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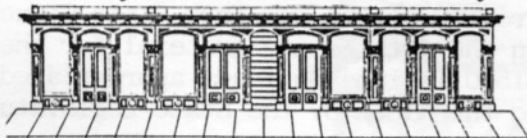
Business Members Expand Support

The Historical Society's summer drive to expand local business memberships for 1984 has had extremely gratifying results! Thanks to the efforts of the Board of Trustees, and with especial gratitude to our enthusiastic consultant, Christine Stiassni, many new local businesses have added their names and their financial support to the programs of the Historical Society.

In addition to support from the Masters School and the Dobbs Ferry Womens' Club, the following local businesses joined the Society for 84:

- ASTORIA FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOC.
- BESSON OIL, INC.
- CALDARA MOVERS
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- KARLITZ & KARLITZ, CPA.
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- ANTHONY J. PIRROTTI
- THE REMBAR COMPANY
- RICCI'S DELI
- ROCHAMBEAU WINES & LIQUORS
- TREE FROG REALTY
- ULTIMATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, INC.
- YE VILLAGE REALTY

We welcome our local merchants to add their names to our growing list, and to participate in Storefront History Theatre in Dobbs Ferry.



Annual Meeting October 12, 1984

All members, friends and supporters of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society are invited to join us for our Annual Meeting on Friday evening, October 12, in the Community Room of the Library.

A brief business meeting will convene at 7:30 pm for the election of Trustees and Officers of the Society.

Trustees nominated for re-election, to serve until September, 1987, are: Charles Baiano, Virginia Barton, Frances (Tahnee) Neill, Cathleen Polgreen and Christine Roraback.

The following slate is offered in nomination to serve as officers of the Board of Trustees of the Society:

- President: Henry Walter
- Vice-Pres: Betty Gallagher
- Secretary: Laurel Frees
- Treasurer: Richard Hazen

Additional nominations are welcome from the floor of the membership.

At 8 pm, following the business meeting, the Historical Society is pleased to present a program by Steve Yarabek. "VILLAGE LANDSCAPES" is a vivid slide/dialogue on the changing landscapes of Dobbs Ferry over time—the impact of the Hudson River, and our own perceptions of the Village.

Be sure to join us for this free, entertaining and insightful evening.



2 CCJP INTERNS Summer '84

For the seventh year, the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society has participated as a recipient agency, in the Westchester Summer Jobs for Youth Program, employing two "Public History Interns" with support from the Westchester Community Opportunity Program (WESCOOP) and the Corporate Community Jobs Project (CCJP).

Two outstanding young interns, Sietske Saunders of Tarrytown's Sleepy Hollow High School, and Nat Christian, a Columbia University graduate from Mount Vernon, were selected to work at the Historical Society during July and August, alongside Director Tema Harnik and Archivist Kathy Brennan.

Our interns tackled a variety of jobs from preparing newspapers for microfilming, to slide documentation, cataloguing, genealogical research requests, sudden archeological finds, and, yes, even file draw moving! All done with tremendous enthusiasm and genuine interest in local history and its ramifications.

Here's what they had to say about the summer's work experience:



SIETSKE SAUNDERS:

"Throughout the internship at the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, I have expanded and enlarged my knowledge of the mysterious past. This was possible through the meticulous examination of our vast store of historical documents.

"My package of learning was filled in various stages. I first viewed the consequences resulting from mishandled and uncared for artifacts, and how there is no benefit from such pieces of history—therefore recognizing the importance of the tasks set before me."

"I learned, through observation and categorization of slides, the importance of their preservation, too. Thus, the worthwhile investment (the Historical Society) made in new Saf-T-Stor files. Also, through much practice, I increased my experience with slide photography and feel confident that I can handle future projects involving this field.

"Just as I have helped to preserve newspapers for microfilming, so others will benefit too. I have preserved my package of experience, to be often called upon in my future."



and from intern NATHANIEL CHRISTIAN:

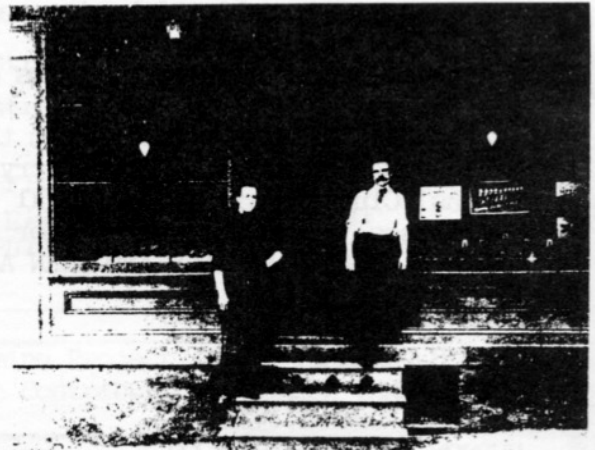
"As an intern this summer I learned many of the facets of the multi-faceted art of preservation of historical materials. Under the careful tutelage of the Society's Director, Mrs. Tema Harnik, I was schooled in such areas as: repairing and preparing old newspapers for microfilming, photographing the interesting articles in the same; the identification of shards, and the chronicling of other valuable samples of memorabilia for the enrichment of ourselves and our posterity.

