

Garrison School House 1908-2008

Dear Friends,

On a joyful Saturday in **September, 1908**, the Garrison community gathered together to lay the cornerstone for a new school house. The building was made of stone and represented a major step into the future for the tiny Garrison School. Now, that stone building is surrounded by three additions, but its four original classrooms remain at the heart of the Garrison School and the Garrison Union Free School District.

This September, 2008, we will begin to hold a series of celebrations of the **100th Anniversary of our historic building**. They will not be complete without you. We hope you will participate as much as possible in the goings-on during our 2008-2009 school year. “We” are the members of a very open and growing committee representing current and past students, parents, teachers, staff, administration, and School Board members. We hope you will become part of our committee, as we research the building’s history, gather stories of the School and its people, communicate what we learn through writing, a Website, video, and an installation in the school building to be called (tentatively) a “Hall of History,” and planning events.

Saturday, September 27 is the day planned for a host of events at the School. An alumni gathering is being planned for Friday evening, September 26, and optional events for Sunday, September 28. Let us know your suggestions.

A special networking Website has been set up called “Garrison Graduates.” Visit <http://garrisonunionfreeschool.ning.com> and set up a page.

If you have any memorabilia—report cards, photographs, autograph books— that you think would enhance our “Hall of History,” we would love it if you send us a copy.

We are extremely fortunate to have Betty Lou Clune as the Coordinator of this effort. You can contact her at 845-424-3689 x224, or at bclune@gufs.org - or you can stop in to see her in her office!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in person. Our committee meeting dates are posted on the Website. Please feel free to forward a copy of this letter to anyone you think might be interested—or, give us their names and addresses and we will send them their own letter.

Best regards,

John Benjamin, JoAnn Brown, Betty Lou Clune, Chrissy Colasurdo, Gloria Colucci, Carolyn Copeland, Rene Ford, Minette Gunther, Stephanie Impellittiere, Eric Jacoby, Lisa Light, Cathy Lilburne, Donald MacDonald, Sandra Nice, Anita Prentice, Nora Nelson Preusser, Heather Quigley, Terry and Audrey Ridpath, Charlotte Rowe, John Spada, Diana Swinburne, Polly Townsend, Noreen Van Valkenburgh, Nancy Wareham-Gordon, Lisa Weilbacker