



Historical Society Newsletter

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*This newsletter is dedicated to and in memory of Alice Feulner.
MAY 12, 1928 – JULY 25, 2023 – by Vince and Erica Walsh and Family*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fridays, June 23 to September 8 – Greenfield and Middle Grove Farmers Market – 4 to 7 p.m. at the Middle Grove Town Park. The Historical Society has a community event booth at the Farmers Market. Stop in to see what's happening in town. Answer the survey question, purchase a book to read, or just hang out at the booth to see your neighbors.

Tuesday, September 19 – Covered Dish Dinner (6 p.m.) Meeting and Program (7 p.m.) at (please bring a covered dish or desserts to share) followed by monthly meeting at TOG Community Center, 25 Wilton Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. **Program: Pioneering Women of Civil War America.** Author Lisa Y. Potocar's presentation will highlight the brave women who stepped out of their traditional roles and into roles normally reserved for men. Although her books are works of fiction, Lisa's stories are woven around a bounty of real events and key historical figures.

Everyone is welcome, admission is free, and you don't have to be a member to attend.

Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway – Town of Greenfield Social Hour – Save the Caboose Roof

EXCITING NEWS our next *TOG Social Hour* is going to be on the rails Sept. 22. Your ticket will include your seat, a souvenir glass, Saratoga bottled water, a personal charcuterie box and live music. Fossil Stone winery will be selling wine, Northway Brewing Co. selling beer and have a signature cocktail for the TOG Social Hour set up at the pre-party that starts at 5 p.m. an hour before the ride departs. A proceed of each ticket will go to the *Save the Caboose Roof Fund*. Ticket sales start at \$50. We hope to see you all on the train.

Book your ticket here: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/corinthtrain/items/388996/availability/1235389326/book/?full-items=yes&back=https://corinthtrain.com/&flow=666905>

Joan's Jabbering – September 2023

by Joan E Rowland, President

Our summer has been filled with sunny days and rain, but most of all volunteers helping make our events a big success.

The museum has been open every Friday for the months of July and August. Thanks to the board members and their relatives for sitting for 2 hours welcoming the community to the museum. Robert Roeckle was there every week. Thanks so much – a total of 48 attended.

Thank you to Patti Veitch for chairing the 3rd annual Music in the Park. Five Bands this year. Returning were Elizabeth Conant, Bonnie Greco, Out of Reach, and New American Cuisine. For the first time this year was Saratoga Springs High School Fiddle Club. Our Historical Society member, Adam Brown was in the fiddle group. Such a nice addition to our music line up. Thanks also to the Middle Grove United Methodist Church for selling hot dogs and hamburgers for the event. JoAnn sold the 50/50 and Pendent tickets as well as taking membership dues.

Thank you to Louise Okoniewski and Tom Clute for chairing the 13th annual Caboose Day and Car Show event. Tom and Crew (his five family members) parked and registered 63 cars and trucks in the car show, each donating \$10 as an entry fee. Tom worked with businesses in Greenfield for first-time Sponsors for the 15 People Choice trophies (see list on page 4).

Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway had the train come in from Corinth twice. We hired a trolley to move people safely from the King's Station original location to the current park. Hal Raven even had shorter rides on the hour from Kings to LaMothe Landing. The Greenfield Flyer was a perfect length for visiting kids and at a discounted price.

The Bake Sale is always a big hit. Jams, pickles, quick breads, cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls. Thanks to all who baked and canned (Katie Finnegan, Robert Roeckle, Lynda Roeckle, Joan and JoAnn Rowland, Mary Vetter, Patty Schwartzbeck and Brian Nicol). Thanks to Patty Schwartzbeck for displaying and selling all the bake goods.

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

September 2023 — by Ron Feulner

In past issues, I have been writing about the Middle Grove fire, and in future issues, I shall return to that topic, but for this month, I would like to change the subject and tell the story of how Harold Jones came to work for Vin Smero of Vin's Garage.

Harold Jones (born 1943) is the son of Margie and Earl Jones, and he grew up in Porter Corners, NY. As an adult, he worked a long career at IP (International Paper Company) in Corinth, after high school, he worked at Brookside Dairy Farm and at Vin Smero's Garage. During an oral interview, Harold told the following story:

Harold said that when he was 16 (the year he graduated high school, 1960), he was working at Brookside Dairy Farm at the intersection of Locust Grove and Wilton Roads.

