



Historical Society Newsletter

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CALENDAR

June 13 - Sept. 19 – Fridays, *Farmers Market*, 4 - 7 p.m., Middle Grove Town Park. The IOOF Hall will be open 4 - 6 p.m. during the Market. Our *Annual Chili Cook-Off* will be held at the last Farmers Market on Sept. 19.

Sept. 16 – 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. Program: *Ron Feulner talking about "Greenfield Before It Became Greenfield."*

Sept. 28 – Sunday, *Open House at the Museum in IOOF Hall*, Middle Grove, 1 - 3 p.m.

Oct. 4 – Saturday, *Historical Society 30th Anniversary Gala* at Brookhaven Golf Course in the "Haven Tee Room," 5 - 9 p.m.
See ad in this newsletter, for more information.

Oct. 21 – Tuesday, *meeting at 7 p.m. at the IOOF HALL IN MIDDLE GROVE.*
Program to be announced.

Dues Are Due

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.

WEEZIE'S WORDS

by Louise Okoniewski

Say it isn't so! It can't be over already! It's not time for Summer to end. Why is it that no matter the summer weather, it always goes by fast, especially as we get older.

Our 7th (!) Farmers Market began June 13. There's a new arrangement for the vendors which seems to be working well. J'mae Shamroske, our market manager, has done an excellent job organizing the vendors and lining up some wonderful musicians each week. With help from Tom Seagrove and Ron Deutsch, our market has a great mix of vendors and services. You can find almost anything at the market. From local honey, maple syrup, homemade jellies, pickles, applesauce, spices, peanut butter, pesto, homemade cheeses, soaps, lotions, soup mixes, wine, flowers, handmade jewelry, hand blown glass, and of course ... all kinds of veggies!!! Plus, you can have a bite to eat at the market, or take it home for dinner from two different vendors. Middle Grove Fire Dept. set up on a couple of the markets, gave tours of the Fire Truck, explained how different equipment helped to fight a fire, and gave away Fire Hats, coloring books and goodies to the kids. This is a great community event. If you haven't made it to the market Fridays at Middle Grove Park, make it a point to stop by. ... Friday, Sept. 19 will be the last day.

July was our 3rd year at the Saratoga County Fair. In the Townley Building that has the agricultural displays, we set up our Greenfield Farming Display. We featured pictures from the '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s; included was the Rowland Farm (Ormsbee Rd.), Schwartz Farm (Wilton Rd.), Will McNutt (Middle Grove Rd.) and the Kubish Farm (Wilton Rd.). Today's farming pictures included the Arnold Farm (South Greenfield Rd.), Eichorst Corn Fields (Middle Grove Rd.), the Hops Farm (Wing Rd.), Wardells Horses (North Creek Rd.) and The Jacques (Lake Desolation Rd.). What a surprise I had, when Henry Rowland presented me with a check for \$20 for third place! That was like winning the lotto! We had many people stop and look at the display and take the free post cards we gave out. I'm sure we will have a display at the Fair in 2015.

Aug. 9 was the 5th Annual Caboose Open House and Car Show. Once again, Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful day. Starting at 10 a.m. proved to work out just fine.

