President’s Message

It has been forty-one years since Barbara Westcott, Molly Harrington and I were requested to rally townspeople interested in forming an historical society in Glocester. They met at the Library Hall in bone-chilling January and February weather to organize a formal group: Our Glocester Heritage Society.

With a noble and ambitious mission statement in hand they proceeded. William Gerold, the first president was ideally suited with a background in architecture, history, photography and a penchant for organization. It was a good fit. Each leader, in turn, has brought a new dimension of growth.

From the beginning good fortune has blessed the Society in the form of challenges met and won. When a cause is right, things seem to fall into place — many times with unsung ‘angels’ working behind the scene.

Our most formidable cause is now the creation of the Dorr Rebellion Museum. With Phase II (interior work) starting this year, the list of “to do’s” is a long one.

Also, there’s much to be accomplished at the Armstrong Store. So, whether it’s filing, computer, archives, exhibits, society photographer, or making curtains, I hope you will come, become inspired and offer a helping hand. Maybe you have a good idea. We need all of you. Call me. You are welcome.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year!

Edna Kent 568-8967

New Broadsides

11” x 15 1/2”

Chepachet
Pascoag • Harrisville
Mail Stage - 1849

Stagecoach
Providence to Springfield via Chepachet

Great Gifts
Suitable for framing $10

Dorr Rebellion Gala

Dinner - Silent Auction - Raffle

Wednesday evening April 30th at Crystal Lake, Route 102 Harrisville

Glocester Heritage Society will present a special award to Kevin Kitson “Citizen Extraordinary” $50 per person

Rose LaVoie, Chairperson

Check our website for updates www.glocesterheritagesociety.com

Our Mission

The Glocester Heritage Society identifies, acquires, holds, arranges, restores, maintains, and preserves for posterity buildings, tracts of land and objects of historical, educational, architectural, cultural, and other similar interests of outstanding value within the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island

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A 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation incorporated 1967 to preserve and maintain town historical and aesthetic values and objects.
Pettingell/Mason House Update

Several small exterior details are to be completed as soon as weather and carpenters’ schedule allows. This will, then complete Phase I.

Invitation to bid is now being written for an architect to draw up interior plans (Phase II).

The ‘mechanicals’ (electric, furnace, etc.) are projected to be installed this year - funded by a grant from the Champlin Foundation.

A tour of the building is planned in June.

Museum Board – John Doucette, Robert Leach, Edna Kent

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Our annual Peddlars’ Faire was held Saturday November 17th, (after the required fire and building inspections were made). It was a great success with 13 vendors participating. Booths of various giftwares were offered as well as our famous Glocester Cookbook and other G.H.S. Historical items.

New this year was the very successful Wreath & Basket Raffle run by Carole Fry.

Candlelight Shopping followed in December on Thursday evenings with 9 vendors in our Armstrong Store. Luminaries adorned the street lending a vintage Christmas appearance. Participating shops and organizations were; Town Trader, Brown & Hopkins, Old Stone Mill, Old Post Office Antiques, Harolds, Christy’s Liquors, Tavern-on-Main, Masonic Lodge,Chepachet Fire Company, and Gloucester Light Infantry. Masonic Lodge sponsored Bell Ringers and Santa Photo-op and Old Stone Mill hosted Virginia Sinclair and students flute music. These events have become a Christmas tradition destination.

Henry & Glennis Beltram, Chairpersons

The Wreath & Basket Raffle brought in $936. A round of applause to the committee; Carole Fry, Norma Lohr, Jeff Rossi, Robert Balme, Carolyn Fortuna and all the supporting businesses who created their own wreath and basket designs. These funds go directly to Armstrong Store overhead expenses.

Did you forget?…

Yes... I want to support the Glocester Heritage Society in restoring and preserving local history

Name ____________________________

Address __________________________

City _____________________________ State _______ Zip __________

Telephone _________________________

Please make your check payable to: Glocester Heritage Society P.O. Box 269, Chepachet, RI 02814

Type of membership

[ ] Single $15

[ ] Senior $10

[ ] Student $10

[ ] Family $25

[ ] Lifetime $300