



## Historical Society Newsletter

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### CALENDAR

**Nov. 21 – 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.

**Dec. 9 – Saturday, Holiday Party**, 1-3:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall/Museum in Middle Grove. Topic: Jewish Traditions, event will be facilitated by Dan Chertok. Please bring cookies/desserts to share/sell. Mulled Cider and coffee will be provided. The event will end with the usual Cookie Exchange for a donation.

**Jan. 16, 2018 – Tuesday**, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** *Greg Veitch*, Chief of Police for Saratoga Springs, will talk about his book – *All the Law in the World Won't Stop Them*. It's about crime, gambling and corruption in Saratoga Springs through 1921.

**Feb. 20, 2018 – Tuesday**, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** Author Mary Cuffe Perez will talk about her new book *Barn Stories*.

**March 20, 2018 – Tuesday**, meeting 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Greenfield Center. **Program:** *Marie Willard* will speak about growing up in Middle Grove in the 1950s and some of the older people and families she knew back then.

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

### Our Newest LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lynn Wochinger

Tony and Pauline Levo

### NOVEMBER NOTES

by Mary Vetter

Our October meeting was memorable. *An Adirondack Musical History Tour* presented by Dan Berggren gave us an evening of song. He had us remembering old songs and learning some new ones. Dan skillfully talked about and presented recordings that explained the important work that has been done to preserve folk songs in our country. We are so lucky to have such a talented man in the North Country.

During our business meeting, we decided on a theme and a date for our holiday cookie exchange. Our theme this year is "Jewish Holiday Traditions" and Dan Chertok will guide us through the traditions of Hanukkah. Like the Christian celebration of Christmas, it fills a dark time of year with light and hope. As usual, we will continue our cookie exchange. Hot mulled cider and coffee will be served. We hope you join us on Dec. 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of good cheer.

Recently, I had an opportunity to talk to Elizabeth Conant, who runs the Studio on Wilton Road. We discussed the idea bringing together children and seniors to share stories of childhood pursuits. We could hold the event at the Studio this spring and video the stories to preserve the history of Greenfield residents. Anyone interested in helping us organize this event should contact me at [toghistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:toghistsoc@gmail.com).

Don't miss out on our meeting and presentation on Nov. 21 at the Community Center. Our own Andrea Mann will talk about her book *A Letter From Ginger Boy*. It is the true story of a girl and her horse set in the Adirondacks circa 1964.

*Thank you to the refreshment volunteers for October, Mary Vetter and Katie Finnegan. They served Pumpkin Dream Bars; Brownies, Blueberry Cake and Zucchini Bread (plus desserts leftover from the Gala).*

*November refreshment volunteers are Joan Rowland and Joyce Woodard.*

*Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson*

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

As your town historian, I am trying to decide the next step in our ability to serve all of you when you come to us with questions about the history of our town. With the hard work of all my wonderful volunteers, we have created data bases indexing a good share of our extensive collection of information in the town historian's office.

Having information is not of much value if you cannot find what you want when you need it. It's not like my home workshop, which my sons think of as a complete unorganized mess, but what they don't know is that I have a system, but it is all in my head. The fact that they can't find anything doesn't mean that I can't.

Unlike my shop, the amount of information stored in my historian's office is way too extensive for me to keep in my brain. To help in finding information, we have divided it into categories like photos, newspaper scrapbooks, family genealogies, general files, vital statistics, etc. My volunteers have taken much of this material and gone through it page by page and created indices or data bases, which we have then entered into computers where we can search for a name or place. When the name comes up on the computer, it also tells us the book number and page number where we can find the original.

We are far enough along with this, after seven years of hard work by a number of dedicated volunteers, so when we answer the public requests that come in weekly, we often can find the information requested in a matter of minutes. Many of our visitors have complemented us saying that we are one of the most organized historian's

offices they have ever visited. But we still have a long way to go. We still have files and boxes of historic papers that have not been sorted and indexed yet.

In addition, I have a growing concern about the safety of the original documents. Many organizations in other parts of the country have lost their entire collections of nonreplicable material to fire, floods, and other destructive events. Our collection is too valuable to take chances with, so I am investigating ways of preserving it digitally. We have looked at several software programs and are leaning toward one, which we hope to have up and operating by the end of the year. We are hopeful that it will allow us to scan in our documents and photos and store the images off-site in case anything ever happened to the originals. We are also hopeful that, at the same time, we can make the information searchable on our computers.