Karyn Zanetti, Town of Greenfield's rec. director, took about 100 pictures of visitors on the caboose. These pictures are free keepsakes and truly enjoyed by all. No matter how hot it is, Karyn stays right in the sun, no problem. Stan Weeks, Ed Woodard and Tony Bucca provided the tours of the station and caboose. It's great to see how many young people are interested in trains. Even a toddler running around the train was making the **Whooo! Whooo!** sound of a train. All the kids held on tight to the free train cars and tracks we offered. The kids loved the Mardi-Gras beads, buttons/pins with the trains on them, and of course, free ice cream coupons, thanks to Stewarts. The bake sale was a big hit, with everything from breads, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, gluten-free items, pickles and jellies. The bakers were Dan Chertok, Joan Rowland, Jane Potter, Katie Finnegan, Rosie and Dominique Rowland, Nancy Homiak, Alice Feulner and Lelah Cornell. Robert Roeckle, Louise and Dan C., took care of the hot dogs and burgers; Patty Schwartzbeck, the bake sale; Joyce Woodard, Janet Jones and Nancy Homiak, Historical Booth; JoAnn Rowland, finances; Mike and Jordan Gyarmathy, French Fries. Ron Deutsch and Dan C., were the "utility guys" helping with set-up and wherever needed. Greenfield Fire District Fire Police members, Robert Roxbury and Tom Merrills, assisted with parking the visitors cars and those showing their treasured classic cars were helped by Tom Clute, T.J. Clute and Tom Clute's grandson, Christopher. We had 26 show cars, not to mention the numerous spectators' vehicles. This was truly an international event. We had guests sign in from California and Montreal, Canada. Car Show people came from Fonda, Johnstown, Schenectady, as well as local participants. Mark your calendar for the second Saturday in August 2015.

We have continued to work on the Odd Fellows Hall. Ron Feulner has the upstairs museum near completion. The old carriage shed has been painted and looks like new. We are looking for any pictures of veterans for the display area in the downstairs portion of IOOF Hall. Any picture will do. We will make a copy and give back the original. We have a large area and would like to add to the collection.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, TOGHS members, Lions Club and Boy Scouts will be at Daketown School to help scrape and paint the old school house. The fun begins at 9 a.m. Many hands should make light work of this job. Thanks to Vince Walsh and Dan McIntyre for cleaning up the wood. And a big thank you to Ron Feulner who helped me cut the grass and rake the property. If you would like to help, give Ron Deutsch a call, or just show up.

Sept. 19 – Chili Cook-Off – Our last Farmers Market will feature a chili cook-off. If you think you can beat Ron Deutsch, last year's winner, bring it on! The market starts at 4 p.m., so bring you best recipe. Tasters can vote for the one they think deserves the title. Visit the Farmers Market for more details or call 587-6060.

Don't forget our first meeting Sept. 16, featuring the famous **Pot Luck Dinner**. Bring your favorite dish to share. Dinner begins at 5:30 at the Community Center. The meeting follows at 7 p.m. This year's program features Ron Feulner presentation on how Greenfield was formed, from the Native Americans, Kayderosseross Patent, etc. This is a fun and informative program. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

Where did the summer go? When my 98 year-old mother was still alive, she often told me that each year appeared to go faster than the one before. I think that I am now beginning to experience the same phenomena.

The historical society had a busy summer with the farmer's market, the museum, and of course the Caboose Day which was an outstanding success.

Here at the historian's office, we have also had a busy summer. The volunteers and I have been working on a whole host of projects including converting our old VHS tapes to DVDs, creating a data base of names listed in our collection of old one-room school registers, and of course the on-going organization of our extensive collection of photos. All of this between trying to satisfy the many requests for information from residents looking for information concerning their ancestors in Greenfield and other visitors who often stop in looking for information.

One project that we could use your help on involves trying to find the old names of some of our Greenfield roads. Some of the old census reports list families living on a particular road in the Town of Greenfield that we have never heard of. This makes it difficult for someone trying to figure out where their ancestor lived. A recent example involved a reference to "Hayes Road." None of us knew where it was. By chance, I asked Earl Jones, and he said that he was pretty sure that it was the road that we now call "Canty Road." The same census refers to "Haggerty Hill Road," which we think is now "South Greenfield Road," but you can see where the confusion comes from. If you know the old name of any of our roads, I would appreciate your sharing them with us. You can email me here at the office at thistorian@nycap.rr.com or call and leave a message at 518-893-7432, ext. 315 (since we are only in the office on Wednesdays).

