

Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association



Newsletter



PO Box 354 Greenlawn, NY 11740

March – April 2001

Coming Events

**Suydam Homestead
& Barn Museum
Opening
Annual Party**
SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd
at the Suydam Homestead
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



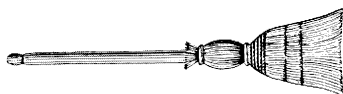
White Elephant Sale
SATURDAY, JUNE 16th at
the Harborfields
Public Library
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Donations may be
dropped off at our office after
June 4th.



**Harborfields Mega
Multi-Class Reunion
Alumni Day
Open House**
SATURDAY, July 28th,
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at the Suydam Homestead
(see back page for details)

Spring-Clean Up

The annual spring clean up at the Suydam House, Barn Museum, and grounds, is right around the corner. Volunteers are needed to get everything ready for the visitors to the Suydam House this spring and summer. If you can help with the clean up, scheduled for Saturday, May 12th at 9 AM, please call the Office.
(631) 754-1180



Antiques Show A Success! by James Campbell

Our annual antiques show, held on the weekend of March 10-11, was once again a great success. The weather, which is always unpredictable during this season, was kind to us and we had an exceptional gate on both days. We estimate that about 1,500 people came through on Saturday and another 1,000 on Sunday. We initially thought that this might be a record for the show, but after a little more calculating we decided that it is probably just a little under the record crowd we had in 1998. In the years between, bad weather on one or the other show days cut into attendance.

We continue to receive many compliments about the show from both the participating dealers and the public. Many individuals comment about what a lovely show it is, how they look forward to it every year and that they consider it the very best show on Long Island. In the same vein, dealers often comment that the show is a pleasure to do because everyone goes out of their way to be friendly and helpful.

It is, of course, the enormous effort made by the members and friends of the Association



that make the show work. Dozens of people help out in every imaginable way to promote the show, help the dealers and provide customers with an enjoyable experience. The efforts of each and every volunteer are very much appreciated. Once again we wish to say to everyone involved, congratulations on a job well done— and a very sincere thank you for helping to continue the historic work of the Association and for making this community the wonderful place it is. |

31 Broadway Exhibit



Throughout the month of March the GCHA had an opportunity to display documents, blue prints, photographs and ephemera depicting the history of the building located at 31 Broadway which today serves as the GCHA's headquarters and the Harborfields Public Library. If you missed it and are interested in learning more about this historic site in our community, come by the GCHA's Russell B. Brush Research Center, and our staff will be glad to show you the materials. |

Tales From The John Deans Scrapbook

A Women's History Month Special by Lauren A. Neusy

Wanted! Petticoated and Bloomered Artisans!

Imagine such a classified advertisement back in 1911, and this would not be too far from the truth!

According to a *Brooklyn Eagle* article found in the John Deans Scrapbook, dated May 20th, 1911, the new post office soon to be under construction east of Broadway and behind the train station was “almost entirely the result of the genius of woman.”

Prominent New York City architect Fay Kellogg designed the plans. She summered in Greenlawn and later owned, managed and worked



Greenlawn Post Office, postcard dated 1922

a twelve-acre farm in town. The construction of the bungalow style post office was to be under her personal supervision, and then owned and occupied by Postmistress Miss E.A. Hilton.

Kellogg had planned to hire only women for the job, and, the Brooklyn

Eagle reported, it was “a matter of regret that it should be necessary to spoil the harmony of the scene, but for building scaffolds and piling on the tile and mortar, man’s usefulness is still recognized.”

In her obituary, also found in the Scrapbook, Fay Kellogg was described as “an ardent supporter of woman suffrage, an athlete, and enjoyed boxing and wrestling, and was an enthusiastic horsewoman.”

For more travels into the history of Greenlawn and Centerport, stop by the GCHA and peruse the John Deans Scrapbook.:

Up Close: Chris Hansen By George Broomfield

This is the first in a series of articles to introduce our volunteer members who contribute their valuable time and extraordinary talents to GCHA.



Chris received a degree in Applied Science from the State University of New York system in 1952.

His interest in airplanes influenced him to join the Grumman Corporation. When the company stepped up its space program in the early sixties, Chris became involved in the Apollo Lunar Module (L.M.) program in 1962.

During his 40 years at Grumman, Chris directed many projects including the Planning and Estimating for Product Operations. He was also Director of Industrial Engineering.

Chris, his wife Jane and children, Jane and Joyce, moved to Centerport in 1972. His interest in history and preservation lead him to collecting

and restoring antique American clocks. He soon joined the Huntington Historical Society and served as a trustee, treasurer and vice president.

Wanting to become involved with a local group, Chris joined the GCHA in 1978. His great interest in historic preservation, plus his knowledge of basic construction and carpentry skills, led him to the challenge of the restoration of the Suydam House. Fortunately, the start of the restoration project coincided with his retirement from Grumman in 1992.

The West Wing was the Association’s first priority. This took almost four years to complete and included an “archeological dig with the discovery of many artifacts now displayed in the Gallery.” This part was dedicated in 1996. The exterior restoration followed in 1997. The interior rear entry was finished in 1998. Work on the keeping room and the beehive oven was completed in 1999, and the restoration of the front parlor (the earliest c1730 part of the homestead) was completed in 2000.

Chris directed his hard working volunteers during the restoration. Antique ma-

terials were used whenever possible, and included 18th and 19th century reclaimed wood, 19th century door replacements and reclaimed old glass in historically correct windows. Paint colors in the rooms were matched to evidence of early colors.

