



Historical Society Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Sept. 19 – Tuesday, Potluck Dinner before the meeting/program, at the Community Center in Greenfield.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. *Meeting starts at 7 p.m.*

Program: *April March* is the “First Lady of Burlesque,” and wrote a book, *Reflections of My Life*.

Oct. 14 – Saturday, HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISING GALA AT BROOKHAVEN GOLF COURSE – The Haven Tee Room, 6 to 9 p.m.

See ad on page 3.

Oct. 17 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield. **Program:** *Andrea (L’Hommedieu) Mann* will speak about growing up in Greenfield and the children’s book she wrote, *A Letter From Ginger Boy*, which is a true story of a girl and her horse growing up in the Adirondack foothills, circa 1964.

Nov. 21 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield. **Program:** “An Adirondack Musical History Tour” presented by *Dan Berggren*, local folksinger. He has been collecting, writing and performing songs of the Adirondacks since 1975. This program presents the North Country through discussion, demonstration, stories, traditional and original songs, and historic recordings.

Everyone is welcome, admission is free, you don’t have to be a member to attend and refreshments are served after all programs.

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.

SUMMER FUN

by Mary Vetter

We want to thank everyone who participated in making our Caboose Day such a success. First, we need to thank the Town for allowing us to host this event. Second, we need to thank Louise Okoniewski for organizing this event. She did a great job and thanks to Tom Merrills for helping out in so many ways. Please see Louise’s article for details on the event.

The Farmers Market has been an enjoyable summer event for the community with Ron Deutsch as lead manager and the other market managers, Dan Chertok, Louise Okoniewski and Robert Rockle. Thanks to Joan Rowland for staffing the historian’s tent most weeks with Katie Finnegan filling in. Also JoAnn Rowland as our treasurer stopping in every week to collect the funds and giving a donation to the musician.

Thank you to Ron Feulner for organizing the summer hours for the museum and finding staffing. Please see his article for details.

Thank you to the visitors who came and enjoyed the events and food.

Your support is all we need to keep up with our work of preserving the history of this town. Take a moment and visit our website to view a slide show of the event. See you at the September Potluck and at the Gala in October.

For the September Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m., please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.
Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

OUR CABOOSE DAY & CAR SHOW

by Louise Okoniewski

Once again Mother Nature looked out for the 8th Annual Caboose Day & Car Show. This event began as a way to show the restoration of the Caboose at King’s Station after an accident damaged the end of the caboose facing Route 9N. Almost all of the original committee is still involved in this annual event. Stan Weeks along with Serge Roy and Ed Woodard “dressed” the caboose in a new coat of red paint. Stan painstakingly took the time to remove and paint the yellow railings, black trim and white lettering. The roof needed some repair work which he also addressed. By Aug. 12,

the caboos was impressive as it stood on the rail next to the station house. All the visitors really enjoyed the caboos tour, especially the rest room.

Stan Weeks and Tony Bucca (our train engineer) educated our visitors about the life of a railroad worker and how the caboos was used. At the end of the tour, free pictures were taken by Karen Downen as keepsakes. I'm told that some families have pictures from the first open house and can see how the kids have grown up! I'd like to give a shout out to Stewart's Shops for donating ice cream cards for the kids and to the Town of Greenfield's recreation director, Rebecca Sewell, for donating hats and back packs.

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society president Mary Vetter, gave the tour of King's Station. The "house" has many pictures and artifacts from days gone by. I'd like to thank JoAnn and Joan Rowland for the new clothes for the "Ladies in the Station." In the station house there are 2 ladies that are waiting for a train. It was time to give them something new to wear. What girl doesn't like a new wardrobe? New shawls and skirts were hand-made for them. Joan didn't leave out the conductor whose clothes were also spruced up. A huge thank you goes out the Town's Park and Maintenance Department. Channon, Stephanie and MacKenzie cleaned the inside of the station house and made it sparkle. Bobby painted the stairs and cleaned the outside of the building and "Wo" painted the stairs in and out of the caboos.

What can I say about the "car guys"? At our first caboos day we had 6 people with vintage cars. Then came Tom Clute.

