



Newsletter



PO Box 354 Greenlawn, NY 11740

November-December 2001

25th Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 16th
1:30 PM — 4:00 PM

The Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association requests the honor of your presence at our Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 16th, 2001 from 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM.

The party will be held in the large meeting room of the Harborfields Public Library.

Refreshments will be served. Various activities are planned including the raffle drawing and foot-stomping family entertainment featuring **The Home-grown String Band**.

The band is comprised of Harbor-



fields natives, Rick and Georgianne Jackofsky along with their daughters, Erica and Annalee. They will entertain us with an old-time family

concert, performing Old-timey, Bluegrass and American Folk Music from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The party allows you to meet other GCHA members and an opportunity to celebrate your part in our accomplishments and learn about our plans for the future.;

Pickle Festival 2001 Success! By Lois Learned



Dilly at the Festival

appreciated.

To all the members and friends who volunteered for the Pickle Festival, many, many THANKS! Whether you volunteered for the day of the sale, baked a goodie or two or worked throughout the summer months canning at home or Tuesdays at the Greenlawn Knights of Columbus, your efforts, your efforts are most

We would also like to acknowledge the various local businesses that contributed to this event:

- ? North Fork Bank
- ? Johnson's Farm
- ? Knights of Columbus and John Deo
- ? Met Foods
- ? Greenlawn Hardware Co.
- ? Allen Pickle Works

Even though we had fewer jars to sell, did not do as well with the single deli pickles, we made up for it in the Bake Shop and made just about as much as last year, which was an all-time high. Of course we've included in this profit the

jars we still have for sale in the Museum at the library, so please come in and buy them as well as the pickle ornaments and whistles.

As many of you know, Ann Jermusyk and I have co-chaired this fundraiser for the last few years and are now moving on to other pursuits within the Association. As the Pickle Festival has become a great tradition within the Association and with the community, it will be continued in the future. We wish our successors the best of luck and trust all of you will give them the same wonderful support you gave us.;

Grist Mill Park Dedication by Margie Russell



The Millstone Stone Restored

On The park, named for the grist mill that once stood opposite it on Mill Dam Road, has come to fruition after several years of tireless effort on the part of the Centerport Harbor Civic Association lead by Gloria Werthheimer.

The centerpiece of the park is one half of the millstone from the Grist

Mill. This stone was donated to the Town of Huntington, for the sole purpose of being displayed at the Grist Mill Park, by the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association.

The stone had been previously exhibited at the Suydam Homestead on 25A for the past ____ years in a setting that was the generous work of a local Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout projects must remain intact for ____ years and the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association is committed to be true to these requirements whenever they are the

beneficiary of such efforts. However, permission was also sought from the same Eagle Scout before moving the stone.

The park in its short lived history has already become a very popular spot locally for rest and contemplation.;



The Centerport Grist Mill, built in 1774, as it appeared c1908

Up Close: Carol Bloomgarden



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



Carol moved with her family to Greenlawn in 1968. Because of her interest in her community, she became a charter member of the Greenlawn - Centerport Historical Association when it was organized in 1973. In 1976 the Harborfields Public Library moved to its present location and the GCHA was able to set up an office and Museum Room in that facility. Carol, then a stay-at-home mom, spent many hours volunteering at the Association. She edited the Association's newsletters, prepared fliers, helped write grants, catalogued photographs,

arranged programs, held the offices of corresponding secretary (1980-1981) and president (1983-85), and served as a Museum docent. She was a member of the Museum Committee (Myrna Myers was the volunteer curator) and helped research and mount the Association's early exhibits including *The Long Island Rail Road: Ties That Bind*, *A Child's Garden of Toys*, *Edward Lange's Long Island*, and many, many more. Carol worked with Louise Dougher, our Director Emeritus, on developing and presenting programs for children and adults in conjunction with each exhibit. In those early years of the GCHA, Carol's husband Jerry, an attorney, also served as president (1979-80), as a trustee, and as a source for legal advice.

In 1982, local history became a state mandated part of the 4th grade social studies curriculum. Carol and Louise were asked to develop a pilot program for the Harborfields School District. When other schools became interested

in their work, they formed a company called Magic Lantern Press that produced and marketed to schools, libraries and museums a packet of materials called Long Island Farm & Home Life 1870-1920. Last year, Carol and Louise collaborated again on a project. Using photos from the archives of the GCHA, they produced a book for the Association called *Greenlawn: A Long Island Hamlet*.

