



Historical Society Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Sept. 18 – POT LUCK DINNER, Tuesday, 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:** Author **Mary Cuffe Perez** will talk about her new book, *Barn Stories*.

Oct. 13 – HISTORICAL SOCIETY GALA, Saturday, Brookhaven Golf Course “The Haven Tee Room,” 5:30-9 p.m. Buffet With Cash Bar, Raffles, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Historic Displays, \$30 individual / \$55 per couple.
See page 3 for more information.

Oct. 16 – Tuesday, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center.
Program: Jim Richmond and Kim McCartney, co-authors of a new book, *Milton, New York: A New Town in a New Nation*. Kim McCartney is Milton’s Town Historian. Jim presented at one of our meetings almost two years ago on a book he wrote, *War on the Middleline*.

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 STARTING JUNE 1

Our membership year begins **June 1 and ends May 31**; dues are paid annually. Dues will be collected at any meeting; you can pay online at www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com 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 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

Wow! That is all I have to say about Caboose Day. We had a great turnout, great weather and great people running the event. I would like to give Louise Okoniewski a heartfelt thank you for pulling it all together. I would also like to thank the people who worked with her. Their names are in this newsletter and, as a community, we are so blessed to count them among our neighbors. I am, however, going to give a special thanks to Ed Woodard, Stan Weeks and Rob Roeckle for installing the flashing lights at the railroad crossing sign. The lights add a nice touch of authenticity to the site. Now all we need are the clanging bells!

As summer winds down, we are preparing for our fall activities. By the time this letter has gone out, we will have had our Chili cookoff and crowned a new champ. We will have also moved preparations for our Gala into high gear. We are looking for donations for our silent auction, so if you would like to participate, you can contact Ron Deutsch, our Gala Committee Chairperson, at mkd67@aol.com or 518-469-6769. We look forward to a night of celebration with all of you.

See you at the September meeting. Come and enjoy good company and good food. You know the people in our town can cook! Marie Cuffe will talk about her book, “Barn Stories.” We are so glad to finally have her speak, the tough winter we went through put the kybosh on her talk.

Our Newest LIFETIME MEMBERS

Ann Cornell

Ernest and Andrea Mann

Mary Brill VanVranken

Marie Willard

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

A HUGE THANK YOU

by Louise Okoniewski, Greenfield Historical Society Trustee

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Caboose Day and Car Show a big success. We tried a new arrangement for the cars and vendors – not sure of the verdict with the change, but everyone had a good time. I would like to thank Tom and Gail Clute for their tireless effort on advertising for the Car Show. Tom puts out the flyers and really talks it up with the Car folks at other events. Stan Weeks who installed new railroad lights with the help of Ed Woodard and Robert Roeckle. We had many compliments on the new lights especially when the kids turned on the switch. The Town's Maintenance Dept., Channon, Bobby, Stephanie and MacKenzie who cleaned inside and outside of the Caboose and Station house and spruced up the grounds. Robert Roxbury, Peggy Roxbury, Tom Merrills from the

Greenfield Fire Police, Dennis Downen and TJ Clute who parked the show cars and helped to keep the spectators organized, and a special thanks to Don Giglio who was first on the scene and got the cars organized. Tony Bucca, our "Train Engineer," who replaced a broken window pane at the Station, took pictures and helps Stan with the Tours. Bobby and Melissa who took pictures of our visitors on the Caboose, and the Town of Greenfield Historical Society members who give up this Saturday to help work at this event. To the folks who brought their cars despite a mixed weather forecast and those who came to see what it is all about. Next year will be the 10th anniversary of this event – and the Caboose will be 100 years old! Expect a big celebration on August 10, 2019. Once again my thanks and gratitude to all of you!

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

As we go about our busy lives, we have a tendency to think that the places where we live were always the same as they are now. However, the land that is now called the Town of Greenfield existed for a very long time before it was given that name.

The land has three main land and water features. Two parallel mountain ridges, the Kayaderosseras Range and the Palmerton Range, with a stream called the Kayaderosseras Creek running down the middle.

The mountains were formed a long time ago (so long ago that it is beyond the capacity of most of us to fathom). The mountain ridges formed when cracks in the earth allowed rock layers to shift upward. These parallel mountains created a low area between them through which the creek began to flow.

