

GREENPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our Programs and Publicity Chairwoman is Stepping Down

Due to personal commitments, Nancy Guarino, our Programs and Publicity Chairwoman since 2015, has resigned effective immediately. Nancy was a dynamic force in her role and was committed to presenting the most interesting and amazing programs. They were invaluable both from a historical and educational perspective. The society was very fortunate to have a woman of her caliber and her presence will surely be missed! We wish to convey our very best wishes to her!

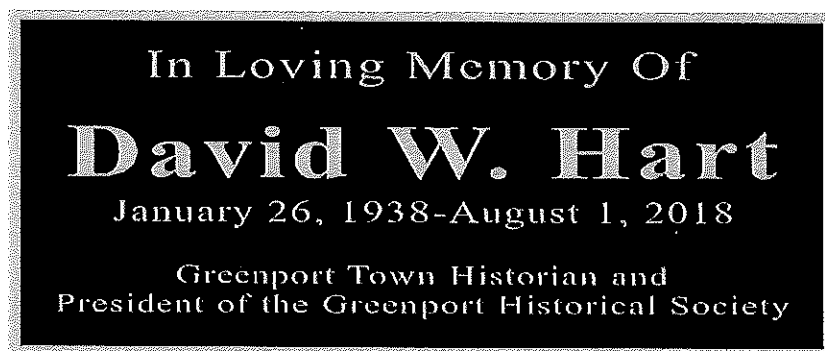
A note of gratitude to our immediate past president, Jo von Bierberstein, who also must be recognized for the support she gave to Nancy. Thank you, Jo.

As of this May/June issue, spring is in full swing, and the official beginning of summer is right around the corner as we approach the June solstice. And as spring rolls into summer, we are all looking forward to fun times to be had with family and friends.

It is my hope that you will include the Society in your activities as we have a variety of interesting programs for you to choose from. As President, I have been assuming Nancy's duties on an interim basis. It's a tough role to fill. On a final note – be careful, stay healthy and strong and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.!

Guy Apicella, President

David W. Hart Memorial Tree Official Dedication
Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
In front of Greenport Town Hall



Our dedication will take place before our regular monthly meeting. We will convene at 6:00 p.m. at the front of the Greenport Town Hall where our tree is located. The dedication will take place rain or shine. We will then proceed back to the Community Center for our monthly meeting followed by our speaker.

Thank you to Nancy Guarino for putting together David's very beautiful "monument": tree and plaque. It is very befitting for our dearly departed President who will always be remembered. A very sincere thank you to our GHS members who donated to this gracious endeavor.

Toll House Update

A concerted effort is being made to revive the restoration of our West Gate Toll House on Rt. 23. President Apicella will be meeting with officials from the East Gate Foundation in Hillsdale to get input and helpful ideas on how to proceed. Also, a representative from the Galvan Foundation will be at our May board meeting to discuss potential ideas to further our much needed next step.

Our Next Full Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th, at 11:00 a.m at the Greenport Town Hall in the Conference Room. Any member is welcome to attend.

News From the Collection Chair

Local History News: Congratulations to Life members and long time supporters of GHS, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holmes on the 80th year of Holmquest Farms, located on Spook Rock Road. It began as a dairy farm and today is a great place to get plants, fresh vegetables, and to cut your own flowers!

The Hudson Area Library's recent exhibit of the Local Historical Maps and Atlases collection featured an 1888 Town of Greenport Map and Business Directory. The map shows roads and names of many residences from the Stockport Line to Livingston, including Catskill Station. To inquire about purchasing archival copies contact brenda.shufelt@hudsonarealibrary.org. GHS member John Craig was one of the researchers for this project. He particularly aided student researchers and filmmakers in the study of a 1923 Sanborn Insurance map to show changes in Fifth Street over time. Check it out at the History Room!

Carol Biernacki

In Memorium

Life Member Charles Dillhoff passed away after a short illness on May 2nd at the age of 88. We offer condolences to his wife Sue (also a life member) and their family.

Special Notes About Our May Meeting and Program

We will not have a May meeting as our program is a Saturday field trip to a little known, but fascinating local museum about the dairy industry in our area and throughout NY. Car pooling will be available for those who do not wish to drive or want to follow someone. Meet at the Greenport Community Center at 1:30. The museum is handicapped accessible and cars may park right next to the barn. Most of the artifacts are on the first floor and there is seating for those who wish to sit down. See the attached flyer or call Guy Apicella for further details 518 567-5105.

