

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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2018 Calendar

It is not often the newsletter can open with a weather report like this. Coming out for the evening's program, and facing the remnants of Hurricane Nate, with its all-day showers and temps near 70 were: Carolyn Savery, Stephanie Ingalls, Ginny Mangold, Lew & Sue Knott, Bob Shaw, Allyn & Mary Shaw, Kathy Smith, Bill Quackenbush, Walter & Donna Ingalls, Susan Cunningham, Edna Huffman, Sally Staunch, Harry Finnin, Audrey Matott, Paul & Katja Rehm, Mary Heisinger, Tom & Joanne Baumann, Christine Mickelsen, Don Teator, and another half dozen.

The main event was the presentation of the 2018 calendar. More on that later.

Preceding the unveiling was a slide show made for the evening and somewhat facetiously for the audience: The Quirky Quarter Hundred. Besides allowing Don a chance to use consecutive Qs, the slide show was meant to share photos and captions that have graced past calendars, pages that go beyond the usual topics – beyond old buildings, prominent community members, boarding houses, school, church, and such.

Instead, the audience was treated to one person's idea of the lesser seen, the small details, the quirky. A different person might have selected twenty-five different photos and the crowd could have enjoyed them as much as they enjoyed the presentation of the evening.



From April 1995 calendar - Chief observer Fred Kaiser stands in front of the observation post located on Murder Bridge Hill (just above and opposite the West Road - Rt. 81 intersection) in mid-April, 1943. Along the Atlantic Coast, hundreds of ordinary citizens were trained as spotters to identify shapes of potential invading enemy warplanes, should such a situation arise. Tens of Town of Greenville residents assisted at the post and the others located at Norton Hill and King Hill. (Photos courtesy of Millie Kaiser Spinner.)

The format was a slide of the photo, a check to see if any of the audience recognized it, and the following slide the unveiling of the caption that had originally accompanied the photo. It is interesting to note that some of these photos have become artifacts themselves upon consideration of passage of time and events.

The photos shown, in order of quirkiness, in the opinion of the presenter, were (month, year of page, topic):

- Apr 95 – airplane spotters building, Fred Kaiser (see above)

- Oct 92 – Rod Talmadge posing with taxi-dermy
- Feb 03 – list of earmarks for pigs in early town records
- May 05 – cattle drive on Main Street, Norton Hill
- Nov 01 – Kaiser tin shop near Surprise
- Aug 94 – Matt’s hot dog truck
- Dec 91 – Freehold men digging snow bank
- Feb 92 – interior of Vanderbilt Theater
- Oct 93 – Freehold squirrel hunt
- Apr 97 – road base in Freehold
- May 97 – American Legion crosses float
- Apr 92 – Gould car meets Hickok oxen
- Mar 93 – Red Mill log yard
- cover 95 – WWII Honor Roll
- Feb 96 – Greenville police force
- Dec 92 – ice harvest on Red Mill pond
- Feb 99 – Greenville Press founders
- Sep 00 – James Evans’ mail stagecoach
- Mar 01 – Griffin family in ladder
- Apr 15 – Iroquois Aviation
- Mar 04 – temporary National Bank of Cossackie
- Mar 09 – Miracle Mile sign in Norton Hill
- Oct 10 – Halloween Prank at Academy
- Jan 14 – Johannesen family skiing

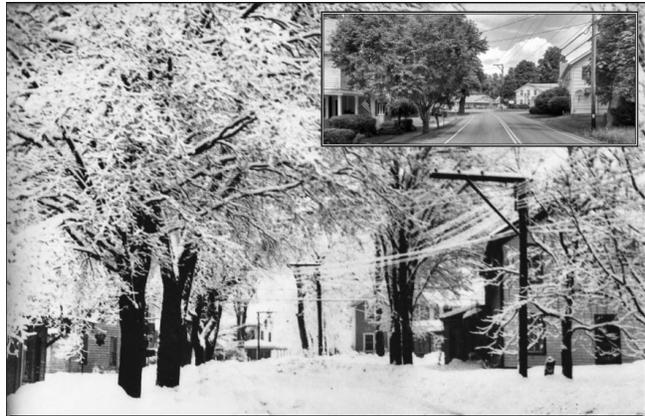
Used elsewhere (background of three other slides, three more on “almost made cut” list) were: the ducks of Greenville, teamster Stanley Ingalls in first truck, Tour du Trump in Freehold, James Stevens’ price list for day lilies, and Toot Vaughn posing with cow on Main Street.

Not quirky, but promised in the last newsletter, was the cover slide background showing Leona Flack posing proudly in front of new library addition.

And these are not the classic, “everyone should know these” photos. The “quirky” show was enjoyable to assemble, and I sensed an enjoyment and appreciation from the audience.

Now, finally, to the main part of the evening.

