

Friends of Historic Huletts Landing
Annual Meeting
August 28, 2010

Attending: Suzanne Straton, Anne Adler, Lucinda Bhavsar, Lucy White, Ann Goldsmith, Amy Savage, Arnie Galbraith, LoisAnne Galbraith, Floyd Milbank, Bernadette McElhenny, Jim McMaster, Marian Knight

The minutes of the July 3 meeting were approved as distributed with one correction. Ann Goldsmith's daughter's name is Louise Grogan.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Collection - Oral histories – Marian reported that since the training session lead by Jill Breit of TAUNY, Tom Keating has done three interviews, with Audrey Barbera, Nancy and Wayne Smith and Eleanor and Debbie Gardiner. Marian has interviewed Fran and Rudi Borden. More interviews are planned. Transcriptions are being prepared by Robert Stragnell and Lyons.

Post cards – Jim has scanned a large number of Huletts and other regional post cards, some of which are displayed in the gallery. The cards are being assembled for slide type presentation. There is the possibility of doing a summer program with them and/or a traveling program for which there might be a charge. One fascinating collection we have scanned is from a 1925 around-the-world trip by 1920s resident Dr. Pedersen that came to us from Grace Ijima via Bernadette Perrone. Linda Donaldson would have some from Bill Beach. Digital recordings and printed transcripts are also a possible addition to the collection.

House Committee – In the spring we replaced the center back door with a window, made repairs to the siding, removed the step in the closet, added some landscaping and planting, bought a small CD-DVD player and added donated speakers and amplifier. We also dismantled a mahogany shelf and moved and a donated shelf to the basement. Book shelves for hard cover books and for children's books were put in, and a rug for the children to sit on for the programs was bought. The women of the guild organized and culled the books during the season.

Publications and website – Lucy said 300 copies of the newsletter were printed at a cost of \$138.00, mailing \$70.00. She suggested going back to 500 copies. Lucinda has 212 email addresses but she cannot continue to maintain the list along with her other responsibilities. Suggestion 1 – move to paperless and pay \$500.00 to Union Street Media to set up bulk email for an on-going email service and have a few PDF paper copies. Suggestion 2 – Ask Pam Stragnell to maintain the paper list. Suggestion 3 - Combine efforts with the Ladies Guild, HL fire department, Federation of Huletts Associations, etc. Bulk mail is not a good option because of permit cost, printing requirements, and the limited number of mailings we do each year. It was moved,

seconded and passed to spend the \$500.00 to set up the email system. Lucinda will have the responsibility.

Program – Lucy repeated her suggestion that there be a Donation Day for people to add (scan) pictures to the website. Perhaps families could have a family website. She suggested creating events such as the Donation Day when people could donate pictures from their own archives or pictures of their special occasions. Lucy offered to set this up for next year. Lucinda offered to host the event at her house. Marian's daughter, Elizabeth, has offered to help with the downloading. Floyd has a CD of family pictures to donate and will give it to Jim.

Children's programs - A roster of wonderful and successful programs for children was provided by George Kapuskinski, who arranged for the two Floating Classroom programs and Lucinda Bhavsar, who arranged for Betsy Straton's sing-alongs, Molly McMaster's reading hours as well as a program of the Pember Museum of Natural History and a trip to Fort Ticonderoga. George has some ideas for programs for next season, including the Iron Center Museum in Port Henry and the Slate Museum in Granville. He has given a \$200 donation to help with the cost of the Floating Classroom. The children's programs this summer were scheduled at a variety of times. It was suggested that they be scheduled for the same day and time each week.

More publicity is needed for our programs. Lucy suggested a colorful, eye-catching poster. We could: buy a sandwich board and use colorful markers; create a template and insert current events; have two boards one for each side of the street showing in both directions; have a sign with exchangeable letters. Lucinda and Suzanne will work on it and have a design by next summer.

Ann made a motion that the name be "The Huletts Library and Gallery". The motion was passed. The sign will be on the corner of Rts. 6 and 6A. There was \$500 previously approved for a sign.

The Library hours this summer have been Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00. They will continue next season. The ladies guild took care of Tuesday and Saturday this year. FHHL Volunteers will be needed for Saturdays. Ann Adler suggested there be an orientation session of library/gallery workers.

