test, a short answer quiz.

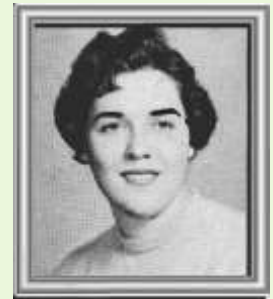
Around the house, we had this Guide to Being A Better Homemaker paperback that gave you all sorts of information. It ran about 500 pages and was, essentially, unread at the Penner household. (My mother must have bought it in a weak moment). Being totally indiscriminating about my reading matter, I picked up the book and read it from cover to cover, till about 3 a.m. My photographic memory kicked in at the test. Hey, multiple choices were a snap. I went in, took the test and didn't think anything about it until a few weeks later when a very, very distressed Mrs. Clarke called me in. She was at a loss to explain why I had the highest score over all her home ec majors. As in most instances, I was bad at a retort. I just smiled. That made her madder and she walked out of the room. So they gave me this really awful looking gold plated pin for having a photographic memory. It still makes me laugh.

Incidentally, I finally did learn to cook--probably at the expense of most of my friends. I don't think it was a coincidence that starting around the age of 18 or 19, my college chums and family kept giving me cookbooks for the holidays and for my birthday. I think they were universally inscribed "Use This. You Need It."

If you can bear with me, I must tell you about the first dinner party I ever made. It was two or three years after I graduated from Hicksville. It was for my best friend, Meg Geraghty and her boyfriend, Bob Gary (now her husband of close to 39 years) and my college beau, Ted Gibney. The menu consisted of fried chicken and mashed potatoes courtesy of A&P. The piece de resistance was going to be the dessert, a fancy jello mold. It was the first time in my life I had ever made jello, much less a jello mold. It came out perfectly, shimmering and wobbling in the candlelight as only jello can do. Ted offered to cut it and he did...except that the knife broke in his hand. I hadn't added enough water. My dessert, in essence, had the consistency of rubber. They all ate it. Meg (who was at my wedding) and I still laugh about it.

I have come a long way. Several months ago the daily newspaper here did a feature on my veggie bouquets that have become my entertainment trademark. They are bowls filled with fantasy flowers made out of veggies. So much for Homemaker of the Year."

Vicky Penner Katz Whitaker 1958



Letters, letters, letters



Since 1994, the senior women's softball team I co-founded in Clearwater, FL has been in many softball tournaments across the U.S.A. Our team, Freedom Spirit of FL is a very unique one. We have defeated many opposing teams in our age group, beginning at 55+, 65+, 70+ & now 75+!! Our 75+ team of Grandmas & GREAT Grandmas have just returned from the Spring National Softball Tournament in Pensacola, Florida as champions in the 70+ age group!! We had to enter the 70+ age group as we were the ONLY 75+ team competing. Because of this situation, we were given 5 runs a game, 1 extra player and 1 73 year old player. Playing as a great team effort, Freedom Spirit never needed the 5 runs given until the championship games. We lost our first game 11-12, necessitating a second game which Freedom Spirit won 13-10 in a very competitive championship game.

It is to be noted that on the Freedom Spirit team that won, there are 5 players in the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame, in Mustang, Oklahoma, Ethel Lehmann being the first one elected in 2008. Also, two players, Ethel (9 years) and Del (2 years) are members of the Kids & Kubs men's 75+ softball team in St. Petersburg, Florida. Recently, with Ethel and Del playing with their women's team Freedom Spirit, the team beat the Kids & Kubs in an exhibition game.

As the women players ages range from 75 to 83 years old, I thought this might be interesting to other HHS graduates, especially the few remaining 1947 ones.

Ethel Kunz Lehmann

Largo, Florida

Hi Ethel! Congratulations from Val Pakaluk - your sister Dot's friend and maid of honor also living in Naples Florida. Please send me your schedule and if I can make a game or two I'd love to drive up and see you in action. You haven't lost your great sportsmanship and athletic ability. I know you and my cousin Catherine were great team mates for many years.