"Besides the numerous things I learned about the technical side of preservation, I also learned about the incredible value of such. For it is important to preserve as much as we can from our past. For it is the recognition of a common past that makes the wondrous possibilities of a common future glow ever so brightly."

Public Support For "Storefront" And Cataloguing

Storefront History Theatre will again be playing on the streets of Dobbs Ferry this year, thanks to a grant from the Westchester Arts Fund of the Council for the Arts in Westchester! \$2400 has been granted to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society to produce new continuous cassette-advanced slide episodes on themes of village architecture, history and environment.

Look for Gatehouses & Gazebos, Street Furniture, Dobbs Ferry Stained Glass, and Curtain-Up: Community Theatre in Dobbs Ferry—all coming your way in storefront windows on Main and Cedar Streets and Ashford Ave.



This Dobbs Ferry Storefront of 1906 frames (l-r) Francisco De Rosa and Pasquale Connola. -photo DFHS Archives.

Kathleen Brennan, our shared, part-time cataloguer, will again be spending valuable hours this year in a continued effort to organize and arrange the Society's growing archival and photographic holdings. Her expertise is being put to work here at the Historical Society, thanks to a modest grant from the Museum Aid Program of the New York State Council on the Arts. We are grateful for the \$1500 in 1984-85 funds appropriated to the NYSCLA by the State Legislature.

PUBLIC and MEMBERS' PROGRAMS OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

OCTOBER 12 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
Friday HISTORICAL SOCIETY 7:30pm.



8 pm Steve Yarabek's
VILLAGE LANDSCAPES.
Free. in the Library.

OCTOBER 19 "VICTORIAN VARIETY": A
Friday GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF
CLINTON AVENUE/BROADWAY



2-4 pm.
This popular architectural walking tour, led by Bob McGlynn, will meet at the Fellowship Hall of the S. Presbyterian Church, 363 Broadway. We will walk up Clinton Ave., past a variety of Victorian era houses, & get an inside view of the restoration at 12 Clinton, as well as chateausque Estherwood Mansion. Tour Sponsors: Gotham Designs, The Masters School, South Presbyterian Church, and Bronxville Senior Citizens.

\$3 members/ \$4 at the door.
\$5 non-members.
Illustrated Tour Brochure \$1.
Rain date: Sun, Oct.21.

OCTOBER 28 GUIDED WALKING TOUR THROUGH
Sunday SLEEPY HOLLOW'S OLD DUTCH
CHURCH CEMETERY.



1-2 pm.
Free tour presented in cooperation with the Junior League of Westchester-on-Hudson. Walk, with guide and talk about specific historic grave markers, people and local history. Please be sure to pre-register (693-7766) by Oct. 12. This walk will cover over 2 acres of uneven ground, so wear adaptable gear and by all means bring questions about local folk or ancestors. No rubbings allowed, though.

Free.
Illustrated booklet \$2.95.

NOVEMBER 2 BACKYARD GHOSTLORE (and you
Friday thought Halloween was over!)



8-9 pm.
An evening of very real, very local ghost stories (rated P13) told by Westchester Storytellers Guild's Aggie Greisar and Cheryl Matthews. Co-sponsored by the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society and the Dobbs Ferry Library. Stories and slides and refreshments.

Free. In the Community Room of the Dobbs Ferry Library. Please be sure to bring your friends, families and your favorite local ghost tales-- you may have a chance to tell your own!

NOVEMBER 9 HUDSON RIVER GOTHIC sound & light
Friday

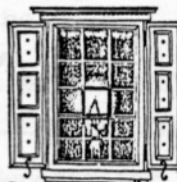


8 pm.
Chateausque Estherwood Mansion's octagonal Library, on the grounds of the Masters School, will be the "theatre" for a sound and light show which projects the viewer into atmospherically charged settings beyond the entrance gates of the Hudson River Valley's "Great Houses".

Multi-media film by Jim Bleeker, Rhode Island School of Design award-winning filmmaker, will be followed by a discussion of the film and its preservation message.

\$2 members
\$3.50 non-members

DECEMBER 8 CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR
Saturday



1-6pm Presented by the Dobbs Ferry Hospital Board of Trustees and the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, for the benefit of the Dobbs Ferry Hospital; all proceeds to be used for the purchase of a GenStar Computerized Analyzer for the Hospital Laboratory.

Six special residences in Irvington and Dobbs Ferry will be decorated in the tradition of the season, and open for you to tour. Pre-registration only.

