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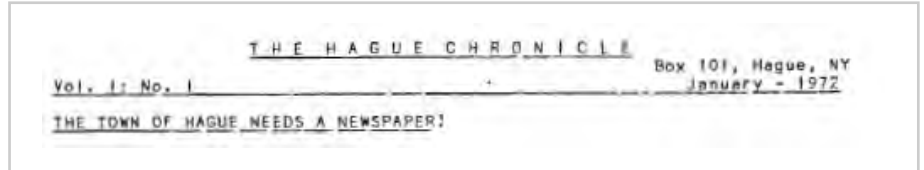
**CELEBRATING THE
50th YEAR OF THE
HAGUE CHRONICLE**

1972-2021

The Hague Chronicle is proud to be celebrating its 50th year of publication. Few publications of our size can boast that “never has an issue been missed.” Through the efforts of scores of volunteers over these 50 years, *The Hague Chronicle* has survived and thrived. You’ll note the evolution of the masthead as the years progressed. Let’s meet a few of the staff starting back in 1972.



Emil Seerup, Founding
Editor/ Publisher

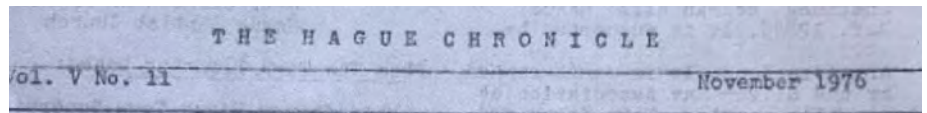


In January 1972, Emil Seerup published the first edition of *The Hague Chronicle*. Emil, a lawyer and former vice-president of American Express, and his wife, Adra, retired to their summer home in Silver Bay in 1970. He became very active in local affairs, serving as a town councilman and for a short interim as the town supervisor. He felt the strong need for better communication among the residents of the Hague and Silver Bay areas.

That first issue was four pages (two sheets front and back) on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper and was run off on a ditto machine in Seerup's home. Different colors of paper were used over the years: canary yellow, white, pink, green and buff, depending on what was available. He was able to get some financial backing from a group of Hague residents calling themselves Citizens Group of Hague and the Silver Bay Property Owners helped with a \$100 donation.

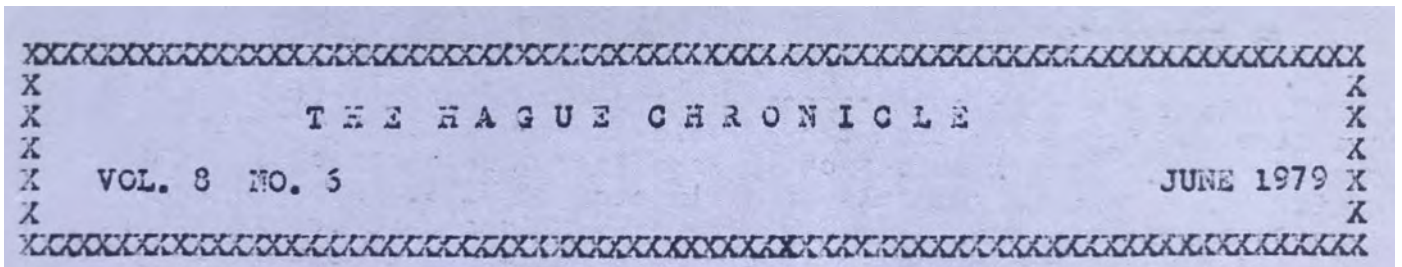


Virginia Shattuck,
Editor/ Publisher



When Seerup died suddenly in October 1976, Virginia Shattuck took the reins without skipping an issue. Virginia had grown up in Hague and returned in 1972. Volume 5 Number 11, dated November 1976, was the first issue for which she was solely responsible.

As Alison Craig stated, “This task was monumental as she (Virginia) had to gather, write, edit, print, and mail this community newspaper. She did this work for 3 1/2 years during the difficult time when the future of the Hague School was in question.” As was stated in *The Hague Chronicle* at the time, “This community has been well served. From all of us, Virginia, thank you.”



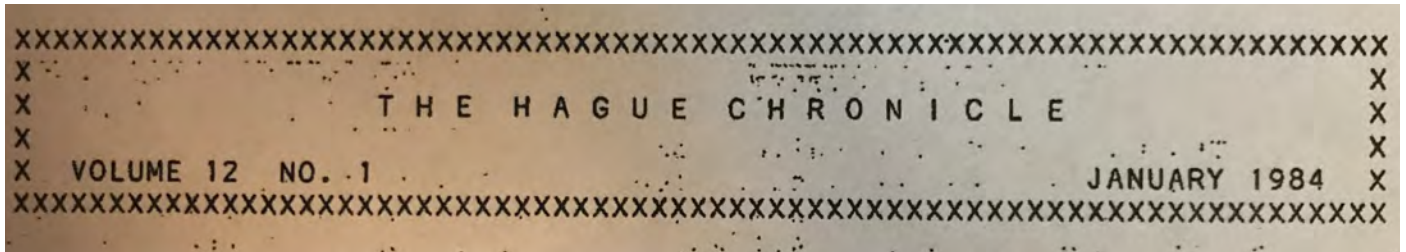
As Alison recalled, “By June of 1979 she (Virginia) had convinced four able-bodied women to take over the writing of the paper. They, in turn, found a group of men to do the mimeographing and a gaggle of sociable folks who folded, stapled, stuck on labels and stamps and mailed every edition.” This was the beginning of the mailing team and the team continued until December 2018, after which we began electronic distribution. Today, copies are mailed to our senior citizens who are 90 years and older. Copies are also placed at the Hague Community Center and during the summer months at the Hague Visitors Center. The mailing is handled by Claire Best.