Carol, a former elementary school teacher, enrolled in library school in 1986. She now works as Head of Adult Services at the Harborfields Public Library. She continues to serve as a trustee of the GCHA.

We owe Carol a huge thank you for her work in bringing the history of Greenlawn and Centerport to life.;

George Broomfield contributed to this article.

Who was Harvey Weber?



Harvey Weber began his photographic career as an undergraduate at Wesleyan University in Middletown CT, working his

way through college using a Leica and a 5x7 Ansco view camera. During World War II, he served as a signal corps photographer in the Caribbean sector and as a combat photo officer in Europe with the 3rd Army under General Patton. His work appeared in *Life*, *Time*, *Fortune*, *Parade*, *Business Week*, *Mademoiselle* and most of the major magazines of that time. In 1948 he joined *Newsday* as a staff photographer, and in 1979 he retired as Director of Photography.

After his retirement, he worked on a myriad of articles and publications, including the photographs for *East Hampton's Heritage* (a definitive survey of 300 years of that village's architecture), the complete photographs for *Long Island: People & Places, Past & Present*, and *City of the World: New York and its People*.

In 1990, Harvey Weber wrote, edited, designed and published *Centerport*, a word and photographic history of his adopted home. The book was well received and was reprinted in 1991. At his death in September 1991, the rights to his book about Centerport became the property of his widow, Madeline Weber. This year, as the book was about to go out of print, Mrs. Weber generously ceded the rights to the Centerport book to the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association in loving memory of her husband.

The Association has now re-issued

Harvey Weber's book as a tribute to the great contribution he has made to preserve the history of Centerport through his own beautiful photographs and through the historic photographs the he assembled. The Association also acknowledges with heartfelt gratitude the generosity of Madeline Weber. Her gift has made it possible for our community to continue to enjoy her husband's work for years to come.

Harvey Weber was born in Brooklyn NY in 1917. He died in Centerport in 1991. He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. During his lifetime he received many prestigious awards and honors, including the Joseph Costa Award from the National Press Photographers Association. He exhibited his work in six one-man shows. His photographs are included in museum, university and private collections.;

Work Continues on Historic Barn



Interior view prior to disassembly

Work continues on the GCHA's 19th century barn, originally located in neighboring Commack. The barn has been disassembled and moved to the Suydam House property. Each piece of the barn has been labeled and is undergoing close scrutiny as to its condition. The tireless efforts

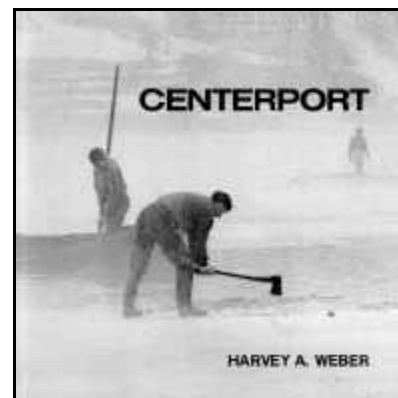
of Trustees Toby Kissam and Chris Hansen continue every Wednesday at the Suydam House as they re-work the barn's beams and other parts of the barn's frame.

19th century Barns are becoming an endangered species due to the continued suburbanization of Long Island. If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, please call (631) 754-1180. Help us preserve Long Island's history!;

Reprint of a Local Classic!

Just in time for the Holidays! The Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association is proud to announce that the Centerport Book has been reprinted. The book is now available for purchase at the Museum Office in the Harborfields Public Library.

For more information, please call:
(631) 754-1180.;





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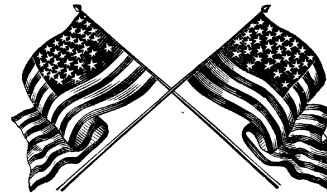
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Our Motto, "A Square Deal to All."

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At midnight on December 31 the Old Year surrenders to the New Year – and the New Year will salute the passing of the Old.

It is the time for perennial resolutions, which cannot wholly fail of their object so long as they are perennial. Let us be grateful for the many good things which we have enjoyed during the past year. Let us be grateful above all things, for that inspirational moment when a handclasp conciliates mutinous hearts, and the joys of reunion, alternate between laughter and tears.

We are on the eve of a New Year. Behind us are the trials, the tribulations and the troubles of 1912. Ahead lie peace, happiness, health, prosperity and the good wishes of our many friends. In this moment of happiness, let us wish one another a prosperous and

A Happy New Year

Long Islander Advertisement, December 1911.