Val



Fun Links

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This video actually made me tear up. It reminds me of the closeness we had in Hicksville growing up. Things have changed, people have changed, but the memories go on forever!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

Still more letters



Hi Bob

Hope all is well with you. Hear you're going to have some bad weather headed your way. I think it's our fault, it's coming from Missouri. Sorry about that. I wanted to know if you had any of the DVDs left you made of the 1962 class reunion last October. I would love to buy one if you do. Let me know. Thank you for all you do for us alumni. You do a great job and we appreciate it so much.

Take care.

Dana Hayden 1962

An old Irishman was asked, "At your ripe old age, which would you prefer to get –Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"

The Irishman replied, "Bejesus, definitely Parkinson's!

Better to spill half an ounce of whiskey than to forget where you keep the



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The New Evian Water Commercial

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pfxB5ut-KTs



Mail call!



Hi ALL!

I just finished reading the latest newsletter (my first) and enjoyed it tremendously!! What a wonderful thing to do...to get everyone in touch with everyone and to find out what they are doing now.

Bob Casale...I remember you but doubt you'd remember me. I was Cheryl Proffe and now Davis. Should have been a graduate of 1962 but married Sept. 9 1961. Left school at the Christmas break and moved to Valparaiso, Indiana. Then on to Chicago and now live in Yorkville, Il, Flint, Texas and Jamaica. That's our retirement plan. All good weather, all the time!! Its

heaven.

My sister, Maelyn Proffe Ayers, class of '59 I think, lives in Hicksville still. I am forwarding this newsletter address to her so she, too, can view grads of her year.

Thank you so much for doing this. I think its wonderful.

I am in touch with Bingo (John) Korothy, Joe Carfora, and Vivian Salkeld. Its wonderful to get news from them. Does anyone else live in Illinois or Texas?

Its so funny to read some of the names mentioned. Billy Ramos? THAT is a name out of my past. And a few others. I don't know if anyone will remember me as I did not graduate with the class as I'd planned. But my life has been a wonderful one.

If you receive this, will you email me back to tell me how to put a note in the newspaper...I am looking for someone to return something I have that I've held on to for 52 years! Thanks

Cheryl

I remember you Cheryl! When you were about 13/14, Ira Fenigstein paid me to go on a blind date with your best Friend, Vivian Salkeld, because you wouldn't go out with him unless Vivian went! I ended up liking Vivian and told him to skip the payment. Also, I thought that your name Cheryl was such a nice name that I named my eldest daughter Cheryl.

Bob Gillette



Stuff

Fun Links

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Interesting video explains it all!

<http://www.wimp.com/internetworks/>



THE AUCTIONEER

You don't have to understand Italian to follow the auctioneer:

A Chinese Ming Vase is up for auction. The bidding opens at a half-million Euros. Bidding is brisk and each bidder is clearly identified as each raises the bid by 100,000 Euros. (The exchange rate at auction time was 1 Euro = \$1.43.)

Within seconds, the bid stalls at one million Euros, and the gasp from the crowd identifies the excitement that prevails in the room. The successful bidder is the last one who bid one million, and the auctioneer counts down the bid, "Going once, going twice, and sold to the gentleman sitting in front of me for one million Euros."

Now, you are going to have to see the video for yourself. The auctioneer is exuberant. The pace is fast. This is how an auction should be run. Please note the excitement on the auctioneer's face after the final bid.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3e0yZCLjwfU>

Reunions



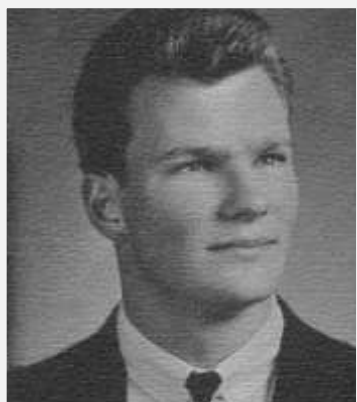
Great News letter, I'm just checking in if you know of any plans for a 50th re union for class of 63? thanks for what you are doing.