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Meetings take place at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive

Greenport Historical Society
Saturday, May 20, 2023 2:00 p.m
Field Trip to James Benziger's local Dairy Museum
141 Falls Road in West Ghent
(A left off Rt. 9H - near Toyota)

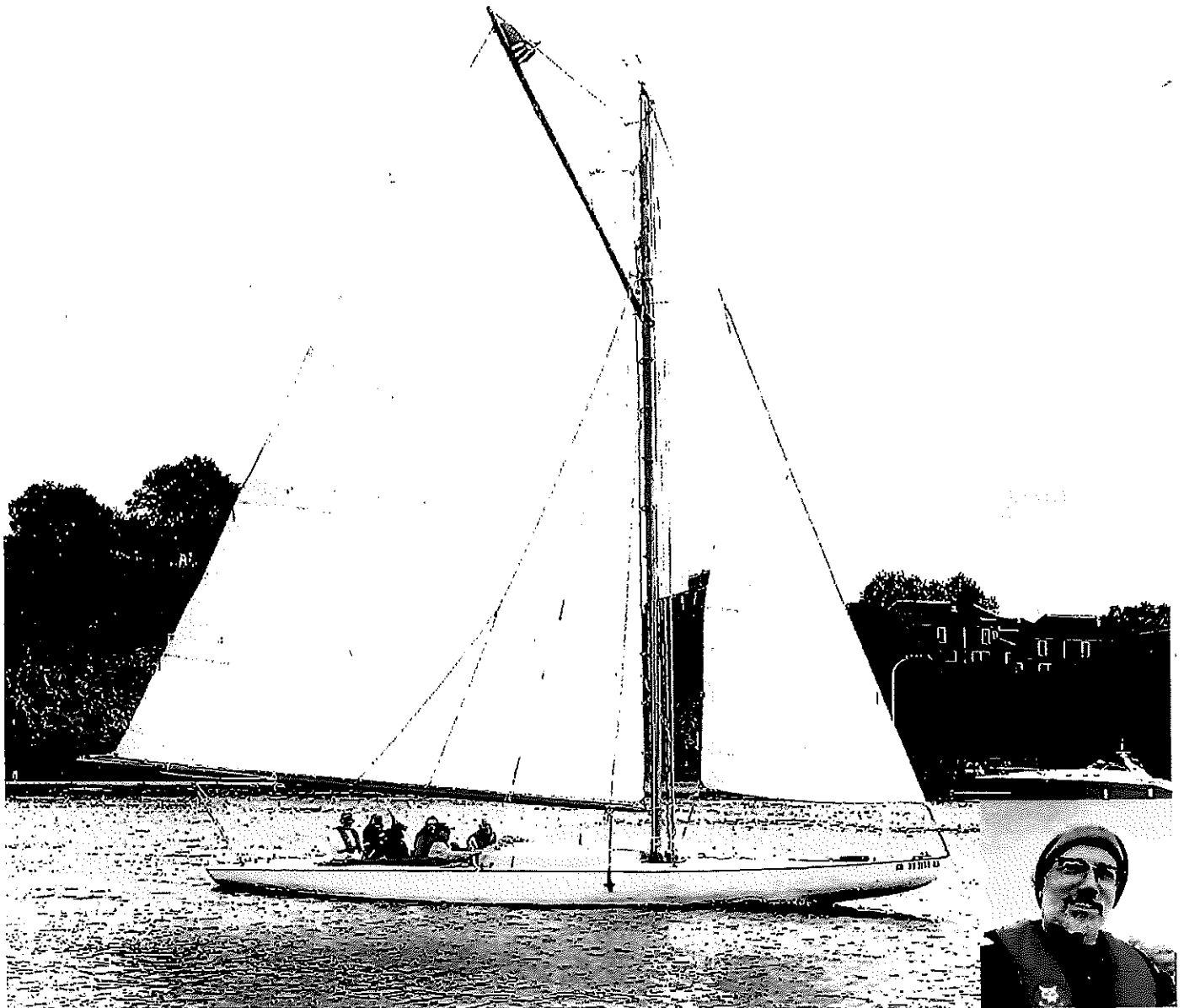


James Benziger's dairy museum is actually a 30 year personal collection of vintage dairy memorabilia that is displayed in a large barn. The collection contains everything from vintage milk bottles to vintage dairy equipment and everything in between relating to the dairy industry. It contains items from the local Columbia County area as well as from all of New York State.

The display is a visual tribute to dairy farmers and an attempt to preserve the rich history of dairy farming in New York State. The museum is handicapped accessible and seating is available. Also vehicles can be driven right up to the front entrance.

For further information, please contact Guy Apicella 518 567-5105 or guy.apicella@outlook.com. Those who wish to carpool or caravan can meet at the Greenport Community Center at 1:30 p.m.

This will be a fascinating experience that will shed light on the dairy farms that once existed in Greenport, Hudson, and other areas in New York State. Every item imaginable related to the milk industry is on display in a neat, clean and orderly manner. Not to be missed!



The Greenport Historical Society Presents:
**"The Raceabout Sloop *Eleanor*, Her
History and Restoration"**

A presentation by Chris Hoppe, president of the Hudson
River Historic Boat Restoration & Sailing Society.
June 15, 2023, 6PM at the Greenport Community Center
500 Town Hall Drive, Hudson, NY 12534

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A BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today,
A bakeless bake sale is under way !
In these busy days, now who would bake,
pies, or cookies, or even a cake?



We've thought of a plan that is truly grand,
And we feel quite sure you'll understand,
In a little envelope please put the price,
Of a pie, or a cake, or of something nice.

Without fuss or bother you've done your part,
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale.
Help make a success of our
"Bakeless Bake Sale."



Please send the money (checks) to:
Pat Hart, Treasurer
520 Rt 66
Hudson, NY 12534



THANK-YOU VERY MUCH