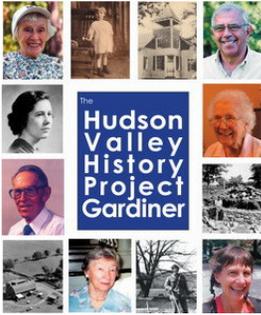


The Hudson Valley History Project: Gardiner



PROJECT HISTORY

Launched in 2006, the goal of the Hudson Valley History Project: Gardiner is to preserve the personal histories of Gardiner's longest standing residents. Each of these Story Subjects has lived in Gardiner for at least 50 years. The project's coordinators have enlisted the services of local writers to document and edit these special stories. The coordinators hope to broaden the scope of the project as time goes on.

Gardiner Library Board President Barbara Sides, Town Librarian Peg Lotvin, Gardiner Library Assistant Ken Greene, the Gardiner Historical Society and local historian Carleton Mabee are all in support of the project and consider it to be a major contribution to the Local History section of the new library when it is complete.

The Gardiner Library is both the clearing house for the project, and the repository for the finished stories. Writers are provided with a briefing packet containing a list of potential interview questions drawn from the Library of Congress's oral history website www.storycorp.net and other relevant information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank the following talented writers who have made time in their busy schedules to interview and write the personal stories of longest standing residents. These collective memories constitute the history of Gardiner in the 20th century:

Wendy Rudder	Betty Moran's story	complete
	Harold Marks' story	in progress
Jenny Wonderling	Joe Katz's story	complete
	Lillian Schoonmaker's story	in progress
Lew Eisenberg	Annie O'Neill's story	complete
Peter Beuf	Gladys DuBois' story	nearing completion
Helen Zimmerman	Bill Connor	in progress
Ken Greene	Vivian Beatty's story	in progress
Doris Chorny	Don Otis' story	in progress
Fred Mayo	Bess Majestic's story	in progress
Annie O'Neill	Margaret and John Ruoff's story	in progress
	Roger Thorpe's story	in progress
Patty Parmalee	Burnice Aumick's story	in progress
Carl Zatz	Carlton Mabee's story	in progress
Ray Smith	Dot Decker's story	in progress

Mary Beth Majestic	Donald Clinton's story	in progress
Jackie Appeldorn	Elizabeth Kanapaska's story	in progress

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TO PARTICIPATE

Writers, editors and Story Subjects who would like to participate should contact the the Gardiner Library at 845 255-1255 or plotvin@rcls.org. A prototype "kit" is available for use by towns that would like to model similar efforts on the Gardiner project.