John DePasquale 1963

Editor Note:

Go To <http://63.hixreunion.com/> The reunion site was established through HixNews webmaster Roger Whitaker. All the available information should be at the site.

Enjoy!



A note from Vic Matuza about the class of 1963 October Reunion

Please put me down as attending. Would you know if the HHS homecoming is that weekend? Have a good day.

Editor Note:

HixNews only supports the reunions. We have nothing to do with the logistics. Get in touch with your reunions committee. They alone control the logistic aspects of your reunion. They can advise about homecoming, etc. We are just the bearers of good tidings.

Warmest Regards buffalo bob casale

Thanks for the quick response. I was just checking if that info was known by Hixnews. I'll call the high school direct. Have a good day.

I'm sorry...I forgot to give you the website that was set up by HixNews.
Bob <http://63.hixreunion.com/>



More Stuff

Find the Cat...there really is a cat in the photo!



Happy Fathers Day





Thanks

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. I cannot believe that I am 80 years old and still remember HHS as though it were only a few years ago. I think the world was so much kinder then.

Audry (Olsen) Lent 1951



Bette Davis said, "Old Age Ain't No Place For Sissies!" and she was right! Thanks for thinking of me. It was very thoughtful of you.

Harriet"Harri" Molese, 1956

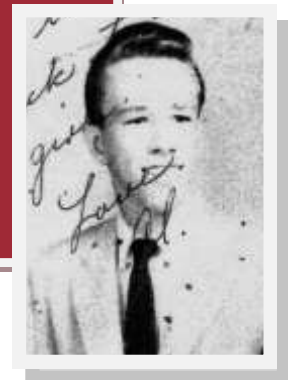


Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated. Fifty-two years of marriage is our current milestone and we are looking forward to many more. Our sons joke about it with us by calling us "dinosaurs" by today's standards. At the same time we know they are proud of the fact that their parents are still in love.

Hope the Class of 1958 Fifty-Five reunion celebration comes off and all attendees have a great time.

Best wishes...

Eileen & Al Sypher 1958



More Thanks!

Thank you so much for the card and for thinking of us. (55 years and counting)!!! The four seasons theme was perfect. We still enjoy living in an area (PA) where we can experience each season. Thank you again. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Tom and Carole (Kiever) Ohliger 1957



HICKSVILLE
COMETS

Thanks so much for remembering me! The card was a riot! Love to everyone connected with Hix News,

Ginny Mohr Trombetta 1957



I wasn't able to get the card the 1st time but 2nd attempt (several days later) was successful. Thank you for the lovely greeting. When Tom was stationed in Alaska, we use to listen to Ruban Gains on the radio. Claire deLune was his theme song. So this greeting brought back nice memories. This was our 55th anniversary. Again, thank you.

Jeannette Beauregard Wiesenbahn 1957 & Tom Wiesenbahn

Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Bob Ulrich 1957



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Alberta (Hunt) Bolettieri and Bob Bolettieri 1959



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Kurt Stietz 1960

You guys are full of Thanks!



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Bob DeMatteo 1961



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Ginny (Frazer) Caliguri 1961



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Rose (Marchese) Genovese 1961

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Patti (Bilancia) Posillico & Joe Posillico



“Tank you, tank you, tank you”



Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. This is our 48th anniversary-where do all those years go? It was much appreciated.

John and Barbara (DiBella) Dowd 1962



Thank you so much for the wonderful birthday card. It was great seeing so many "OLD" friends at the class of 62's 50th reunion and it's always a pleasure reading about friends on the monthly newsletter. I appreciate all you do for all of us.

Thanks again,

Steve Weinblatt 1962 & at October 2012 Reunion



Thanks for the great card; we are all getting older.

