



Historical Society Newsletter

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*William G. Preston is sponsoring this newsletter in memory of:
Dr. Isaac Youngs – His 4th Great Grandfather of Young Road.*

CALENDAR

June 24 - Sept. 9, 2016 – FARMERS MARKET
Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m., Middle Grove Town Park.

THE CHATFIELD MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY will be open on Fridays during the Farmers Market from 4 - 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 3 p.m., IOOF Hall, Middle Grove.

July 19 - 24, 2016 – 175th SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR, Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Ballston Spa Fairgrounds, Townley Building.
Visit our display and info booth.

Aug. 13, 2016 – SEVENTH CABOOSE DAY AND CAR SHOW at King's Station, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Corner of Route 9N and Porter Road.
Bake Sale and food available for purchase.
Rain or Shine. For information, call the Town Hall at 587-6060 or Tom Clute at 580-0655.

Sept. 20, 2016 – Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinner before the meeting/program, at the 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.* **Program: Marty Podskoch** will speak about a book he wrote on Adirondack Fire Towers.

Oct. 1, 2016 – Saturday, HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISING GALA AT BROOKHAVEN GOLF COURSE – The Haven Tee Room.
More information to follow.

October 18, 2016 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program: Jay Ellsworth** will speak about the Greenfield Volunteer Fire Company, covering its history and what they are doing now.

**Everyone is welcome;
you don't have to be a member to attend.**

HOW I WOUND UP AT THE GREENFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Mary Vetter

When I was about 12, I found out that the streets I grew up on had once had fancy names. 96th Street was Willard Boulevard and 94th Street was Jewel Avenue. I was astounded. This revelation led to a little digging. Woodhaven had a whole history that I didn't know about. Race tracks, minor league baseball and manufacturing. It was then that it struck me that history was more than the events outlined in books. That history can be brought down to the local level. It is a collection of the stories of those who have lived and are living in an area.

So when Ron Feulner placed an ad looking for help at the Town Historians Office, I knew I couldn't pass up an opportunity to discover the history of my latest neighborhood and that led me to the Greenfield Historical Society. Here was an organization that was doing what a good local historical society should do; collecting the stories of its residents through words, pictures, video and objects and making them accessible to the community at large.

This active group of volunteers works hard preserving the fabric of life. In a couple of years, I have learned about the trolleys that moved goods and people in the area and that they were here because a vital economy flourished in Greenfield. I've learned about sawmills and ice cream plants. I have learned about the Kayaderossera Patent out of which Greenfield would grow.

Now I am lucky enough to help the Greenfield Historical Society continue its work as its president. I know that I will be working with a dedicated board and membership. Together we will carry on with the events and programs that have made it so successful and we will create new ways to support its vision. Enjoy your summer. I wish you many lazy days and nights filled with mouthwatering summer fare created with ingredients you'll find at our Farmers Market and don't forget to have some fun at Caboose Day. We'll be looking for you.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

It doesn't seem possible that summer is here with all the activity it brings. Sometimes I wonder if we are any different from the hibernating creatures that share the great northeast with us. We stay hunkered down indoors for so many months, and then, when the sun begins to dominate again, we try to pack so many outdoor events into our lives that time becomes a blur.

We are still working on our many projects at town hall, but things have slowed a bit as volunteers take time off for summer fun. Our data bases continue to grow along with our collection of information as people in the town share their research and information with us. I have come to realize that any information about people and life in the town during its earliest days is especially important and very scarce. If any of you come across old documents, bibles, etc., that mention people who once lived in the town, I would really appreciate your sharing with us. We do not need to keep the originals because we can either

photograph them or scan them into our computer, so you can usually take the documents right back home with you if you are concerned about them.

I am also in charge of the museum volunteers this summer again. Some of our devoted people from last summer are back and doing a great job, but because we are open Friday evening from 4 to 6, Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3, and Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3 this year, I need several additional volunteers. I have most of the spots filled, but still have a number of Sunday afternoons open in August and the first part of September. Also, I need some stand-by volunteers who could fill in if the regulars are unable to make it. If you would like to participate, call me at 518-893-0620, and I would be happy to sign you up.

If you haven't been to our museum at the IOOF hall in Middle Grove (located diagonally across the road from the intersection of Middle Grove and Lake Desolation Roads) I would urge you to plan a visit. I think you will be surprised at what a nice little museum our volunteers have assembled.



Our May program: Ellen Steinberger talking about "Down in the Valley: Exploring the Gut," home to multi-ethnic working class families for over two centuries, an area in Saratoga Springs, east of Broadway.

Our Newest LIFETIME MEMBERS
Thomas and Sheila Smith

**PLEASE SEND ARTICLES AND/OR PHOTOS
FOR OUR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.**
Mail to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society,
P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833
or email to: JJones18215@roadrunner.com.

