



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

GDHS Launches New Website



Above is an excerpt from the homepage of the Society's newly designed website.



Website Committee members Bernadine Lennon, Diane Smith, Ruth Altemier, Ellen Drake and Carla Smith worked with Web Designer Kelsey Cahill, of Cahill's Creative, to design the Society's new website. After several weeks of planning and preparation, the completed website, greenedreherhs.org, was launched in May. Diane demonstrated the navigation of the site to members and guests at the Society's membership meeting on May 7. The site features many images from recent events and exhibitions at the museum, giving users a sense of the scope of our activities at first visit. The complete calendar of events and services is also easily accessible on the user-friendly site. Other features include a gallery of historic photographs, short essays on special topics pertaining to local history, a museum shop, and opportunities to join, donate, or volunteer. Questions and comments can be directed to info@greenedreherhs.org.

Kelsey Cahill, of Cahill's Creative, has worked as a front-end developer for numerous high-profile websites and more recently has been responsible for the graphic and web design for several small, medium and large-size businesses and non-profits. She established her own freelance graphic and website design service in 2014. Kelsey has a BFA from Kutztown University and resides in Wayne County.

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President's Message

Summer tidings to all!

Our programs and events these past few months have rushed by, as you will see in the newsletter. The formal launch of our new website in June was an important milestone in today's media world. The site is attractive and easy to navigate, and we have received very positive responses for its format and design. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with our activities, informed about our latest research, and engaged with our local history through articles and photographs, past and present. The Society gratefully acknowledges the Wayne County Community Foundation for partially funding this project.

Another first in the realm of online communication is that Wi-Fi was installed at the Hall for the Summer and Fall months. This will allow us to research genealogy and collections while working at the hall. Now that we are open to the public on Saturdays, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, it will also enable us to assist guests with their research and provide information not found in our local history files.

The beautiful weather for the recent Alumni Weekend activities brought the return of many Greene-Dreher and Wallenpaupack High School Alumni who enjoyed visiting us at Peggy Bancroft Hall. More fascinating stories were exchanged, and the Society received some very interesting artifacts. Thank you all for making our weekend so enjoyable!

Our annual Ice Cream Social and Open House is coming July 14th. The event will start with patriotic music, paying homage to our historic meeting hall and museum, built in 1904 by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Washington Camp 422. It is one of three remaining buildings left in Pennsylvania built by this organization. A representative from POSA headquarters in Valley Forge will present us with a new American Flag and instruct Daisy Troop 129 of Newfoundland on the correct way to raise and honor the flag. A new state flag given to us by Representative Michael Peifer, will also be raised. American flag etiquette pamphlets will be given to all of the children in attendance. This promises to be a great day for all ages with an interesting program, "The Bear Facts," presented by wildlife expert John Hechler. As always, there will be delicious homemade ice cream and pies!

We will offer many informative and fun programs this summer, and I sincerely hope you, your family and friends will stop by to enjoy your local Historical Society.

Jeanne Brown



Business Support

The many programs and events that you read about in this newsletter were sponsored by the following Greene-Dreher Historical Society's 2018 Business Partners: *AJ's Automotive, County Girls Salon, The Dime Bank, Dutch's Market, Edwards Sand and Stone, Eye Associates of Paupack, J & J Log and Lumber, Palazzi Landscape Gardening and Stone Silo Foods*. Please show them your appreciation by supporting them.

Through the generosity of Pat Chierichella, owner of *Fatigues Army-Navy Surplus Gear Company*, we received a khaki shirt and tie to complete a World War II U. S. Marine Corps uniform. The uniform was once worn by Private First Class Charles Walter (1925- 1997), Greentown who served in the South Pacific during the war. The uniform was donated by his wife, Marie, in 2017. *Fatigues Army-Navy Surplus Gear Company* is located at 84 Texas Palmyra Highway, Hawley. Many of the items they offer can be viewed on their website www.fatiguesarmynavy.com.

Newfoundland History Tour



On a beautiful Saturday in May, over twenty members and guests toured five historic sites in Newfoundland. Sponsored by Edwards Sand & Stone, the tour began at Briarwood Manor Personal Care Home and ended at The Hotel, the group learned about the region's rich history. Briarwood Manor is the former home and office of Dr Berlin and later Dr Christman who practiced medicine, including surgery, in Newfoundland between the 1930s and 1960s. The Manor's staff permitted the group to view the doctor's apothecary cabinet where medicines were formulated and dispensed to patients. The next stop was the Moravian Church which has had a presence in Newfoundland since the first church was built in 1837. The group learned about the German families who settled here, their reasons for leaving their homeland, how they became affiliated with the Moravians in Bethlehem and their impact on the economic and community development of the area. Directly behind the church is the old Moravian Cemetery where the first settlers are laid to rest with many of the inscriptions written in the German language. Adjacent to the Moravian Cemetery is Carlton Drake Memorial Park where an interpretative plaque describes the historic and devastating flood of 1955 which impacted the Greene-Dreher community with thirteen lives lost. The tour ended at The Hotel where owner Michael Seagraves described the history of the building. Docents included Ruth Altemier, Ellen Drake, Tammy Lavoy, Bernadine Lennon and Diane Smith. The tour's success as measured by the positive feedback from those attending has laid the foundation for similar tours in the future.



