



Historical Society Newsletter

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**This newsletter is dedicated to Earl and Margie Jones.
They celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on March 27, 2018.**

CALENDAR

May 15, 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.

Sept. 18, 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*.

Oct. 16, 2018 – 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.

SAVE THE DATES

June 15-Sept. 7 – Farmers Market

Aug. 11 – Caboose Day

Oct. 13 – Gala

May Notes

by Mary Vetter

Slowly but surely, we are marching towards spring. Grape hyacinths and paperwhites are starting to pop up under our apple tree and we are seeing fewer birds at the feeder as they take advantage of what nature has to offer. We were glad that the weather held for our April meeting and that Mary Jane Pelzer was able to give her presentation on the history of and a demonstration of soapmaking.

It turns out that she has been making soap for a long time and did a great job of explaining the process and the chemistry of soapmaking. She related her soapmaking to what would have been happening on local homesteads during the 19th century and gave us a history of the use of soap from the earliest of times to present day. Her presentation is available at the Town Historian's office. At the end of the presentation, Mary had soap samples for sales and donated the proceeds to our Society. We are all appreciative of her generosity and want to give her a big Thank You!!

Our May meeting will include the nomination of and election of officers, as well as the presentation of the budget for the upcoming year.

Also, in May, Greg Veitch, Chief of Police for Saratoga Springs, will talk about his book, *All the Law in the World Won't Stop Them*. It is about crime, gambling and corruption in Saratoga Springs through 1921.

Thanks to the refreshment volunteers for April, Sandy Wimet and Patty Schwartzbeck. They served Almond Bars, Lemon Bars and Brownie Cookie Bars.

May refreshment volunteers are Joyce Woodard and Joan Rowland.

Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson

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Thanks!

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.



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

At last some decent weather. This is what keeps many of us in the northeast; when we get so sick of the grays and browns of winter, everything turns bright colors, and we experience a rebirth of sorts.

In the last newsletter, I invited anyone interested in organizing events at our museum over the summer season, and, as of now, no one has responded. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact me at town hall or any of the officers of the historical society. It is a shame for us to have put so much effort into the museum displays and not have it open for the public to enjoy.

Recently, a resident of Alpine Meadows Road near Brookhaven golf course came into my office asking for information about the church camps that once operated near the end of the road (near the site of the ski area). I have no information in my office regarding this camp. If you have any information and would be willing to share it with us, please call me on Wednesdays at town hall or email me there or simply drop in on a Wednesday and share with us. We can make copies of documents or photographs while you wait, and then you won't have to leave any originals with us.

We have several big projects in varying stages of completion at the historian's office. Volunteer, Joan Rowland, is working on an index for what will be a new

printing of an old favorite book, Greenfield Glimpses, which is currently out of print. Volunteer, Mary Vetter, is working with our new software program, Laser Fiche, which will let us scan in some of our records and make them searchable. I am trying to put the finishing touches on a three volume set of talks that I recorded between myself and local artist, Otto Plaug, who lived to be 102 and died in the year 2000. Volunteer, Liz Frank, transcribed all the cassette tapes of the talks, and now I am editing and adding a table of contents.

Have a good summer everyone, and maybe I will see you at the farmer's market.

Earl and Margie Jones celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary on March 27, 2018.



FOUR GENERATIONS

*[left to right]
Casey (grandson),
Phil (son),
Sedona, Koda and
Quinn [in middle],
(great
grandchildren),
with Earl and
Margie Jones*

Released Into The Wild

By John R. Greenwood, February 8, 2018



Bottle #1 – “Kindness is contagious, pass it on.”

I’m conducting an experiment. I want to take the simplest of ideas and use it to create a buzz, an interest, a conversation. It isn’t that I’ve run out of things to write about its that I want to try my hand at a visual art. The problem for me has always been a lack of patience and skill. I shake like a December chihuahua whenever I try to do something requiring a steady hand. I have the attention span of a first grader when it comes to creating something that might take more than 10 minutes to

assemble. I can’t draw a bath, and almost every sweatshirt I own has the remnants of a room or building I’ve painted sometime in the last three decades. So, I tried to come up with something different that would allow me to exercise my bulky and uncoordinated creative muscles.

Here’s my highly detailed and elaborate plan. I have old wooden boxes filled with antique bottles. My father dug the majority of them within miles of my home. My thought was to write a favorite quote on one and leave it in a random location nearby. I wouldn’t leave any detailed information with it but I would record via photograph each bottles authenticity and origin. Since my readership on this blog is limited, the chances that the person who discovers the bottle would have any idea who made it or where it came from would be slim at best. My hope was to light the fuse of interest on this end, plant the bottle a few miles away in a public place and see if there were any chance of getting the two to meet? If that ever happened, I would take the opportunity to ask the person who found it what their thoughts were when they first picked up the abandoned bottle with the simple message on it. Did it peak their curiosity? Did it bring a smile to their face? Did it stir up an emotion of any kind? Did they think someone was trying to speak to them from a different place?

