

President's Message

Welcome Spring and to our first newsletter of the year! Our programs are lining up nicely for our season and we hope to see you! As your new President, I am hoping to carry on the traditions of the Greenport Historical Society and continue progress on our projects, one of which is the restoration of the Toll House. Many of you knew my father, David Hart, President of the Greenport Historical Society for over a decade up until his death in 2018, and his love of the Toll House. His shoes will never be completely filled by me, but it is my hope and my goal to be able to put in motion the steps needed to begin this restoration. I thank past President Guy Apicella for providing me with the information and tools to begin this process.

Our first meeting of the year is Thursday, April 18th, 6:00 p.m. at the Greenport Community Center. Our new Vice President, Juanita Bryant, will present a program on Dutch Cooking in the Hudson Valley, with a special treat: samples of recipes from her talk. In May, Brenda Shufelt, coordinator of the History Room at the Hudson Area Library will share some of the Resources available in the History Room. Please come join us for some fun and informative evenings this Spring!

All the best,

Lynn

Lynn Hart, President

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 18th 6:00pm – Greenport Community Center. Program: "The Influence of Dutch Cooking in the Hudson Valley." Samples of Dutch foods will be provided during the presentation.

Thursday, May 16th 6:00pm – Greenport Community Center Program: "Resources of the Hudson Area Library History Room". Refreshments to follow.

In Memorium

We offer condolences to the families of long time members Charles Hudson and Betty Keeler.

Collections 2023 – A busy Year

Scanning Project: Ongoing since 2019, over 175 photos have been digitalized by volunteer Alice Engel. We should sort and store by categories on individual flash drives to be used on our website or for other presentation needs.

Columbia County Historians' Mapping Project: Data was submitted for Toll House and Spook Rock legend.

Columbia County Regrant Project: Digitalized 1876 Jones Quarry/Jonestown map.

Research requests: Several on the DuBois House and family, location of Fred Jones House and an individual looking for proof of a family member's death.

Donations: 1. Additional material on Doric Hall: newspaper articles, photos, and research links from family members and FASNY, 2. 1929 Greendale Ferry Timetable 3. Over 40 photos of Universal Cement 1919-1980, 4. Town of Greenport Sesquicentennial scrapbooks and photos.

Accessions: Once again over 100 items were processed, given accession numbers, and stored. An ongoing concern is the many items found without an accession number and therefore not on any list.

Recommendations: Purchase of 5 flash drives for Scanning project. Purchase of laptop to allow for digitalization of collection records. Purchase of archival storage supplies to replace dozens of plastic sleeves used.

Thank you to volunteers June Houghton, Alice Engel, Pat Hart, Sal Cozzolino, Guy Apicella, and to past president Jo Von Bieberstein for her continued support.

Carol Harp Biernacki
Collections Chair

Membership

2024 dues 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. You can pay at a meeting or mail to: Greenport Historical Society c/o Patricia C. Hart, Treasurer, 520 Route 66, Hudson NY 12534. Thanks to Amy Hausmann who recently joined as a life member. We depend on your support for operating expenses and membership dues.