*Dottie Henry and Alison Craig
May 2011*

The new “Chronicle Committee” assumed their duties beginning in June 1979. Included on the committee were: Margaret (Mig) Broderick, Editor, Dorothy (Dottie) Henry, Publisher; and Alison Craig, Treasurer. They were assisted by Leonard Bass, Ed Crabbs, Billie DeGraff, Jack Kennedy, Laura Meade, Petey Michael, Virginia Shattuck, Marion Shoemaker, Richard Strum, Clifton West, and Martha White.

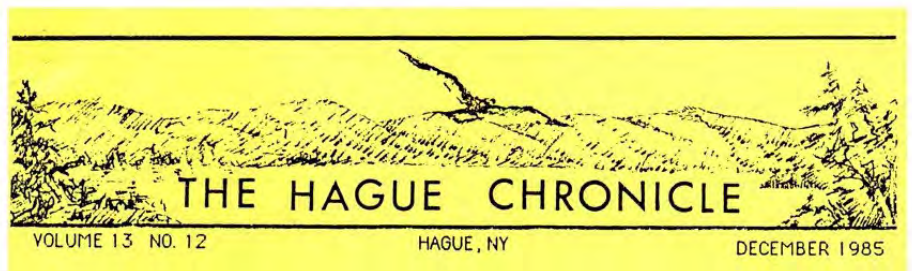
The November 1979 issue saw the first use of the slogan “All the News that Fits, We Print!” suggested by Alison Craig as a take-off on the slogan of *The New York Times*.



In January 1984, Editor Mig Broderick wrote: “We—Dottie Henry, Mig Broderick, Alison Craig and Billie DeGraff—have worked hard to bring a picture of the day-to-day life in Hague. Georgina Lindquist has joined our staff to cover town board news.” She also expressed thanks to: Jack Kennedy, Treasurer; Penny Bolton, Assistant Treasurer; and Ev Lee and Jim Broderick, mimeo operators. She mentioned that there was a mailing list of about 600, with 350 out-of-town and 250 locally-mailed.

In 1985, a design contest was held for a new masthead. Laurie de Buys Pannell was the designer of the winning entry. As you may recall, it depicted a gull flying over the lake with the mountains in the background.

Over the years the image lost crispness due to repeated copying. In January 2009, in order to make it clearer for printing, we began to use an updated design by Christine Quaglieri, a graphic artist who volunteered her services. Voila!



Dottie Henry in her home office

Mig Broderick retired as editor in 1989 and Dottie Henry assumed that title, as well as being the publisher. In addition to many other volunteers, by July 1998, the staff included: Dottie with her dual hats; Mary Jo Keeler, Assistant; Mitzi Fillare, Treasurer; Mary Lou Doulin, Weather News; and Laura Meade, Nature News.

With Dottie and Alison being the last remaining members of the board, Dottie called a meeting to adopt a new constitution and by-laws and to elect a board of directors for 2003.



*Judy Stock,
Former Editor/Publisher
Current Publisher*

Elected as directors were Ethel Andrus, John Barber, Michele Gautreau, Dorothy Henry, George Ianson, Mary Jo Keeler, and Judy Stock. Officers elected were: Judy Stock, publisher; Dottie Henry, editor; Mary Jo Keeler, secretary; and George Ianson, treasurer. George served until the position transitioned to Bob Whitaker in 2011.

At the January 2005 volunteer Board of Directors meeting, the board regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Jo Keeler, who had moved to North River. They elected Nancy Trombley and Chris Ianson to the board. Publisher Judy Stock reported the current mailing list totaled 728, of which 228 were mailed locally. Many comments were received from readers with appreciation for keeping them informed.

One time, Dottie Henry noted they were, “really out of funds and I suggested in the December issue that maybe everyone could send us \$1 in addition to their regular contributions. We have never been in the hole since.”

Judy and Dottie continued working as the dynamic-duo until 2007, when Judy took on the dual roles of editor and publisher. Judy grew up in Hague and graduated from Hague Central School. She went on to college and a teaching career downstate and returned to her family home after retirement. Judy brought to the publication a wealth of knowledge of Hague’s people and its history. Her Hague background was enriched by her involvement in the Hague Historical Society, the Hague Seniors, and the Northern Lake George Yacht Club.

