



November Meeting

~Carol Schweizer

The November program, presented by John Greenwood, was called “Local Dairy Industry.” His presentation centered around his own experiences and memories of working for the Hall family on the Brookside Dairy in Greenfield. John’s talk, full of nostalgia, recounted many connections between several other local dairies, Saratoga customers and related jobs in dairy farming throughout his working career. We thank John for his information and personal reflections.

Many thanks to GPS members who donated toiletries to be part of the gifts for the Community Holiday Basket Program.

We learned of the recent passing of yet another special, longtime member. Don Carpenter left us on the day of his 90th birthday. His long life was filled with an interest in many areas of local history and knowledge which he always enjoyed sharing with others. He is greatly missed.

Please plan to join us for the December 4th program. Chris Carola will do a program titled “Saratoga County Soldiers of WW II.”

A very Happy Holiday Season to All!

In Memory of C. Donald Carpenter

~ Arlene Rhodes

Don Carpenter passed away on November 9. He was an active member of GPS for more than forty years. By profession he was a land surveyor, but he was also a distinguished and respected historian.

Early on, a high school teacher recognized his interest in history and encouraged him to become a teacher. Don didn’t pursue a degree in education, but he truly was a teacher, enthusiastic, curious and always happy to share his knowledge of the rich history of the Town of Galway and the surrounding area. He wrote articles and books, created maps, presented programs on antique tools and farm equipment. He loved to talk about the old days and old ways.

As a member of the committee for the 2014 GPS publication, *Galway 1900-1949, A Photographic History*, Don wrote the chapter introductions, comparing events around the world with those in our Town. He wrote brief histories of early Galway farms, the Mosher Furnace and local commerce. In 1995 Don created a map, *Early 20th Century Village Lots of Gen. Horace W. Carpentier, Village of Galway, Saratoga County, N.Y.* for a GPS project on Horace Carpentier, a project that was never completed. The map is in the archives, ready for someone to continue to research the life of Horace Carpentier.

In conjunction with GPS organized events marking significant milestones in our Town's history, Don produced two other maps, both valuable resources for researchers. *The Village of Galway, Saratoga County, New York, Showing the Ownership of Village Lots, 1838* was published May 17, 1988, for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Village of Galway and for which Don received the Award of Merit from the Federation of Historical Services. For the Town of Galway Bicentennial, Don published *A Map Showing Landowners and Leaseholders in Their Respective Locations, Upon the Formation of the Town of Galway Sessions Laws of 1992* [preliminary drawing]. June 12, 1992.

Though not GPS projects, two additional publications by Don contribute to our understanding of local history, *Kayaderosseras Allotment Maps, 1964* and *The Mosher Furnace of Galway, N.Y. 2010*. Both publications are available to researchers in the GPS w archives.

Let us celebrate the life of our friend, C. Donald Carpenter, his many contributions to our Society and to researchers far and wide. His spirited and good-natured conversations with all of us will be missed.

Don Carpenter with his map, *The Village of Galway, Saratoga County, New York, Showing the Ownership of Village Lots, 1838*.

Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Village of Galway, 1988