John Diers 1963



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Hugh Hansen 1964



*“Thanks for the card and for thinking of me.
It was much appreciated.”*



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Donald Werkstell 1964



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Vickie & Jim Fischer 1965



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Joanne (Tracy) 1967 and Ken Arnold 1965



Hi Bob...thank you and the gang at HixNews. It was very kind and thoughtful of you to remember my birthday. You guys are doing a great job on the newsletter. It is really great and I look forward to reading it each month.

Thanks again.

Charlie Brooks 1965



You are soooooo welcome!



I now see why everyone seems to have the same response each month. I didn't realize it's a generic response. Anyway, thanks for the Birthday Card.

Frank Koziuk 1967



Editor Note:

So THAT'S why I keep having to type the same thing each month! Thanks for the info! I feel much better now.

David Rubin '82



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Joyce (Thornburn) Jurgensen 1967



Thank you for the birthday greetings!

Richard Cluxton 1968



Thanks for the birthday wishes, your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Marie (Parisi) Feraudo 1969

Back at ya!



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Robert and Mary Bialick 1970

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Bill Jakabek 1971



Thanks so much for the Birthday Card – it brightened my day!

Irene B. Boehm 1973

Secretary to the Superintendent

Elmont Union Free School District

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Linda (Parrella) Ruggiero 1973

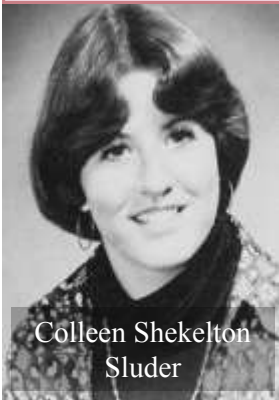
Buffalo Bob,

Thank you so very much for the lovely anniversary card. I opened it this morning, on our anniversary. It made my day. How kind of you!

Love, Cindy Claus-Ferguson 1974



Thanks for the anniversary card and for thinking of us. It was very much appreciated.



Colleen Shekelton
Sluder



a close friend



Peter Sluder 1977

The LAST of the thanks!



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was hysterical and totally appreciated! I love what you and the "staff" do each month at the Hix News. Keep doing what you do!

Many Thanks,
Lauri Spector 1978



David Rubin 1982

David & Beth

Thanks so very much for the beautiful anniversary card. It got a big "Awwww" from my wife, Beth! The big 25 this year! How she can put up with me for so long? I'll never know but I thank God for her every day!

Editor Note:

And, yes, before you ask, that afro was intentional ! Now look what I have :-)

David



Fun Links

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Very Special, and not something you've likely seen before!

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/REP4S0uqEOc>

New Readers

Welcome



Cheryl Proffe Davis 1962



Mary Churillo Trees 1963



Arthur F Wood 1968



Karen Horan. 1969

Diane (Schultz) Bessel 1958

Madeline Lombardi 1958

Mark Doyle 1960

David Wright 1971

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New Readers

Welcome

Nancy 1969

Lois 1974



Janis Bartlett Wood 1973




Hi,
I am Lois Halliday Dickelman and would like to be added to your newsletter list. I'm living in the Chicago area and get back to NY about once a year as my sister Nancy Halliday class of 69 still lives on LI.

Thanks for all you do to keep us informed and in touch!

Editor Note:

Lois, to become a subscriber, please use the subscription box on our homepage at: <http://hixnews.com>

 Best Henry Lichtenstein



Dear HixNewes

Hi. I have changed my email address. Please send all correspondence to my new email (concealed).

Thank you.

Lynn O'Riordan (McMorrow) 1968

Editor Note:

anyone needing to get in touch with Lynn please send a note to editors@hixnews.com and we will make contact for you.



Passages



Hi Roger

Someone added the passing of my sister, Barbara Dylewski Mallett class of '58 to HixNews.

The In Memoriam page has my sisters has a typo in it, and she passed away November 10, 2012 not October 2012 as the Newsletter states.

