



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Historic Cemetery Restoration Fund Drive

The 2017 Historic Cemetery Restoration Fund Drive was successful thanks to your responses to our online GoFundMe drive in May, special cemetery restoration fund appeal mailed to our members, and the very successful Holiday Wreath sale. These funds will allow us to finish restoration of Kiptown (also called the Old Greentown) Cemetery; to restore Hazelton Family Cemetery; and begin restoration of Simonstown Cemetery.

Even with the good news, we still need more funding to continue our restorations on abandoned cemeteries and to maintain them in the future. May is National Cemetery Month. Please consider donating to the Cemetery Restoration Drive in May 2018 to help our cause.

Several years ago a Gilpin family member who never lived in our area donated \$25,000.00 for the care and upkeep of the Gilpin Family Cemetery. We have managed the funds to keep the cemetery cared for years to come. Whatever the amount, please consider a donation or legacy gift for our abandoned cemeteries.

Contact Ruth Altemier (570-676-4354) for information on the Historic Cemetery Restoration Project.

March Soup Luncheon



We all look forward to our first gathering of the year - the annual soup luncheon in March. Our Refreshment Committee members Valerie Wheeler and Linda Kramer organized delicious soups, breads and desserts prepared by our volunteers. Consider bringing a friend or neighbor to our programs held the first Monday of the month at 1 pm .

HELP WANTED!

Our Society is a very active organization and we are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers, but there is always a need for more help. Please review the following areas where we need volunteers and contact Jeanne Brown at 570-676-3443 or email me at jeanne35@ptd.net.

Jeanne Brown, President

Front flower garden maintenance - Requires 1-2 hours every 2 weeks (depending on weather). The work could be divided by months between volunteers, i.e one volunteer would take April and May, another June and July, etc. Your time would be flexible as the water spigot and hose are outside and the Hall does not need to be open. With consistent care of watering, weeding, dead heading or pruning flowers and small shrubs, it should not take too much time to keep these two small gardens neat and tidy.

Hall housekeeping - Prior to the day of our monthly meetings we need volunteers to clean the first floor area. We have all the equipment and supplies. No hands and knees scrubbing, the hardest part is moving chairs to vacuum. The time involved would be about 2 hours for 1 volunteer, but if you have a buddy to help, it would be less time and maybe more fun! You would have a key to the Hall to allow you to come at your convenience.

Museum/Collections - We have standard workdays on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00. We need more help to maintain our collections of books, documents, artifacts and photographs. The tasks are varied and include filing of research documents, assisting with museum displays, cleaning artifacts and placing them in archival boxes for storage, keeping our museum organized and much more. You would be part of a group of volunteers that come regularly and no special skills needed, just helping hands.

Data Entry at home - If you have some computer skills and can commit to a set day at your home to work on our Collections computer, we need your help! The Collections' software program we have can only be used on our computer by one person at a time. We have many data entry projects that need entry into our system. We can train you at your convenience, deliver the computer and project to you and pick it up each week after your scheduled day.

**Greene-Dreher
Historical Society**

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Society is a registered
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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

Jack Crocker,
Dillsburg, PA
Linda Fiori,
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Nancy Gencarelli,
Greentown, PA
Peter & Laura Ioppolo,
Newfoundland, PA
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Consider a 2018 gift
membership to for a
special occasion or "just
because". Membership
includes three issues of
The Greene Hills of Home
and four issues of the
Society's newsletter.

President's Message

Greetings Members and Friends!

It was so nice to gather in early March at our annual soup luncheon. What a pleasure it was to see our friends, catch up with their lives and commiserate about the storms and power outages. As always the soups, breads and desserts were delicious, and I thank all of our volunteers for their efforts in providing us with such a delightful luncheon.

Our 2018 Board of Directors kept busy through the winter months connecting with various committees in order to plan our programs, evaluate expenses, and prepare our budget for the year. I thank them all for dedicating their time through some dicey weather to attend our planning meetings.

We have another great year ahead of us! Our first meeting in April starts with a very appropriate subject, "Heirloom Gardening." Check your 2018 Calendar of Events for our interesting line up of program speakers and some new twists to our open houses and offsite events.

In order to keep our members and visitors informed about the Society and our activities, we are very excited to announce the official launch of our new website in March. Plus, you can also follow us on Facebook and sign up for email reminders for instant updates. As always, I am looking forward to seeing you. Please remember that all of our activities are free and open to the public, so bring you family and friends.

Jeanne Brown

Family Reunions

Akers Family - June 10, Noon. Albertson Park,
Stroudsburg, PA

Beischer Family - June 24, 11:30. Moravian
Church, Newfoundland, PA

Bortree Family - July 8, Noon. A. J. Carroll
Home, Lake Ariel, PA

Robacker Family - July 21. Noon. Location: To
Be Determined

Carlton Family - August 5, 12:30. Hemlock
Grove United Methodist Church, Greentown, PA

Veteran History Project

We thank the following donors who recently
provided photographs, artifacts and biographic
information for veterans: Joyce Gangeware
Doebler, Maureen Haggerty, Sharon Akers
Herzog, Gayle Akers Koropchak, Ben and
Kathy Corey Nevin, Jim Uhl, and Paula Woltjen.

Items donated for the Veteran History Project are
located in our research library and collections,
available to the public and for scholarly and
education purposes. Contact Project Coordinator
Bernadine Lennon (570-857-0882), for
information.

Collections Committee Report Jeanne Brown, Chair

Thank you to the following donors for interesting items provided to our artifact and
photograph collections and research files from November 2017 through February 2018.

Terry Baughan – Autobiography, *Love at First Flight*, by Robert L Baughan, written after his
discharge from military service during World War II.

Bernadine Lennon – Postcards: *Sunset House, Greentown, PA*, c. 1930s; *Lake Wallenpaupack*,
looking south from the dam, c. 1930s.

Frank and Tom Madden – 1896 lithograph of the G.A.R. proposed *Easel Monument* and
Civil War service record of Captain Thomas C. Madden written on lithograph. Money
from the sale of souvenir lithographs was designated to fund the G.A.R monument project,
which was never constructed; photograph of Civil War Captain Peter Marsch.

Madeleine Reilly – Scrapbook on the development boon brought to our area with the
completion of Interstate 84 and the struggles within our community; photograph of the
1945 Greene-Dreher High School boys basketball team, no names listed.

Marion Savage – Handmade crocheted white purse; quilting reticule; patterns for finger
puppet, clothespin doll, pinwheel; *Knit for Defense* pattern book; *Wonoco Corde* hat and bag
patterns; *Cotton Flash!* crochet patterns.

James Uhl – Graduation photograph of Class of 1920, Greene-Dreher Vocational School.