\$15 individual tour ticket. Raffle tickets @ \$1
\$35 patron (includes 1 ticket)
\$75 benefactor (includes 2 tickets and dinner reception)

The tour will conclude at the Dobbs Ferry Women's Club, where a continuous slide-history of the 90-year-old Hospital on view, and historical and holiday boutiques display a unique selection of gift items.

For information or registration please contact:
Community Relations Office, Dobbs Ferry Hospital 693-0700.



Dobbs Ferry Historical Society

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Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522
Telephone: (914) 693-7766

September, 1984

Dear Friends and Members,

Would you be willing to donate some time and effort to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society? If you already give of yourself, would you be willing to do more? Please say "yes" and fill out the questionnaire on the reverse of this page.

But even if your schedule will not let you give us some of your time, -- or more of it, if you are already active -- please write to us anyway and share with us your ideas of how the Society can do even more than it does now.

As you know, we are deeply involved in microfilming the old Dobbs Ferry Register newspaper, presenting oral history workshops, teaching house research, conducting walking tours, creating Storefront History Theatre, developing ethnic studies and architectural lectures, participating in Picnic-in-the-Park, and preserving "living history" as it is being created in our time.

Let me also call your attention to the fact that the monthly business meeting of the Board of Trustees is open to members. We usually have a long agenda to get through, but we would welcome your ideas and comments! The meeting is usually held on the third or fourth Tuesday of the month. To find out for sure, call the Society at 693-7766, and our director, Tema Harnik, will get back to you.

We hope you'll plan to come to our Annual Meeting, 7:30 pm on Friday, October 12, 1984-- in the Community Room of the Library for starters!

Sincerely,

Henry Walter
Henry Walter,
President

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The Oral History Association
Lower Hudson Conference

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153 MAIN STREET, DOBBS FERRY, N.Y. 10522-- or bring it with you to our
1984 ANNUAL MEETING, at the Library, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 12, 7:30 pm.



NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

LET US KNOW:

1. Would you be interested in becoming one of our regular ARCHIVES GROUP WORKERS? These volunteers sort through the Society's fascinating collections of papers, objects and memorabilia-- classifying items of historical interest. Currently, Archives Group Volunteers offer us 2 hours per week, daily, expt. Wed.

Days/Hours available on a weekly basis: _____

2. Extra-careful hands are needed to continue the preparation of DOBBS FERRY REGISTER newspapers for microfilming. Training is provided, and hours are flexible thereafter, between 9-3pm. Training is offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, between 9-2pm.

Days/Hours available on a regular basis: _____

3. Interested in stocking and selling gifts and publications? The Historical Society's HISTORY GIFT SHOP has need of take-charge volunteers with experience in or willingness to learn inventory, ordering and sales to the public. Seasonal help is needed Sept.-Jan., and in June-July.

I'm available to help with gift sales at these times: _____

4. Is photography your favorite sport? Do you have a 35mm camera? The Historical Society is always in need of photographers to document today's events in 35mm format. Also urgently needed are hours of COPY PHOTOGRAPHY time. Slide photographs are needed of photos in the collection, to save them from future damage caused by excessive handling.

I can document DF activities () I can do copy photography ()

5. If you'd like to help make our 1985 GALA benefit a success, please check one or more of these areas and tell us in the lines below what you can do to help:

- () a. food preparation
- () b. general planning
- () c. program writing and mailing
- () d. decorations; entertainment
- () e. ticket sales; raffle prize organization; business solicitation
- () f. bartending; wine and liquor delivery
- () g. taking tickets at the door
- () h. new ideas
- () i. I'd like to be part of a benefit committee!

Here's how I'll help for the GALA Benefit for 85: _____

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1984

A * next to your name indicates that your membership is paid for
All remaining names are due to RENEW MEMBERSHIP for the remainder of
this calendar year. Our thanks for your great support!

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DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1984 MEMBERSHIP

New Renewal

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Archaeology By Chance: Can You 'Dig It'?

Mike Jorgensen and his brother Karl are two Dobbs Ferry students who spend a considerable amount of their free time investigating their community. This summer Mike, now a 7th grader at the Dobbs Ferry Middle School, got to know about the Aqueduct off Cedar Street from the inside out, when he un-earthed a collection of turn-of-the-century glass and pottery shards, and brought them over to the Historical Society.

Society Trustee Liz Rothschild and fellow ceramicist Barbara Sciulli of Irvington, discussed the "find" with the boys, and proceeded to identify the puzzling pieces. Thanks to all our local underfoot archaeologists who continue to add to our knowledge of Dobbs Ferry's past.

DOBBS FERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PLEASE REGISTER ME (US) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

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|---------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 12 | <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u> | # registrations _____ | @ Free |
| Oct. 19 | <u>VICTORIAN VARIETY</u>
<u>WALKING TOUR</u> | # registrations _____ | @ \$3 _____
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