With everyone with a calendar in hand, we perused page by page. As always, I



In a Freehold scene created almost every winter since the hamlet’s settlement in the late 1700s, this photo captures a snowy four corners in an undated photo but possibly of the 1930s. The view is from about fifty yards south of the four corners on today’s SR 32 looking northward. From left to right: Charlie Goodfellow’s photo shop front peeks into the photo (2017-Tilley), Morrison house on the corner (2017-apartments), Hall & Wood Store just visible through the trees (2017-Freehold Country Store/Dudley), the columned Antus house on the bend of the road (no longer existing), Doc Lacy’s house (2017-Cutting Corner) and finally Park’s Hotel on far right (2005-Freehold Country Inn). courtesy Janet Halstead (inset: Don Teator)

hope I have assembled a worthy calendar and my honest sense tells me that another good historical document has been produced.

Topics covered, in random order:

- 35th anniversary of VerPlanck memorial in Norton Hill
- Freehold winter scene of four corners
- Pleasant View Lodge
- the new Chimes Market
- Freehold Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary
- American Legion and 100 flags at town park
- birdseye view of Greenville
- sketch of Botsford house (two houses above post office)
- interior of Gus Baker’s
- renovation of efforts of Blenis family on Willowbrook Rd
- Class of 1968 original photo
- scenic shot across Greenville Pond
- Freehold winter shot near Phinney house

To cap the presentation, Tom and Joanne Baumann were present to accept a calendar and our congratulations. They are recognized on the inside back cover.

Calendar selling season is here, and if you can help, please do so. I finish the year much relieved if we break even. Given our costs, we need to sell almost 200 calendars to break even, something we have done for the past several calendars.

(Flashback: we now have a treasury equal to the cost of the calendars, a situation made possible by Russell Lewis's historical marker fundraising Eagle Scout project, and donations made in memory of my mother Connie upon her passing.)

I expect that the following businesses will accept our calendar for public sale: Kelly's Pharmacy, Library, Tops, and GNH. If you can think of another viable place, let me know, or you can scout out the possibility and contact me.

Please thank the owners/managers of these establishments for their support.

Calendars are available at the places listed above for \$10 a calendar. Anyone wanting a member discount, come to the next meeting.

Calendars can be ordered by mail. Make a check to **GLHG** (Don Teator, 3979 Rt 67, Freehold, NY 12431). One for \$11, and then add \$9 for each additional calendar (\$20, \$29, \$38 etc.)

As for the 2019 calendar, if you know of a photograph, either in my possession, or in the hands of someone else, let me know and I will see that it gets consideration for a future calendar.

For anyone who has collected the calendars over the years: you have a complete set if you have 1991-2005, 2009-2010, 2012, 2014-current. The 2018 calendar, if my math is right, is the 23rd calendar.



A placid day in 1938 Greenville shows a scene both similar and different from 2018. Taken from the pond's spillway, the photo shows the Wessel Garage (Socony sign), today the site of Mangold Realty (site of blacksmith shop, Flach's Barbershop). Just to the left is a house that many remember as the Perkowski house, today the Greenville Pioneer newspaper building (Andrea Macko). To the left of that house, nestled behind the trees and alongside the cemetery driveway, stood the white house associated with Charlotte Story, and no longer standing. courtesy Jerry and Kathy Smith (inset: Don Teator)

And if you have all the calendars, you have possession of photos that I could only have dreamed of having when I started being Town Historian in 1989.

A thank you, of course, goes again to Stephanie and Christine for fulfilling the promise of “light refreshments will be served” that appears in our newspaper press releases. Much appreciated.

GCS Yearbooks: The collection is missing 1984 and 1993. I will gladly accept a donation but am also willing to trade a 2018 calendar for one of those years.

The Ingalls families once again celebrate with the Ingalls Reunion – the 89th edition. May the Ingalls continue this tradition for years to come.

Den Mower, who presented the July program about his 18,000 miles trip to Alaska and back, has made five versions of his 2018 calendar, all of them comprised of his spectacular photos of the trip he shared with us. I will bring two of each at the next meeting, availa-

ble for \$17 each. And just in case you want to contact Den directly:
—518-821-9410 or
—email denmenagu@gmail.com

Some of us noted the passing of Ralph Hull, a landmark of Durham area history. Our thoughts go with his family.

Finally, the November 13 meeting, our last of this year, sees a return of **Sylvia Hasenkopf**. One of Greene County’s most prolific and ardent researchers, Sylvia is a dynamic speaker with many “irons in the fire,” some of which she will explain. The two topics for November’s meeting are:

—**ephemera** – paper items (such as posters, broadsides, and tickets) that were originally meant to be discarded after use but have since become collectibles

—**the role of KKK** in American and regional history – a look at the evolution of this group. Sylvia will present her research and findings of past Greene County activity.

Come on out for an informative and interesting evening.

Take care,



Den Mower has made five versions of the 2018 Calendar, each with different photos of the type he shared with us at the July 2017 GLHG program. Details of sales are above. (Color photo in email version.)