

GLHG Annual Report - 1992

My version of the GLHG annual report is here. As always, I welcome an alternative view should anyone wish to write one. (I keep trying to make this sound like so much fun that maybe someone will take me up on this. But, I guess I'll have to put more honey on my bait!)

Our goals have remained the same since our beginning in 1989; to encourage research; to gather, preserve and display our local history; to encourage greater knowledge; and to promote recognition of historic buildings.

Our 1992 program / share session schedule generally alternated. Our programs featured published sources about Greenville (February), the Town Park proposal from Debbie Magee (March), Cris Ketcham's favorite slides (May), a tour of Greenville cemetery's old section (July), the Catskill Creek (September), Ron Palmer's Optiola (October), and the Greenville book (December).

The calendar remains, in my opinion, our most visible way of publicizing local history. The 1993 calendar's pictures come from the Historian's files and were selected by June Clark, Harriet Rasmussen, Don & Debra Teator, and Betty Vaughn. A major glitch occurred when Tee's Printing went out of business a week before our planned printing, necessitating a search for another company, the Altamont Enterprise, which was able to finish our calendar in late October. Through the support of the Pharmacy, Bryant's, Freehold Country Store, John's Pizzeria, and the Library, the calendar has recouped the expenses of printing.

Another source of spreading our vision was the local history exhibit at Rainbow Lodge's 75th Anniversary celebration. And of course, word of mouth, as well as newspaper notices and invitations to meetings, keeps our message going.

The newsletter, I hope, has helped been the glue that ties all of us together and allows those not present at meetings to know what has been discussed and planned. Contributions to the newsletter are welcomed, as are suggestions for improvement.

The school - GLHG connection continued with the Group support of 4th grade project (interviews of people who had lived in the school district). Our funding allowed for prizes to be given to the children from the Greenville half of the district who had written the best of the essays. Our thanks go to Dave Dively and Bonnie Persico, and to the other fourth grade teachers, for their communication to us, professionalism, and connecting young students to our past.

Our membership increased slightly this past year, to about eighty-five members. Meetings average twenty, and some

kind of active contribution and communication involves fifty to sixty people. Many of the projects undertaken and help given during the first few years has continued. Of the new projects of 1992, special note goes to Harriet Rasmussen for transcribing the Allen-Lawton diaries; to Kathie Williams, Carol Lamb, and Robert Uzzilia for the mapping of cemeteries; and to Lee and Arlene Brown for the early GCS document preservation. As Town Historian, my cemetery photography project has progressed with the help of my wife Debra and has drawn attention from several media sources. And as usual, our meetings are our informal way to let ideas percolate and to have an outlet for the contribution of bits and pieces that make up the patchwork of our local history. The people who attend meetings are mentioned from time to time in the newsletter.

Thanks to the calendar sale, a modest treasury is maintained (current treasury is \$1,778), even with \$1,500 donated. Money distributed this year includes:

\$1000	Donation to Library Expansion
500	Donation to Town Park Land Purchase
900	Calendar printing, Altamont Enterprise
75	Photo bill for calendar - Debra Teator
55	Donation for 4th grade prizes

What's ahead for 1993 and beyond? This answer, as it always has, depends on the strength of individuals as well as the collective might that our monthly reinforcement gives. We should strive to continue to preserve our knowledge by writing and telling, and by encouraging the community, friends, teachers and students to recognize the worth of our history. On the other hand, the Group still maintains its reluctance to enter the political or legislative scene. Individually, projects of various size still remain to be assumed; some of us have the time and ambition to tackle one (a sheet listing ideas for projects was distributed last year). I assume the book idea will provide a focus for a variety of good ideas and stories, a project that will channel our energy and knowledge into a product to be left for our children and grandchildren.

Looking back, 1992 was another good year (wish you were here, June), and 1993 holds the promise of more worthwhile enterprise. Feel welcome to contribute what you can.

As the Town Historian, I thank each of you who have helped me accumulate documentation of our local history as well as help me absorb the broad spectrum of our past. I trust I can count on your continued sharing.

Sincerely,

*Don Teator*