Tom has car show experience and can often be seen at various "cruise-ins" around the area. Tom worked tirelessly advertising this event for the Historical Society. He really talks it up with the car owners and has helped to grow the car show portion from the 6 cars our first year to 30 cars this year. The Greenfield Fire District Fire Police assisted parking cars and directing traffic. Thanks to Robert Roxbury (Peggy) and Tom Merrills of the Fire Police for keeping things organized. A big thanks goes to Dennis Downen who helped to keep things organized in the parking area. Gail Clute and Joan McGrath were a great addition selling hand-made items for the home. I can't say enough about all those who brought their cars for the show. They are very supportive and generous to the Historical Society.

Thanks to the bakers for our bake sale: Joan Rowland, Jane Potter, Nancy Homiak, Lelah Cornell, Connie Capasso, MaryAnn Johnson, Larry Decker, Katie Finnegan and Janet Jones. Robert Roecle, Mike Gyarmathy and Jordon Gyarmathy for the fantastic burgers, hot dogs and French fries. All of your donations are greatly appreciated. I would like to personally extend my gratitude to everyone who lends a hand for this event. Members of the Historical Society, the Town of Greenfield, Greenfield Fire Police, Stan Weeks, Tony Bucca, Tom Clute and everyone who makes this event successful and gratifying. Especially those who took the time to stop by and check things out. We have some new plans for next year. A new layout for the cars and parking plus some new surprises. Stay tuned for Aug. 11, 2018. We'll see you at King's Station / Caboose on Route 9N.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

The end of a busy summer is upon us. The historical society has been actively involved all summer. The farmer's market has remained strong with dedicated vendors and their steady flow of consumers. The Caboose Day was another outstanding success and seems to get better every year, and the museum with its team of volunteers has steadily grown in terms of visitors. Joyce Woodard covered Friday evenings and Bernice Benze along with Karen Rhodes did most of the Saturday afternoons. Patty Schwartzbeck and Jane Potter filled in as a substitute on several occasions. Without these volunteers, the museum could not be enjoyed by the public as it is now.

Here in the historian's office, we have managed to stay busy also. My strong team of volunteers, Joyce Woodard, Ruth Ann Assman, Marie Ahl, Mary Vetter, and Joan Rowland are busy with several projects. One of the biggest is our attempt to re-publish Clayton Brown's book, *Greenfield Glimpses*. The town clerk has been selling copies for many years. Recently, they sold their last copy and asked me how we could get more. Since the original manuscript is missing and no record exists of who the printer was, our only option was to re-do the entire book. In order to do this, I had to cut the pages loose from an existing copy, and one of the volunteers scanned it page by page. Then it had to be processed by a word recognition program and proofread as the recognition program made many errors. Finally, we decided to insert better photographs than the copied ones. It has been a long process and when we are finished it will be in a different format. Instead of the small green book that everyone recognizes, it will now be larger and spiral bound. We hope to finish sometime this year and have it for sale again.

I had the privilege of participating in the county's deceased veterans program this summer when Howard Older of Middle Grove was honored. Howard was killed in action during World War Two. Howard was a member of a large family of Olders,

including his well-known brothers, Lawrence and Elliot who were long-time residents of the area. Howard's two children, Bill and Alice, and their families attended.

One of the more interesting history projects this summer has been the restoration of the Dake Cemetery. The Dake Cemetery like many other small cemeteries in the Town of Greenfield was abandoned in the woods and growing up with underbrush so that it was difficult to find. (Rick Bishop had volunteered a few summers ago to find all these cemeteries and list them and their locations in a book which is now available for sale at the town clerk's office.)

The Dake Cemetery is located on North Creek Road west of the intersection with Sand Hill Road. It is on top of a steep bank near the spring on North Creek Road. (I believe that once it may have been on land owned by the Dake family whose homestead was across the Kayaderosseras Creek on Daketown Road. In earlier days, when this was all farm land, the cemetery was probably visible from the homestead.)

Gary Dake and his father, Bill, and son, Charles, had recently taken an interest in restoring the cemetery. They cleared out the underbrush which had been hiding the existing stones and then hired a restoration team, Minnie Jensvold Fannin and her husband, James C. Fannin Jr. from Concord, Mass.

Minnie and James, along with an employee furnished by Gary Dake, spent several days this summer working on the cemetery. First, they uncovered many of the fallen stones and tried to match them with their bases. If the bases were still intact, they mortared them back in place. When the base was gone or badly damaged, they poured a new concrete base with a piece of rigid board insulation in the center. After the concrete cured, they removed the form, dug the soft insulation out of the center and set the upright stone back in the cavity and mortared it in place.