As a child I always loved the story of Johnny Appleseed. One reason was, I was called Johnny by my friends and family. Reason two, I liked the premise of planting a seed and waiting to see what would happen. Spread positive seeds over a large area and hopefully good things will sprout up all over. I feel the people in this country have gone mad and they’re spreading their insanity over the heads of our children. I wanted to spread something less poisonous than criticism and hate. I want to plant optimism and wonder. It’s not too late to repair

the damage that’s been made. At least that’s what one old hope-farmer is counting on.

So, if you hear of someone finding an old bottle with a quote made with a DYMO Label Maker, Sharpie Paint Pen, and the Initial’s RI on it somewhere, have them get a hold of me, we need to talk ...



Bottle #2 – “Don’t carry a grudge; while you’re carrying a grudge, the other guy’s out dancing.” – Buddy Hackett



Bottle #5 – “Be the reason someone smiles today.”



Bottle #3 – “Maybe The Best Thing Is To Be Used Up Before We Go.” – author unknown



Bottle #6 – “At my age, flowers scare me.” – George Burns



Bottle #4 – “Grace always bats last.” – Anne Lamott



Bottle #7 – “The Art of Being Happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.”

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. Any questions, call Pat Brust at 518-584-3318. Check website for more information, www.greenfieldny.org, under Senior Citizens.

ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GREENFIELD SENIORS.

2018 Seniors Trip Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

MOHEGAN SUN OR MYSTIC AQUARIUM

5:45 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
6 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute
10:30 a.m. Arrive **MYSTIC AQUARIUM**. With habitats featuring sharks, stingrays, jellies and more, you can explore the depths of our ocean planet like never before. Discover the beauty and mystery of underwater worlds that house thousands of colorful fish and exotic marine animals. Indulge your sense of adventure by looking through, crawling under and even reaching into our unique displays. Be daring and touch the back of a docile shark at Shark Encounters. Dip your fingers in the cool water at our Discovery Lab and learn how to hold a crab. Relax as translucent jellies gently float around you. Get closer to these calm creatures at the Ray Touch Pool just outside the Main Gallery and feel the sensation of a ray glide below your fingertips or even suckle food right from your hand. Your ticket also includes the 4D show. When you are done at the Aquarium you can walk to the Olde Mystick Village. Stroll the beautiful lanes and enjoy shopping in distinctive buildings designed to represent a New England Village. In our Village, we have picturesque settings of flowers, trees and duck ponds that surround you as you relax and unwind. Our shopkeepers pride themselves on offering you some of the most interesting and unique items from around the world. Walkways and restrooms are handicapped accessible. There are many benches and rest areas to catch your breath, unwind, enjoy the beautiful surroundings and let your mind slip pleasantly back to another era.

OR

Spend the day at **MOHEGAN SUN** – More than 300,000 square feet of gaming excitement within three casinos: Casino of the Earth, Sky and Wind, including smoke-free areas; The Shops at Mohegan Sun, a 130,000 square-foot retail shopping experience; over 40 restaurants, bars and lounges; 3-story crystal mountain, a 55-foot indoor waterfall, an electrifying water wall. Each passenger will receive a \$15 meal/shopping coupon (will cover the buffet in full) and a \$15 free play good at the wheel or tables. Bonus cannot be used in slot machines.

3:45 p.m. Bus will load at Mystic Aquarium
4 p.m. Depart Aquarium
4:15 p.m. Pickup at Mohegan Sun
4:30 p.m. Depart Mohegan Sun. Stop if desired
9 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
Cost Gamble: \$2; Aquarium: \$28

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

MAMMA MIA – THE MAC-HAYDEN THEATER

9:30 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
9:45 a.m. Depart Greenfield
11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch at Whitestone Cafe
1:30 p.m. Arrive Mac-Hayden Theater
2 p.m. Mamma Mia – You've been asking for it and the time has finally come. This mega hit is sure to have you dancing in the aisles – just don't do it during the blackouts. As the most requested show in the history of the Mac-Hayden, Mamma Mia has finally arrived to delight you and leave you dancing in the aisles. Packed with hits and glitz, this mega-hit is sure to leave you feeling out of this world.
4:30 p.m. Show ends
4:45 p.m. Bus loads and departs after show is over.
Stop enroute if desired
6:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
Cost \$57