One day the owner, Harold L. Hall, said "Come with me," and they got in Mr. Hall's 1957 Pontiac Safari station wagon, which greatly impressed Harold. On their way, Mr. Hall explained that he was trying to put together another Divco milk delivery truck from parts of other trucks, and he had Vin Smero of Vin's Garage working on the project.

By the time they arrived at Smero's Garage on Route 9N, just south of the hamlet of Greenfield Center, Harold had figured out that Mr. Hall wanted Harold to do as much labor on the truck as possible because the project was on the back burner for Vin and was progressing slowly.

Mr. Hall left Harold at the garage, and Vin Smero was evidently not happy about him being there. For a long time, Harold just stood with his arms folded watching Smero work. Finally, Smero said, "Get some wrenches and go out back and take the transmission out of that old truck."

Harold did what he was told and found that someone had already removed some of the floor panels so there were only four bolts, a drive shaft and some cotter pins holding it in place. In about half-an-hour, Harold had it removed and brought it into the shop. Vin Smero looked at him and said, "What do you want?" Harold said, "I took out the transmission like you wanted" and pointed to it on the floor.

Smero seemed impressed and said, "How much they paying you at Brookside?" Harold said, "75¢ per hour." Smero said, "I'll give you a \$1 an hour, and you can start next week." Harold said, "That's how I came to work for Vin Smero at Vin's Garage." Harold then worked part time at Brookside Dairy and full time for Vin. The downside was missing out on Emily Halls great lunch and Aunt BB Sesselman's snacks. However, Vin took me to his mom's house next door for fresh donuts every mid morning. Interestingly, when the extra Divco truck was completed, Harold used it to drive part time milk delivery routes in Saratoga during early AM hours before reporting to Vin's Garage at 8 a.m. Vin became Harold's mentor and teacher in all things mechanical, automotive and service. At Brookside Dairy, I worked with Uncle Sess Sesselman, Sonny Hall, Howard Gowel, George Dahl, Herb Reezer and John ?. It was a fun time of life. At Vin's Garage, I worked with Vin, Vinny (Vin's son), Pete Reynolds and Chili Richmond. Occasionally, Alice Smero asked me to come home with Vin for lunch. The garage was full service, therefore I met most of the people in the area. It too was a fun time of life. The story's could be endless at both jobs.

Alice Joan (Bull Rickett) Feulner



of Greenfield Center, NY, age 95, died at home surrounded by family on July 25, 2023.

Alice was born in Glens Falls Hospital on May 12, 1928. Her mother died when she was four, and she was placed in foster care where she lived in a number of foster homes before reaching maturity. She attended Bolton Landing and Ballston Spa high schools. She also attended classes at Fulton Montgomery Community College.

Besides being a housewife and mother to six children, she also worked as a receptionist for Dr. Debra Kaplan in Potsdam. For many years she worked in Montgomery, Otsego, and Saratoga counties in their department of Social Services as a welfare examiner.

She was proud of her Native American heritage being a direct descendant of Sabael, an Abenaki Indian who lived in the heart of the Adirondacks where four area names were derived from him: Sabael, Abenaki Lake, Lake Lewey and Indian Lake. Alice was proud of the fact that her grandmother's cradle board is in the New York State Museum in Albany.

Her passion was her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed making sock angel dolls with button legs and intricately hand sewn clothing. Each doll had an original set of wings that ranged from a piece of birch bark to a colorful ribbon. During her lifetime she made well over 500 of these dolls which she sold or gave as gifts to friends. She documented each in a journal.

During the '80s she owned and operated a thrift store called Glad Rags in downtown Canajoharie, NY.

She had a unique ability to make friends and once you became her friend, she made you feel special by always remembering you with hand written notes and cards. Hallmark will forever be indebted to her for the success of their company.

Alice was predeceased by her parents, Lucinda Christina Johnson and Charles Ellsworth Bull of Lake George, NY, her son Paul J. Rickett III and her grandsons Jamison M. Rickett and JP Woods.