To honor Dottie, who had kept *The Hague Chronicle* presses rolling for more than 28 years, the board of directors established the *The Hague Chronicle*/Dorothy Henry Scholarship. It is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Ticonderoga High School who is a resident of Hague. The first winner in 2007 was Stephanie Nast. Subsequent recipients were Samantha Abare, Molly Ginn, Kaley Manning, Jennell Coffin, Corey King, Gracie Ginn, Sean Lawrie, Ian Lawrie, Alexis Sanders, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Fallon Kennedy, Skye Mason, MacKenzie Harrington, and Madison Fish. This scholarship continues to be awarded each year and is now \$1,000. It is supported by our readers’ generous contributions.

The tasks involved in publishing monthly were far ranging: everything from attending town meetings, to reporting and photography, to researching and writing articles, to managing all the news articles arriving by email, to laying out the actual pages. There was also managing the mailing team and its operation and even organizing holiday parties for the volunteer staff. Over time, Judy was able to recruit a sizable mail crew, which functioned smoothly each month. Pat McDonough joined the editorial staff and was elected to the board. Jim Henderson volunteered to do the layout and Jan Whitaker became the manager of the database. Other helping hands have included Cathie Burdick, who indexed all the issues, Nancy Wotton Scarzello, who wrote “Nature News,” Stan Burdick, who provided cartoons, and JoAnne DeFranco, who wrote “Weather News.”



*Jim Henderson
Previous Layout Editor*

In 2009 Jim Henderson, life-long summer resident, took on the role of layout editor. His tenure lasted until 2017, when Chris Quinn took over. Jim’s printing and layout skills proved valuable. He was the force behind the fine-tuning of our masthead by Christine Quaglieri in 2009 and the development of our new masthead, created by Richard Stout in 2014. When it came time to add all the issues back to 1972 to our website, he came up with the solution. Today, those archives are a readily-available resource for all.



In January 2014 *The Hague Chronicle* implemented a new masthead (above). The graphic was created by local artist Richard Stout as a pen and ink drawing. It depicted the lake with a view that is the artist’s impression of the most beautiful lake in America, our Lake George. Richard’s masthead continues today.



Photos, starting top left, clockwise: Judy Stock and Pat McDonough, Memorial Day Parade; Newsboys Dennis and Martin McDonough; Rudy Meola at the folding table; Julia Middleton, master stapler; Bobbi Bryant Taylor, Memorial Day Parade; Judy Stock, Memorial Day Parade; Dolly Kennedy and Dottie Henry, Memorial Day Parade



Bobbi Bryant Taylor,
editor

OUR CURRENT STAFF AND BOARD

Bobbi Bryant Taylor is our current editor. Her parents bought a lot in Pine Cove in 1959 and began building their family camp. She's loved being here nearly every summer since.

Bobbi worked in elementary schools for twenty years, first as a teacher and then as a guidance counselor. After that, she authored a video-based parenting program, became a professional speaker, hosted a radio talk show, and appeared on a local TV station. Her final position was at a university.

Since they retired six years ago, her husband, David, and she have been full-time RVers, seeing this amazing country, visiting their two sons, their wives, and their four grandchildren, and spending time here in their beloved Hague.

She just celebrated her fifth anniversary as editor of *The Hague Chronicle*. Bobbi volunteered because she wanted to get to know folks, stay abreast of what was going on, and make a meaningful contribution to the place she and her family love.



Chris Quinn,
layout editor

Chris Quinn is our current layout editor. She is a career graphic designer, and a branding and design firm owner for 36+ years. She's designed numerous publications through the years before taking on *The Hague Chronicle*, which she describes as a labor of love. She's been a Hague resident all her life, as a third generation summer-cottage owner. She spends May to October in Hague and winters in Maryland.

Chris is largely responsible for the smooth transition from printed to electronic distribution of *The Hague Chronicle*. She reports that 545 emails are sent out each month to our online subscribers. Many other folks access the website directly or pick up a hard copy which brings our total readership to over 700.

The Hague Chronicle 2021 board of directors includes: Judy Stock, publisher; Bobbi Bryant Taylor, editor; Chris Quinn, layout editor; Pat McDonough, secretary; Bob Whitaker, treasurer, and Jan Whitaker. Additional staff are Claire Best, Tina King, Ginger Kuenzel, and Sandy Powell. Our regular columnists are: Meg Haskell, HVFD; Pat Hintze, Senior Club News; Connie Smith, "Naturally Speaking," and Mike Strutz, "Water Quality Matters," as well as Gabrielle Keller, our intern. ▀

This special edition is dedicated, with our deep gratitude, to all those who, over these 50 years, have participated in its monthly publication — the publishers, editors, directors and officers, reporters, columnists, photographers, proofreaders, mailers, and our loyal readers.



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Thanks to Pat McDonough for creating this special edition for our 50th year.