

GREENPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Message From the President

Greetings and Welcome to 2023!

As we start our first full year back in action since covid, I would like to wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!. I'm looking forward to this upcoming season as the society moves forward in its endeavor to keep the wonderful history of Greenport alive.

We have an interesting line up of programs that will start up on March 16th and we hope that you will be able to join us for them.

If you are reading this and know someone who would like to join our organization, please encourage them to do so. There is "strength in numbers" and God knows we need all the strength we can get to deal with today's world. Warmest wishes. We hope to see you soon!



Members serving in leadership positions 2023: (left to right) Carol Biernacki – V.Pres and Collections Chair, Sal Cozzolino - Director 23-24, Guy Apicella - President and Interim Program/Publicity Chair, Mary Anuska-Membership chair, Barbara Ellsworth - Recording Secretary, Marlene Edgley - Corresponding Secretary, Pat Hart -Treasurer, who is passing the gavel. Missing from the photo are directors Nancy Guarino and Brian Goodrich, Social Committee/Refreshment Chair Vicki Goodrich, Website Terry Bellanger, and Newsletter, Carol Gans.

News From the Collection Chair

Grant Update

The photographing of the 1876 Jones Quarry map has been successfully completed. Collection Chair, Carol Biernacki reports the map shows not only the quarry facility but also homes in the Columbia County area known as Jonesburg. This was funded by a Columbia County Historical Society Regrant obtained by outgoing president MaryJo Von Bierberstein. The shooting was coordinated by new president Guy Apicella. This process allows the very fragile map to be reviewed by researchers. The map was first acquisitioned in 1996. The full 2022 collection report will be given at the March 16th, 2023 meeting.

Touring Map

The Columbia County Historical Society has asked us to identify which landmarks we would like identified on their county historical tourism map. 2 landmarks were chosen. The Landmark Toll House at Rt.23 and the corner of Spook Rock Rd. and Spook Rock on Spook Rock Rd. Both of these have Pomeroy Grant markers and the Toll House is on the Register of Historical Places. Carol Biernacki will provide the necessary information for these "self driving" tours. It was decided NOT to include the many 18th, 19th and 20th century houses that are private residences. However, information about these and the locations mentioned can be found in "Greenport The Forgotten Town," available in the Town Clerk's office on through the Greenport Historical Society or through the town archives.

Membership News

Now that we are "back in business," the moratorium on membership dues has been lifted. 2023 GHS Memberships are now due. Dues are for the current year, no matter when you pay them. Yearly dues are \$15 per person or \$100 per person for a Life Membership. Dues can be paid at the meeting or sent to the Greenport Historical Society c/o Patricia C Hart, Treasurer, 520 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534. We depend on your support for such things as our operating expenses and mailing the newsletter. Life members and current members who are up to date with their dues by April 1st, 2023 will be included in this year's program guide, distributed at the April meeting.

In Memorium

We offer condolences to the family of member Don Alger who passed away at the age of 98 on January 3, 2023.

Carl Schools Honored at Holiday Dinner



Longtime member, Carl Schools was honored at the November Holiday Luncheon for his many years of service as the West Toll House Committee Chairman. President Guy Apicella presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Greenport Historical Society. In addition, Treasurer, Patricia Hart, read a letter from the Executive Director of the Columbia County Historical Society Lisa Weilbacker, which also recognized Carl's years of service and commitment to historical preservation. His wife, Alice Schools, and their family were in attendance.

More About the Toll House

The Columbia Turnpike was chartered in 1799 and was the third turnpike in NY State and the first main road in Columbia County. It extended from Greenport to Massachusetts, bringing cattle, sheep, lumber and farm goods to the ports in Hudson. Its western toll gate – the Landmark stone building on Route 23B and the corner of Spook Rock Road is still standing!

In 2000 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places which noted its Federal architecture and significance in Industrial transportation. Artifacts from the building are found in county museums and in Massachusetts. The building itself is not accessible to the general public and there is no parking. Efforts like those of Mr. Schools will hopefully keep this Landmark standing for decades to come.



View of the West Toll House. The tall “cylindrical” structure was erected by the Cement Company when they owned it, and when it was deeded to the city of Hudson, it was decided not to remove it. It was not part of the Toll House. Missing is the small wooden “office” attached for the toll collectors.

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Greenport Historical Society

Thursday, March 16, 2023 6:00 PM

Greenport Community Center - 500 Town Hall Drive, Hudson NY

Women in Media, Culture, and Politics in Ascendance vs. Social Media: Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok's Impact on Depression and Suicide



Fearless Girl – Artist: Kristen Visbal - Bronze Statue (2017)



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his discussion, from the perspective of the social sciences, will highlight the role of women within society and show that women continue the hard-fought progress spanning the Enlightenment Era to the present. Furthermore, the talk will show how society benefits from a cultural and political shift in norms when a greater representation of women in media and a growing number of women are taking their rightful place in leadership positions and influence while considering the effects of social media on mental health.

Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok substantially influence mental health, particularly depression and suicide. It is suggested that these platforms have the potential to provide a platform to be seen and heard; they also create a space where comparison and competition can lead to feelings of isolation, inadequacy, and depression. Our discussion will consider the question posed by Jonathan Haidt: "Is social media a major contributor to the rise of teen anxiety and depression?" Please join us!

Caro Nabozny has been at Columbia Greene Community College since 2000. He is the Instructional Media Coordinator and an Adjunct Professor of Sociology. He also teaches for CGCC at the Brookwood Secure Center in Claverack. He teaches Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Interpersonal Communication, Introduction to Film, World Mythology, Philosophy, and Intercultural Communication. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

A Columbia County native, Carol grew up in Germantown. He now lives in Catskill where his wife is a seventh grade English teacher. They are parents to a dog named "Sparky.". Carl is an avid walker and can frequently be seen around town. If you see him, be sure to say hi.

With increasing concerns about the effect of social media on the mental health of our teens, this is guaranteed to be a timely and relevant topic.

Greenport Historical Society - 2023 Programs
Greenport Community Center
Town Hall Drive
6:00 p.m

DATE	PRESENTER	TITLE
March 16	Carl Nabozny	<i>Woman's History Month: Women in Media, Culture and Politics in Ascendance vs. Social Media: Instagram, Facebook and Tik Tok's impact on Depression and Suicide</i>
April 20	Ted Hilscher	Hudson's Urban Renewal
May 20	Saturday 2 pm	<i>Field Trip to the James Bensiger Milk Barn and Museum</i>
June 15	Chris Hoppe, Pres. Hudson River Historic Boat & Restoration Society	The 1903 Sloop Eleanor: Her life on the Hudson River and her restoration
July 20	Maria Kolodziej-Zincio	<i>What's the Buzz? Lecture on the state of bee colonies with hive demonstration</i>
August 17	PICNIC Details to come	
September 21	Chief John Onufrychuck Jr Doug Garrison	<i>The history of fires and the Greenport Fire Department</i>
October 19	Keith Niver	History of Niver's
November 16	Holiday Luncheon Ron Gabriele	<i>How an 80 year old widow of a Confederate Civil War General helped build 29 bombers during World War II</i>