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National Historic Preservation Week was an appropriate time for the viewing of the Norstar-sponsored movie of the restoration of Union Station in downtown Albany. Representing Norstar, Beth Hansen showed the movie which described the historical and economic context of the building of Union Station, its importance, and its decline. The most dramatic footage showed the painstaking steps Norstar took to restore a run-down, nearly unsaveable building that once was the symbol of Albany's importance. More description could follow but "a picture tells a thousand words" doesn't begin to explain the inadequacy of words to explain what was shown.

A thank you to June Clark for arranging the program.

A donation was taken up for the Steeple Restoration. Cris Ketcham brought one of the original, long handled collection boxes. June Clark also encouraged us to partake in and be aware of the many activities in a Historic Preservation Week activities leaflet she had obtained.

The movie was over by 8:30 and, of course, we couldn't let an hour go to waste, so we created a mini share session.

June asked for volunteers and material for the Catskill Valley Historical Society Hobby Show on May 18th (which will have happened by the time this epistle reaches you).

June also asked for help for the Rotary Fair on June 2nd. We'll need a couple people to help answer questions and show people what we do - a couple hours would help.

The Greene County Historical Society's home tour will be in Greenville village on June 9th. Brochures are enclosed for those of you who couldn't make the meeting. Pass the word; it should be an "historical" day. Ten years have passed since the last tour in Greenville and it may very well be another ten before the next one, if there is another.

Ray Beecher, editor of the Greene County Historical Society's Journal, will be speaking at the library on June 14th. Ray is a "Greenville boy" with a good ear for stories and is one of the most knowledgeable people in the county about Greenville history (Out to Greenville is a "must read" if you haven't done so already.). Ray Beecher also is the author of an article about Greenville in the most recent Society Journal. This particular journal was available for sale.

June asked for volunteers to help or assume control of providing the Greenville Local with a picture every couple weeks that would show a piece of historic Greenville. A brief descriptive paragraph is desired with most pictures. Kathie Williams volunteered, but we can use more.

Dorothy Blenis donated boxes of Locals that are from the 1980's. Mentioned was the importance of preserving as many of the Locals as possible.

Barbara Baron displayed pictures of the house that used to stand just south on her property on Rt. 32 north of Freehold. These will be duplicated. In addition, Barbara contributed to the files a book and dedication program for St. John's Church, as well as the 1963 Greenville School News pamphlet that gives a brief Greenville history. Also, Barbara donated two library books from the Freehold (School District #2) school.

Dave Dively updated us on the 4th grade projects. The

house histories project is drawing to a close. The interview project is completed and, since the GLHG is one of the two awards sponsoring groups for this contest, judges for the contest are needed. Call soon if you'd like to read a few dozen entries. Also, if you'd like to contribute to the prize fund, see or call Dave. Although \$25 dollars has been collected, a few more are needed. If you have a dollar or two, please give.

Don Teator talked briefly (well, it seemed brief to me) about the photo project, a fuller explanation of which will be made next meeting. The project of shooting every structure in the town of Greenville is done, and albums are being organized. Come next meeting to see the result of obsession.

Other notes and ramblings:

1. Jeanne Williams has offered to help with graveyard inscriptions. Thanks Jeanne for help on a much needed project.

2. Yearbooks are still needed but the initial response is great. Leona Rundell has given 1963-1979; Elsie Turon has given 1944, 1945, and 1947; on file, we already had 1939 and 1940. Thus we still need pre-1939, 1941-1943, 1946, 1948-1962, 1980-present. Thank you Leona and Elsie.

3. For various reasons, several people have donated money for whatever purpose the GLHG has. Thank you's to Jim and Jeannette Valentine (25), Claribel Gardiner (6), Leona Rundell (6), and Elsie Turon (1) for the donations. Thus, we have \$38. If anyone needs money to help out on one of their projects, give me a call.

4. More pictures were duplicated this past month. Dorothy and Purl Howard allowed me to duplicate nearly 50 pictures, mostly photographs.

5. Relating to #4, if you have photographs of older buildings and/or people associated with Greenville, please consider letting me duplicate them. Anyone who has seen our photo collection knows the importance and value of this sharing.

6. NOTE: This is the last newsletter of a general mailing. Starting with the June, 1990 issue, the newsletter will be mailed only to those people who have paid the \$4 that will cover the mailing costs for a year. Otherwise, copies may be picked up at the next meeting, at the library, or at my house.

It's with some regret I feel pressed to do this. The newsletter has been our common strand and the way for me to exhort you to be involved. (Others might think it's my 12 chances a year to make people feel guilty for not doing more.) The cost of mailing for a year is about \$150 and I'd like to use that money on other projects. I can only hope that all of you will find a way to keep in touch with the Group.

7. Marge Bennett contributed inscriptions and map of the Pierce Cemetery on the Greenville-Durham boundary.

8. The next meeting on June 11 will be a share session.

*Don Teator*