The first stream to flow through what we now call the Town of Greenfield drained a larger area of the southern Adirondacks and the flow more resembled the present day Hudson. The present stream (called the Kayaderosseras) follows much of the same channel but is smaller and flows into Saratoga Lake.

The stream that drains Saratoga Lake is called Fish Creek, and it flows into the mighty Hudson River near Schuylerville, New York. If you were to paddle a canoe downstream in the Kayaderosseras Creek, and keep going across the lake and beyond, you could go all the way to the Atlantic Ocean near New York City.

More recently, but still a very long time ago, the area now known as the Town of Greenfield along with much of North America began to cool. Each winter the snow got deeper and melted later in the summer. Eventually the snow from one winter did not completely melt before the next winter's snow storms came and the snow from one year piled on top of that left from the previous year. After a very long time the snow became so deep that it completely buried the forest and hills and eventually the tops of the highest mountains. The snow on the bottom was squeezed by the weight of all the snow on top and began to turn to ice, and we say that a glacier was formed.

After a long time, the ice grew to be about a mile thick and the weight of all that ice caused the bottom layers to

very slowly squeeze or move outward carrying frozen dirt and rocks with it. Much of North America was covered by this glacier.

Eventually the climate began to warm again and all the ice slowly melted. Because the sun warms those places nearest the equator more, the glacier melted back from south to north.

As the ice melted in parts of what is now New York state, huge amounts of melt water formed large lakes. One of these lakes that flooded areas close to the Town of Greenfield is now called Lake Albany. As melting continued, the water became so deep in these lakes that it flowed over hills and high country to find its way toward the ocean. As it flowed, it cut new channels and created new valleys in the soil and rock.

After all the ice melted, the land looked very different than it did before the glacier. All the trees and plants were gone. Some of the old river channels were blocked by soil and rock left by the glacier and many new land shapes were formed. Many of these glacial landforms can be seen in the area that we now call the Town of Greenfield.

Strange animals like the woolly mammoth roamed the cold barren treeless land and the first people began to appear in the area. At first, only hunters came because of the extreme weather conditions, but later, as the climate warmed and trees began to grow again, these early natives began to form villages and stay year around.

They built their villages along river valleys and coastal areas because it was easier to paddle canoes along rivers and lakes than it was to carry their supplies through dense forests and over mountains. In addition, the soils in river and coastal areas were better for growing crops. They lived in areas near large bodies of water, but they often hunted and fished in forested areas and in the mountains.

As more natives began to live on this land, they formed groups called tribes. The tribe that controlled the land that is now the Town of Greenfield was the Mohawks.

No people lived in the area that we now call the Town of Greenfield, but the Mohawks claimed the land for hunting and fishing.

In future editions of the newsletter, I hope to continue this Greenfield story.

You are cordially invited to attend

The Town of Greenfield

Historical Society

Annual Gala

Saturday, October 13, 2018

5:30 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: \$30 individual / \$55 per couple

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 6 to Ron Deutsch at 518-469-6769, mkd67@aol.com,
at our website: www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com or at the
Sept. 18 Historical Society Meeting at the Community Center

Make checks payable to The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

All proceeds benefit The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

Ninth Caboose Day and Car Show at King's Station – August 11, 2018



The new Rail Road Crossing sign installed by Robert Roeckle, Stan Weeks and Ed Woodard