They had tents set up on the site and worked rain or shine. They also cleaned the stones making them more readable. I understand that the work is not finished, and they plan to return again next summer.

See photos on page 7

You are cordially invited to attend

The Town of Greenfield

Historical Society

Annual Gala

Saturday, October 14, 2017

6 to 9 in the evening

at
Brookhaven Golf Course "Haven Tee Room"

333 Alpine Meadows Road, Porter Corners, New York

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

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

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 7 to Ron Deutsch at 469-6769, mkd67@aol.com,
at our website: www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com or at the
Sept. 19 Historical Society Meeting at the Community Center

Make checks payable to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

*To benefit The Town of Greenfield Historical Society's
Chatfield Museum of Local History and Daketown School*

Eighth Caboose Day & Car Show at King's Station – August 12, 2017



The Set-Up Crew



The Caboose (with new paint)



King's Station



Inside King's Station



This Historical Society Workers



All the Show Cars



People enjoying the food



Karen McKnight Downen
Our photographer



JoAnn Rowland



Margie & Earl Jones



Flowers supplied by a neighbor



Joyce Woodard



Katie Finnegan



Joan Rowland



Photo of
Joan R
& Jane

Eighth Caboose Day & Car Show at King’s Station *continued*

2017 Car Show Participants

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| 1. Donald Giglio, 1950 Dodge B2B Pick Up | 8. Rick Hougy, 1933 Dodge | 17. Rodney Beagle, 1974 VW Super Beetle |
| People’s Choice Award | 9. Dave McConnell, 1965 Chevrolet El Camino | 18. Joe & Sharon Rapant, 1944 Packard Coupe |
| 2. Bob Marcotte, 1953 Ford Mainline Coupe | 10. Tim & Barbara Cassidy, 1968 Chevy Corvette | 19. Phil Wolfe, 1956 Chevy Post Car |
| 3. Bernie and Lynda Winney | 11. Al Haenel, 1951 Ford Custom | 20. Jim Hill, 1964 Mercury Comet Caliente |
| 4. Chuck Higley, 2004 Pontiac GTO | 12. Zac Carrico, 1925 Model TT | 21. Joe Provanchie, 1953 Chevy Sedan Delivery |
| 5. Jerry Wawrzyniak, 1955 Chrysler New Yorker | 13. Frank Lyons, 1932 Plymouth | 22. David Blowers, 1973 Chevy Malibu |
| 6. Randy Barrett, 1946 Ford Super Deluxe | 14. Tom Sadlon, 1921 Model T Ford | 23. Bruce N. Levett, 1936 Plymouth Coupe |
| 7. James S. Major, 1963 Studebaker Avanti | 15. Rick Bishop, Opel GT | 24. Brian A. Mauran, 1977 Chevy Monty |
| | 16. Stan Zeh, 1965 Oldsmobile F85 | 0. Tom Clute, 1950 GMC Pickup, <i>Host</i> |

People's Choice Award



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The Town of Greenfield Seniors

The Town of Greenfield Seniors meet at the Town of Greenfield Community Center at 1 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday. President – Sandra Kanar

Meal site location – Town of Greenfield Community Center, 25 Wilton Road, call 518-893-7644 for reservations.

Free bus transportation for medical and legal appointments – for reservation call 518-884-4100.

Senior Trips – Bus transportation provided by the Town of Greenfield for senior citizens. Check website for more information: www.greenfieldny.org under Senior Citizens.

2017 Seniors Trip Schedule

The Town of Greenfield sponsors trips for senior residents and provides the coaches. When available, seating will be offered to members of other senior groups (who are not Town residents) and other folks residing outside the Town. Payment should be made a month in advance of the date of the trip unless otherwise stated. If you find you cannot go after signing up, please notify the trip coordinator, in case there is a standby list. Any questions, call Pat Brust 518-584-3318. All payments should be made payable to “GREENFIELD SENIORS.”

Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Lake George Steamboat, Lake George, NY – 10 a.m. – Bus leaves Greenfield Community Center. 11 a.m. – Board Saint Sacrament. Noon – Boat departs dock. Sample Luncheon Menu: (Changes in menu selection are at Chef’s discretion.) Soup du Jou, tossed garden salad, assorted salads, tomato and cucumber trays, fresh baked rolls with butter. Two hot entrees (Chef’s Choice); Vegetarian Entree (Chef’s Choice), freshly carved deli sandwiches, choice of ham, beef or turkey, assorted breads, assorted cheeses; coffee, tea, iced tea and dessert. 2 p.m. – Boat returns to dock. 2:30 p.m. – Board bus. Stop enroute if desired. 4 p.m. – Estimated arrival at Community Center. Cost – \$38.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – The Beeches Inn, Rome, NY – 8:15 a.m. – Bus leaves Greenfield Community Center. Will stop while enroute. 11:30 a.m. – Lunch (buffet) and Show: Witches Brew. 3 p.m. – Board bus. Will stop enroute. 6:30 p.m. – Estimated arrival at Community Center. Cost – \$52.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY – Christmas Holidays – 6:45 a.m. – Bus leaves Greenfield Community Center. Will stop enroute. 10:30 a.m. – Arrive at Villa Roma with coffee and cake. Noon – Lunch in main dining room. Menu: Fruit cup and Italian Wedding soup. Choose one when signing up: Roast Turkey, Leg of Lamb or Shrimp Scampi. All served with starch, and assorted vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea and decaf. 1:45 p.m. – Christmas Holiday Entertainment Show: Mary Mancini, Mario Tacca and company perform your favorite holiday music during this festive holiday season. There will be a complete schedule of daytime activities upon arrival: Indoor sport complex with bocce, shuffleboard, ping pong table and video games. Indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, fully equipped fitness center. 3:30 p.m. – Depart Villa Roma. Will stop enroute. 7:30 p.m. – Estimated arrival at Community Center. Cost – \$37.

THE FARM

Beaded fringes on a lamp, French lace beneath an old, dusty piece of opalescent glass candy dish.

The table worn at the edges from years of graciously lending itself to a never-ending cavalcade of display items. In a far distant corner sits a fine chair of oak – comfortable, and laden with bright and smart velvet and brocade, embellished with tarnished brass tacks.

A familiar odor, mixing with the musty scent of the room – a faint detection of rose water. Caring hands of yesteryear carefully filled the jar with blooms from the yard and made an elixir that lasted through all this time.

Auntie’s pink embroidered couch pillow is now faded and tossed on the floor alongside the couch.

Elusive shadows dance up and down the hallway as sunlight plays tricks on the home. It is near evening. A late supper is being prepared in the kitchen. Fresh baked bread, leftover roast, oven baked potatoes and rich dark brown gravy.

The table is set with chipped, fine hair-lined cracked vitreous, complete with matching cups and saucers. The stories these pieces could tell – tales of escapades, lost loves, discussions of politics and philosophy. Remembering the announcement of the long-awaited pregnancy, and mother – filling the plate to overflowing at this news.

Through the door shuffles the large, slightly rotund, overall figure of a man. He was drawn to the scene by the Pied Piper aroma wafting from the kitchen.

It had been a very long, humid day. Finally, one of the stalls were repaired, and now the mare can return to her most favorite spot.

These days were somewhat difficult, as the price of wood had risen drastically, and to mend anything, a bit of ingenuity and invention was always in order. The old ice shed down by the creek gave up its boards – a few at a time over the years to become a filler or a strengthener for some other structure on the farm.

Fran Lambert, Gatekeep On The Mountain



Our Booth at the Saratoga County Fair, July 2017.

Farmers Market July 21, 27, Aug. 18 and 25, 2017



Trish Miller & John Kirk; Dale West; Larry Rutland; Liam Rice; the managers job is never done; and Bob Marcotte

Restoration of the Dake Cemetery 2017



Photo credit: Rick Bishop

Getting the Caboose and Kings Station fixed up



Second Mug Now Available

This year's mug features the IOOF Hall which is now The Town of Greenfield Historical Society's Chatfield Museum of Local History. The Baptist Church, which dates in the early 1900s, is seen before the IOOF Hall and the carriage house is not visible.

Cost again this year will be \$10. You can place your order by contacting Joan Rowland at 518-893-7786 or by mailing in your check and request to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. If you are in need of the mug to be mailed to you, please add shipping cost of \$8.



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 \$10, 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.** Email toghistsoc@gmail.com for more information.

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AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

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

Name _____ I am interested in volunteering.

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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