In addition to his close supervision. Chris spent hundreds of hours working on the house making sure that the restoration was as perfect and authentic as possible— even as far as using old hand-planes from the GCHA collection on the interior of the house to match the original hand cut moldings of the 18th century.

If you haven’t toured the house lately, please stop by when it opens this Spring and view the fruits of Chris Hansen’s dedication and expertise. His love and enthusiasm for preserving the history of our community make him a vital asset to the GCHA.:



Opening of the Suydam Homestead, Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Many activities are planned for our annual meeting on Sunday, June 3rd, including the election of our Officers for 2001-2002. At the meeting you will be asked to vote for the slate of Officers & Trustees. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Nominated Officers:

President Carol Albano
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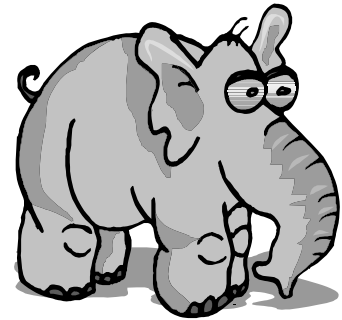
Jim Breeden James Campbell
 Chris Hansen Angie Jackofsky
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Honorary Trustees:

Howard Steere
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No parking at the Suydam Homestead (except for handicapped) for June 3rd meeting. Please park in the lot East of the Shell station. A mini-bus will transport you to and from the Homestead.;

Coming Soon: White Elephant Sale!



The annual white elephant sale will take place on Saturday, June 16th at the Harborfields Public Library from 9 am to 2 pm. Donations may be dropped off at our office after June 4th. Please no books or clothing. If you would like to volunteer, call the office. We will also have some antiques for sale. Come early!;

GCHA WRITING CONTEST



\$500 Award to a Harborfields High School Class of 2001 Senior.

This contest is open to any Harborfields High School Senior planning to attend a two-year or four-year college starting in September 2001. The winner will be selected based on an entry on the following topic:

Choose a historic place (50 years or older) within the Harborfields School District. In 500 words or less, describe a real or imaginary happening that evokes a sense of that place's history. You may use your favorite literary format— story, letter, poem, essay, or play.

HOW TO APPLY:

All entries must be typewritten with entrant's name, address and phone number included on each page. Mail your entry to the Association (see back page for address). All entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2001. The award will be announced and presented at the Harborfields High School Senior Awards Banquet in May. Please call the GCHA office if you have any questions, (631) 754-1180.;

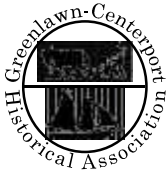
Who Are They?

In last month's newsletter we asked you, our readers, to identify a photograph of a Greenlawn farmhouse. One of our members, Mr. Gunner Hertwig called soon after receiving our newsletter. He recognized the Bertram family name. He informed us that the Bertram family owned a grocery store on the northeast corner of Boulevard and Broadway and that they also owned a glass and framing store on the southeast corner of Broadway and Lawrence Street. This marks the third success using our newsletter to find information on little or unknown photographs in our collection. The above photograph is this



month's mystery. We suspect that the people in the photograph may be members of the Gardiner family, or their in-laws, the Purdy family. Any information would be greatly appreciated! Please help solve this month's mystery.;





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Recipe Corner

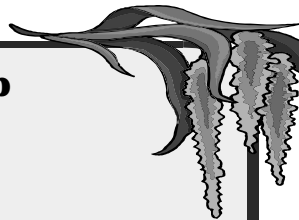
A pastoral scene can be painted from the recollections of Mrs. Louis Brush and her son Gil as they described their apple orchard located on Oldfield Road in what is presently Greenlawn. In the early 1900's the orchard consisted of Baldwin, Macintosh, and Yellow Pippin apple trees. Saplings were purchased primarily from the Burpee Company and the orchard was left to nature's care since there was little need to spray for diseases or blights. When the farm was sold and the apple orchard disappeared, so did the nesting places bluebirds made in the apple trees. Fortunately, we have delicious recipes that have been handed down, where the versatile apple is the main ingredient. |



Quick Apple Crisp

- 1½ cup quick cooking oatmeal
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tart apples (2 lbs.) pared and sliced

In a bowl combine oatmeal, light brown sugar, butter and cinnamon together. In a 2 qt. buttered casserole place half the apples, then sprinkle with half of the oatmeal mixture. Repeat. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes.



Harborfields Mega Multi-Class Reunion Weekend

Dinner/Dance
Saturday, July 28th, 2001
The Melville Marriott, Grand Ballroom
Rt. 110 and the LIE
6:30 PM- 11:30 PM
\$60 per person

All those in a Harborfields state-of-mind are invited. However, the target group is the alumni that graduated in the 1960s and 1970s and their TEACHERS.

RSVP (212) 712-0421
Margie Russell class of '70
suffolkcountygirl@yahoo.com

Checks addressed and payable to:
HF Mega Reunion,
PO Box 508, Greenlawn, NY 11740

Include day and evening phone and fax #s, mailing address, year graduated and maiden names for the ladies. Please RSVP ASAP!

Alumni Day Open House

Saturday July 28th, 11 AM - 3 PM
sponsored by the *Greenlawn Centerport Historical Association*. Located at the Suydam Homestead, 1 Fort Salonga Road (Rte 25A) in Centerport.