Mary Vetter giving tours of the Train Station



Tony Bucca and Dan Chertok



The Caboose Photographers Bobby Madison and Melissa



French Fry Cookers



Louise Okoniewski & Robert Roeckle



Karen Downen and Katie Finnegan



Joyce Woodard & Patty Schwartzbeck



Gail Clute



Judy Cleveland



Karen Gibbins



Lorey Wilkins



Sheila Lapo, Simply Sal Crafts



Inez Houston, Perogi Pierogi Pyroogie



Van & Mary Ann Johnson Adirondack Wood Products



Earl and Margie Jones

Ninth Caboose Day and Car Show at King’s Station *continued*

2018 Car Show Participants

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| 1. Donald Giglio, 1950 Dodge B2B Pick Up | 8. Wayne Pearce, 1950 Ford Coupe | 17. Peter Gibrino, 1967 Chevy Chevelle |
| 2. Bob Marcotte, 1953 Ford Mainline Coupe | 9. Ken Kimball, 1966 Lincoln Continental | 18. Stan Zeh, 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass F85 |
| People’s Choice Award: | 10. Bill Flansburg, 1968 Camaro | 19. Ted Wilming, 1988 AMC Eagle |
| 3. Bob Marcotte, 1955 Ford Fairlane/Victoria | 11. Kevin Potter, 1967 Chevy Camaro | 20. Norm Baldwin |
| 4. Rick Hougy, 1933 Dodge | 12. Bob Hall, 1960 Jeep Willy’s | 21. Frank Bennett, 1954 Ford F-100 |
| 5. Fred & Crystal Clothier, 1970 Pontiac GTO | 13. Al Haenel, 1951 Ford Custom 2 door Sedan | 22. Guy LaMontta, 1932 Ford Phantom |
| 6. Doc, 1939 Chevy Panel | 14. Joe Knizek, 1979 Chevy El Camino | 23. Ryan Christopher, 1967 Jeep M715 |
| 7. Frank Lyons, 1932 Plymouth | 15. Jim Major, 1963 Studebaker Avanti | Mystery Truck, Devil’s Den |
| | 16. Carl Cummings, 1997 Ford F-150 Stepside | Tom Clute, 1950 GMC Pickup, <i>Host</i> |



Vendors That Set Up On Caboose Day

- Judy Cleveland
- Gail Clute
- Karen Gibbins
- Inez Houston, Perogi Pierogi Pyroogie
- Van & Mary Ann Johnson, Adirondack Wood Products
- Sheila Lapo, Simply Sal Crafts
- Lorey Wilkins

People That Donated Items for the Bake Sale and Caboose Day

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| Mary Allen | Mary Ann Johnson |
| Fay Fagnant | Donna Middlebrook |
| Katie Finnegan | Louise Okoniewski |
| Mike Gymarthy | Jane Potter |
| Diane Hladik | Robert Roeckle |
| Inez Houston | Joan Rowland |

Daketown School Mug

by Joan Rowland



Here is a little history of the school at Daketown.

The 1856 Geil Map shows a school on this site, but we don't know when the school was built. In December 1876, the school burns to ground. January 1877, a resolution passed to build a new school.

The photo on the mug was circa 1880. We know that in May 1915, the back window was shifted so the blackboards could be installed. In May 1930, the school was moved back about 10 foot and new sills were installed. In May 1937, the district voted to install electric lights. May 1954, the district was consolidated. June 1956 school closed. Students are to be sent to Porter Corners School. This property becomes a private residence (photos where school is painted red). In 1991, Bill Dake purchased school and donates the schoolhouse to the Town of Greenfield Historical Society. In 2004, Historical Society has school restored to its original condition under the supervision of John Munter and Munter Enterprises. Currently, up keep is in the TOGHS annual budget.

The students on this mug are from left to right: Arthur Deyoe, William Wilsey Jr., Benjamin C. Dake, Harvey Deyoe, Mable Wilsey, Anne Webb and Edith Dake Ellsworth. The teacher is Fanny Pendrick. The current photo was taken June 2018 after the 3rd graders from Greenfield School came for their annual visit.

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.



Our Booth at the Saratoga County Fair, July 2018.

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 – 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. Check website for more information, www.greenfieldny.org, under Senior Citizens.

ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREENFIELD SENIORS.

2018 Seniors Trip Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

LAKE GEORGE STEAMBOAT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

BUDDY AND BEYOND

CASTLE OF THE KNIGHTS, CHICOPEE, MA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

CHRISTMAS WITH ELVIS BLUE CHRISTMAS

LOG CABIN, HOLYOKE, MA

Farmers Market 2018



Elizabeth Conant,
The Studio



Ben Rounds



Bob Marcotte



Greenfield Fire District



Restoration of the Dake Cemetery 2018

Apologies to Charlie "Dake" for misspelling his last name in the Special Edition Newsletter.

*More photos of the work being done at the **Dake Cemetery** in June and July. The double stone of Benjamin and Anna Dake was broken and warped. They supported it in the back with a big custom fit piece of slate and it is standing again, as are some other stones that were in pieces before.*

Photos: Mary Allen



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 for your household, 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.

Click on “Store,” “Membership” then click either “Annual Membership – Household” or “Lifetime Membership.”

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 _____

If you'd like to dedicate and/or sponsor a newsletter, send \$50 to *The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833*, include your name, address and the wording describing who you would like it dedicated to and/or sponsored by. Please send articles and/or photos to: JJones18215@roadrunner.com.



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