A similar problem is one we have with old addresses. Instead of giving a road or street, many of the older addresses were listed as RD3, etc. (for their Rural Delivery Route numbers), and we no longer have any maps showing where this might be. There must be old post office maps for each of the post offices in the town, but I don't have any here, and it would be a great help if we did. If you have such a map or can share information with us, it would help.

The museum at the IOOF hall is mostly finished (just a few last minute touches needed), so we are planning an open house on Sunday, September 28 from 1-3 p.m. for all of you who have played a role in making the museum a reality. If you donated money, artifacts, labor, or anything else to our project, we would like to have you and your guest(s) join us on that date for a tour of the museum. We do not plan to open to the general public until next spring (after the heating season ends) so please join us on the 28th for a sneak peak.

On September 16, I am scheduled to be the presenter at the September meeting of the historical society, and hope to see you all there.

2014 Farmers Market



JoAnn Rowland, historical society treasurer, manning the TOGHS tent at the Farmers Market.



Saratoga County Fair – July 22 - 27, 2014

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society's display on agriculture won Third Place – \$20 prize!



The Greenfield Grange display.

Town of Greenfield Historical Society's Seventh Annual FARMERS MARKET

June 13 - September 19, 2014

Fridays, 4 - 7 p.m. at MIDDLE GROVE PARK

Fresh veggies, local honey, maple syrup, flowers, baked goods, spices, wood workers, handmade jewelry, local produced wine, grass fed meats, eggs, jellies, music and much, much more!

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Tasters can vote for the one they think deserves the title.

The market starts at 4 p.m., so bring your best recipe.

Visit the Farmers Market for more details or call 587-6060.



Tents being set up at the Community Camp-Out in Middle Grove Town Park, Friday, August 1, sponsored by the Town of Greenfield Recreation Department.

HERITAGE HUNTERS MEETINGS

Regular program meetings are on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. [corner of Rt. 29] in Schuylerville.

For more information, email melfrejo@aol.com or call 518-587-2978. Public is welcome.

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society
30th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, October 4, 2014
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, email: mkd67@aol.com or
buy your tickets at the Sept. 16 Historical Society Meeting
at the Community Center in Greenfield Center

Make checks payable to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

To benefit the IOOF Hall Museum and Daketown School

Fifth Caboose Day at King’s Station – August 9, 2014



Work Day at the Caboose and King’s Station



Car Show Participants

1. Randy Barrett, 1946 Ford
2. Ted Wilming, 1953 Hudson
3. Sharon Stevens, 1956 Tbird
4. Joe Rapant, 1940 Packard
5. Patty Schwartzbeck/Bill Jeske, 1972 Lincoln
6. Ken Waite/Porter Corners Fire Department, 2007 Chevrolet 2500 Fire Police Truck
7. John Seaman, 1953 M37 Weapons Carrier
8. Rich and Kim Travis, 1977 Pontiac
9. Ed Varnam, 1966 Mustang
10. Wayne Pearce, 1950 Ford
11. Vincent Schmidt, 1981/82 Yamaha
12. Walt Prat, 1965 GTO
13. Joe DeVivo, 1949 International KB-1 Harvester
14. Dave Kreski, 1957 Studebaker
15. Tom Sadlon, 1921 Model T Ford
16. Doug Colwell, 1937 Ford
17. Jim Winsman Sr., 2004 Harley Trike
18. Richard Bishop, 1970 Opel GT
19. Rodney Beagle, 1973 VW Bug
20. Warren Vicha, 1991 Chrysler
21. Frank Lyons, 1993 Dodge Viper
22. Steve Campanion, 1960 Pontiac Grand Prix
23. Sean Daugherty
24. Raymond Dickson
25. Stephen Lester, 1929 Ford Coupe
26. Zach Carrico, 1931 Model A

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Dan Nelson from Ballston Spa, \$44.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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.

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 _____

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, send it to: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 502, Greenfield Center, NY 12833 or email it to: JJones18215@roadrunner.com.

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

I NEED 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 it to: JJones18215@roadrunner.com.

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

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