



# Dobbs Ferry Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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## "HISTORICAL" T-SHIRTS, SLIDE SHOW AT 4TH OF JULY PICNIC-IN-PARK

Something new will be added to the Society's tradition (already almost two years old!) of presenting a slide show of both contemporary and historical interest at the Village's annual Picnic-in-the-Park on July 4--- "historical" T-shirts.

The Society will sell the T-shirts at its display in the railroad station which will also double as the arena for the slide show. Imprinted on the T-shirts will be the Society's "logo": Jon Nielsen's woodcut of William Dobbbs, ferryman, standing in his periauger boat. The silkscreen print will be in navy blue on a light blue background.

The T-shirts, suggested as a fund-raiser by the president and approved by the Board of Trustees, will sell for \$6 for adult sizes and \$5 for children's sizes. Dans Sport Center, which is handling the order for the Society, says they will be ready before the Fourth and Dan will have one on display in the store window.

You'll remember that last year's slide show was called  
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## GRANTS TOTALING \$7,760 AWARDED TO SOCIETY BY THREE SOURCES

The best news of this first newsletter is that the Historical Society has been awarded three major grants during June.

One is for \$5,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts. The grant will help pay the local history program coordinator's fee and it will underwrite such public programs as the oral history project, the folklore program and the house research workshops. These specific programs were presented during the last fiscal year and will be continued under the state grant.

A grant for \$2,000 from the Council for the Arts in Westchester will give partial support for "Stucco and Stones," a new slide/tape project on our architectural heritage in Dobbs Ferry. The grant is funded by the Westchester Arts Fund from contributions by area corporations and the county government.

The third grant is for \$760 from the Corporate Community Jobs Project of Westchester County. This is the third year in a row that CCJP has awarded a grant to the Society.

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# LETTERS

Cub Scout Pack 24 would like to thank the Historical Society and especially Mrs. Martha Schwartz for the program on Dobbs Ferry at our Pack meeting.

Adults and children alike found the program very interesting. We appreciated the Cub Kerchief program that the Society printed for us, and the boys really loved the books they were able to take home with them.

Thank you again for providing us with such an enjoyable evening.

Donna Scheeler  
Den Leader Coach

Dear Mrs. Kavanagh,

On behalf of all the residents and staff members at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, I sincerely wish to thank you for entertaining us.

I can't begin to tell you how much we all enjoyed your slide show.

All our residents are still talking about the show and are already asking when you will return. It is groups like yours that donate their talents and time that makes life here a little brighter and happier for our residents.

Richard R. Scheibe  
St. Cabrini Nursing Home  
Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

The Tarrytown Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was pleased that you could share some of the oral history program with it.

The handsome colored photographs by Florence Husband Parker enriched the history conveyed

through the excerpts of Dobbs Ferry residents' tapes.

Thank you for allowing us to hear part of this most interesting historical project.

Mrs. John Doern  
North Tarrytown, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Barton,

Our sincere appreciation for a fine program. It was interesting and informative.

We were impressed with the way you made the presentation, using the photos and a written item. The pictures themselves were studies in life and times as it was then.

Thank you so much. Our best regards to Cathleen Polgreen, who assisted.

Betty M. Behr  
Kent Historical Society  
Carmel, N.Y. (Putnam Cty.)

Dear Mrs. Kavanagh:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$5 for all the help you have given me. I would have given more, but at this time it is impossible.

I want you to know that it felt good for me to be in the area where my sncestors came from.

I was born and raised on eastern Long Island, but it was hard to explain how good it felt to be in your area of the state.

Milton J. LeFurgy  
Oakdale, N.Y.

[Lefurgy Avenue in Dobbs Ferry is named for Milton LeFurgy's ancestors---Ed.]



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SOCIETY SEEKS PERMANENT CHARTER

At its June 10 meeting, the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society's Board of Trustees voted to seek a permanent charter from the New York State Board of Regents as a non-profit, educational organization. The Society is currently operating under a temporary charter.

In other actions, the Board:

\* Approved a proposal that the Society publish a newsletter.

\* Approved the sale of T-shirts as a fund-raiser.

\* Discussed a proposal to republish the Dobbs Ferry Centennial book, Life of a River Village, now out of print.

\* Accepted a report by Martha Schwartz on plans for the Society's participation in the village's Picnic-in-the-Park.

\* Accepted a report by Joanne Kavanagh, our local history program coordinator, on the status of the Society's grant applications.

---HW

Welcome to this first issue of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society's newsletter. Our purpose is to tell you what the Society is doing to preserve recover the past of this lovely Hudson River village and to preserve that past for future generations.

We are starting small, with a few issues a year. But, with your help and support, the newsletter will grow. Let us know what you would like to see in future issues and we will try to respond to your requests. Short articles, news items, or appropriate drawings or photos are eagerly solicited.

We are also looking for a suitable name for the newsletter and we want suggestions from you. As an inducement for you to send us your ideas, we will award two Dobbs Ferry Historical Society T-shirts to the person who first suggests the name that is selected for the newsletter. Entries must be postmarked no later than September 30th, 1980.

Don't forget the Picnic-in-the-Park at the waterfront on Independence Day, Friday, July 4th. Be sure to visit the Society's slide show and display in the railroad station. See you there!

*Frances Neill*  
Frances Neill, President



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## GRANTS AWARDED (cont.)

The CCJP is a cooperative program under which various Westchester corporations underwrite the salary of one or more interns to work in a community agency. Student interns are matched with agency needs. In that way, agencies get some much-needed help in providing services and interns gain valuable work experience while exploring potential careers.

The \$760 pays for a minimum wage of \$3.10 an hour for a 35-hour week for seven weeks. It will enable the Society once again to hire either one full-time or two half-time student interns.

The work is there waiting for them. It includes transcribing the Society's ever growing collection of oral history tapes, cataloging its color slides, answering research requests, working on the archives and staffing the history room in the library.

---HW

## T-SHIRTS, SLIDE SHOW (cont.)

"Faces and Places." This year, it's appropriately called "Dobbs Ferry This Year." Among other highlights, it will have slides of the Olympic Torch Relay Ceremony held in the village and of the recent Fireman's Bazaar. Charge will be 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children under 12.

Martha Schwartz, president of the Society last year, is chairman of the Society's activities at the Picnic this year. Joseph Trapani, former Historical Committee appointee, is overall chairman of the Picnic; Helen Ricci is entertainment chairman.

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