

GREENPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Remembering David Hart

The Linden Tree planted in honor of David Hart, long time president of the Greenport Historical Society and town historian, was formally dedicated before our last meeting on June 15th. Family members in attendance were Pat Hart, David's wife, and daughters Lynn Hart and Cindy Schools.

GHS President, Guy Apicella, had this to say: "When I think of David, the words that come to mind are classy, professional, a man of great demeanor and a gentleman possessing a great intellect. When he spoke to you, you got his undivided attention. David drew in everyone and we loved his energy, his willingness to share and care."

David was 100% committed to the Greenport Historical Society, the history of Greenport as our historian and, of course, the Toll House. I often wonder how he would be handling this next phase in the restoration process.

In looking through the Toll House records, it is evident that David did an unbelievable amount of work to get the restoration project started.

David was a man of great determination and that is why he succeeded, and we are all the better for that.

As our current president, I am truly honored to hold the very position that he once held."

Following President Apicella's statement, David's family was introduced. Family members spoke and those in the audience shared remembrances. A moment of silence was offered in David's memory. Nancy Guarino was thanked for arranging the planting of the Linden tree (able to grow to 60 feet) and the memorial plaque. The site was previously dedicated in a private ceremony during covid. David's family has expressed their sincere appreciation for all who supported and contributed to this lasting memorial.

Archive News

A V&O and Boston-Albany RR contract for a sidetrack was among the many items processed this spring. Live in the Janis Street area? A 1949 *Hudson Daily Star* news article which announced the beginning of US Postal home delivery for that area was also acquisitioned. Other items included a recent donation of sixteen 1907 souvenir postcards of this area and six newspaper links regarding the 1905/1907 Doric Hall Estate Fires on Green Acres Road. Thank you Lauryn Czyzewski, Assistant Curator, FASNY Fire Museum for the latter.

A BIG thanks to June Houghton for the many hours of work on the collection. Thanks also to Pat Hart for keeping the collection maintenance in good order and Carol Gans for the generous bubble wrap donation.

Carol Biernacki
Collections Chair

Our Next Full Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m at the Greenport Community Center. Any member is welcome to attend. Members of the East Gate Toll House will be present to discuss collaborating on the Toll House.

Society News Updates

We will no longer have a March meeting or speaker. We arrived at this decision due to dwindling attendance and iffy weather this time of year.

We are searching for a Programs and Publicity Chairperson. If you are interested in taking on this interesting and exciting position, please contact President Apicella.

Update from President Apicella

I will be stepping down from my position December 31, 2023. We are currently searching for someone to assume the duties of president. Please contact us for further information.

Greenport Historical Society
Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.

What's the Buzz - From the Hive to the Honey

Maria Kolodziel-Zincio, has been a beekeeper for twelve years and runs her apiary, Blue Hill Bees, in Hudson, NY. She calls herself an environmental guardian of bees and states. "It's a bee's world no matter what the beekeeper does - in the end the bees do what they want to do. It's in their genetic code."

Bees are part of the biodiversity on which we all depend for our survival. The life of the honey bee is not only interesting but complex. The democracy of a beehive from the creation of a colony to their producing honey will give participants a deep appreciation of these social and hardworking insects. Your next dollop of honey will never be quite the same!

There will be a live hive demonstration.



Location: Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Hudson NY; last building on the left. Refreshments available after the evening's presentation.

Greenport Historical Society Annual Picnic
Thursday, August 17th at Noon
Hudson Boat Club

Members and guests are cordially invited to an enjoyable afternoon at the Hudson Boat Club on the beautiful Hudson River. Please call Vicki at 518 821-8197 or Pat at 518 828-6747 by Monday, August 14th to make reservations and to tell us what main dish or refreshments you will be bringing. We look forward to seeing you.

Directions: Drive to the end of Warren St. and turn left. Go past the train station, turn right and go over the railroad tracks. Bear right past the park and go to the end. Turn left and the boat club is directly in front of you. There is additional parking in the public lot adjacent to the club.

WANTED

2024 Officers and Volunteers

Now is the time to put YOUR name up
For the October VOTE!!!

Vacancies include:

President and Vice President
Programs and Publicity Chair