



Historical Society Newsletter

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The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833

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CALENDAR

Sept. 15, 2015 – Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinner before the meeting/program, Community Center in Greenfield Center. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. *Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.* Meeting starts at 7 p.m. **There will be a musical program by John Kirk and Trish Miller after the meeting.** Everyone welcome; you don't have to be a member to attend.

Oct. 3, 2015 – Saturday, HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GALA AT BROOKHAVEN GOLF COURSE – The Haven Tee Room in Greenfield Center. 5 - 9 in the evening. Tickets \$25 individual, \$45 per couple. You don't have to be a member to purchase a ticket.

Oct. 20, 2015 – Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program to be announced.** Everyone welcome; you don't have to be a member to attend.

Nov. 17, 2015 – Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program: Marty Podskoch will talk about his book, Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps – History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC.** Everyone welcome; you don't have to be a member to attend.

Dues Are Due

Our membership year begins **June 1 and ends May 31**, dues are paid annually. Dues can be paid at any meeting or they can be mailed to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. Make check payable to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society. Send \$10 per household (or \$100 for Lifetime Membership) along with your name and address. If you pay more than \$10, the balance will be considered a donation. Members whose dues are in arrears at the end of September, will be dropped from the mailing list.

WEEZIE'S WORDS

by Louise Okoniewski

The trees in the higher elevations are already showing their fall colors, an indication that summer has moved on and we know what is ahead for us. Hopefully, you were able to visit some of the Adirondack towns Marty Podskoch mentioned in his book, *Adirondack 102 Club*. As for the Historical Society, we have been busy.

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society held an **Open House for the Chatfield Museum** at the corner of Middle Grove and Lake Desolation roads on June 20, 2015. We had approximately 50 residents and history lovers enjoy the pictures and displays at the museum. Those not able to climb the stairs to the second floor, were able to use the new stair lift we had installed.

Ron Deutsch and Mike Gyarmathy had lunch ready for those who craved hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad and homemade French fries. Walt Chandler brought his 1930 Model A Pick-up, which added to the ambiance of the event. The Greenfield Fire District Fire Police assisted with the parking and traffic flow. We are happy that the GFD Fire Police are able to give us a hand with our special events. The museum hours were Fridays, 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. until the end of August. You can still visit the museum by calling Ron Feulner at 893-0620 to set up a time.

Our **Farmers Market** at Middle Grove Park opened Friday, June 12, which was a bit earlier than in years past. Bob Marcotte provided the music for the opening. Although we don't have as many vendors as in past years, the market has loyal followers that visit each week to buy fresh produce, wine, jams and jellies, honey and maple syrup, dip mixes and cheeses, hand made jewelry, fresh flowers and a wide assortment of baked goods. The weather has been great for the market, at least no Friday night washouts. Sept. 4 was the last day for the 2015 market.

Next season will be year #10 of the Historical Society hosting the market, which started at the Odd Fellows Hall (Chatfield Museum), and moved to Middle Grove Park due to room and traffic concerns. Hopefully, next year we will have a larger market and some good surprises. Thank you to all the vendors, some who have been with us from the beginning at IOOF and those who have joined us since; the

musicians who play every week for the shoppers (don't forget Sawyer Fredericks started here!); the Middle Grove Fire Dept. who showed the kids (and adults) how a fire truck works and handed out some goodies for them; and especially the people who support us year after year, week after week, who are there to purchase from the vendors or just check things out and visit with vendors and friends.

Aug. 8, was a beautiful day for our **Caboose Day and Car Show**. This was our largest turnout since hosting this event. Many hands helped to make this event successful. We had approximately 30 car guys and girls show up with their rides to spend the day with us. Tom Clute worked tirelessly handing out flyers at many classic car events. He talked it up to any and everyone he knew that owns a car. He even had the event promoted on Thursday nights at Mr. Bill's in Milton. Tom has some new ideas for the Classic Car side of this event for next year. Can't wait to see what he has up his sleeve.

The GFD Fire Police were there to help park the cars for the show people and visitors alike. Robert and Peggy Roxbury and Tom Merrills kept the cars flowing smoothly. With assistance of Tom Clute, there were old cars parked around the property at the corner of Porter Road and Route 9N and the back lot. They kept the old cars and visitors organized and made it easy for everyone to walk around.