Of course, the ultimate goal would be to someday place our collection online so that all of you could search for information in the comfort of your own homes without coming to or contacting our office, but that is too far down the road for me to estimate when it might happen. My hope is that everything we do works toward that ultimate goal, and we don't waste our time doing something that will be obsolete.

These are big steps for us since we only work in the office one day per week, but I think that it is important that we at least point ourselves in the right direction and have a clear goal to work toward.

I want to close by thanking my volunteers for the many hours and days that they have worked at these projects. I am aware every day how fortunate I am as a historian to have these people past and present help me toward these lofty goals.

### *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.



### **Gala Results**

Hi Friends,

\$3,583.98 is the profit at this point. There is one more cash donation to come in. Maybe?!?

Last year's profit was \$7,705.34 but there was a \$5,000 donation. Without that 2016 it would have been \$2,705.34 so we beat that.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work.

JoAnn Rowland, Treasurer

*(115 people attended the Gala this year.)*



*Dan Berggren, our entertainment at the October meeting, playing and singing Traditional and Original Folk songs. BerggrenFolk.com*

# The Town of Greenfield Historical Society Gala – Oct. 14, 2017



# The Town of Greenfield Historical Society Gala (continued)



*Rick Schwartzbeck selling 50/50 tickets at the Gala and the winner Ken Davis – \$141.*

*Winner of Larry Rutland's necklace was Elizabeth Conant. She also played the music for the Gala. The profit for the necklace was \$233.*

*Pam (Capasso) Hosier, Andrea (L'Hommedieu) Mann and JoAnn Rowland, my classmates from 1972. (Sorry girls, forgot to have someone take a picture of me!)*

## Shop at Amazon Smile

*Help support our historical society when you shop at Amazon. Amazon Smile, the charitable arm of Amazon, will make a donation to us on qualifying purchases when you sign into your Amazon account at smile.amazon.com. The first time you do this, tap Accounts & Lists then tap Your Amazon Smile. On the right-hand side of the screen tap the change charity button and type in: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society.*

*Once you have saved us as your charity, start shopping. When you checkout, Amazon will let you know if any of your purchases qualify for a donation. Amazon then sends the donation to us. You do nothing more. Remember to sign in at smile.amazon.com on all your Amazon shopping trips to support us.*

*Thanks!*

## Holiday Party at IOOF Hall

**Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017  
1 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Topic this year is  
“Jewish Traditions”**

*Event will be facilitated  
by Dan Chertok*

Please bring cookies.  
Mulled Cider and coffee  
will be provided.

*The event will end with the usual  
Cookie Exchange for a donation.*

## A Note to the Historical Society

October 2017

Members of The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

We are unable to attend the October Gala, however, enclosed is a check as a donation for the General Fund of the Greenfield Historical Society.

Many years ago, my grandparents, Fred and Maude Carp, lived and raised their children, – Loran Ernest and Edith, on Daketown Road. As one of Edith’s two daughters, I have fond memories of stories/times she shared. Grandpa did a little bit of everything it seemed related to farming and on occasions even pulled teeth, cut hair and was a night guard for Jim Leary, a Saratoga County attorney.

Arthur and Nina Jones and children are among those remembered as good neighbors. Arthur was the teacher at the Daketown Road School and Nina made some fabulous quilts!

As owners of a family camp at Lake Desolation, we often take a side trip down Daketown Road, note the changes, visit the Middle Grove cemetery where the Carp relatives are buried and occasionally stop at the Chatfield Museum.

A stop at The Post, Stewart’s, the Farmers Market, etc., remind us that time passes and change takes place even in small towns. However, we are reminded of the legacy that is ours because of those early ties and commend those who continue to maintain the history of the area.

With our appreciation for all that you do to share the story of Greenfield.

Norma and Larry Dunkelbarger

## 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](http://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.”

**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.

## 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](http://www.GreenfieldHistoricalSociety.com).** Email [toghistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:toghistsoc@gmail.com) for more information.

**CLICK ON:**



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto:JJones18215@roadrunner.com).**

**Updating Historic Sites Map in the Town of Greenfield**

We invite our membership and readers of this newsletter to share with Dan any historical information about an interesting person, place, structure or event within our town. Dan reserves the right to proof read and edit submissions, but he will be very happy to add your information to our map. We are always looking for historical information to add to and enhance the map, which we consider to be an ongoing work in progress. Please email Dan Chertok at [Chertok@LCYLAW.com](mailto:Chertok@LCYLAW.com) or write him at: Dan Chertok, 58 Ormsbee Road, Porter Corners, NY 12859



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