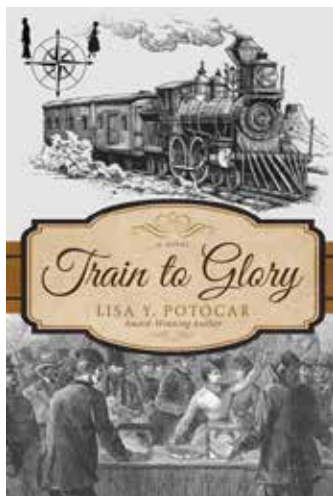
She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ronald W. Feulner. Her children Candace Feulner (Gene), Jeffrey Rickett (Sonya), Kelly Woods (John), David Feulner (Lori), Michael Feulner (Patricia) and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services for Alice will be held in the fall in Bolton Landing NY. A brief graveside service will also be held in the fall at Hutchings Cemetery in Greenfield Center.

Anyone wishing to donate in Alice's memory can send donations to WMHT Public Media at www.wmht.org

Our membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31, dues are paid annually. (\$10 per household or \$100 for Lifetime Membership)

Program for September 19, 2023



Lisa Y. Potocar, author of *Glory: A Civil War Series* (including *Sweet Glory*, *Train to Glory*, and *Gold, Guts and Glory*). Although her books are works of fiction, Lisa's stories are woven around a bounty of real events and key historical figures. Lisa features pioneering women who are well known to the general public for having performed certain deeds but may be unknown for others. Her passion for writing and research stems from her former work in healthcare administration and as a professor. When not tracking

some morsel of history to shape into a story, she's a tomboy at heart who loves to hike and bike, and she'd still climb trees ... if she could. You can find her work at www.lisapotocarauthor.com



Happy 100th Birthday to RUSSELL ORMSBEE Born July 22, 1923

In honor of his 100th birthday, he received a visit from Town Supervisor Kevin Veitch and Town Clerk Karen Downen, who officially presented him with a proclamation from the Greenfield Town Board. He is pictured in the photo with his wife Dorothy. Russell, who's family has deep roots in our Town's history, served in the U.S. Air Core in World War II as a flight engineer on a c54 Cargo plane responsible for evacuating injured soldiers from Hawaii. He was employed by the International Paper Company for more than 39 years and has been an involved community member. He has been an avid musician, having once played on live television and at the Grand Ole Opry.

WEB HELP WANTED

We are looking for a small group of people who would like to look at our website and give it a fresh look. Some Web experience would be welcome.

Take a look at our website at greenfieldhistoricalsociety.com. Please contact us using our email address at toghistsoc@gmail.com. Mary Vetter will be chairing this group. Thanks in advance for your help.

Joan's Jabberings *Continued from page 1*

The café sold out again. Robert Roeckle donates all the hot dogs, hamburgers, bacon, cheese, rolls, drinks, and use of his gas grill (always goes through one tank of propane), Louise the condiments and meat sauce. This year we added the second gas grill – thanks to John Greenwood for supplying his grill and moving all the grills for us. We added one more cook – thank you Heidi Lampert for cooking hot dogs until they were gone. Adam Brown again worked the café and moved everything at least once. With Louise's short order experience, the café served everyone in a timely fashion.

Thanks to our Treasurer JoAnn Rowland for taking all the food orders and making change a ton of times. New this year was a self-service jug to drop your \$1 into if you wanted a drink so you did not have to wait in line. Good idea, worked well. The 50/50 was run by John Greenwood. And the winner was Patty Schwartzbeck. She donated the money back – thank you Patty.

Thank you to our vendors – See list on page 4.

New this year were Caboose T-shirts. We sold enough that day to make cost; well, almost – 10 cents short. Thank you to Carey Ward for the design. We love it.

Thanks to the Greenfield Fire Police for keeping our people safe. Dave Wilson and 2 volunteers worked hard that day. And 100 kids were happy to receive Stewart's Shops Ice Cream Scoops coupons.

Thanks to Louise Okoniewski and Tom Clute for being the co-chairs for another successful Car Show. Mark your calendars for August 10, 2024!

Hope to see everyone at our Pot Luck Dinner and meeting on Sept. 19, dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.



T-SHIRTS FOR SALE



Our T-shirts are available for purchase. Front has a left chest logo. Back of shirt has a Caboose Day advertisement which was designed by Conductor Carey Ward of the Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway. First day of sales

was August 12 at the 13th Annual Caboose Day.

