

Historical Society Newsletter *SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION*



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CALENDAR

Fridays, June 21 - Oct. 11 – *Farmer’s Market*,
Middle Grove Town Park, 4 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 14 – *Open House at Brookhaven Park*

Tuesday - Sunday, July 16 - 21 – *Saratoga County Fair*, Ballston Spa, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Visit our *Information and Display Booth* in the Townley Building (same as the Grange). If you’d like to help out at the fair, call Louise at 587-6060.

Saturday, Aug. 3 – *Porter Corners School Reunion*, Middle Grove Park Pavilion, starts at noon, see info on page 3.

Saturday, Aug. 10 – *Caboose Day at King’s Station*, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour the caboose and station, vintage cars and buy lunch made by the Historical Society members. Located at the corner of NYS Route 9N and Porter Road. For more information or if you’d like to help in any way (set up, cooking, clean up), call Louise at 587-6060.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 – *Pot Luck Dinner*, Community Center in Greenfield Center, 5:30 p.m., bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Meeting at 7 p.m. **Program:** *Bill Dake will tell some stories and give a little bit of history of the Dake family, and also speak about how Stewart’s came to evolve from Dake’s ice cream.*

WEEZIE’S WORDS

by Louise Okoniewski

May marked the end of the meetings for the year 2012 - 2013 and also our annual meeting, in which there was no change in the officers, trustees, constitution or bylaws.

Coral Crosman’s new book “Wilderness Years” was the program topic, after being postponed from an earlier date due to a snow storm. Coral uses a fictitious character to describe her move to this ‘wilderness’ with dirt roads and the house so close to that dirt road. The purchase was 1976, hard to imagine all the dirt roads that were in the Middle Grove area at the time. The house needed work, it was 200 years old but had the character she and her husband were looking for. Coral researched the history and found that the house was likely built in the 1780s by a family named Benedict who had a son, Thomas, a Private in the revolutionary war. The old wall paper on the walls upstairs helped her to date the house. They also found “secret” compartments that led out to the old barn, leading one to suspect that this house may have been part of the Underground Railroad. As Coral spoke and answered questions, you could see how proud she is of her house. When you read her book, you can tell how she appreciates the outdoors and wildlife, be it a chickadee in the winter, or the southern exposure of the sun warming the front room.

Coral is the author of 11 books, which you can find at Porphyron Press. She is a past president of the Historical Society, and a respected member of the Board of Trustees. She donated a percentage of the book sales to the Historical Society, which is very appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MORE RED Xs!
The September Newsletter will be the only issue that will be mailed if you haven’t paid your dues for the 2013 - 2014 year. Our year runs from June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. Mail your dues in soon!

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If you see Vince and Erika Walsh, be sure to congratulate them on their new family addition. Little “Sylvan” was born on Father’s Day at home. He joins big sister “Mavia.” Vince helped the Historical Society with wood for this year’s raffle, and cut enough to cover the wood for last’s years winner, when that donation fell through.

Don’t forget to visit the FARMERS MARKET in Middle Grove on Fridays, 4 - 7 p.m. The Historical Society has sponsored this community event for 5 years. At the market you can find fresh local produce, honey, jams and jellies, breads and baked goods, flowers, homemade pickles, pesto, locally raised meats, crafts that include beads and hand blown glass, and SO much more. Be sure to tell you friends and family. Don’t want to cook? Visit the Euro Delicacies, where you can have dinner to go. Get there early as he usually sells out. And don’t forget dessert! We have local vendors that you have grown to know and love. Help us to keep this wonderful event ongoing. Stop by on a Friday night, say Hi and listen to some local music.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 21 - OCTOBER 11 – FARMERS MARKET
MIDDLE GROVE PARK, 4 - 7 p.m.

JULY 14 – OPEN HOUSE AT BROOKHAVEN
GOLF COURSE, 1 - 5 p.m.

