



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Honoring our Flag



The Greene-Dreher Historical Society hosted Carol Weyandt, Administrative Assistant, and Don Borkey, National Secretary, of the Patriotic Order Sons of America (POSA) (front left), in a flag presentation and raising ceremony at our July Open House. Girl Scout Troop 50749 raised the flags of both the United States and Pennsylvania. Secretary Borkey remarks follow:

"I'm delighted to be here at the former Patriotic Order Sons of America Camp #422 Camp Hall. It's great to see it in such good condition and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Washington Camp #422 was instituted in 1889 with 44 members, and increased their membership to 138 in two years. They originally met in the Gilpin and Barnes Hall before constructing this building in 1904. As this building still serves the community, now as the Greene-Dreher Historical Society, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, which was founded in 1847, still serves as a promoter of Patriotism in our local communities and nation. We promote Patriotism in many ways: scholarships in local schools; memorials and support of America's veterans; and presenting flags for display in local communities. The Flag stands for all we hold dear - freedom and democracy of the people, by the people, and for the people. I would like to now present this flag to be flown on the grounds of this historic place."

Following the ceremony, guests toured the museum and outdoor exhibits and enjoyed ice cream made by Sam Conklin and Luanne Bailey on a 1910 hit-and-miss engine. We thank our bakers who provided delicious homemade pies and cookies. Our final Open House of the year will be on Saturday, October 13. It will feature Bluegrass jam sessions, book-signings by local authors and a homemade jam and jelly sale.

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Historical Society**

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

Tom Hoehle
Greentown, PA

Nicole McCarthy
Newfoundland, PA

Brenda Staples
Newfoundland, PA

Consider a 2019 gift membership for a special occasion, a special person or "just because". Membership includes three issues of *The Greene Hills of Home* and four issues of the Society's newsletter.

President's Message

Members and friends in the community,

Despite the rather wet summer we were bustling with events and activities. Thank you all for your attendance and support. Our volunteers have been exceptional in organizing and executing our various programs. They deserve credit for making our summer so enjoyable.

Our fall events are just as varied and will be fun for all. Look for our new program, "Grave Matters – Victorian Funeral Practices," an off-site event that includes a tour and visit with a "Victorian Mourner" at Pine Grove Cemetery. Our Jammin' Jelly Fall Festival is back with a casual jam session by local musicians, led by Doug Smith. This year we have added a Local Author Book Signing to the event that features eight authors from our community. We will have delicious refreshments and will be offering a variety of homemade jams and jellies for sale.

We are looking forward to the final "Stories from the Past" talk in October. Our monthly program topic for October is "The Spanish Flu," and in November we will again be favored with patriotic musical selections performed by the Wallenpaupack South Elementary School Choir—a very rousing and heart-warming event!

Which brings us to our Annual Holiday Luncheon and Historic Preservation Award at the Fairway Grille at Buck Hill Falls. Seating is limited so please get your reservation in as soon as possible.

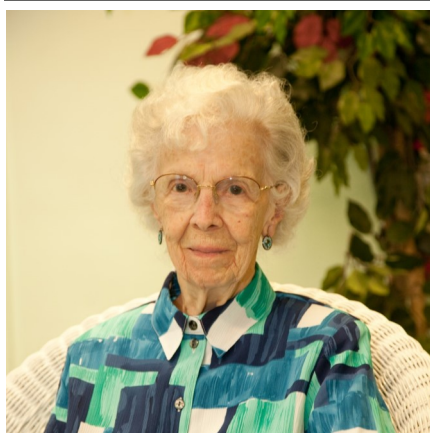
Let's all enjoy a lovely fall season, and please join us with your family and friends.

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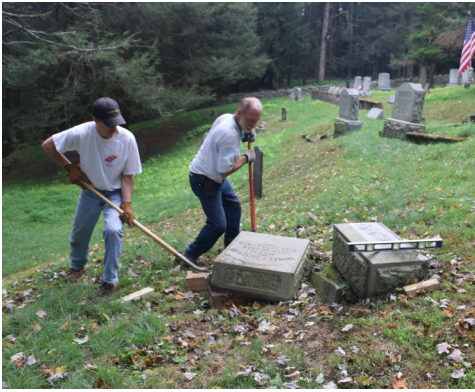
Historic Preservation Awards Program

Through its Historic Preservation Awards Program, the Historical Society recognizes individuals who have demonstrated continuous support of the Society's goals and efforts to preserve local history. Nominees must be located in Greene or Dreher Township or relate to the history of these townships. Historic Preservation Award categories are: 1) Individual, 2) Residential Building, and 3) Commercial/Public Building. Completed nomination forms must be received by October 31st. We are soliciting nominations for the 2019 Historic Preservation Awards Program. For more information, contact President Jeanne Brown, 570-676-3443 or gdhsjbrown@ptd.net.



Remembering Doris Cross Bartleson 1920 - 2018

Doris was a life-long resident of our community. She joined the Historical Society in 1989, supporting the Society in many ways and always with a smile. Doris was a dear friend and we will miss her greatly. We thank her many friends and family members who have donated in her memory.



