



## 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. We'll have our Chili Cook-Off at the last market on Sept. 19.
- July 22 - 27** – *Tuesday - Sunday, SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Ballston Spa Fairgrounds*, Townley Building. Visit our display and info booth.
- Aug. 1 - 2** (rain date Aug. 3 - 4) – *Friday - Saturday, Community Camp-Out, 6 p.m. - 10 a.m., \$5 at gate, Middle Grove Town Park, Middle Grove Road*
- Aug. 9** – *Saturday, Fifth Caboose Day and Car Show at King's Station. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Corner of 9N and Porter Road.* Rain or Shine. For information, call 587-6060.
- Aug. 9** – *Saturday, Lake Desolation Fire Company's Chicken BBQ at LDFD Park at the Lake.* Event starts at noon, chicken served at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$20 for the all day event. Special prices for kids. For more information, call Aida at 580-0391.
- Sept. 6 - 7** – *Saturday and Sunday, Townwide Garage Sale.* There will be a sale at the IOOF Hall in Middle Grove during the townwide sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sept. 16** – *Tuesday, Pot Luck Dinner before the meeting program, Community Center in Greenfield Center.* Dinner starts at 5:30. 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."*
- Oct. 4** – *Saturday, Historical Society 30th Anniversary Fundraising Gala at Brookhaven Golf Course – 5 - 9 p.m. at The Haven Tee Room.* For more information, call Ron Deutsch at 469-6769.
- Oct. 21** – *Tuesday, meeting at 7 p.m. at the IOOF HALL IN MIDDLE GROVE.*  
*Program to be announced.*

### WEEZIE'S WORDS

by Louise Okoniewski

Welcome to our Special Edition newsletter. The summer sure seems to be going by fast and I hope that you are enjoying the days as best as you can.

At our May meeting, local author, David Fiske presented his book "Solomon Northup." Solomon was born in Minerva, near Schroon Lake, the son of a freed slave. His father and mother farmed the mountain lands for many years, then moved to the Granville area and then to Kingbury. Solomon married while in the Granville area, where his wife worked as a 'domestic.' Solomon and his wife spent some years in Saratoga and worked for the hotels in the city. Solomon did odd jobs and would play music here and there. He met two men who said they had a well paying job, but he would need to leave with them. Eventually, he did leave and they made their way to Washington, D.C., where he was sold as a slave. (David Fiske tells of the slave pens that Solomon and others were kept in.) He tried to tell everyone that he was not a slave, born free in New York state, but all fell on deaf ears. His book follows Solomon to the owners who bought and sold him, all the while he would still try to convince people that he was born free. About 12 years in slavery, Solomon met a man who recognized him and took a letter to a judge in the Granville area that knew Solomon and his family, and he was released from slavery. Solomon reconciled with his wife and family. To raise money, he wrote the book, "12 Years a Slave," which he sold and made into a play that he would travel and perform in. There were ups and downs, the theater was not profitable, and Solomon would financially help those on the Underground railroad. His wife and family stayed in the Glens Falls area, and Solomon continued to travel telling his story. No one knows what happened to him, what part of the county he ended up in or where he died.

This is a recap in a nutshell. Mr. Fiske states that the movie, "12 Years a Slave," stays relatively true to Northup's book. If you have a chance to see the movie or best yet, read David Fiske's book, you will not be disappointed.

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Can you believe this is the **7th year** of The Town of Greenfield Historical Society’s **Farmers Market**? We have a new vendor layout, which seems to be working well. It gets tweaked from week to week, but seems to be enjoyed by the vendors and shoppers. J’mae Shamrose, market manager has lined up some great music for the market and has not disappointed us so far. J’mae and Tom Seagrove have put a lot of time and effort into the market to make it enjoyable for everyone. I would ask that if you have never been to the market on **Fridays, 4 - 7 p.m. at Middle Grove Park**, make it a point to try and stop by this year. The prices of the vendors are compatible with the supermarkets, but these are local farm grown, made, cooked and baked. Plus, you get to meet the folks and families that make this happen. They are more than happy to answer any question that you have on cooking the product, or how it was baked, made or even how the bees made the honey! Larry Rutland donated a beautiful stained glass necklace for us to raffle off. Tickets are available at the market.

The **IOOF Hall** will be open on **Fridays, from 4 - 6 p.m.** If you would like to see how far we have come with the museum, please stop by. We could use some help at the market and at the IOOF Hall on Fridays. One Friday would help out more than you know. If you can help us with either one let me know. If you would like to help with the IOOF Hall Museum, **call Joyce @ 893-7638.**

I have met a lot of new people at the market. Some are new to the area, and some have been away for a few years, and moved back to the area. They are all very nice and very interested in the history of Greenfield.

Take a look at the **upcoming events** in this newsletter. Hopefully, you and your family will be able to attend one of the functions we hold during the summer. If you can’t be there, pass it along. We put out this special edition to keep you informed of different family activities that we and other organizations hold during the summer. Summer seems shorter, and we all know what’s ahead, so get out and check us out!

