

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

Our last meeting of the year proved to be one of our better attended ones. Present were: Martha Turon, Harriett Rasmussen, David & Harriet Gumpert, Dot Blenis, Connie Teator, Orlie and Jeanne Bear, Mimi Weeks, Phyllis Beechert, Ron Golden, Larry & Dot Hesel, Walter Ingalls, David & Judy Rundell, Stephanie Ingalls, and Don Teator.

The highlight of the meeting was the 2005 calendar. We looked at each month, made comments, and passed on to the next one. The cover is a Claribel Gardiner sketch of Norton Hill. The older photos shows a snowy day in 1942 Greenville; an interior shot of 1912 Pioneer; a cattle drive on Main Street, Norton Hill; stacked lumber of 1957 GNH; a circa 1893 pose of the Stanton family; and an undated pose of King and Weeks family.

This calendar differs from past calendars in the number of current photos and recognitions. Our GLHG community recognition went to two people/families. One went to George Story; the other to the Nicholzen family. Other photos note the medical service of Gloria Darrah, the house renovation efforts of the Pilatos of Norton Hill, the organizers of the Freehold Beautification Project, and the structure revitalization by Frank Giorgini and Ana Sporer at Ruby's in Freehold.

The best story of the evening (my opinion) was Orlie's recollection of cattle drives through Norton Hill, starting (the drive, not his story!) from as far away as Medusa and Rensselaerville as the cattle were driven to Cossackie. And, this was in the 1920s, a date that is within memory for a few people! There were our usual collection of side stories, side-side stories, and side-side-side stories so circuitous that we arrived back to our topic at hand!

Again, a thank you goes to all of you who have helped during the years with the photo collection.

Don again gave notice that he plans on taking a two year break from the calendar, and encouraged any other person or group to continue the local history calendar. If there is such an effort, and if that effort needs some help, let Don know.

Also pored over was the newly printed *A History of The Greenville Central School District*, an effort spearheaded by Richard Ferriolo, along with the help of "The Committee." Contact the GCS District Office for softcover copies (\$20). At 240 pages, the book is a compilation of facts and memories that should serve as the resource of school history for years to come. Richard, thank you for your efforts. (Richard had intended to come but school board business trumped his attendance here.) A copy of the Table of Contents is included in this newsletter.

Another book worth examining is Ray Beecher's *Kaaterskill Clove: Where Nature Met Art*. Anyone who has known the clove that stretches from Kiskatom to Palenville to Haines Falls to Tannersville, whether intimately or distantly, will be drawn to the text and photos in Ray's book. This work can be purchased from Black Dome Press, which has its own web site.

Other contributions included info cards from Harriett about Alice Chesbro and Madeline Chesbro. This comes with help from Nettie Chesbro. A second contribution was Larry Hesel's photographs from the motorcycle racing on ice at Rainbow Lodge in the late 1970s.

So, 2004 will bid adieu soon. Let's find something historical to work on, to be ready to share next spring. The annual letter should be out in mid-winter.

Take care,



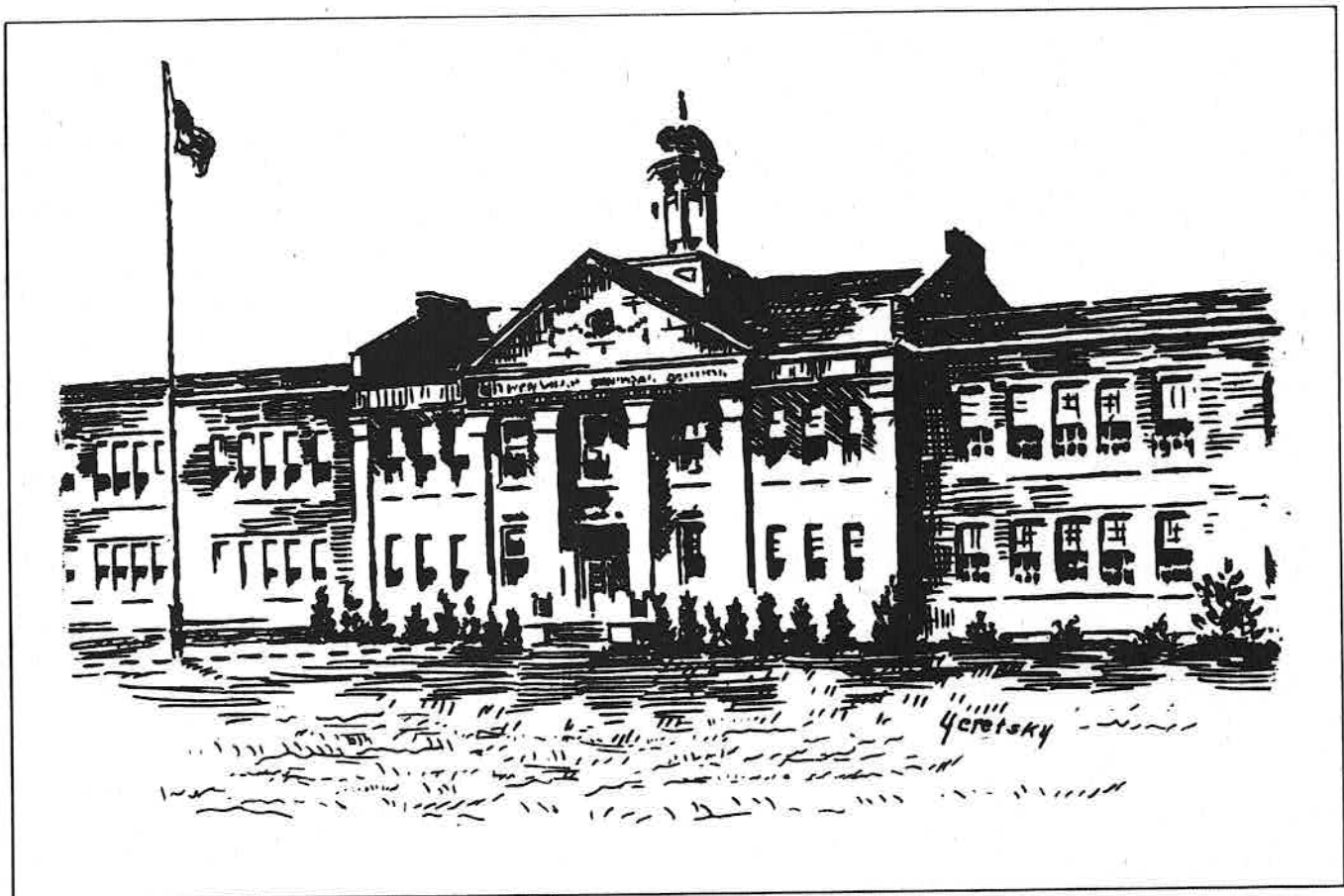


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