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Havens Nature Slides

Nearly twenty came out for the July program on a humid, peak-of-summer evening. The program for the evening was the collection of slides of nature and travels of Jonas and Jackie Havens, with quiet but capable help from daughter Katie.

We're still meeting in the usual room. As soon as the newer community room is ready, and if a bigger group than us is not meeting on our meeting night, I think the library will OK our use of that room. When that happens, I'll let you know in the newsletter. I suspect this won't happen until September at the earliest.

Onto the program.

Longtime friends of mine, Jonas and Jackie agreed to give a slide program that would emphasize the nature of their travels. Since the usual reason for their traveling is scuba diving, most of the slides were underwater. A few of the slides show life above ground, including animals, humans and a building or two. Jonas, who took most of the pictures, was the slide projector clicker while Jackie narrated.

In total, one hundred thirty slides showed plant and animal life from a variety of world sites. In order of presentation, the slides showed Egypt and the Red Sea, Bonaire, Costa Rica and Cocos Island, Cape Ann MA, and the Huyck Preserve in Rensselaerville.

Frankly, I don't think I can adequately describe for the non-attendees the color and detail that we saw in the Havens' slides this evening. Pictures ranged from Egyptian life, cloud forests, slave huts, lizards, lobsters,

eels, morays, turtle tracks, coral, waterfalls, butterflies, sharks, rays, tropical fish after tropic fish, fish schools, frogs, lady slippers, trilliums, more plants and so on. Tropical fish colors have to be seen to be believed sometimes and the slides showed some odd combinations, as well as some good camouflaging acts.

Questions at the end of the slide show asked about equipment needed, dangers of scuba diving, photographing difficulties, seasickness, publication of slides and a few other related topics.

A thank you goes to Jonas and Jackie for a different view of our world, as well as reminding us what we have at Rensselaerville.



Notes:

1. An address label with a number of 9607 above your name means this is your last newsletter. A \$5 check sent to me will keep the newsletter going. A number of 9701 or higher means you can ignore this reminder until next year.
2. An idea we keep talking about is to record who lived where and when and what buildings were used for what. Some of our best discussions come during these spur-of-the-moment barrages of details, and then we say we should record them. Well, I'm urging that we start doing that. Thus, I'm proposing two things.

A: At our share sessions, for the next half-dozen or so, we'll pick an area and, citing a house at a time, indicate who has lived there. I'll do the recording at the meetings. Proposed for the next meeting will be South Street, from the four corners to Carelas' Lake. If we have time, we will start up North Street. I'll bring the house photo albums.

B: If anyone is willing, pick a section of town on your own and start recording who and when. For example, I, with the help of my a few others, could start doing Big Woods Road, Weed Road, Rt. 67 - west side of Freehold. At next meeting, let me know what road or section you'd be willing to help with. This can be done by yourself, or feel free to team up with someone else. Of course, it could make sense to call someone who doesn't usually attend our Group's meetings. And if there isn't someone to cover a section, and you know someone you would know a lot about that section, refer the name to me and I'll call the person. If you'd rather call, that's fine also. Let's keep a list of who is doing what area so we have people help each other and to note what areas need to be done.

3. This year's calendar recognized Stanley Maltzman, and next year's will recognize

Orlie and Jeanne Bear. If we continue this recognition idea (which I hope we do), I'd like some way of getting input whom to recognize. Thus, I'm asking that you think about a person or persons who have done something worth recognizing, preferably for their influence on Greenville. Some sort of notes which indicate reasons why would be needed. Eventually, we would need more material for a full sketch if that person(s) were selected but that could wait until the selection decision. I think a decision would have to be made by the April meeting but would prefer if it would be the November before, unless someone other than me is going to do the write-up. Thus, November of this year should be the deadline for nominations for the 1998 calendar, with a final decision, if not made in November, to be made in April 1997. I'll take nominations whenever you wish to submit them.

4. I will keep the summer newsletters to a sheet, even if I have more material. My access to a high speed copier is limited during the summer.

5. The August 12 meeting will be a share session.