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**Our 5th Annual Caboose Day will be Aug. 9.** It has grown over that past 5 years. We are holding it a little earlier, so you and the family can stop by and still enjoy your Saturday. We have tours of the caboose and station, free pictures on the caboose, our famous bake sale, hot dogs, hamburgers and **vintage cars**. This is a rain or shine event.

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The **Historical Society** will be holding a **30th Anniversary Fundraiser** on Saturday, Oct. 4 at **The Haven Tee Room**, located at the **Brookhaven Golf Course**. The time is **5 - 9 p.m.** There will be a buffet, music, dancing, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Monies raised will go toward the IOOF Hall Museum, and upkeep at Dake Town School. **More information to come.**

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The Oct. 4 fundraiser will be on the day that we had set for our Harvest Fest. Some have said that they will miss the **Chili Cook-Off** and looking at the museum. So, at the last **Farmers Market on Sept. 19**, we will have a Chili Cook-Off and the October meeting will be at the IOOF Hall.

## HISTORIAN’S CORNER

by Ron Feulner

Summers are always busy times in the Northeast, we have to pack so many activities into a few brief months, and this year is no different.

Finally, the second floor museum project in the IOOF hall in Middle Grove is drawing to a close. We still need a work day to move some things from one location to another and a little cleaning of the glass cabinets and floors, but otherwise, the rest is pretty well finished.

As soon as these projects are completed, I hope to schedule an open-house for all of you who have been part of the project. That will include the people who have donated artifacts, helped with moving, cleaning, and building projects, helped with the exhibits, etc. This will be our chance to see the displays and celebrate our accomplishments before the general public is invited to a grand opening.

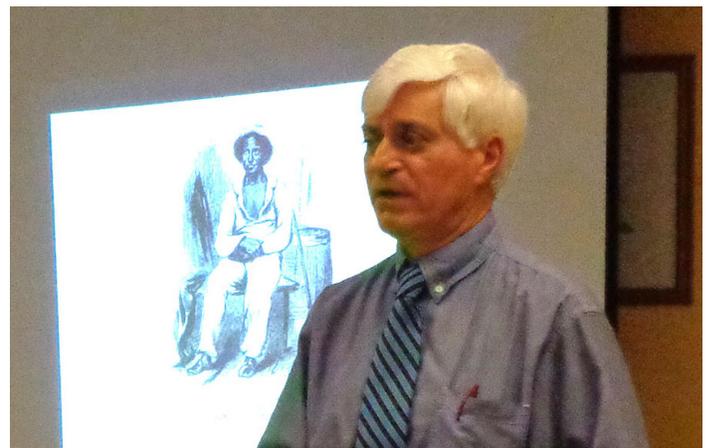
I will be contacting you by phone or email when we are ready for the open-house viewing. I have tried to maintain a list with all your names on it, but there have been so many helping that I fear that I may miss a few of you. I will depend on those I notify to help spread the word that even if I do not contact you directly, you are still very much invited to the occasion.

The historian’s office in town hall is busy as usual with a wide assortment of projects. We have a new volunteer, Mary Vetter, who has brought some much needed additional computer knowledge to our little group.

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### New Lifetime Members:

- Peter C. Goutos
- Nancy Homiak
- Phil and Marjorie Jones



*David Fiske talking about Solomon Northrup during our May program.*

**Saratoga County Fair**  
*Visit the Town of Greenfield  
Historical Society Display and  
Information Booth*

*We'll be in The Townley Building  
With the Greenfield Grange*

**July 22 - 27, 2014**  
**10 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

**CABOOSE DAY AND CAR SHOW  
AT KING'S STATION**

THE CABOOSE AT KING'S STATION  
ROUTE 9N and PORTER ROAD

**AUGUST 9, 2014**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tour King's Station and  
the Restored Caboose**

VINTAGE CARS

Free picture on the Caboose  
Bake Sale, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and  
Refreshments to benefit

The Town of Greenfield Historical Society.  
Rain or Shine. For information, call 587-6060.



After your day at the Caboose, enjoy  
**Lake Desolation Fire Company's Chicken BBQ**  
*Aug. 9 at LDFD Park at the Lake*

Event starts at noon, chicken served at 5 p.m.  
Hot dogs hamburgers, corn on the cob,  
favorite beverages, before the chicken dinner.  
Games, raffles and music.

Tickets \$20 for the all day event.  
Special prices for kids.

For more information, call Aida at 580-0391.

**COMMUNITY CAMP-OUT AT  
MIDDLE GROVE PARK**

The Town of Greenfield Recreation Department  
is having a family camp-out at Middle Grove Park  
on **Friday, August 1 (rain date August 3)** at the  
**Middle Grove Town Park, Middle Grove Road,**  
**6 p.m. - 10 a.m.**

Pitch your own tent and bring your own  
food and water. We'll provide the extras ...  
movies, games, music around the campfire  
and S'mores, of course.