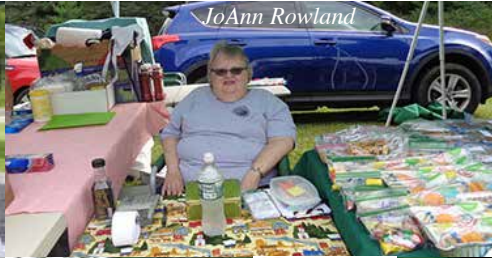
Shirts are available for purchase for \$20 each. Sizes still available are Small, Medium, Large, X Large and a limited supply of 2X Large shirts.

We have been sitting at the Greenfield Farmers Market and will be there until Friday, September 8. Then look for us at the Townwide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10 at the Lions Club Tent next to the Greenfield Community Center. Also available at the September 19 Meeting.

If you need to have your shirt mailed to you, please send a check to our PO Box 502, Greenfield Center NY 12833. Please indicate size and include an additional \$8 for postage and handling. \$28 total.

13th Caboose Day and Car Show at King's Station – August 12, 2023

Joan Rowland selling Caboose Day T-Shirts



JoAnn Rowland



Adam Brown, Louise Okoniewski & Robert Roeckle

Below: Patty Schwartzbeck & John Greenwood



Mary Vetter handing out Stewart's Shops Ice Cream Scoops coupons to all the kids



Heidi Lampert, Robert & Adam

Victoria Clute, Samantha Clute & Tom Clute



Ed Fink Sr., Jill Chouinard, Dave Wilson & Bradley Peterson



Joan Rowland with Cory Ward (the designer of the logo)

The Trophies



Hal Raven, Senator Tedisco & Kevin Veitch



Volunteers putting up the tarps

2023 Car Show Participants Peoples Choice – Top 15 are in bold

1. 1950 GMC Pickup, Tom Clute
2. **1972 Pontiac Ventura, Victoria Clute**
3. 2012 Chevy Camaro, Samantha Clute
4. **1933 Dodge, Rick Hoagy**
5. 1960 Ford Galaxy Starliner, Wayne Pearce
6. 1988 Chevy Corvette, Kevin Ramos
7. **1937 Chevy Pickup, Art Duckatt**
8. 1931 Ford Model A Coupe, Bernie Molema
9. **1965 Ford Falcon Convertible, Mike DePaul**
10. **1950 Dodge B2B, Donald Giglio**
11. **1968 AMC/AMX, John Fiore**
12. 1989 Pontiac Formula SLP 350, Karl Zeh
13. 1988 Pontiac Fiero, Art Whitney
14. 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass, Stan Zeh
15. 1947 Ford Deluxe Coupe, Bob Marcotte
16. 1978 Lincoln Continental Towncar, Jerry Wawrzyniak
17. 1977 Cutlass S, Dennis & Theresa Sullivan
18. **1923 Ford Model T, Leslie Scoville**
19. 2004 Pontiac GTO, Chuck Higley
20. 1984 Ford Mustang, Fred Maynard
21. 1965 Pontiac GTO, Wally & Barb Pratt
22. 1941 Chevy Business Coupe, Don Miller
23. **1964 Chevy Malibu, Dustin Miller**
24. **1971 Dodge Demon, Michael Reynolds**
25. 2015 Dodge Challenger, Rich & Diane Okonsky
26. 1966 Ford Fairlane Convertible, Dave Passno
27. 1932 Plymouth, Frank Lyons
28. **1931 Ford Model A Limo, Gary Childs**
29. 1975 Chevy Corvette, Skip Belanger
30. 1967 Dodge 440 Convertible, Jim Parnapy
31. 1969 Chevy Corvette, Steve George
32. 1965 Pontiac GTO, Bill & Shannon Austin
33. 1960 Chevy El Camino, Jim Kochon
34. 1965 Chevy Malibu, Steve Clark
35. **1966 Chevy Nova SS, Jim Cummings**
36. 1971 Pontiac Lemans Conv., Bill Marzano
37. **1973 Ford F100, Dylan Barrera**
38. 1998 Chevy Plow Truck, Ron Wemmitz
39. 1979 Ford F150, Mario Barrera
40. 1978 Chevy Monte Carlo, Paul Weeks
41. **1966 Chevy Corvette, Sam Curcio**
42. 1968 Chevy Impala Coupe, Michael Richardson
43. 1971 Camaro Z-28/RS, Steve Companion
44. 1969 Camaro Rally Sport, Steve Companion
45. 1990 Jeep Comanche, Travis Gifford
46. 1951 Mercury 2-Door Coupe, Steve Patrick
47. 1966 Pontiac 2x2, Peter Gray
48. 1993 Mercedes Benz, Louise Okoniewski
49. 1970 Opel GT, Rick Bishop
50. 1987 Harley Davison Motorcycle, John Biss
51. **1972 Chevy Nova, Ray Dickson**
52. 1921 Ford Model T, Tom Sadlon
53. 1987 Chevy, Mike Cheeny
54. 1933 Chevy, Nicholas Palmateer
55. 1951 Mercury Montego, Dylon Palmateer
56. 1973 Oldsmobile Omega, David Barnes
57. 1931 Dodge Pickup Rat Rod, Randy Ramsey
58. 1955 Chevy Pickup, Rick Couse
59. 1939 Chevy Panel, Doc
60. 1993 Ford Mustang GT, Jennie Veitch
61. 1965 Pontiac GTO, Steve & Sherri Ruggles
62. 1967 Pontiac Firebird, Tommy Tichenor
63. 1969 Dodge Charger, Richard Bublak Jr.