A couple weeks before the event, I took a look inside the station house at King's Station and to my surprise there were many wasps that made a home inside the building. A large nest of black wasps made a home in the peek of the main room, and a lot of mud wasp nests were on the walls. The Parks Dept. to the rescue! Channon Emigh and Bobby Madison got rid of the wasps and nests so that everyone would be safe when they visit. The volunteer cleaning crew took care of making sure the glass display cases were nice and shiny, artifacts were clean, everything was vacuumed and tidied. Thanks to those who helped, Tony Bucca, Joyce Woodard, Aida Gordon, Stan Weeks. Nora Altu and Jordan Beer. The Parks Crew washed the outside of the building and windows. I know that was a job in itself.

Mary Vetter and Stan Weeks took care of the tours of the station house and caboose, while Aida took pictures. Ben Kemp, from the Friends of Grants Cottage set up a wonderful display and was busy throughout the event. Joyce took care of the Historical Booth, while JoAnn and Joan Rowland took care of the food ordering and bake sale. Thanks to the Greenfield bakers, who came through once again, Jane Potter, Nancy Homiak, Janet Jones, Joan Rowland, Katie Finnegan, Lelah Cornell, Connie Capasso and Rosie Rowland. Robert Roeckle manned the grill which was very busy and Joey Gyarmathy made some tasty French fries.

Many people brought chairs and sat in the shade checking out the day's events. It was a very enjoyable day and a great fundraiser for the Historical Society. Thanks to all those who brought a car to show, took a tour of the caboose and station house, visited the historical tents, bought a water, soda or food, and those who gave a hand to make this event happen. It is one of the most enjoyable events in Greenfield or just check things out and visit with vendors and friends.

I'd like to remind everyone about our **Fundraiser Gala** at the Haven Tee Room on **OCT. 3** at Brookhaven Golf Course. This year's event looks to be bigger and better than last year.

We will have displays, pictures, music, a great dinner buffet and a silent auction and many baskets to raffle. Everyone had a great time at last years event and we were able to install a stair lift at IOOF Hall and open the Chatfield Museum. Daketown School is in need of some maintenance and repairs, so some of the funds raised will go to Daketown School. You can buy your tickets online at www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com or contact Ron Deutsch at 469-6769 or any board member. Hopefully, you will be able to come out and enjoy a nice evening and help the Town of Greenfield Historical Society continue their great work preserving Greenfield's History. I hope to see you there.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

It has been a busy summer again. Family activities and outdoor events (like the Farmer's Market every Friday) cause the weeks to fly by.

Even though we suspend historical society meetings during the summer, it does not mean that the society takes a rest. Far from it, the board still meets and members worked hard on activities like the County Fair exhibit, the very successful Caboose Day, and our new museum at the Odd Fellows Hall in Middle Grove. Dedicated members volunteered to keep the museum open on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons during the summer. Those volunteers were Dan Chertoc, Patty Schwartzbeck, Joyce Woodard, and Bernice Bencze. Joyce took the bulk of Friday evenings and Bernice took most of the Saturday afternoons. Louise Okoniewski and Tom Merrills opened and closed the building for the volunteers.

The museum visitation started out slowly, but with advertising, activity increased during the summer. The museum will be closed after September first but visitors can call me (518-893-0620) or our president, Louise Okoniewski, at (518-587 6060) to set up an appointment for a special visit.

Here at the historian's office at town hall, my volunteers and I have been busy as usual. We divide our time between answering the requests for information that come in every week and continuing to digitize our many records so they are easier to search. Several area families have also shared photographs with us, which we scan into our system and label for future reference. We are building a large collection of these photos.

One of my volunteers, Nancy Homiak, is currently working on this photo project alone and would like some help. Nancy has been perfect for the job because she is comfortable using a computer, and she knows a lot about the history of the town and its people. If any of you reading this would like to volunteer as Nancy's helper (we currently have one computer not being used) especially if you have similar abilities and interests to hers, we would welcome you to our team.

All my volunteers understand that they do not have to make any commitments, but most look forward to coming in on Wednesdays. When they first begin, volunteers sometimes apologize for coming in late, and I have to explain to them that there is no such thing as being late or taking a day off when you are volunteering; you simply come in on the Wednesdays that you want to and leave when you want. However, most of the volunteers, when they start work on a project, look forward to coming in.