Bill Dylewski 1962

Editor Note:

I fixed the In Memoriam page and replied to Bill Roger



Dear HixNews

Thank you for the beautiful memorial of Pat Koziuk Driscoll. She was a very great person and very strong up until the end. Our family will always miss her and she will never be forgotten.

Thanks again.

Kathy Koziuk Hannaman

Please note that I have e mailed this info back in Feb this year .and still not in your newsletter.

On Jan 9th, 2013, Dave Baldwin, class of 1956, passed after a long bout with cancer. Please add this to the roster for class of 56 so that others who knew Dave can know. Thank you.

Emmett Goodman 1956



Passages



Just to let you know that Steve Sheppard from the class of 1967 passed away about 12 years ago. He was married to Paula Licastro, also class of 1967.



I believe they have 3 children.

You might also want to add Richard DeJulio who graduated in 1964. He passed away about 3 years ago and was a Vietnam vet.



I don't think you added Carol Gwiazda '66, to the list yet. She died about 3 years ago.

Thanks.

Lew Furman 1967



Passages



RAPPAZZO, ANDEE July 28, 1952 to December 7, 2012 Andee Rappazzo passed away peacefully on Friday, December 7, 2012, after a brief illness. She was 60 years old. She is survived by her parents, Frank and Rachelle Rappazzo; brother Tom and his wife Maria; sister Cindy and her husband David; niece Allison nephew Michael and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Andee graduated with the class of 1970.



My brother John White class of 1965, died in Boca Raton of major CVA at age 56 in 2002.

He left 2 daughters ages 20 and 21 who I have cared for most of their lives.

Johnny's best friend was Paul Flynn, also class of 1965.

Julia White



Eliot Gorlin has been a very active alumni lately. Tasked with being the coordinating "1963 Fifty Year Reunion" chairman, his agenda is full and Eliot has kept HixNews up to date on what has transpired the past several months.

While searching for former 1963 students, it was discovered that we have lost many who have passed long before their time. Some of those who have passed:

Salvatore Barlotta

Larry Bartkus

Forest Beardale

Robert Evaschuk

Richard Guljord

Roger Hille

Joe Kussoff

The two names appearing next are tentatively considered deceased. If you know otherwise, please let us know so that we can update our profile.

Jeanne Kluepfel

Bill Szymanski

Useful Household Tips

In my little world, items like cream of tartar (potassium bitartrate) are not simply a super way to stabilize egg whites but also scandalously inexpensive cleaning secrets.

This long-forgotten gem of a cleaning agent may be used with a little water or vinegar to lift even the most stubborn stains. Unattractive grout driving you batty? Mold and mildew stains got you reaching for the Prozac? Burner pans and casserole dishes giving you fits? Cream of Tartar is your new best friend.

Cream of tartar is one of nature's best bleaching agents. Cream of tartar, a.k.a "crusted wine," is mixed with baking soda to create baking powder (bet you didn't know that.. okay, some of you probably did, you smartypants). While it is an acid, it's not harmful. It's an acidic salt which comes from grapes.

Use a few tablespoons of cream of tartar with hot water or hydrogen peroxide and clean any aluminum pans which have discoloration or any rusty drains, pans, or stains.

Do you have copper kettles? Mix some cream of tartar with lemon juice and rub the copper with it. Rinse and be amazed!

How about a porcelain sink, tub, commode? Rub the porcelain surfaces with cream of tartar and watch the stains disappear.

Fabric stains? No prob. Mix a few teaspoons of cream of tartar with some glycerin and use like spray-and-wash. The results? Well, I'm here to tell you that this stuff cured the ring around Joshua's shirt collars.

Just need a great nonabrasive cleaner? Mix 2 teaspoons of vinegar and 2 teaspoon of cream of tartar in a small dish (use 3 or 4 teaspoons of vinegar and 3 or 4 teaspoons of cream of tartar if you have more items to clean). Apply with your cleaning rag or scrub brush and let it sit for 5-10 minutes. Scrub. Wash with hot soapy water.

