

Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

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Share Session

Oops! I forgot to mention newsletter subscription/- expiration dates in last month's newsletter. If you look at your address label, the top line has a four digit number, which is my (and my computer's) way of letting us know how long your subscription is good for. The first two digits represent the year of expiration; the last two digits represent the number month. Thus, 9403 means a subscription is good until 1994 (94..), the third month (..03). Because of the starting date of this newsletter, many of you have a four digit code ending in ..07. And, of course, most of us appreciate a reminder before the electric company shuts off the electric, and I forgot to remind you last month. So, here's the reminder. Anyone with an expiration date of 9308 or earlier, this is your last newsletter; I hope you'll renew (\$4, payable to Don Teator, Freehold 12431). Anyone with a date of 9309 or higher will continue receiving the newsletter through the date listed on your label. If I've made a mistake, or if you have any questions, give me a call at 634-2397.

And on to the August share session that brought out about fifteen "inquiring minds" (if I can steal a phrase from one of the tabloids).

The big news was the 1994 calendar. The deadline was

close but calendars were picked up two hours before the meeting. The Altamont Enterprise once again produced the clarity of pictures I had hoped for. Regular attendees of the spring meetings saw the pictures as 8x10 photos; now, we had a chance to view them for the finished product.

Initial response was been overwhelmingly positive. When I first had the idea of doing a current calendar, I weighed the negatives against the positives and hoped I hadn't too lightly underestimated the negatives. Fortunately, many of the responses have focused on the historic nature of present day Greenville and on the recognition of typical features of Greenville.

As a Group, each of us can help by trying to sell a few calendars (or making people aware of their existence) to people who don't read the local newspapers, or who don't get into the businesses that are selling them. A few dozen people each selling a few calendars will mean the sale of about a hundred more calendars than usual. Give Don a call for calendars.

In the meantime, calendars are being sold at Bryant's, the Pharmacy, the Crossroads' Ice Cream Store, the Library, John's Pizzeria, Freehold Airport and the Freehold Country Store. Those of you who are in the habit of thanking people who help us out, please try to thank these proprietors. Should anyone

want a calendar mailed, I'll take care of that for \$7.50 for each calendar (the price includes all expenses). Also, the following resorts are selling calendars: Balsam Shade, Sunny Hill, Pine Lake Manor, Baumann's Brookside and Ingalside.

The rest of the evening finished on a few minor show-and-tell items. Don brought in 150-200 photos of duplications and recent pictures. The duplications were of the Bear homestead on Plattekill Road, the Ingalside resort, and the Vanderbilt-Davidson property that is now the Town Park property. The current scenes were mostly Main Street, Greenville and the Freehold Store.

Other items include a 1960's brochure for Fern Cliff (East Durham), the latest Rensselaerville Historical Society Quarterly, and a menu from the new ice cream store. First time visitor Doug Hempstead, who lived in the area until fifteen years ago, recounted some of his stories of Greenville life.

Other timely tales and tidbits:

1. The September 13th meeting will feature the town's assessors. In addition to the history of the job, the assessors will address the ways the job has changed, how assessment is done, current ideas and rules, etc. Bring questions you have to the next meeting. This is not an assessment grievance day, nor is it a soap box to complain about high taxes. Ed Schindler, Mary Dwyer, Stanley Kiezskiel, and Chris McDonald have agreed to present the September program thus.

2. A belated recognition to

those people who entered photos for the calendar contest. A thank you goes to Arlene Brown, Dan Rasso, and Jonas Havens.

3. Reminder: the GLHG will not be holding meetings December, January, and February. A Saturday afternoon for March will be scheduled. Regular meetings will continue as usual for April through November.

4. The Greenville Book idea is still floating out there. I've done nothing about it and probably won't until next year. Should anyone want to take a part, please start.

5. If not already done, this is recognition for the selection committee for the calendar. A thank you to Toot & Betty Vaughn, Don & Debra Teator, and Arlene Brown.

6. I'm always open for suggestions for ways to improve the newsletter. Your positive feedback is always helpful, and I'll do what I can to use your ideas.

Sincerely,