Our thanks to Ed Kramer and Roger Altemier who completed resetting grave markers in Kiptown Cemetery (also known as Old Greentown Cemetery) this summer. Photographs show the process used for the marker of Corporal Thomas T. Dickinson, Company L, 117th Regiment, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry who was fatally wounded at St. Mary's Church, Charles City County, Virginia on June 24, 1864. The next phase in this cemetery's restoration is for professional arborists to remove trees endangering the grave markers and washing the markers by volunteers in 2019. A list has been prioritized for the restoration of historic Simonstown Cemetery in Greentown which will also begin in 2019. Please contact Ruth, 570-676-4354, for more information on our Historic Cemetery Program.

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser



To help defray the costs for maintenance of our four abandoned cemeteries in Greene and Dreher Townships, we are once again offering a limited number of fresh 20" Norway Spruce wreaths made by Historical Society members for the holidays.

We hope to fill all wreath orders; however, since a limited number of wreaths will be made, we encourage you to order as soon as possible. Cutoff order date is November 15. Due to the limited number of wreaths, we may not be able to fill all orders. Contact Bernadine Lennon, 570-857-0882 or balennon@att.net, for an order form.

Historic Cemetery Beautification

For the second year, the Daisies of Girl Scout Troop 50749 planted flowers at our abandoned cemeteries. Under the guidance of Troop Leader Tracy Stender and Cemetery and Genealogy Chair Ruth Altemier (a former member of Girl Scout Laurel Troop 253, Newfoundland), the girls brightened the cemeteries while learning to honor and respect our ancestors. We don't know their secret but the flowers were not disturbed by the abundant wildlife that pass through the cemeteries. We enjoy partnering with the Girl Scouts and look forward to working with them in the future.



Fundamentals of Deed Search

We will be holding a Deed Search Class on November 6 at 7 PM at Peggy Bancroft Hall. If you are interested in learning the history of your property or would like to assist with our Property Identification Project, this class is for you. The class is not a substitute for a legal deed search for property transfer. For more information, contact Ruth Altemier, 570-676-4354.

Special Thank You

During the summer, the Society's holding tank failed at Peggy Bancroft Hall. We contacted Jack Ziegler Well Drilling, Inc, Newfoundland who responded immediately, replacing the tank and putting us back in business. We appreciate his responsiveness and excellent customer service.

Helping us behind the scenes this summer has been Roger Altemier. From setting up tents for our Open Houses to spreading gravel in our parking lot, Roger never fails to amaze us with what he can do. Thank you very much!

Bob's Bottle Collection



Joining us in August was Bob Wood from the Equinunk Historical Society. Bob, who has been collecting antique canning bottles for over 50 years, brought a small sample of his collection. 1858 was the year that John Mason received patent approval for his revolutionary canning bottle. He invented the process for cutting a thread onto the lip of glass bottles as well as a corresponding thread inside zinc lids which could then be screwed tightly on the bottles. Zinc lids were later replaced with glass lids fastened in place with a wire clamp. Canning bottles provided a new means to preserve food in addition to salting, smoking, pickling, and drying.

Antique Car Visit

The Slo Pokes Antique Ford Car Club stopped by Peggy Bancroft Hall during their June 30 rally. Members toured the hall and grounds following a brief presentation by Ruth Altemier. It was 100 years ago that Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, naturalist and writer John Burroughs, Robert DeLoach of the Armour Company, and Harvey Firestone and his son caravanned through the mountains of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. The group, known as "The Vagabonds", made a series of these camping trips between 1915 and 1924.



The Bear Facts

Our July Open House featured John Hechler who presented an interesting presentation, "The Bear Facts", about the Pennsylvania Black Bear and their habit. John is a Registered Master Maine Guide specializing in boating and hunting, guiding bear and moose hunters. He retired as a Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, spending many summers patrolling Lake Wallenpaupack. In 2006 he was selected Pennsylvania Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year.



Website Grant Received



President Jeanne Brown and Treasurer Bernadine Lennon (left) represented the Society at a reception hosted by the Greater Pike Community Foundation (PCCF) during which the Society received a grant for redesign of our website. The new website, greenedreherhs.org, was launched in July. PCCF was created to enable individuals, families and local businesses to maximize their charitable support through organized, targeted, long-term community philanthropy. For more information, visit www.greaterpike.org or [Facebook.com/GreaterPike](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterPike).

Volunteers Make Things Happen!

We are so fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to help with our many projects and programs. In this issue we are featuring several of our volunteers. Wayne and Nancy Lee Garafola live in Greene Township and have represented the Society at the GDS Fair. Nancy is a teacher while Wayne is employed in the biotech field. Additionally, Wayne (pictured right) offered to care for our flower garden at Peggy Bancroft Hall which looked beautiful this year, thanks to his attention. During the heat and humidity, we found Wayne giving his TLC to the flowers.