JULY 16 - 21 – SEE US AT THE COUNTY FAIR
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

AUGUST 3 – PORTER CORNERS SCHOOL
REUNION, Middle Grove Park Pavilion, Noon

AUGUST 10 – OPEN HOUSE AT THE CABOOSE,
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 – MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY
CENTER – POTLUCK DINNER @ 5:30 P.M.
PROGRAM WILL BE BILL DAKE OF STEWART’S
WITH HISTORY AND STORIES OF HIS FAMILY AND
THE ICE CREAM BUSINESS.

OCTOBER 5 – HARVEST FEST
IOOF Hall, Middle Grove

For more information on the events, call Louise at 587-6060, Ron Deutsch at 469-6769 or Ron Feulner at 893-0620.

OPEN HOUSE AT BROOKHAVEN GOLF COURSE

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013

1 - 5 p.m.

FOR GREENFIELD RESIDENTS

*To benefit the Greenfield Food Pantry and
the Greenfield School Playground.*

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE,
THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!**

Play golf on the front 9. Take a guided cart tour or walk the back 9. Try your luck in the putting contest, Bouncy Bounce for the kids, Face Painting, have a Stewart’s Ice Cream Sundae, RAFFLES!!! Learn the history of Brookhaven from our Town Historian, check out some of the Farmers Market Vendors.

Presentations from our PGA Golf Pro about Brookhaven events and activities for the kids.

Win a Season Pass and other Great Prizes!

FROGGY 107.1 will be there LIVE!!!

Your Brookhaven Golf Course and Park is 185 acres, plus 190 acres of Parkland.

COME AND SEE IT!!

For more information, call DAN PEMRICK
or TOWN HALL at 893-7432, ext. 300.

*I’d like to thank Patty Schwartzbeck and JoAnn Rowland for
supplying the refreshments for the May meeting.*

*For the September Pot Luck Dinner, please bring a dish to
pass and your own place setting.*

Janet Jones, Refreshment Chairperson



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
 For More Info Call: J'Mae at 567-9527
 or Ron Deutsch at 469-6769

COUPON

One Free Raffle Ticket for Cord of
Firewood with any vendor purchase on
opening day (6/21)

Must bring coupon to get raffle ticket

COUPON

VISIT US AT THE
SARATOGA
COUNTY
FAIR

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

July 16 - July 21, 2013
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Save the Date and Pass the Word
THIRD PORTER CORNERS
SCHOOL REUNION

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Middle Grove Park Pavilion

The reunion will start at noon.

Please bring pictures, memorabilia and stories to share.

Please bring a dish to share, your own beverages and lawn chairs.

Everyone is welcome – even if you didn't attended any of the schools in Porter Corners.

Call Don Young, at 893-2643, if you have any questions.

CABOOSE DAY AT KING'S STATION

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

AUGUST 10, 2013

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tour King's Station and the Caboose

Bake Sale, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Refreshments

VINTAGE CARS

Drive your favorite car, truck or cycle

Free picture on the Caboose

Goodies for the youngsters

Benefit: The Town of Greenfield Historical Society

For more info, call: Tony Bucca – 232-6252

photonymikon@yahoo.com

Louise Okoniewski – 587-6060 – Kouki3@aol.com

For CARS – Tom – 580-0655

HERITAGE HUNTERS GENEALOGY
AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Heritage Hunters regular program meetings are at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 12 Spring St. [Route 29], Schuylerville, N.Y. For more information, email melfrejo@aol.com or call 518-587-2978.

July 20, Saturday, 1 p.m. – *Steve Clarke*, of Churchville, N.Y., will speak about his Palatine research.

Aug. 17, Saturday – We will tour the village of Round Lake, on foot, with Village Historian *Bill Ryan*. Time TBA

Sept. 21, Saturday, 1 p.m. – *Lisa Doherty* will speak on "Immigration Myths."

Oct. 19, Saturday – All day genealogy conference – *Michael Brophy*, professional genealogical researcher, columnist and lecturer in the Boston area will be the speaker.

Nov. 16, Saturday, 1 p.m. – *Kathleen Roe*, director of operations at the New York State Archives, will speak about "Finding Genealogical Treasures in the State Archives."

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 bmmeschertok@gmail.com or dgclawoffices@csdsl.net.
You also may call (518-893-2268) or write him at: Dan Chertok, 58 Ormsbee Road, Porter Corners, NY 12859

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