Fire Truck owned by Toby Middlebrook

Car Show Sponsors: Adirondack Self Storage Inc., Baldwins Garage LLC, Brookledge Nature Getaway, C.S. Pita Fuels Inc., D.M. Wardell Inc., Equitas Realty, Green Fields Lawncare, HD Concrete, Humpty Dumpty Soft Ice Cream & Subs, J&K Trucking & Excavating, Ryan's Garage, Twin Leaf Farms, Tom Clute, John Biss & Louise Okoniewski

Car Show Co-Chairs: Louise Okoniewski & Tom Clute

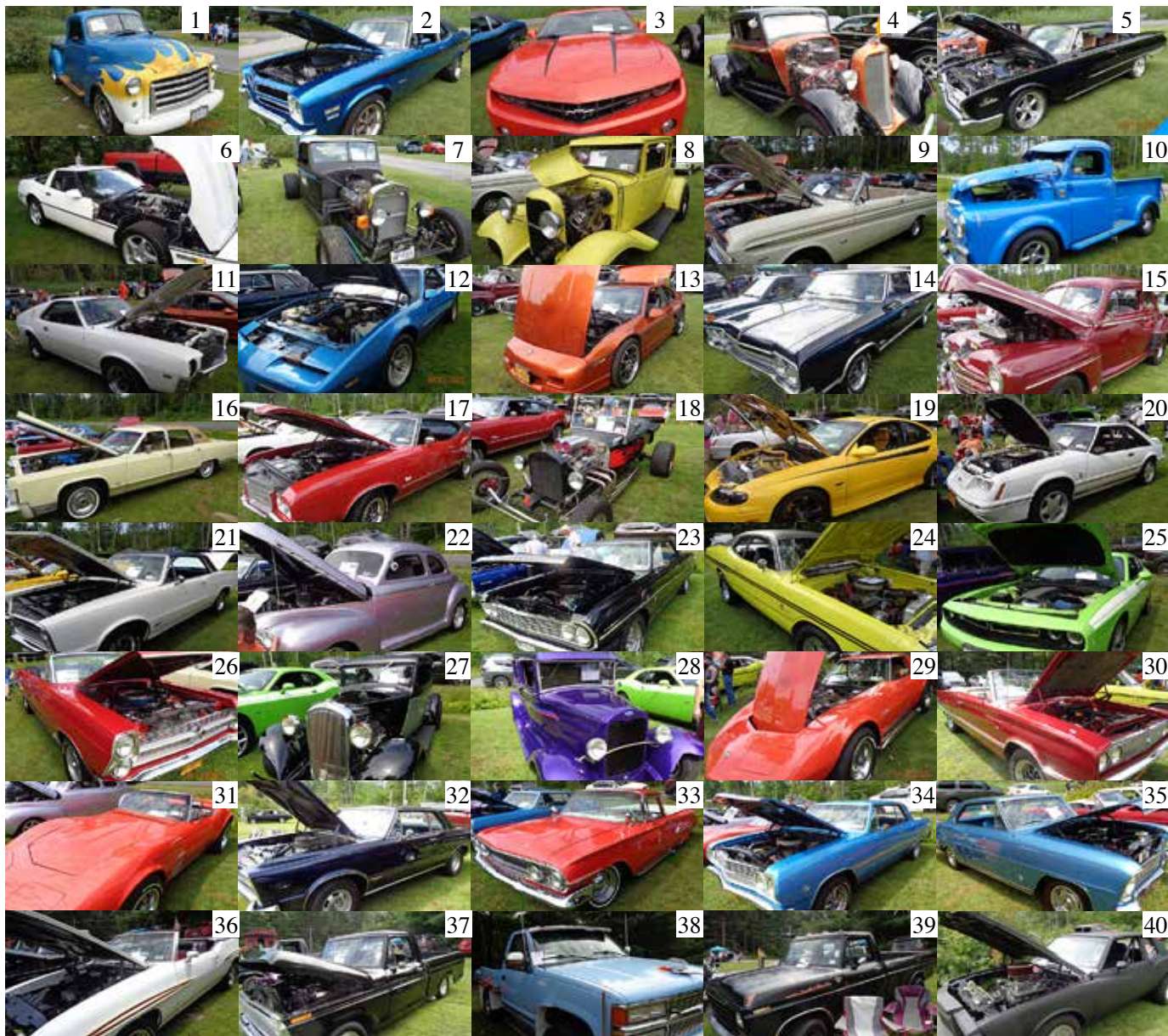
Caboose Day Sponsors: Stewart's Shops (Ice Cream Scoops coupons for kids), Hal Raven (SC&H Railway) Robert Roeckle, & Town of Greenfield for the Porta-Potties

