

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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GLHG 2015 Calendar

A superb Columbus Day weekend of weather had graced the Greenville area—the kind that is etched into the mists of memory of delightful mid-October. The only complaint? The lack of rain this past month—a minor whine that most of us can dismiss for now.

A congenial crowd of about 20-25 came out for October's show: Evelyn Jennings, Stephanie Ingalls, Carolyn Savery, Shirley & Orrin Stevens, Pat & Dave Elsbree, Lew Knott, Mary Heisinger, Anita & Bob Helms (first time), Judy & David Rundell, Marie & Bob Shaw, Christine Mickelsen, Tracy Boomhower and dad Richard Ferriolo, Rachel Ceasar, Dave Tschinkel, Ron Golden, Bette Welter, Don Teator, and a couple more who may have slipped through the fingers of my consciousness.

October is a timely month to unveil the new calendar and, to add some perspective and suspense, we presented a "Look Back" intro. Stephanie allowed me to talk her into selecting her favorite two pages of each of the first nineteen calendars, which then comprised the slide program.

So, as we showed the cover and the two favorites, I narrated, Stephanie added a note or two, and the audience asked questions. It was a wonderful opportunity to view slices of Greenville's history and a chance to congratulate ourselves for amassing a photographic archive that was not available twenty five years ago.

For the record, Stephanie picked:

- 1991: classes of 1929 GFA, King Hill haying
- 1992: Vanderbilt theater interior, 1888 Blizzard on Main Str
- 1993: Red Mill log pile, moving of Rundell house
- 1994: Matt's hot dog stand, aerial of 1993 Greenville
- 1995: GCS scaffolding/construction, farm machinery show on 4 corners
- 1996: GFA students, Willowbrook schoolhouse
- 1997: Freehold creek-stone road, Toot Vaughn on Main Street
- 1998: John I & store in 1969, Freehold Church
- 1999: gazebo construction, dredging of pond
- 2000: Episcopal Church, Sherrill House
- 2001: Simpson/Panzarino house on Red Mill Rd, Griffin family pose in ladder
- 2002: first car in Greenville, stone arch culvert into pond
- 2003: Freehold bridge replacement, Stanley Ingalls by town roller
- 2004: Gerald Ingalls & tractor, Greenville basketball team circa 1930
- 2005: Pioneer office, Norton Hill cattle drive on Main Street
- 2009: Alberta Lodge, Merritt & Ruth Elliott wedding
- 2010: rowboat on pond, Greenville Center
- 2012: Country Estates aerial, Main Street winter
- 2014: Red Mill Dam, Powell Store

Thank you, Stephanie, for worthy selections. Included in this newsletter are some of Stephanie's selections. (no calendars: 2006-2008, 2011, 2013)

We then perused the **2015 Calendar** page by page, and I fielded questions as they arose. When we turned to the inside back cover, we took time to recognize our honorees—Pat & Dave Elsbree, and then Richard Ferriolo, all of whom were present. (Each time we do this, I cannot help but think of the quality and character of so many people who have called the Greenville area home.)

(Based on the feedback, or lack thereof, the 2016 Recognition is done. And following tradition, I will keep the recipient(s) a surprise until spring-time, unless public opinion wishes otherwise. I will put out an appeal next summer to start a new list.)

The calendars are available for sale—\$9 each. They will be available at **Kelly's, GNH, Tops, and the Library**; if you can think of more good sites, let me know. And if you wish to sell some on your own, wonderful; call me to arrange to get copies. (Reduced prices are available at the November meeting or by arranging a pick-up at the "Freehold Distribution Center" (my house [ha]).

**Purchase by mail** is possible. Let me know by phone, email, or mail (Don Teator, 3979 Rt 67, Freehold, 12431). Make sure I have a mailing address. Payment, if not cash, can be by check: Greenville Local History Group (same address). Cost: \$9 each for first three; \$8 each after that.

It should be noted that the cost of the calendar was mostly covered before we started. About half came from Russell Lewis's Eagle Scout project fund-raising. After historical marker expenses were paid, those responsible made the decision to donate the remainder to the GLHG. And I thought this contribution would best be memorialized in the production of the calendar.

The other half came from the memorial contributions when my mother passed

away, and nearly a dozen people contributed. So, my mother's interest in local history comes full circle with a calendar made possible by so many thoughtful contributors.

A procedural highlight of the evening was the Group's first use of the overhead projector, necessitating a door-facing orientation, a change for us. (Yes, Barbara knows about the clicking and will attempt to have it fixed; thank you for ignoring it this evening.) The new equipment means I did not have to bring my projector and cable, and thus saving some set-up time.

A **thank you** goes to Stephanie and Christine for refreshments again. Appreciated, as always. And thank you, Stephanie, for the clean-up afterward.

#### **Other notes:**

The GLHG has/had helped lend support to Russell Lewis's Eagle Scout project. The Court of Honor Ceremony was held October 5 in a fitting ceremony, and I spoke in my/our behalf. The family appreciates our support.

The **November 10 program** will feature Walter Ingalls reminiscing of life from his early days—of people, places, events that have changed or disappeared, ranging from hometown (Norton Hill) to areas close-by. If you have subjects for Walter to address, email or call me and I will work it into the agenda. Walter agreed to this program only if I would act as lion-tamer, steering us to the next topic whenever needed. I agreed, knowing this should be another classic local history program.

