

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Matott: Greenville in the 1960s

An uncharacteristically cool, 60 degree, all-day light rain (after days of humidity and heat), awaited the 30 attendees of September: Stephanie Ingalls, Mary Shaw, Sally Stauch, Bob Shaw, Kathy Smith, Mary Heisinger, Nancy Tumey, Al Hulick, Mark Quackenbush, Wanda & Richard Drake, Sue & Bill Von

Atzingen, Gail Nichol森, Dave Tschinkel, Christine Mickelsen, Harry Finen, Bella & Jerry Adinolfi, Marilyn Snow, Audrey & Bill Matott, Don Teator, and a few others who eluded both my memory and sign-in sheet.

Well, Audrey did it again, capturing a view of Greenville based on the contents of the Greenville Local, our weekly local paper (before the Pioneer, and before the Press before that).

Last year, Audrey hosted a program (Greenville 50 Years Ago – 1967) in my absence – a first. Building on that success, Audrey has spent dozens of hours perusing the Locals of the mid-1963 through 1969 era in the Historian's holdings, preparing for this month's program: Greenville of the 1960s. The results were produced on a digital slide program.



Organization was easy to follow, with sub-titles for each section, followed by one or up to several slides that filled in information. The categories were:

- GAAC (Greenville Area Association of Commerce)
- GCS (among the topics: testing, Vietnam, mischief, Miss Wooster, et. al.)
- new GCS Jr/Sr HS
- GCS sports (WHUC, Hudson radio station coverage)
- Summer Rec program (173 one summer)
- Little League
- Youth Issues
- Local Government (Town Board, Planning Board)
- Greene County Legislature (change from Board of Supervisors)
- Local Heroes

The first annual Miss G.A.A.C. Contest ~ 1969



—The difference in the ages of the attendees was educational, enlightening, and entertaining. Audrey is more than a few years younger than most of us, so she is explaining some of the people in the photos, wondering if we ever heard of them. Of course, those of us who lived during the period knew most of the people personally. And Audrey was gracefully gracious enough to acknowledge

- Local Businesses (Chatterbox, Mary's Snack Bar, GNH, Playhouse, Ver Planck's, Chimes [a bunch of articles here], Coxsackie Bank, Rainbow Aviation, Frank's Service, Yeomans, and much more)
- new Medical building
- Greenvillians (is there a better name for residents of Greenville?!)
- Greenville Groups
- Rotary Club
- Circle 8 Square Dance
- memorable Greenville Weather Events
- Local Tragedy (kept short, Hannay aviation noted)
- Greenville Spirit (page on Van Zandt)
- Greenville Holidays (the practice of public Christmas cards)
- the Pond
- Oddities & Treasures (UFOs, St. John's new church, Vernon Haskins, etc.)

This appeared to be the end but Audrey threw in a bonus – the giant squash, the razing of the Corner Restaurant, the Thruway Exit in Coxsackie, and more.

Thank you, Audrey, not only for a wide view of our Greenville but also for tackling a project and delivering it to the enjoyment and edification of all of us.

Here are a couple of reactions of mine to Audrey's program:

our differences of familiarity.

—Second, writ large throughout the newspaper is the invisible hand of Phil Ellis, the editor of the Local. And he was the roving photographer, finding shots of the area that a retired, in-town person can shoot. One cannot help but note the nature of what was reported has changed over the years. It was rewarding to know Phil and of his interest in the town.

Audrey set a fair benchmark for a program. She even admits to thinking of starting to look at the 1970s. (Is the 1970s already local history of the past?!)

Audrey also posted her slideshow online, if you have a Google account. Link to:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1658uCVS0_NGgy9yeT49vaGEo1C2K5fmAJWpnu6kiX0o/edit?usp=sharing


(If the clicking on the link does not work, try copying and pasting the link in the address bar.)

—The October 8 meeting will feature the unveiling of the 2019 calendar. Preceding the main event will be a slide show, *GLHG Honor Roll*, a short presentation of the people we have recognized over the years.

—Your best two chances to purchase discounted calendars will be the next two meetings. The usual \$10 cost will be discounted for “members” (those of you who attend meetings or receive the newsletter by mail or email): \$8/calendar. Otherwise, calendars


Rainbow Lounge Well Received

The Grand Opening celebrated by the Rainbow Country Club as they opened their new bar and lounge last Saturday night was a fabulous success as approximately 300 well wishers turned out for the



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occasion. The guests were treated to a full buffet and many door prizes were given out. Among the prizes was a ticket for a scenic ride of our area given by L. B. Aviation (Shirley we hope you enjoy your ride); a dinner for four at the Lodge; and a pass for five at the Rainbow Lodge Golf course. Entertainment was provided by



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throw out after the event: flyers of town events, etc. In the old days, I would call this doing a Phyllis Beechert. Now, it is called doing an Audrey. Thank you, Audrey, for your good eye and good heart. —Audrey also delivered from Hilde Tompkins the 1969 and 1970 Miss GAAC Contest booklets – Greenville’s beauty

will be available in local business; details in next month’s newsletter.