It's difficult for Ted Nakielny (left) to slow down long enough to have his photo taken but we were lucky this day. After serving on the Society's board of directors, Ted continues to help when needed. Whether it is replacing a light bulb, painting the handicap ramp or moving display items to and from the fair grounds, Ted willingly lends a helping hand.

Please consider volunteering for the Society. We have indoor and outdoor short-term projects that take an hour as well as ongoing projects. Filing, maintaining artifacts and buildings, research, creating displays, baking desserts for meetings are just some of the ways you can help. For more information, please contact Bernadine Lennon at 570-857-0882 or balennon@att.net.

Stories From the Past



At "Stories From the Past" in September, Tere DeMelo, proprietor of Cakes and Scones Bakery in Greentown, shared stories of her grandparents' journey from the Azores to America in the early 1900s. Born in Canada, Tere learned the art of cooking and baking in her mother's kitchen, where authentic Portuguese foods were prepared "the old way." Tere established her business here about 15 years ago. Guests in attendance were delighted to sample a few special sweets and savories, including chouriço made from an old family recipe.

The next and final "Stories From the Past" will be at 1 PM, October 23 with Floss Krieger as our guest.

Collections Committee Report

Jeanne Brown, Chair

The following donors provided items to our artifact and photograph collections and research files. Thank you!

Ruth Altemier - 2 Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church commemorative plates 1975 and 2000; Various Cub and Boy Scout, Brownie and Girl Scout hats, pins and badges ca.1950; Towels made from feed bag material and crocheted potholders; VHS tape *The German Americans*.

Terry Baughan - Booklet: *Greene-Dreher Women's Club of Newfoundland, PA By-Laws*, ca.1970.

Ruth Thomas Camella - Basketball charm necklace ca.1940; Greene-Dreher School patches.

Jack Crocker - Grab hooks; Cant hook.

Steve & Ellen Drake - Greene-Dreher Vocational School 1939 graduation announcement and name card for Carlton Drake

Alice Ehrhardt - *History of Chemistry Character Book* by Rose Robacker, 1998.

Doris Bortree Goerlitz - 2 carvings by Fred Schoenagel: curly maple female cardinal mounted with painted winter scene and a mounted fish.

Barry Kistler - Photo of the 1961-62 Southern Wayne High School Junior Varsity basketball team; American Legion Certificate of School Award presented to Barry Kistler on June 9, 1960.

Bernadine Lennon - 2 gym uniforms ca.1964/1967, Wallenpaupack Area Junior Senior High School; Books: *Fruit Jars, A Collectors' Manual* by Julian Harrison Toulouse, ca. 1969, *The Forgotten Art of Building a Stone Wall* by Curtis P. Fields, ca. 1971.

Gail & Tom Madden - Hand-made wood backpack frame ca.1950; 3 ruby glass souvenir pieces: cup, pitcher- Newfoundland, cup-Greentown;

8 hand-woven mats by Adele Mulrooney ca.1970; Cartoon painting of Dopey on a wood board using F. A. Madden paint colors for tops; Greene Township Historical Society No. 1 Newsletter Summer 1982; Stationary Letterhead S.R. & M.E. Hazelton, Greentown, Hazelton Garage, Greentown and receipt book Hazelton Garage; 1919 The Keystone Yearbook; 1891 G.A.R Meeting Memo; Wedding dress and "going away" dress worn by Helen Esther McFarland Madden ca.1920; Photo: 1934 Hemlock Grove Sunday School.

Dave Meyer - Items from Meyer farm, ca. 1930: apple peeler, pastry crimper, barn pulley system, 3 pairs of high-top shoes, sleeve ironing board, leather suitcase, Enterprise Co. meat grinder, wood block with anchor.

Ben Nevin - Wooden wheelbarrow with Company logo "Buch's" painted on front ca. 1890 and a child's wooden sled handcrafted by a local wheelwright shop ca.1870. (on loan); S. R. Hazelton store sign ca. 1930.

Sue Akers Reichman - Photo of Newfoundland Chapter of Women's Temperance meeting, ca. 1930; Fold up nativity scene from Al & Paul's Store, Greentown ca. 1950.

Laura Reichner - Greene-Dreher Community School Open House Program, Nov. 18, 1949.

Emily Sieg - 3 photos: Manhart family with 3 sets of twins, 2 photos of Sieg family members; Postcard *The Old Homestead*, South Sterling; 2 letters to Mildred Sieg dated Feb. 25 and 26, 1936.

Veterans History Project



We appreciate the information recently provided for our Veterans History Project by Bruce and Marilyn Banks, Janet Combee, Clifford Cron, A. William Herman Fosgreen, Ronald Kinney, Robert Muller, and Donald Olsommer. We have documented over 700 men and women from our community who served or are serving in the military.

The Veterans History Project was our featured exhibit at the 2018 Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair. One visitor commented, "Very interesting exhibit. Thank you for creating this. I had no previous knowledge on how many veterans lived here." Society member Miriam Jones (left) was one of many who stopped by to view it.