GDHS Receives Grant



On March 28, the Wayne County Community Foundation presented a grant to the Greene-Dreher Historical Society. The grant will help fund the complete redesign of the society's website which was launched by a volunteer in 2006. With the redesign and enhanced search engine optimization, the historical society will reach a wider audience. Genealogists, researchers, local educators and historians will learn about the rich history of the area and what the historical society has to offer. Pictured from left to right are Paul Edwards, Executive Director of the Foundation and Jeanne Brown, President of the historical society. We appreciate the Foundation's generous support of the historical society.

The Wayne County Community Foundation is a non-profit foundation whose primary goal is to build a charitable reserve of funds which supports a wide variety of community organizations. Grants are awarded quarterly to non-profit agencies located in Wayne County that sustain and advance access to the arts, literacy, culture, community development, education, the environment, and health and human services.

Community Events



Wallenpaupack Historical Society invited Diane Smith, GDHS Board Director and Editor, *The Greene Hills of Home*, to present the history of May Day through the years at Greene-Dreher School.



Ted Nakielny, Bob Savage, Judy Diacik, Linda Fiore, Ginny Burns, Barry Moore and Bernadine Lennon (not in photo) collected 17 bags of trash during the Spring cleanup along Route 507. Thank You!

2019 Director Nominations

Even though we are only midway through 2018, we are beginning the process of soliciting nominations for positions on the 2019 Board of Directors. The board is comprised of seven directors and four officers. The Society's By-Laws provides information regarding the duties and responsibilities of officers and directors.

Currently, we have two director vacancies. Any Society member interested in more information can contact President Jeanne Brown, 570-676-3443. We also invite interested members to attend one of our board meetings to learn more or to join one of our many committees to see the work that is being to preserve local history.

We will begin to accept nominations at the August 6 membership meeting. The final call for nominees will be made at the October 1 membership meeting after which the floor will be closed for any additional nominees. Voting for Board directors and officers will occur at the November 5 membership meeting.

Monthly Programs - Heirloom Gardens and Bookbinding



Lou Palazzi, Jr, owner of **Palazzi Landscape Gardening**, discussed his 100 year old family business, heirloom plants and tips for weed control. Palazzi Landscape Gardening is the third oldest landscape company in the nation. The business was founded in 1917 by Augusto Palazzi in New London, Connecticut, who had been employed in an iron foundry, one of a few jobs open to Italian immigrants at the time. When the owner of the plant asked if he would be interested in working as a gardener on his estate, it was a natural fit for Augusto who had a love of horticulture and talent for landscape design. He soon started his own company, passing the business to his son, Landscape Architect, Louis Palazzi, Sr. The company is now owned by Louis Palazzi, Jr., an ASHS Certified Horticulturist. About 25 years ago Lou moved the operation from Dunmore to Newfoundland where he is aided by his children who are graduates of Wallenpaupack High School and the fourth generation of his family to work in the business.

Barry and Hillary Anthony, owners of **Main Avenue Books and Bindery** located in Hawley, have a passion for books and shared their enthusiasm with us. Barry apprenticed with a second generation fine bookbinder of Fritz and Trudi Eberhardt, working and studying with them for decades. Their skills and techniques are passed down to each subsequent apprentice. There are over 250 individual steps to bind a book, depending on what is being done. Each step leads to the next. Because of the mechanics of bookbinding, make a mistake and you start all over. There are numerous bookbinding techniques including the German, Italian, French, Asian, Indian, and British to name a few. While the basic steps are similar, there are slight nuances that differ. Barry was trained in the European tradition of formal German hand bookbinding and book restoration. Since 2009, he has been the bookbinder for the Archdiocese of New York. Hillary was also trained in the formal tradition of German hand bookbinding and completed her extensive apprenticeship in 2016. Their beautiful blue standard poodles are a fixture in the book shop.



Upcoming Events

Saturdays, June - August, 11:00 - 2:00 - Peggy Bancroft Hall Open
July 14, 11:00 - 2:00 - Open House with Ice Cream & Homemade Pies.

Noon: "Pennsylvania Black Bear" by John Hechler

August 6, 1:00 - "Antique Fruit & Canning Jars" by Bob Wood

August 11, 11:00 - 3:00 - CCC Day, Promised Land State Park

Noon: "Mills of Promised Land" by Diane Smith

August 24 - September 2 - GDHS Exhibit at GDS Fair. Please stop by our exhibit and see what is new!