Vendors: Kat's Kowgirl Krafts, Maple Valley Farm, Saratoga Corinth & Hudson Railway, & Upstate Transit Trolley

Special Thanks to Cory Ward for designing the Caboose Day logo

50/50 Raffle won by Patty Schwartzbeck
For the person that didn't receive their trophy, it's waiting at the Greenfield Town Hall.

Sorry I missed some pictures of the cars. Thanks to Joan Rowland for lending me her phone after my camera died!



41
Sam Curcio
1966
Corvette
(Yellow)

46
Steve Patrick
1951
Mercury
2-door
Coupe
(Black)

47
Peter Gray
1966
Pontiac
2x2



Music in the Park – July 22, 2023



*Saratoga Springs High School Fiddle Club
Adam Brown, Mia Pashoukos & Trinity Montelone*



Bonnie Greco



Elizabeth Conant



Out of Reach



New American Cuisine



Food sold by Middle Grove United Methodist Church volunteers



Patti Veitch, introducing the bands



*JoAnn Rowland,
TOGHS treasurer,
counting the money*



*Blown Glass Pendant Raffle donated
by Larry Rutland of North Creek
Studio. Tickets: 1 for \$1 or 8 for \$5*



50/50 Raffle — \$38 won by Denise Pudvah

The Greenfield Farmers Market has moved to the Middle Grove Town Park near the Pavilion, Fridays through Sept. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET 2023



Soups to Go
Lemonade & Water



Perogi Pierogi
Pyroogie



Red Hen Bake Shop



Moose N Squirrel
Treats



Yellow Stone
Vintage Jewelry



North Creek Studios
Larry Rutland,
Artist



Sunday's Best
Nally Coffee
Farmer T Pickles

Arnold's Produce



Jennifer Haley Inc.



Katz's Kowgirl Krafts & Photos



Music



Joel's Jerk Hut



Maple Valley Farm



Patty
Schwarzbeck
with Joan
& JoAnn
Rowland

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society is still looking for a few good bodies (and minds)!

Are you good at planning social events?

Are you good at working with people?

Do you have carpentry skills?

Are you good at organizing collections?

Do you have computer skills?

Do you like lawn and landscaping work?

We need your ideas and skills.

Please contact us at 518-322-5675 or email us at toghistsoc@gmail.com



Display for 2023 Saratoga County Fair – thanks to the committee of Louise Okoniewski & Robert Roeckle



TOGHS Museum painted by “#518 Paint LLC.”
Interior and exterior painting, pressure washing, free estimates.
Billy Hull, 518-886-2818, William_Hull@aol.com or
www.facebook.com/#518paintLLC

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 _____

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