

September 22, 1992

The September program featured Kevin and Deborah Berry of Catskill who presented a slide show of the nature of the Catskill Creek. This presentation skillfully reminded us of the beauty of the largest tributary bordering Greenville.

Kevin had originally developed a slide show because of his fishing interests. As a member of Trout Unlimited, Kevin emphasized the fishing habitat of the Catskill Creek. Deborah, who represents Northern Catskills Audubon Society, has influenced the slide show with the pictures that accentuate the plant life. Between the two perspectives, Kevin and Deborah produced a program that enticed the viewer to think about a creek that some take for granted.

With Deborah operating the slide projector, Kevin narrated the slides, starting with the headwaters in the swamps (vly) near Franklinton. Slides represented the various sections of the creek - Livingstonville, Preston Hollow, Oak Hill, Freehold, South Cairo, Leeds, Austin's Glen and, finally, Catskill. Only a short distance of the creek is paralleled with roadway, thus maintaining a creek in its natural and wild state for much of its course. The slides showed various seasons, numerous fish (especially trout), birds, animals, fishing, rocks, pools and shallows, trout feed analysis, sunsets, and so on. Kevin had a story for almost all the slides, from the history of his rod and reel, to the fishing philosophy of returning most of their catches, the importance of local control, the influence of the railroad and the arches along the way, the "big one" that got away, his son making ties, the waiting needed for rare shots of herons, the variety of species in a relatively short stream, ice fishing, the effect of pollution on trout, the advantage to the food chain wildlife cycle of clean water, the proposed dam in Leeds, the camaraderie of like-minded people who share the respect for wildlife and clean water, etc.

Kevin urged our support of those programs that help to keep the Catskill Creek a clean creek. This support comes from several sources. Many of us already support organizations that keep the creek clean. Others live a lifestyle that make that creek a wild creek. In addition, for those who wish to donate or make a contribution to Trout Unlimited or Northern Catskills Audubon can do so by mailing your donation to:

** Deborah Berry, 30 Mtn. Wd. Rd, Catskill, NY 12414

Kevin and Deborah presented this show at no charge to the GLHG; perhaps, we can help them out.

A thank you goes to Debra Teator for videotaping this slide show.

Brief announcements before the meeting noted the following:

The calendar is not yet available. The printer who was to print the calendar and who had the pictures went out of business just before our projected printing date. Another printer must be found.

Don read a "thank you in rhyme" from Harriet.

The Greene County Historical Society is presenting a Railroad Symposium on September 26 at the Cairo-Durham High School from 1-5 pm.

Rainbow Lodge is celebrating its 75th anniversary with an Octoberfast on Sunday, October 18th. The GLHG will be represented; if you'd like to volunteer to help out at our table for a couple or few hours, contact Don. (Pearl already has.) More on this at October's meeting.

Other notes:

1. Our October 12th meeting will be a share program. Bring whatever you're working on or have found.

2. At this next meeting, Arlene Brown will explain more about the Greene County Historical Society's House Registry. Arlene is the Greenville representative on the county committee.

3. Calendars! Material was delivered to the Altamont Enterprise for printing. Calendars might be available at our October meeting. If not, I hope to have them for the Octoberfast at Rainbow Lodge.

4. Have you an idea for a program? Jot down your idea and we'll probably be able to use it sometime.

5. Little by little, a video collection of some of our programs is accumulating. One possible program would be to tape segments of these programs; how about "The Best of the GLHG Programs" tape for a program?

6. Bring your ideas for a Greenville book. Other towns have published histories; perhaps the best of these books can be incorporated.

7. A few goodies have been given for the historian's files. I'll bring them next meeting and note them in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

Don Teator

P.S. A CHANGE! The October 12th meeting will be a share session from 7:30-8:30. At 8:30, Ron Palmer will present a 45-60 minute program, "Player Piano ReInvented". Ron has developed a portable player piano and will demonstrate it at this meeting.