September 20, 1:00 - Stories from the Past with Tere DeMelo, *Cakes & Scones Bakery*, Greentown

October 1, 1:00 - "Spanish Influenza of 1918" by Tammy Schane

October 6, 3:00 - "Grave Matters: Victorian Funeral Practices" by John Fetsock, Frey-Fetsock Funeral Home, LaAnna followed by a tour of Pine Grove Cemetery. To register, please call 570-676-9816

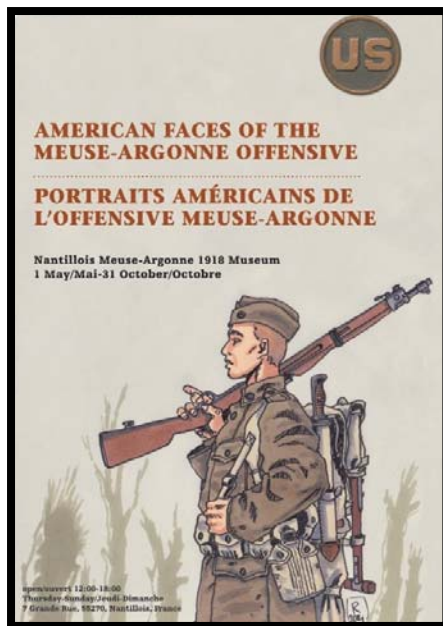
October 13, 11:00 - 2:00 - Jammin' Jelly Fall Festival, Bluegrass Jam Session and Homemade Jams & Jellies

Veterans History Project

Bernadine Lennon, Coordinator

With over 550 local men and women who served in the Armed Forces throughout our country's history, the Greene-Dreher community has supported our nation in both peacetime and wartime. Our local veterans include former Prisoners of War and recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. The majority of them served in the Army while two served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. One veteran served in three different branches of the Armed Forces. Another veteran served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. We thank the following persons for providing information, photographs and memorabilia relating to veterans since Spring: Barbara Blitz, Cynthia Bloss, Hal Carter, Frances Drake, Lois Dreyer, Sergeant Major Lee Gilby (Retired), Paul Gilpin, George Hibbs, Karen Hinton, Barry Kistler, Linda Kozak, Joyce Osborne, Madeleine Reilly, Dick Skelton, Cheryl Voeste, Shirley Berlin Wilhjelm and Margaret Ziegler. We especially want to thank the Greene-Dreher Alumni Association in promoting this project to their members.

Museum at Nantillois, France and the Brothers Grimm



This museum at 7 Grande Rue, Nantillois, France is located at the historic site of the 1918 United States Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The private museum is owned and operated by Maarten Otte who is also a battlefield guide and operates a Bed & Breakfast with his wife. The World War I museum has both permanent and rotating exhibitions with the 2018 exhibition celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War I. "American Faces of the Meuse Argonne-Offensive" was developed by Maarten and Dr Peter Wever of The Netherlands whom we have featured in previous newsletters. The current exhibition consists of personal items of American soldiers and nurses of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive as well as their photographs and personal stories. Greentown brothers Charles, Harry and John Grimm served in the war and their stories are among those shown. The uniform of Harry Grimm is displayed in the center, tall display below. When visitors see the individual faces of these soldiers and read their stories, it brings them closer to the events that took place here from September 26 to November 11, 1918. They realize the soldiers were real people and no longer cold statistics. The exhibition will be on display throughout the year. Dr Wever has been a subject matter expert for us as we research the soldiers from the Greene-Dreher community who served in the war. We appreciate both his and Maarten's work in honoring them.



Making Memories and Remembering



June is the month when the final days of the school year are coming to an end and alumni gather for class reunions. Since 2002, the historical society has partnered with Wallenpaupack South Elementary School to include local history programs in the Third and Fourth Grade curricula. In March, we sponsored Cheryl Stratham, Director of Education and Programs, Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, who presented “Food Preservation Throughout the Ages” for Third Grade students. Cheryl described how 19th Century vegetable gardens were laid out; food preservation methods; and provided samples of dried apples and Sally Lunn cake. Using artifacts from our museum, Fourth Grade students learned chores they would have performed a hundred years ago such as carding and spinning wool; churning butter; harvesting ice; using a neck yoke to carry pails; making kindling and using a two-man saw. Demonstrating the chores were Roger and Ruth Altemier, Jeanne Brown, Ellen Drake, Peggy Evans, Barry Moore, Ted Nakielny, Margo Rogers, Nancy Simon, Suzanne Urton, and school bell ringer Betty Roach. Students were also given “The History of Newfoundland” with family activities prepared by the historical society.