In the September newsletter, I made mention of a **GCS dedication article**, but ran out of room to include it. So, here is one of GCS's milestones from the Dec 29, 1932, *The Examiner*.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> past, Deb and I went to listen to Larry Tompkins talk about his new book, *Out Windham Way*, a history of the town with a ton of photographs. For those interested in Windham, it is a worthy addition to your local history library.

Just before press time, I got a call about a Robert Archer painting, the photograph copy of which is included in this newsletter. The person in possession of it would like to know more about and possibly sell it; it measures 16" x 20", and in frame almost 24" x 28". If anyone knows anything about it or about a possible market for such an item, let me know.

A reminder: After looking at the Yearbook collection, we are still missing the **GCS yearbooks of 1984, 1992, and 1993**. If you can find one for the files, you will hear me cheering. In fact, if you would like to trade one for a calendar, I could make that happen.

The puzzle of **Jackass Hollow** seems to be solved. It is located, as I thought, on some back road between Gayhead and Earleton. More specifically, Jackass Hollow is near the intersection of Rudolph Weir and Harold Meyer Roads, in the area of Deyo Rd. Thank you, Ted Hilscher and Kathie Williams, for the leads. A reference to this obscure corner of the county can be found on Facebook.

I have some ideas for next year's programs but am always looking for more input. So far, the leading contenders are: Main Street Greenville; cemeteries; more of the general stores; an interview (got a person in mind?); and.... send me some ideas.

The Town Board has been holding twice-a-month meetings to review Greenville's zoning. I think the process finally is a fair one, with a word-by-word reading of the publicly seen proposal. It is taking a while but the advantage is the town board members, and the public attending, are fully aware of the zoning language.

The next meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm, in case you want to attend, at the Town Building), will start with the topic of **Historic Preservation in the hamlets**, something that came to the fore in 2000 when the Sherrill House was torn down amidst a sea of controversy. (Don't ask Harriett about this!)

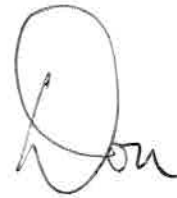
I am urging you to contact your Town Board members to remind them that keeping the historic character of the hamlets is still important, an idea that needs to be conveyed.

For those of you who can, contact Paul Macko, Rich Bear, Greg Davis, Ken Stern, and John Bensen (call Town Office to leave a message, or go to Town web site for contact info). And contacting all five would be real useful.

Thank you if you can, and if you wish to convey the response back to me, I will be glad to listen.

Next meeting is the last meeting of our year.

Take care,



**Robert Archer**  
**"Snow on the Pines"**

# NEW GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL IS DEDICATED

**Ceremonies Held in New  
Building Tuesday,  
December 20**

Greenville, Dec. 27.—Ceremonies for the dedication of the new Greenville central school building were held December 20 in the auditorium of the new school. Approximately 500 persons were in attendance. superintendents, principals, and members of boards of education of neighboring schools were present, as well as parents and friends interested in the school.

The program included selections by the high school orchestra, chorus singing, invocation by Rev. S. M. Lynam of Freehold, welcome by Principal Scott M. Ellis, presentation of the building by Contractor Howard Bennett and Architect J. Russell White, acceptance of the building by Pierce W. Stevens, president of the board of education, remarks and introduction of speakers by Robert M. MacNaught, district superintendent of schools, addresses by Ray P. Snyder, chief of the rural education division and J. Cayce Morrison, assistant commissioner of education for elementary schools, and benediction by Rev. A. R. Webb.

### Senior Dance

The class of 1933 will hold their holiday dance in the auditorium on December 29. Music will be furnished by the Ambassador orchestra, with dancing from 9 to 1.

Tickets are 50 cents. This dance, the first in the new school, will be a meeting place for alumni and others interested in school activities. It is hoped that the senior class will receive the support of all. Committees are: Advertising, L. Applebee and W. Siddall; decorations, E. Raffo, P. Augstein, F. Shook, M. Goff and M. Makeley; refreshments, M. Potter, E. Wood and B. Swart; music, M. Powell.

### Basketball

The annual alumni-varsity basketball games will be played Friday night, December 30, the first game beginning at 8 o'clock. Alumni playing on the girls' team are Annela Dinnel, Clarice Palmer, Marion Lockwood, Natalie Hull, Gladys Beecher, Dorothy Joy, Helen Potter, Thelma Boomhower Baumann, Beulah Rugg. Alumni of the boys' team are Gerald Ingalls, John Zivelli, Kenneth Lawyer, Erwin Yeomans, Leland Cunningham, Harold Worth, Joseph Slater, Russell Baumann, Roland Young and Edward Boomhower.

### Faculty Play

The faculty of the central unit will present a play early in February. Proceeds of the play will be used for payment of some expenses incident to the use of the new building.

### Student Government

At the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher association January 18, a program will be presented on "Student Participation in the Government of Our School." For those who are interested in the development of leadership through activity, in training of boys and girls in business transactions, and in the activities of the Student Council, for the good of the school and student body, an evening both interesting and instructive will be assured.

## Four of Stephanie's Picks



Above: The Griffin family in a classic pose, at home on Red Mill Rd House in background next to Red Mill and saw mill

Below: Gerald Ingalls (Stephanie's dad), probably at Ingalside





Above: Matt's Hot Dog Stand: Matt Chesbro, Tom Briggs

Below: Rowing the length of Greenville Pond  
Background - Elsie Roe's House, Cunningham's

