

First Village Garage Sale Day articles: September 10, 1983

One of the first community garage sales, about 50 plus village residents took part with approximately 5000 people attending the event.

Schoharie Village Garage Sale



MAIN STREET was crowded with people looking for bargains. (S & J PHOTOS)

The Schoharie Village Promotional Association had a successful village-wide garage sale last Saturday. About 50 plus village residents participated in the event. Approximately 5,000 attended the day sales. Faye Barton, Chairperson is to be commended for her great performance in chairing the day's activities. Jim Licari, president of the Association expressed his appreciation to all the village residents for their cooperation.

A future event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, with a concert at 1:00 p.m. at the Court House. Also on hand will be approximately 30 street machines for all to view. The Colonial Heritage will also have an antique show at the Depot Lane site on the same day.

Garage sale draws thousands

Story and Photos
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Backed by sunny skies and warm temperatures, more than 50 homeowners and organizations set up booths and tables to offer a wide variety of items during the Schoharie's villagewide garage sale on Saturday.

The sale, sponsored by the Schoharie Promotion Association, drew an estimated 5,000 people to the village, according to Jim Licari, president of the association. Faye Barton, also a member of the association, chaired the sale.

Mr. Licari said that 51 or 52 homeowners set up for the sale and that just about everyone was pleased with the results.

"People at the homes were delighted," he said. "The general consensus was that it was very well accepted by the townspeople.

"We had people coming through town till 6," Mr. Licari continued. "They were coming from all over — Saratoga, Hudson, Albany, Schenectady. I had one long-time resident tell me he hadn't seen so many people on Main Street in 20 years. I think it's a very good thing for the village."

Helen Toborg, who with her husband, Bill, had set up an extensive display in front of their home on Fair Street, agreed with Mr. Licari.

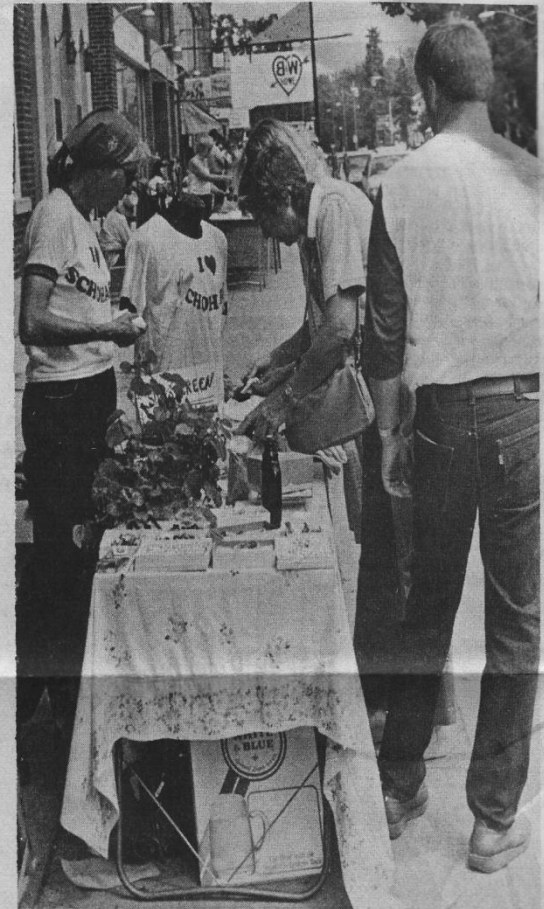
"It's been fun, with everyone going together on this project," she said. "I wouldn't be surprised if it became an annual event."

Although there was a wide variety of goods to purchase, one of the more popular items were "I Love Schoharie" tee-shirts, which were being sold on Main Street by Mrs. Barton.

"They've been selling great all day," she said. "But I'm not sure we have enough for everyone who wants one. I think that really shows the spirit here."

Other events being planned by the association include:

—A concert by the Baritube Quartet and a car show by the Country Street Machines Club on September 21 at 1 p.m. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to car show winners.



WE LOVE IT HERE — Faye Barton, left, who chaired the garage sale, sold a number of "I Love Schoharie" tee-shirts to community-minded buyers.

—A vehicle day co-sponsored with Schoharie Elementary School. Approximately 25 educational vehicles will be present for students to observe and learn from. Helen Maxwell, principal at the school, is helping to organize the October 5 event.

—On Old Stone Fort Days, October

8 and 9, 13 Main Street businesses will offer their storefront windows to the 13 historical groups in the county for displays. Six have been taken. To reserve one, call Mr. Licari or Don Becker.

The association will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Pete's County Seat Restaurant.