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DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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★★★ TIME TO RENEW

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We are grateful for the continued support of all our members. Our many activities, projects, grants etc. would not be possible without you. Please renew now for 1982 (our membership year is the calendar year) or join us for the first time. THANK YOU

BAD NEWS.....GOOD NEWS

After four years with the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society Joanne Kavanagh decided to take a full-time job with The Children's Village. Since Joanne had been the pulse of the Society's operations from its inception we were devastated at her departure. We bid her a tearful farewell at a wine and cheese reception at the Library on October 15th with 60 well-wishers on hand.

The good news is that we were able to lure Tema Harnik into the History Room to replace Joanne. Tema is a former program assistant and field representative for the Museum Aid Program of the New York State Council for the Arts and a former curatorial research assistant at the Brooklyn Museum. She is currently an officer of the Lower Hudson Conference: Historical Agencies & Museums. In 1981 she compiled and edited a book, *Wherewithal: A Guide to Resources for Museums and Historical Societies in New York State*.



PUBLICITY - We have great need of someone approximately one hour a week to handle routine publicity for Historical Society activities and programs. Call 693-7766 if you are interested.

Editor this issue:
Martha G. Schwartz

ARCHIVES RESEARCH ARCHIVES

By Christine Roraback

With high enthusiasm the members of the newly formed archives committee are working quietly under the direction of Tema Harnik, local history director. The committee is sorting existing materials relating to village history, the school, the community and its people. A functional reference archive is the ultimate goal.

Over 40 volunteer hours in archives alone have been logged since the beginning of this year. Present volunteers are Edith Forsyth, Ina Lester, Florence McNamara, Kathleen Greenfield, Ernst Suerkin, Sally Storm, Anne Graham, Elena Wolfe, Betty Hazen, Ruth King, Anna King and Marjorie King.

In addition Evie Gronningsater and Jack Coffey have volunteered to tape and write Fire Department recollections and general historical memories of Joe Delmerico.

A special note of appreciation to Barbara Dannenbring who helps regularly with everything from Christmas sales to xeroxing.

On a bitter cold January 17 the Society held Volunteers Recognition Day in the Library. The hearty souls who made it saw slides and enjoyed tea and cookies.

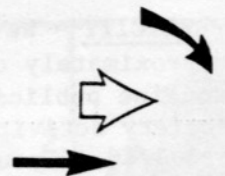
Archive volunteers meet Wednesdays or Fridays at 10 a.m. Anyone who wishes to be a member of the committee please call Christine Roraback, 693-0279.



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THE SHARED-COST RETROSPECTIVE NEWSPAPER MICROFILMING PROJECT

Microfilming of the *Dobbs Ferry Register* is continuing. In January Paul Mercer of the New York State Library in Albany announced a second \$1000 matching grant from 1981 funds. This is a 2-to-1 grant which means WE must now raise \$2000 more.

To date we have microfilmed 18 years of the *Register*, and several more volumes are being prepared. Janine Gannon of Our Lady of Victory and Emily Goldfarb of the Master's School have been trained by Jayne Pierce to prepare the *Register* pages for microfilming. Jayne, a Dobbs Ferry High graduate and now a junior at Hunter College, was married on December 31, 1981, and has moved to the Bronx. The Society is grateful for her painstaking work on the microfilm project.

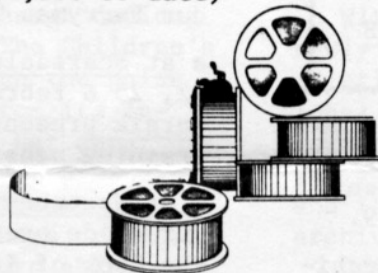
The Society will make a slide presentation in Albany at a one-day Newspaper Microfilming Seminar given by New York State Library April 2. Slides by Cathy Polgreen show our preparation process.

Completed volumes are already in use by researchers and interested persons. We need your continued support and additional supporters to complete all 65 volumes.

MICROFILM CONTRIBUTIONS

New York State Library: Shared-Cost Newspaper Microfilming Project	\$2000
Friends of the Dobbs Ferry Library	500
The Inner Circle, 100 political writers in New York City	500
The Village of Dobbs Ferry	200
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Word has just reached us that a third matching grant of \$1000 has been awarded to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society by the New York State Library to complete the filming of the *Dobbs Ferry Register*, *The Dobbs Ferry Sentinel & Reminder Weekly News*.

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GRANTS TO THE SOCIETY 1981-82

- New York State Council for the Arts \$5,000 for 1 year for the work of the Director - from the Museum Aid Division. \$3,000 toward the preparation of a soft cover book - *Stucco and Stones: The Look of Italy in Dobbs Ferry* - a description of vernacular architecture and landscape - being prepared by Karen Morey Kennedy and Cathleen Polgreen. Additional funds will be needed for publication.
- Council for the Arts in Westchester \$2,000 from the Westchester Arts Fund of CAW toward a store-front history project.
- Corporate Community Jobs Project Sponsored youth student intern Jayne Pierce summer 1981. Jessica Roemischer and Donna Cohen, former CCJP interns, assisted with microfilm.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIVES PROGRAMS IN VILLAGE AND COUNTY

- at DF High School 25th Reunion - class of 1956 - Ed Martin and Tahnee Neill gave a slide show on Dobbs Ferry Then and Now for the reunion September 19.
- on Main and Palisades Streets - architectural walking tour lead by Karen M. Kennedy on October 3.
- at Mercy College Tenth Annual Local History Conference - Slide/tape program and photo exhibit presented by Karen M. Kennedy and Joanne Kavanagh.
- at Estherwood - The Society sent Hank Walter to speak on the architecture and history of Estherwood, a landmark building at the Master's School, at the Dobbs Ferry Council on the Arts chamber music concert at Estherwood November 1.
- at Greenburgh Teacher's Center - On November 19 Martha Bial spoke as a team with Ula Maiden of Yorktown discussing the results of oral history workshops Joanne Kavanagh and Martha gave last year to Ula's 4 eighth grade classes in Yorktown.
- at Scarsdale Teacher's Institute - Tema Harnik and Martha Bial gave an oral history workshops for teachers December 3.
- for Cub Scout Den # 6 - Joanne Kavanagh created a self-guided walking tour of the village which the cubs took in November.
- for Girl Scout Troop #3327 - In December the girl scouts came to the History Room to view a mini history exhibit which was followed by the self-guided tour.
- at DF High School Alumni/Seniors Breakfast - Marty Blaha, a 1980 graduate of DFHS and student at SUNY-Plattsburgh, represented the Society at the annual breakfast by selling our Ferryman T-shirts December 23.
- at Scarsdale Historical Society - On January 22, 25 & February 8, 22 Martha Bial and Tema Harnik presented a series of four oral history training sessions.
- at Westchester County Historical Society - Our slide presentation, "Stucco and Stones, The Look of Italy in Dobbs Ferry," was presented by Tema Harnik and Tahnee Neill at the White Plains Public Library January 31 to open a series on ethnic contributions to Westchester County. As a result we have a request from Edgemont High School to bring our program to their Latin and Italian classes.
- at Philipse Manor - Laurie Frees, Tema Harnik and Martha Bial presented an oral history workshop, "Shaking Your Family Tree," at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers on March 14.
- at South Presbyterian Church - Richard Hazen and Virginia Barton presented a slide program March 15 on the church's history as seen on newspaper microfilm.

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