



# Peacham at Midcentury: 1958-1968

Peacham  
Historical  
Association

2019  
Ghost Walk

October 3, 2:00 p.m.  
Peacham Cemetery



In case of rain,  
the event will be held  
upstairs in the Peacham  
Congregational Church

THE CHARACTERS IN THIS YEAR'S GHOST WALK WERE SELECTED FROM the summer exhibition in our historical house on Church Street: *Clemens Kalischer: His Peacham Photographs*. We are fortunate that Kalischer, a celebrated photojournalist, fell in love with this village and visited several times from 1958-1968. He was famous locally for "disappearing;" he was so quiet, villagers forgot he was present with his camera. The work he made came to form many people's idea of an iconic Vermont village. In fact, one of his photo essays was titled "A Quiet, Unchanging Way of Life."

After the 1960s, of course, much did change. Kalischer had recorded the calm before the storm: school dances, children in one-room school-houses, men standing in snowy streets talking, the storekeepers, library, post office, women playing cards. For the Ghost Walk we present three scenes from this time. Two are historical reenactments – a celebrated teacher, and a group of men talking. The third is a gathering of people who actually remember Kalischer from when they were children. and will reflect on growing up in Peacham during this period.

### Thelma Schoolcraft White

*Played by Andrea Kane*

Thelma White was one of a group of extraordinary women whose influence is still felt in the village. All of them had been excellent students, and after becoming wives of farmers they continued to teach the next generations. Thelma was a naturalist, and well ahead of her time; her former students can still identify most birds and plants, and also learned from her an ecological approach to understanding how everything in nature is connected.

The Peacham Historical Association produces the Ghost Walks.  
For more information, please visit our web site at [peachamhistorical.org](http://peachamhistorical.org).  
We invite you to become a member;  
your interest and support are most welcome!

### Men Talking: Warren Farrington, Howard Hebblethwaite, and Ned Somers

*Played by Frank Miller, John Mackenzie, and Jim Minichiello*

During this time the villages of Peacham still had several general stores, and the post offices were often located behind or adjacent to the store counter. These served as natural gathering places; people stopped both inside and outside to share news and discuss town affairs of all kinds.

### People Reminiscing

Mary Daly  
Daniel O'Brien  
Shane O'Brien  
Don Randall

### Docents

Marilyn Magnus  
Jutta Scott  
Brad Toney



**Images:** Courtesy of Image Photos/Clemens Kalischer

### Ghost Walk Volunteers

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