**If you'd like to dedicate and/or
sponsor a newsletter, send \$50 to:**

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**include your name, address and the
wording describing who you would like
it dedicated to and/or sponsored by.**

Farmers Market Music

July 8	Adam Tinkle
July 15	Kate Blain
July 22	Bob Marcotte
July 29	Ben Rounds
Aug. 5	TBA
Aug. 12	Bob Marcotte
Aug. 19	Kate Blain
Aug. 26	Dan Berggren
Sept. 2	TBA
Sept. 9	Trish Miller and John Kirk

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

JUST ALONE

Noon day sun beating down on chilly earth. A breeze that carries the coldness with its travel. It has been long for the sun's warmth to settle upon the soil, but the welcoming sprouts of green enjoy the rays. Perhaps now there will be an abundant exuberance in the creatures that inhabit the forests, for they have labored though a long season to keep alive throughout the long winter. Listening carefully, I can make out the chorus of hundreds of "peepers" singing a new song for the season. Gazing down into the short grasses beneath my feet, I see movement, and I look again, and yes! A baby turtle! I gently pick him up and carefully place him on the distant edge near the water which is several hundred feet away. To accomplish this, the tiny creature must cross over a road, and because it is so tiny, I cannot imagine this little one completing the journey without some fatal effect.

Now that he has been placed in an area of safety, I again listen to what encompasses the area. I hear the swarming of flies, and watch as some strange reflective blue/green beetle preens its' wings in the sunlight.

Suddenly realizing that I have not heard anything but the wind nor the hum of the insects, I listen ... I hear silence. Then, I see a log that was dried in the sunlight, it feels warm to the touch. Making sure there are no ant colonies making this their home, I decide to sit down and listen.

Somewhere in the distance I hear the whine of a chain saw, perhaps someone working toward next years' supply of firewood. Then it stops. Now the silence is deafening.

Just being alone with the thoughts of what I've just witnessed and heard, I allow no other thought to enter my mind. Try as it may, other thoughts of ... town, things to do, the grocery list, fix my car, get a new outfit ... – all get chased away by the Silence.

Silence reigns and when all the quell of the outside areas seem distant, there arrives a peacefulness that only nature and calmness of spirit can accomplish. Just this being alone is most precious, ... far distant from the demands of the aggregate.

Silence speaks loudly when we are just alone and listen with loving hearing.

Fran Lambert

175th SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR

*Visit The Town of Greenfield
Historical Society Display and
Information Booth*

**July 19 - 24, 2016
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

*We'll be in The Townley Building
With the Greenfield Grange*

Dues Are Due Starting June 1

Our membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31; dues are paid annually. Dues will be collected 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 one years dues, 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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISING GALA AT BROOKHAVEN GOLF COURSE

Saturday, October 1, 2016

(Time to be announced)

The Haven Tee Room

**To Benefit The Town of Greenfield
Historical Society's
IOOF Hall Museum and
Dake Town School.**

*Buffet, music, dancing, raffles,
door prizes and silent auction.*

For more information, call
Ron Deutsch at 469-6769.

*May refreshment volunteers, Katie Finnegan and Nancy Homiak,
served molasses cookies and brownies with nuts; chocolate chip cookies,
peanut butter bars and pumpkin chocolate chip cookies.*

*For the September Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30 p.m., please bring a
dish to pass and your own place setting.*

Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

FARMERS MARKET

MIDDLE GROVE TOWN PARK

MIDDLE GROVE, NEW YORK



Fridays
June 24 - Sept. 9, 2016
4 - 7 p.m. – Rain or Shine

Our Very Family-Friendly and Fun Market Offers – locally-grown vegetables/plants, locally-made crafts, baked goods, maple syrup, honey, pesto, eggs, jams, spices and much more.

Plenty of parking, bathrooms and places for the kids to play while you shop and meet your neighbors and friends.

We have delicious food, ready to eat and live music every week.

*Sponsored by The Town of Greenfield Historical Society.
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To become a vendor or for more information, please contact the market committee by email at manager@greenfieldfarmersmarket.org

SEVENTH CABOOSE DAY AND CAR SHOW AT KING'S STATION

Saturday, August 13, 2016
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

THE CABOOSE AT KING'S STATION

Corner of Route 9N and Porter Road, Porter Corners, N.Y.

Tour King's Station and the Restored Caboose

VINTAGE CARS • FREE PICTURE ON THE CABOOSE

Bake Sale, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries and Drinks
to benefit The Town of Greenfield Historical Society.

*Rain or Shine. For information, call Tom Clute at 580-0655,
Louise Okoniewski at 587-6060 or the Town Hall at 893-7432, ext. 300.*



The Farmers Market – June 24, 2016



Ben Rounds Band (He even played Kenny Rogers songs)



Tom Merrills and Louise O. manning the Firemen's Table



Mayhem Hollow Organic Farms



Middle Grove Fire Truck



Dazzler Spa Crafts



Maple Syrup



Lelah Cornell's Jellies and Jams



The History Cafe and the TOGHS table



Old Mill Goods



Emerich's Vegetables and Flowers



Barbara Devlin, Santa's Kitchen



Squashville Farm



North Creek Studios (on the right)



Wild Child Farms Eggs July 1, 2016 – Rain or Shine

Clean Up Day at the Daketown School – May 14, 2016



Patty Schwartzbeck, Katie Finnegan and Jane Potter



Richard Bishop and Mary Vetter



Ron Deutsch and Robert Roeckle



Robert Roeckle and Richard Bishop

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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