—A thank you goes once again to Stephanie and Christine, who continue to furnish the drinks and tasty treats for meeting’s end.

—The 2018 GCS HS & MS Yearbooks were shown. Although the formats may look different from your era’s yearbook, a casual look tells us that yearbooks continue to capture the memories of the people and activities of our school years. However, the difference of prices between current day (up to \$75 for just the High School book) and your time can be unnerving.

—Greenville Day is September 29th. For more info, link to copg.org

—That copg link refers to Community Partners of Greenville, a community organization that funnels community efforts to productive ends. I encourage your support. **Their mission statement:** Community Partners is a non-profit organization committed to the protection, preservation and development of natural and historic resources of the Greenville area.

—Audrey contributed a folder of ephemera – papers that we usually

contests.

—Our thoughts go with Nick Nahas with his health concerns, and, of course, to Mary Lou.

—Reminder: the Greene County Historical Society is fund-raising to reassemble the hay barn originally sited in Earleton. Tickets for a raffle are being sold, the drawing is on October 21, and details can be found at <https://www.gchistory.org/>

Take care,

Community Spirit At Work In Greenville



Citizens Build New Home For The Van Zandts



In a spirit of true brotherhood and true goodwill, several members of the Greenville community have joined together to build a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Moses Van Zandt. The new home, located on Route 26 in Greenville, is a two-story house with a full basement. The foundation for the house had been completed the previous week-end and the main construction work will be completed by the end of the month. The community assistance in construction of money and food is being given to the Van Zandts. The most willing help week-end were: Ronald Baumann, Thomas Garrison, Fred Baumann, William Boyd, David Edwards, Edward Gentry, Jr., Edward Haverly, Gerald Irving, Hans Walker, Jennings, Howard Jennings, Harold Jennings, Vernon McGee, Charles McGee, Walter McGee, Arnold McGee, Wade Powell, Robert Porter, Harry Van Hise, Lee Van Hise, William Vaughn, Henry Walker, Harry Williams and Harry White.


The Committee wishes to acknowledge the assistance of Legion Post 21, Greenville, N. Y. in the Van Zandt project.

The Committee also wishes to thank everyone who has helped and is helping in any way with the

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 1969

A Thankful Couple This Thanksgiving!



Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Moses Van Zandt, one couple who are thankful at this Thanksgiving season for thoughtful neighbors. Work continued on their new home over the weekend in spite of the cold weather with the volunteer workers enjoying this opportunity to help a neighbor and a friend. This spirit of brotherhood has spread the name of Greenville, N. Y. across the nation and newspapers have picked up this story which is in great contrast to the sordid and hateful stories that occupy so much news space these days.

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**Another World
 Than Ours**

By Ouida Meyer

The Hippie Movement has already passed its peak. Its followers have lost much of their attraction, even as a transient manifestation of a troubled age. Yet time will accord a sort of importance to this movement, and it will be accorded a place in the social pattern of its era.

Leonard Wolf, professor of English at San Francisco State College, in collaboration with his wife, Deborah, has written a book about hippies - *Voices from the Love Generation* - which is now on the shelves at Cairo Library. It gives fifteen face-to-face studies of as many members of the Haight-Asbury Hippie Community, with which Professor Wolf was associated as a director and an observer for over a year.

Year.

The fifteen interviews, given verbatim, reveal a great diversity of types. Many of the group are well educated, with advanced college degrees. What they share is a common aversion to the world in which they grew up, "a real, though often vague spiritual yearning," and what they want is personal freedom for self-expression, as you see it, not some day, but now.

The book may help clarify some misunderstandings of the validity of the urge behind a movement that has evoked a great deal of condemnation from those who are satisfied with life as it is and feel that dissenters are freaks and disturbers of the peace.

Voices from the Love Generation is a Little Brown publication. It is by the hippies, not about them. Their words are transcribed without alteration, in startling candor, and with the rough language and frankness about sex and drugs that one might expect from people whose struggle for self-expression is perhaps the basic motivation of their behavior.

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A Familiar Sight



Residents of West Greenville are quite used to observing the results of too much speed by automobiles traveling east on Route 81 at the West Greenville Corners. This accident occurring Saturday night left the barn belonging to Mrs. John Lowe a complete wreck as the above picture proves. This barn has been hit during the last year and guard rails at this location have been demolished on several occasions. It would seem that an additional sign indicating a "most dangerous intersection" might be in order.