In conjunction with Greene-Dreher Alumni Association’s annual banquet, we opened our museum for returning alumni. And, for the past twelve years, we have hosted a lunch or brunch which is a time when alumni share memories of school days. Seated: Shirley Fowler Eggert (‘51), Gail Hazelton Madden (‘59). Standing: Ben Nevin (‘69), Wendy Nevin Dickinson (‘73), Dave Dickinson (‘68), Craig Beesecker (‘68), Denise Eggert (‘75), Terry Baughan (‘64), Diane Smith (‘62), Carla Smith (‘75), Tom Madden (‘54), and Shirley Lou Simons Thomas (‘58).



Collections Committee Report

Jeanne Brown, Chair

The Society is grateful to all the following donors for their contributions to our mission of preserving and interpreting local history for future generations.

Ruth Altemier - Cub Scout Pack 129 committee minutes, newspaper clippings, unit commissioners Field Guide 1980-1983; Newfoundland Beverage Co can opener.

Barbara Blitz - Book *Biggs Blitz Family Tree - The First Chapter* - George Newhart Biggs, 1999.

Frances Drake - 1928 Diploma Greene- Dreher Vocational School, John Robert Frick; 1932 Marriage Certificate, John R. Frick and Martha M. Wilke; 48 star American Flag; 1945 Greene-Dreher School memorabilia, awards and school books, LaVerne Drake; Various documents and news items, John and Pearl Drake family; Carlton Drake Memorial Park master site plan and plot maps; 1992 GDS Fair Premium book; 1976 Newfoundland Rotary Club Installation Dinner program; Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge # 559 Constitution and by-Laws, Lila Drake; Book *I.O.O.F. Rebekah Assembly of PA*. 1954; *Our Times Current Events* 1940-1941 newspapers for students Vol. VI issues 1-37.

Sharon Estes - 3 promissory notes from Maurice and Jennie Haag to the First National Bank of Newfoundland dated Oct 20, 1942; Oct 20, 1941; Apr 19, 1941.

Doris Bortree Goerlitz - Academic and teaching diplomas, achievement awards and recognition certificates of Doris' career in education 1949-2010; Delta Kappa Gamma State Achievement Award given to Doris Goerlitz (New Eagle 8.21.2013); Northeast Region Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 50 year certificate award 2009 with news articles; 1949 Greene - Dreher Graduation program and diploma; 1999 - 50 year reunion banquet planning notes and photos; Certificate, recognition letter, photographs of Doris' participation and leadership in the International

Association of Rebekah Assemblies 2006-2013.

Frank Hackman- 1937 Keystone Yearbook.

Bernadine Lennon- Reproduction color map Wayne and Pike Counties originally produced in 1899 by cartographer, Julius Bien; Milk bottles from Sterling and Meadowbrook Farms; 2 ruby "flash glass" souvenir glasses Greentown PA; 5 postcards representing the five service branches WWII *Women at War Series*; Postcards: *Camp Wallenpaupack, Greentown, PA 1916*; *Lancaster's Factory, South Sterling, PA*. unused not dated; *Lake Paupac Brook Greentown, PA. 1916*; Unused, interior altar *St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church, South Sterling, LaAnna, PA.*

Joseph Phillips - Photographs, 1952 Greene - Dreher - Sterling Graduation Class and Washington, D.C. Senior class trip.

Diane Smith - Books: *Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm* c. 1997 by Thomas D. Visser; *The History of Monroe County, PA, During the Civil War* c. 1950 by LeRoy J. Roehler; *Holt! T'Other Way!* c. 1950 by Leslie C. Wood; *The Poconos* c. 1929 by Carroll B. Tyson.

Wallenpaupack Area South Elementary (WASE) School - DVD School News Broadcast of April 21, 2011, with a segment about the 4th Grade Local History Tour.

Paula Woltjen - News articles, local residents, businesses, churches, c. 1970 - 1990; Octogenarian photographs and news articles various years.

Public Affairs Office, Tobyhanna Army Depot - DVD *Century of Service: The Army at Tobyhanna.*

Behind the Scenes



It takes many volunteers to operate the historical society. We are highlighting a few in this newsletter. Helen Gardsy (left) and Suzanne Urton (right) are members of the Collections Committee which meets several hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. Helen retired from Tobyhanna Army Depot and enjoys doing anything asked of her. Her smile is infectious! We met Suzanne Urton when she attended our July 2015 Open House and she has been with us since! As a graduate assistant, she worked in the College Art Museum and Art Gallery, Marywood University and gained archival experience at American Silk Corporation, Plains, PA. Absent from the photos is Susan Shaffer Noyes whose roots are in the Hazelton and Shaffer families. Sue and Suzanne are data entry specialists for the Collections Committee.