There were two special exhibits this Summer. The first were Huletts area photographs by Tom Keating and the second of area photos and craft items by Wendy Galbraith. Both artists had sales. Each event included a wine and cheese reception and they were both well attended. It was noticed that attendees included new people and visitors.

Ann Goldsmith said that her housekeeper is a photographer and may be interested in mounting a display.

Evening Programs

Bob Brogan, author of *Photographing the Wilderness*, presented a very interesting program on “real picture postcards”, postcards made directly as contact prints from glass plates. Focus was on several photographers including Jesse Wooley whose work chronicled turn of the century life in the Adirondacks.

Jill Breit of TAUNY, who lead the training session for interviewing, presented a program on August 26 on “Very Special Places in the Adirondacks.” It was held at Mountain Grove Memorial Church and was free and open to the public.

Membership – Lucinda reported 64 paid members. Lucy suggested that every event provide the opportunity to join FHHL. Lucy will work on using the email list to promote interest.

Nominations – Marian presented the slate of trustees and officers for 2011. Attached. The slate was passed. Lucy said every trustee should have a responsibility.

The Gallery shop – The discussion included suggestions for items to be sold, e.g. tee shirts, mugs, pictures, place mats. The Café Press was mentioned as a place to have items printed. The closet can be made secure for keeping stock. Jim can make a roll-away cart that can be locked for storing shop items. Suzanne Straton offered to help get the shop started. She suggested that people donate valuable white elephant items to be sold at the shop. Lucinda suggested offering summer jobs manning the shop to local teenagers.

In July the trustees voted to consider the idea of a bathroom. Jim will talk to those at the new fire house. Lucy suggested a petition as support for Jim’s request. Floyd will write it up and distribute it throughout the community.

Ann Goldsmith presented a statement of reasons for forming FHHL. Lucy read the mission statement she wrote for the society. See attachment. It is expected to be useful to have these if we make grant applications.

Lucinda suggested the children’s programs be scheduled for Fridays from 10 – 11:30.. It was decided to hold evening programs at 7:30 as was done this year.

The Floating Classroom was very popular and we would like to have it again next summer and have it for adults, too. We could charge \$10 a person, but offer it free to FHHL members as an incentive to join.

Jim offered extra keys to trustees who want them and he showed a publication put out by another historical society as an example of what we might do.

The Trustees meeting next summer will be on June 30 and the Annual and Trustees meeting will be on September 1. There will be a work day on June 4. The Library and

Gallery will open on July 8 with a wine and cheese that Lois Anne and Arnie Galbraith will chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Knight

Friends of Historic Huletts Landing Treasurer's Report August 28, 2010

Prepared by Amy Savage

<i>Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	<i>As of 8/27/2010</i>
CD 9970037077	\$ -
CD 9970037080	\$ 4,594.80
CD 9970037082	\$ -
CD 9970037083	\$ 1,148.68
CD 9970037084	\$ 1,148.68
CD 9970037085	\$ -
CD 9970060392	\$ -
Checking	\$ 696.06
<i>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	\$ 7,588.22
PayPal	\$ 62.37
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 7,650.59</u>

<i>Income and Expenses</i>	<i>7/1/2010 through 8/27/2010</i>
<i>INCOME</i>	
Deposit	\$ 1,740.00
Interest From CD	\$ 1.84
Transfer Money	\$ 1,090.41
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 2,832.25</u>

<i>EXPENSES</i>	
Bank Fee	\$ 2.71
Barbara Wilford	\$ 71.00
Carl Sobeck	\$ 75.00
Eastern Mutual Insurance	\$ 513.51
Huletts Landing Volunteer Fire Dept	\$ (491.00)
James McMaster	\$ 373.89
Jill Breit	\$ 150.00
JVP Landscaping	\$ 32.00
LGA	\$ 500.00
Lucy White	\$ 198.00
National Grid	\$ 80.89
Robert Bogdan	\$ 100.00
Traditional Arts In Upstate New York	\$ 500.00
Transfer Money	\$ 1,090.41
Union Street Media	\$ 250.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 3,446.41</u>

OVERALL TOTAL \$ (614.16)

<i>Outstanding Bills</i>	
Lucinda Bhavsar	\$ 240.00
Jim McMaster	\$ 148.40
Robert Stragnell	\$ 50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 438.40</u>