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

COOPERSTOWN, NY

8 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
8:15 a.m. Depart Greenfield, stop enroute
10:45 a.m. Arrive Glimmerglass Queen
11 a.m. Boat departs. A narrative tour of Otsego Lake on the modern, clean Glimmerglass Queen affords an educational, scenic and refreshing way to learn about this stunning nine-mile lake. Here, you can learn about James Fenimore Cooperstown's love for the lake and the beautiful surrounding hills.
Noon Boat docks. Depart for Otesago
12:30 p.m. Buffet lunch at Otesago. With a bright, elegant setting and an enticing steakhouse menu featuring delicious seasonal fare, The Otesago's Glimmerglass provides an exquisite dining experience sure to create treasured memories. Executive Chef Jim Perillo serves a creative take on classic American cuisine with an emphasis on fresh, local ingredients of the highest quality. After a leisure lunch depart Otesago
2:30 p.m. Fly Creek Cider Mill and Orchards – Historic, water-powered cider mill on the banks of Fly Creek pressing fresh, sweet cider for more than 160 years, minutes from Cooperstown and Open All Year. Experience the Mill Marketplace's daily tasting of over 40 specialty foods including fresh mill-made fudge, mill-aged extra sharp cheddar cheese, salsa, apple
3:30 p.m. Depart Cooperstown
6 p.m. Estimated return time to Greenfield Seniors
Cost \$58

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

AMERICAN THRU SONG WITH JIMMY MAZZ MALLOZZI'S, SCHENECTADY, NY

10:15 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
 10:30 a.m. Depart Greenfield, no stops planned
 11:30 a.m. Arrive at Mallozzi's
 Noon Chicken marsala, salad, potato, dessert, coffee, tea
 Show Take a dynamic musical journey across the county from New England to the Pacific Coast and back again. Hear Broadway, Motown, Elvis, Las Vega, polka, country, crooner tunes and more with a few surprise stops along the way.
 3 p.m. After show ends board bus
 4 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
 Cost \$46

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

LAKE GEORGE STEAMBOAT

9:45 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
 10 a.m. Depart Greenfield
 10:45 a.m. Arrive Lake George Steamboat. Group leader to report to booth to pick up tickets
 11 a.m. Board boat
 Noon Boat sails. Enjoy lovely fall foliage aboard the Cruise ship Lac du Saint Sacrement. Today is a special event German Oktoberfest Luncheon. Music from the Bavarian Barons and dine on authentic German Food.
 2:00 p.m. Boat docks
 2:15 p.m. Board bus. Stop for Ice Cream or ??
 4:00 p.m. Estimated return time to Greenfield
 Cost \$52

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

CASTLE OF THE KNIGHTS, CHICOPEE, MA BUDDY AND BEYOND

8 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
 8:15 a.m. Depart Greenfield. Short stop enroute (3/4 hour)
 11 a.m. Lunch, please choose entree when signing up: Roasted salmon or sliced sirloin of beef, rolls and butter, vegetable and potato, deep dish apple crisp, coffee and tea
 Show You will be transported back in time when you could go to your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl and dance to your favorite bands. The show is a tribute to the music of legends of Rock 'n' Roll beginning with the late Buddy Holly and leading up to the legendary Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry and many more.
 3 p.m. After show ends board bus. Short stop if you wish
 6 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield.
 Cost ????

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

CHRISTMAS WITH ELVIS BLUE CHRISTMAS LOG CABIN, HOLYOKE, MA

8:15 a.m. Bus reports to load at Greenfield Seniors
 8:30 a.m. Depart Greenfield, short stop enroute 3/4 hour
 11 a.m. Hors d'oeuvre welcome platter, rolls and butter, chop salad, brisket with mushroom gravy, crispy country fried chicken, herbed-roasted potatoes, warm apple pie with vanilla ice cream.
 Show Matinee. This Christmas celebration with Elvis, starring Ray Guilloumet as "Ray of Elvis," will be a tribute you will want to come back to again and again.
 3 p.m. After show ends board bus, short stop if you wish
 6:30 p.m. Estimated return to Greenfield
 Cost \$56



Photo taken by a Porter Corner's studio sometime in the late 1800s, possibly early 1900s. Donated by Virginia Steil Bruckner.

She indicated that her aunt, Mary Chatfield Steil and her brother, Eugene Chatfield, were from that area and she believes that their parents are in the photo.

Does anyone know any other information about this photo? If so please contact us at toghistsoc@gmail.com or call Ron Feulner at 518-893-7432, ext. 315.



Our April Program: Mary-Jane Pelzer, the "soap lady" at the Saratoga Farmers' Market, presented her program on "Good, Clean Fun: A short history and demonstration of heritage soap making."

Community Announcements

Middle Grove United Methodist Church Baked Ham Dinner & Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 12, 2018
 4:30 to 7 p.m.**

Dinner includes: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, variety of homemade cake, coffee, tea, milk. Tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$6 for children 5-10 years old, children under 5 eat free! Take out available. Bake Sale with a wide variety of items offered. Church is wheelchair accessible.

429 Middle Grove Road, Middle Grove, NY

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. **Click on STORE, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – HOUSEHOLD or LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP and follow the instructions.**

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Areas of interest to you _____

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Name _____

Address _____

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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 or write him at: Dan Chertok, 58 Ormsbee Road, Porter Corners, NY 12859



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