*The Greenfield Farmers market will be  
open late on Friday for dinner and other goodies  
you may need.*

**This is a Great Family "Staycation" opportunity!**  
**Just \$5 at the gate.**

For more information or questions, call Karyn at  
the Town Hall, 893-7432 ext 307. Recreation office  
is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**30TH ANNIVERSARY  
FUNDRAISER AT  
BROOKHAVEN PARK**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**  
**5 - 9 p.m.**

*The Haven Tee Room  
Brookhaven Golf Course*

**To Benefit The Town of Greenfield  
Historical Society's  
IOOF Hall Museum and  
Dake Town School.**

*Buffet, music, dancing, raffles,  
door prizes and silent auction.*

For more information, call  
Ron Deutsch at 469-6769.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FARMERS MARKET • JUNE 13 - SEPT. 19

Our 7th annual Farmers Market at Middle Grove Park. Local produce, farm raised meats, fresh eggs, homemade cheeses, pickles, jams and jellies, music, food to go and hot dogs. All local vendors that you have come to know over the years. Great music, something for everyone.

### SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR • JULY 22 - 27

**Ballston Spa Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

Visit our display and information booth in the Townley Building. Lots of pictures of Greenfield Agriculture. If you would like to help, call Louise @ 587-6060.

### COMMUNITY CAMP-OUT at Middle Grove Park

**AUG. 1 (rain date Aug. 3) • 6 p.m. - 10 a.m.**

For more information or questions, call Karyn at the Town Hall, 893-7432 ext 307. Recreation office is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Greenfield Recreation Department.

### CABOOSE DAY AND CAR SHOW at King's Station

**AUG. 9 (corner of Rt. 9N and Porter Rd.)**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free.**

Tour the restored Caboose and King's Station, see vintage cars, free pictures taken on the Caboose. Bake sale, hamburgers and hot dogs available, to benefit the Town of Greenfield Historical Society. Rain or Shine. For information, call 587-6060.

### LAKE DESOLATION FIRE COMPANY'S

**CHICKEN BBQ • AUG. 9 at LDFD Park at the Lake.**

*Event starts at noon, chicken served at 5 p.m.* Hot dogs hamburgers, corn on the cob, beverages, before the chicken dinner. Games, raffles and music. Tickets: \$20 for the all day event. Special prices for kids. For more information, call Aida at 580-0391.

### TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE • SEPT. 6 - 7

There will be a sale at the IOOF Hall in Middle Grove during the townwide sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### POT LUCK DINNER • SEPT. 16 • 5:30 p.m.

**Greenfield Community Center, Greenfield Center**  
*Dinner starts at 5:30.* Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Always a great time and great variety of food. *Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Program to follow:* Ron Feulner, Town Historian will present the History of Greenfield.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY 30TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA • OCT. 4 • 5 - 9 p.m.

A great evening is planned at The Haven Tee Room at Brookhaven Golf Course, 333 Alpine Meadows Rd., Porter Corners, N.Y. We will be raising money for the continued renovations of the IOOF Hall Museum and the Daketown School. We want to make sure that we can preserve the great history of Greenfield for all the residents of our community. We hope you will help us do that by joining us at our fundraiser. Buffet, music, raffles, silent auction, door prizes. For more information, call Ron Deutsch, 469-6769.

## TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE

**September 6 and 7, 2014**

*Hosted by the Greenfield Community and Business Association (GCBA)*

*Sponsored by the Town of Greenfield*

## HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Lake Desolation Fire Company Park**

**Friday, August 1 • 4 - 7 p.m.**

Dinner includes, Tossed Salad, Spaghetti *or* Zita, Meatballs *or* Italian Sausage, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Refreshments.

Adults \$7, Kids under 10 \$4

**Takeouts** available for \$5.

For more information, call Brian @ 636-7348.

## LAKE DESOLATION FIRE COMPANY'S BREAKFAST

**Sunday, August 31 • 8 - 11 a.m.**

\$6 adults, \$4 kids

Breakfast includes, plain or blueberry pancakes, eggs (made to order), bacon, sausage, homefries, toast, fruit, juice, coffee, tea.

For more information, call Aida @ 580-0391

## *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 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.

## 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](mailto:melfrejo@aol.com)*

*or call 518-587-2978. Public is welcome.*

# TOGHS 2014 FARMERS MARKET




**ATTENTION GREENFIELD**  
**Town of Greenfield Historical Society**  
**Farmers Market is BACK!**

**Join us Every Friday**  
**from 4-7pm**

**At Middle Grove Park**  
 (Corner of Middle Grove Rd. & North Creek Rd.)

**Fresh Local Produce, Meats,**  
**Baked Goods and Crafts!**

**Prepared Dinners to Go!**  
**Live Music and So Much More!**  
**Bring the Kids**

Come out & support your  
 community!

**Like Greenfield Farmers**  
**Market on Facebook!**

[www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.com)  
 For More Info Call: J'Mae at 567-9527  
 or Ron Deutsch at 469-6769



*May refreshment volunteers, JoAnn Rowland and Alice Feulner, served Rhubarb Bars, Pineapple Walnut Cake with cream cheese frosting; Nebraska Cranberry Cake and Brownies with nuts. (Jane Potter brought Peanut Butter Bars with coconut, pecans and chocolate chips.)*

*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*

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

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

If you have any information, email Dan Chertok at [BMMSCHERTOK@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:JJones18215@roadrunner.com).**

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