

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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A fresh dusting of snow and the darkness of a mid-winter night seemed to be an invitation to stay home. Only four hardy souls came to this month's share session. Present were Phyllis Beechert, Cris Ketcham, Connie Teator, and Don Teator.

Don showed books recently bought for the historian's files. These included Teacup Tales, The Catskill Mountains, Beer's Greene County History, The Catskill and Canajoharie Railroad, and several more. These books all relate to local history and will be accessible through the files.

The rest of the night was spent looking at pictures from the newest treasure trove. **Phil Ellis**, God bless pack rats, in his years of taking pictures for the Local, has rarely thrown out a picture. Instead, he'd throw them in a box, let the pile mount, and when the pile got too high, start a new box. A chance conversation led to Phil giving two boxes of pictures to the Town Historian's files. We sat around for an hour and a half looking through a fraction of the pile. They showed people at meetings, fires, accidents, weather events, parades, wedding poses, etc. The pictures will be brought back some summer share session.

OTHER THOUGHTS:

1. Local artist **Rita Hoovler** will be the program for February's program on February 8th. She'll have a slide show of some of her paintings, as well as bring a sampling of her work (part of which is painting on saws). I hope this is the first of yearly presentations featuring a local artist.

2. Reality. Some organizations don't have winter meetings because members don't want to drive in winter weather and guaranteed darkness. Sometime during spring, when more members are present, one proposal will be to not meet during

the winter months. Give the idea some thought.

3. The Spees newsletter was shown at this meeting. Bob and Emma Spees obviously spend many miles and hours in their genealogy work, travel, and effort in publishing their findings. Congratulations and good work, Bob and Emma. If GLHG is ever lucky enough to find the Speeses in Greenville some second Monday of any month in their travels from Alaska, maybe we'll hear more about their work. (I hope that sounds like an invitation, Bob and Emma!)

4. REQUEST: Elsie Allan (239-6975) is seeking information about the yellow house on North Street, Greenville that used to be a parsonage (just a few houses up from and across the street from the elementary school). Her daughter (or daughter-in-law, excuse my lapse of memory) has bought the house, and Elsie wants to present (a surprise, I believe she said) a house history. What do you know about the house? Past owners? Interesting stories? Stories of ghosts? Dates of additions? Call Elsie or me.

5. Calendar season is nearly done. About 100 remain; contact me if you need any.

6. News of the death of Ruth Bigelow brings sadness to those who knew her. Ruth gave many pieces of Greenville history to the files.

Sincerely,

