



Newsletter



PO Box 354 Greenlawn, NY 11740

August – September 2000

Coming Events

- ? Sunday, October 22nd
PICKLE FESTIVAL
with Tasting and Country Store. 1:00-4:00 PM
- ? Sunday, October 29th
Suydam Homestead
Museums close until
June 2001.

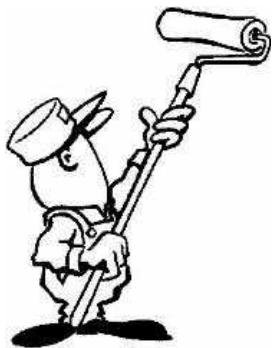


Calling All Volunteers!

Saturday, September 23rd

We need volunteers to help paint the Suydam Homestead Fence.

Please call **Lois Learned** if you are interested in helping out!



Association Gets New Director!

The Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association announces the appointment of Michelle Chiarappa as its new Director.

Ms. Chiarappa comes to us with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College and is currently working toward her Masters degree in Library and Information Science at Queens College. Until recently, she worked as a Conservation Technician at the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library at New York University, where she performed a variety of conservation treat-

ments, identified document repair needs and assisted in the training of interns regarding basic conservation repair techniques.

Prior to her experience at NYU, Ms. Chiarappa worked at the Benjamin Rosenthal Library, Queens College, NY, where she supervised and organized an efficient library preservation department with limited funding.

Ms. Chiarappa has also gained valuable experience through her many volunteer-



The new Director hard at work!

ing efforts at several organizations, including the Louis Armstrong House and Archives in Queens, NY.

In addition to her work experience, our new director is fluent in Spanish and conversant in Italian and is very experienced using computers.

We welcome Michelle to the Associa-

Suydam House Restoration Update by Chris Hansen

The fireplace area in the front parlor has been reconstructed with antique wood planking using architectural features that are appropriate for a Long Island house of this type and period.

With all woodworking and plastering now completed, we believe that the parlor appears as it did during the end of the 18th century. At that time, the main house received its last expansion to the East,

and the massive central chimney with three fireplaces replaced an earlier chimney.

Painting and decorating of the parlor using historical colors and finishes is in progress. ;

Pickle Festival 2000 Update by Lois Learned

The **2000 Pickle Festival**, scheduled for **Sunday 22 October**, is off to a great start. So far, 12 to 14 ladies (and one gentlemen) of the cut and chat crew have produced more than 500 jars of pickled produce during 150 hours of labor, mostly at the Knights of Columbus kitchen on Tuesday mornings in Greenlawn. We're half way to a 1000+ jar goal! Other dedicated members are busy at home processing jams and jellies, which can't be done on such a large scale. **We can always use more help.** If interested, please call **Lois Learned, 261-5928** to sign up or get recipes.

We'd like to thank the many people who returned used jars to the office. Such donations help increase our profits. We can still use them, but we'd appreciate ones without labels, tops and rims, just clean pint and half-pint pickling jars.

As most of you know, this event uses many

diverse talents and is a fun-filled occasion. We need **you** on Saturday 21 October to set-up and on Sunday to sell, entertain the crowd, be a cashier, etc., etc.

Those of you **who like to bake**, we'd appreciate your goodies to sell in the Coffee Shop the day of the festival.

Please contact **Camille Iuliucci, 261-8167**. Also, we have flyers ready in the office if you'd like to distribute some to friends and family. :



The Association And Technology by Ryan Athanas



As the Association continues to enter the Computer Age, we are faced with the prospect of establishing our own Website on the Internet. This is a great opportunity to educate

people, not just in our town, but *worldwide*, on the importance of preserving local history and culture. The Web also allows us to keep in touch with GCHA members that have moved away as well as to advertise our fundraising events and promote our various collections and museum exhibits.

In other news, The Association has recently purchased computer software specifically designed for historical societies. This software will help us to track all of our collections, as well as assist researchers. :

Look for our Website in October, 2000!

Greenlawn: A Long Island Hamlet...Coming Soon!

After countless hours employed selecting photographs and writing captions, the book Greenlawn: A Long Island Hamlet, has finally been sent off to the publisher. Written by Director Emeritus Louise Dougher and Association Trustee Carol Bloomgarden, the

book is one in the series of Images of America publications. This first and only book on the history of Greenlawn is expected to be available in time for holiday gift-giving. :

This will be the cover of the upcoming book!



The Museums At The Suydam House ...A Reminder! By George Broomfield

The Greenlawn-Centerport Association wishes to invite you to the 1730 Suydam House and the Barn/Museum. Spend some time at our unique museum located on Centerport Road and Route 25A. We are open every Sunday from 1 until 4 p.m. Admission is FREE.

The Suydam House has a most unusual West Wing Gallery exhibit that contains one of Long Island's largest archaeological finds of Huntington Redware, English China and early creamware, unearthed

from under the West Wing of the Suydam House.

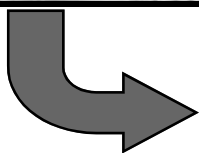
The Barn/Museum features old farm tools and wagons plus our special exhibit. This year's exhibit is of an early 19th cen-

tury parlor, bedroom and nursery furnished with objects and furniture from residents of long ago.

Please visit our 1730 Suydam House and Barn/Museum in historic Greenlawn-Centerport this weekend!;



The Suydam Homestead located on Centerport Rd and Rte 25A



Who Are These Passengers?

...and where are they going?

In the early 1900's, transporting passengers between the Greenlawn Railroad Station and Centerport's vacation spots was common practice. This photograph is of a "Centerport Bus." We are unable to identify the people in this picture and do not know if they are headed towards

Greenlawn or Centerport. So we are leaving it up to you, our readers, to help us identify them. In future publications we plan on featuring "Who Are They?" photos. Send in your answers and you could win a fabulous prize.;

Kristin Kantianis Winner Of GCHA's Annual Essay Award



Miss Kantianis was the winner of our annual essay contest promoting community pride for High School Seniors. The subject this year was "What will you tell your college roommate about growing up in Greenlawn and Centerport"? The award was worth \$500.00.

Kristin's essay expresses her pride in growing up in a community that "encouraged me to be an individual in everything I do," and gave her a strong foundation for success.

Kristin will be attending NYU this coming Fall and will study fine arts. Her other achieve-

ments include winning the United Teachers of Harborfields award, membership in the Natural Helpers, Varsity Tennis and Lacrosse teams.

The GCHA wishes Kristin the very best in her education and future endeavors. Congratulations!;



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Greenlawn & Centerport Post Offices... Yesterday And Today

Greenlawn Post Office

Greenlawn's first General Store also served as its first Post Office from May 9th, 1872-c1900. Hezekiah Howarth, the General Store's proprietor was also the first Postmaster. The current Post Office was built in 1994. Today's Postmaster is Anthony Fontana. He is the 18th Postmaster to serve the Greenlawn community.!



Greenlawn Post Office Today



Greenlawn Post Office 1872-c1900

Centerport Post Office

Centerport's first Post Office was established in 1831 with Shubel Nichols serving as the first Postmaster. The building pictured to the left, served as a Post Office from 1880-1899. Since that time it has served as a residence on Centershore Road across the street from the present Post Office. Today's Postmaster is Steve Frawley. He is the 19th Postmaster to serve the Centerport community. Currently there are plans to build a new Post Office for



Centerport Post Office Today



Centerport Post Office 1880-1899

Centerport.!