You are cordially invited to attend

The Town of Greenfield

Historical Society

Annual Gala

Saturday, October 3, 2015

5 - 9 in the evening

at

Brookhaven Golf Course “Haven Tee Room”
333 Alpine Meadows Road, Porter Corners, New York

**Buffet With Cash Bar, Music, Dancing, Raffles,
Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Historic Displays**

Ticket Price: \$25 individual / \$45 per couple

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 25 to Ron Deutsch at 469-6769, mkd67@aol.com,
purchase your tickets at our website: www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com
or at the Sept. 15 Historical Society Meeting at the Community Center

Make checks payable to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

To benefit the Chatfield Museum of Local History and Daketown School

Farmers Market – June 12 - September 4, 2015

The Market Cafe & Historical Society



**Van Arnum's Plants & Flowers
Lelah's Jams and Jellies**



Pearl's Pastries



**Dazzler Spa
Crafts**



Emerich's Vegetables



Old Mill Goods



North Creek Studios Blown Glass



Ledge Rock Hill Winery



Tinney's Tavern



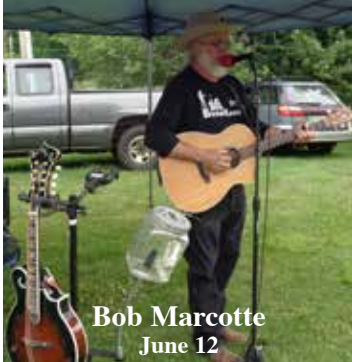
Tom Merrills/Fire Department Display



King's Kafe



Mayhem Hollow Organic Farms



**Bob Marcotte
June 12**



**Trish Miller and John Kirk
June 19**



**Kate Blain
July 24**



**Jim M.
Aug. 10**



**Dan Berggen
Aug. 21**

Sixth Caboose Day & Car Show at King's Station – August 8, 2015



Historical Society Display with JoAnn & Joan Rowland & Joyce Woodard

The Volunteers

Visitors enjoying the food and the shade



Mike & Joey Gyarmathy & Alex Deutsch

The Chefs preparing the French Fries



Rob Roeckle & Louise Okoniewski cooking hot dogs and hamburgers



Grants Cottage Display with Ben Kemp King's Station



King's Station visitor



The Carrico Family



Car Show Participants

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| 1. Tom Clute, 1950 GMC Pickup | 16. Joe Rapant, 1940 Packard 120/Coupe |
| 2. Dave McConnell, 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo | 17. Tom Sadlon, 1921 Model T Ford |
| 3. Wayne Pearce, 1950 Ford Club Coupe | 18. Pete Papula, 1949 Ford F-1 Pickup |
| 4. Randy Barrett, 1946 Ford Deluxe | 19. Darren Vietje, 1947 1/2 Ton Ford |
| 5. Randy Barrett, 1989 Chevy Camaro | 20. Walt Chandler, 1930 Model A Ford Pickup |
| 6. Richard Bishop, 1970 Opel GT | 21. Chris Johnson, 1965 Cobra Replica |
| 7. Carolyn and Bill Taylor, 1954 Chevy Belair | 22. Nick Worthington, 1973 Ford Bronco |
| 8. Gary Gendron, 1966 Chevy C-10 | 23. Ron Ball, 1932 Ford Model A |
| 9. Ted Wilming, 1953 Hudson Super Jet | 24. Karl Zeh, 1980 Chevy Camaro Z28 |
| 10. Peter Fiorino, 1977 Chevy Vega | 25. Stan Zeh, 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass F85 |
| 11. Bill Svobona, 1974 Chevy Corvette | 26. Russ Fidler, 1988 Mustang GT Convertible |
| 12. James Ferrara, 1968 Dodge Charger R/T | 27. Zach & Steph Carrico, 1931 Ford Model A |
| 13. Joe Knizek, 1979 Chevy El Camino | 28. Mike Montuori, 1964 Pontiac LeMans |
| 14. Ray Ramirez, 1968 Ford Fairlane Fastback | 29. Ron Mosher, 1974 Chevy Nova SS |
| 15. Ron Deutsch, 1981 Datsun 280zx | 30. Joe Hickey, 1958 Chevy Pickup |

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Vince Walsh from Greenfield Center.





**Chatfield Museum of Local History –
WORKING GRINDER, from Grist Mill on Allen Road.
Donated by Cathy White**



The Jones Family at the same mill on Allen Road around 1911.

John Samuel Jones (born 2-3-1859, died 1935)
Bertha Daisy [Weed] Jones (b 11-21-1872, d 3-22-1931)
June Rose (b 6-8-1896, d 12-27-1968)
Bertha Lydia (b 6-27-1897, d 6-17-1915)
Alahna (b 5-25-1899, d 9-10-1990)
Viola (b 5-23-1901, d 7-12-1988)
Edna (b 9-30-1903, d 2-2-1972)
Sophia (b 9-2-1906, d 1-24-1945)
Georgianna (b 1-29-1908, d 5-25-1970)
John Weed Jones (b 4-16-1910, d 12-13-1985)



***Part of the same structure collapsed during the winter and is
being torn down. Now owned by Cathy White. August 2015***

Saratoga County Fair July 21 - 26, 2015



**The Town of Greenfield Historical Society's
display on Lumbering in the Town of Greenfield.**



**Historical Society member Bob Shilling (Tennessee) and
daughter, Lisa (Ohio), visited the Museum on July 3, 2015**



**July 12, 2015, Field Trip to Greenfield's
Millers Rocks Indian Samp Mortar. Gary Bernhardt,
Bob Jones (leader of the hike) and Ron Feulner.**



**The Saratoga and North Creek Train crossing the
overpass on 9N by the Caboose and King's Station.**

All Lifetime Members

Sandra Arnold & Gary Bernhardt	Nancy Homiak MaryAnn Johnson
Brian Auwarter	Janet Jones & Brian Nicol
Earl Ballou	Jennifer Jones
Dustin Barnes	Phil & Margie Jones
Richard Bishop*	Sandy Kilmer
Claudia Wilsey Bright	Toni L’Hommedieu
Joan & Fred Cady	Ruth & William Meissner
Coral Crosman	Mr. & Mrs. John Munter
Robert Dake	William Older*
William Dake	Jane Potter
Ron Deutsch	Tori Riley
Deborah Dittner	Robert Roeckle
Alice & Ron Feulner	JoAnn & Joan Rowland
Lorraine Fiorino	Vincent Smith Jr.
Elizabeth Frank	Erica & Vince Walsh*
Peter Goutos	Joyce & Edward Woodard
J. Frank Goyette	Kay & Wayne Youngs
Gary Hildebrandt	
Ricky Hildebrandt	

*Newest Lifetime Members

Historical Society Officers,

I’m very grateful for the assistance you folks are giving us with our Environmental Action Survey. Printing it in your April Newsletter is helping us reach more Greenfield residents, representing many of the roads and areas. As we tally the incoming results, a healthy number have your Page 4 article on the backside. The data will help us steer our efforts in the near future. A great collection of “Any other ideas” we are sorting into categories: Ecology, Chemical, Information, Development, and Enforcement. We’re hoping that 100 or more returns will give us some statistical soundness; as of today, we have 43. We’ll have some results to share before long.

Ken Blom, Chair
Environmental Commission

“Thank you” to Stewart’s Shops for donating Gift Cards to all the kids that toured the Caboose and King’s Station. Thanks also to Joan Rowland, Louise Okoniewski, Ron Feulner and Nancy Homiak for supplying some of the photos in this newsletter.

King’s Station and Caboose Clean-Up Day (Aug. 4, 2015)



Joan Rowland and Joyce Woodard

Louise Okoniewski



Maivia Walsh presenting her drawing of “The Caboose at King’s Station” to the “Caboose,” and in return, the “Caboose” gave her a Gift Card donated by Stewart’s Shops.



Nora Altu (Aida’s sister) and Tony Bucca with the teletype machine.

Aida Gordon and Jordan Beer



Updating Historic Sites Map in the Town of Greenfield

If you have any information, email Dan Chertok at BMMSCHERTOK@gmail.com. You also may call (518-893-2268) or write him at: Dan Chertok, 58 Ormsbee Road, Porter Corners, NY 12859

Please send articles and/or photos for our future newsletters to The Town Of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833 or email JJones18215@roadrunner.com

September 16 Meeting/Program – Don’t forget the Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 p.m., please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL AVAILABLE ONLINE

Become a member of The Town of Greenfield Historical Society and receive our newsletter. **Our membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31, dues are paid annually. Send \$10 per household (or \$100 for Lifetime Membership)** along with your name and address to the address shown below. **IF YOU SEND MORE THAN ONE YEARS DUES, THE BALANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED A DONATION.** You also may join at one of our meetings. Send this application form and fee to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. Make checks payable to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society. **YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE! www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com**

CLICK ON:



AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

Please Print – Please indicate how many persons 10-years-old or older are in your household). _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone number _____

Areas of interest to you _____

To sponsor a newsletter send \$50 along with your name and address and the wording describing whom you would like it dedicated to.

If you know someone whom you think might want to become a member, send us their name and address, and we will send them a copy of our newsletter along with information on how they can join.

Name _____

Address _____

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