



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Historic Preservation



Historic Preservation Award recipients Genevieve Logan Reese, Bridget Logan Weber, and Mary Kay Logan, The French Manor and Spa; Director Diane Smith; Historic Preservation Award recipients Ben and Kathy Corey Nevin; Director Bernadine Lennon; and President Jeanne Brown.

The French Manor Inn and Spa

The French Manor Inn and Spa is the recipient of the 2018 Historic Preservation Award for a Commercial Property. In 1990, Ron and Mary Kay Logan purchased The French Manor, the former Hirshhorn estate on Huckleberry Hill, South Sterling. Initially operating the inn as a B&B during the week and serving dinners on the weekends, they upgraded the kitchen, renovated the Carriage House and built La Maisonneuve. Their knowledge and love of history and architecture enabled them to create a full-service country inn while preserving its original character.

After Ron Logan's death in 2012, Mary Kay turned the day-to-day operation of the inn over to her daughters Genevieve Reese and Bridget Weber. They have carried forth the values of their parents in managing a successful business and honoring its historical legacy and unique place in our community.

Ben and Kathy Corey Nevin

Ben and Kathy Corey Nevin are the recipients of the 2018 Historic Preservation Award for their individual contributions to historic preservation. Their family roots go back to the early settlers in the Greene-Dreher community. Although they now live in Illinois after a 23 year career in the United States Air Force, they have maintained ties to the area.

Their contributions to preserving local history through researching and documenting family genealogies; preserving historic family photographs and authoring articles for the Society's journal, *The Greene Hills of Home*; donating local artifacts; and conducting research in support of the Society's Veterans History Project have enriched our community, provided resources for future scholarly research and serve as fine examples of the benefits of historic preservation.

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

Richard & Cheryl
Bancroft,
South Sterling, PA

Christine Piazza
Greentown, 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.

This is the final reminder for you to submit your dues for 2019. The Spring issue of *The Greene Hills of Home* and Newsletter will only be mailed to members who have paid their 2019 dues.

President's Message

Holiday Greetings everyone!

As we end another wonderful season for the Historical Society, I would like to thank all of our members, our community friends, our Business partners and the best board of directors I have ever had the opportunity to work with, for their continued support of our mission goals. Your participation as volunteers, your attendance at our fundraising activities and your kind extra donations are truly appreciated.

Members elected the Society's 2019 officers and directors at the November meeting. All 2018 officers and directors were reelected and joined by two newly elected directors, Valerie Wheeler and Suzanne Urton whose talents will complement the board. 2019 promises to be another exciting year as we formalize our speakers, educational activities and exhibits. Please join us with your family and friends beginning with our superb soup luncheon on March 4. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe winter until we meet again in the Spring,

Jeanne Brown

Meet Our New Directors

Valerie Wheeler has been a Society member since 2010. We usually see her in the kitchen, organizing refreshments for our meetings. Among her accomplishments are conducting extensive genealogy research on her and her husband's families; assisting in documenting and mapping Kiptown and Hopedale Moravian Cemeteries; maintaining the Hazelton Cemetery; authoring articles; and volunteering for Adopt a Highway program, Greene-Dreher Alumni Association brunch, and Collections Committee.

Though a Society member for only a few years, Suzanne Urton has found her niche as a member of the Collections Committee. With her background in cataloging artifacts for Marywood University's museum and archival work with fabric experts at the American Silk Corporation, she is responsible for artifact and document data entry, research and artifact preservation. An accomplished weaver, wool spinner, and teacher, Suzanne has demonstrated wool spinning during our school partnership programs.



**Remembering
Gail Hazelton Madden
1941 - 2018**

Gail grew up in Greentown, graduated from Greene-Dreher Sterling High School, and married her best friend's cousin, Tom Madden. Although they moved to Colorado, Gail remained close to her roots, being a 30 year member of the historical society and visiting the Historical Society when she and Tom were in the area. We thank her friends and family members who have donated in her memory.

**In Memoriam
Members Who Passed in 2018**

Doris Cross Bartleson
Shirley Stevenson Butler Dierolf
Roger Homeyer
Gail Hazelton Madden

George Rettstadt
Loretta Carlson Gustafson Showers
Arthur W. Toy, Jr
Jennifer Gleason Wallace

“Jammin’ Jelly Fall Festival”

Our annual “Jammin’ Jelly Fall Festival” held October 13 was a great success. In addition to a homemade jam and jelly fundraiser, we hosted nine local authors and a musical jam session. Inclement weather kept activities inside Peggy Bancroft Hall where we enjoyed hot dogs, sauerkraut, cider and donuts. Guests met authors and were able to get a jump on their holiday gift shopping with a wide variety of book genres that were available.



Rick Bodenschatz’ books focus on the Revolutionary War and Civil War time period. Suzie Fretz McCool dedicated her memoir to her grandchildren.



Former Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Interpretive Rangers Michelle Jacques and John Bilean have written about the Delaware Valley Railway.



Author Tammie Schane’s interest is researching tombstone carvings. Attorney Ab Rutherford has authored books on Wayne County historical figures.



Michael Mahoney, Ed Kay, and Doug Smith provided musical entertainment for our guests. Doug performs throughout the Poconos and Lackawanna County.



Left: In addition to authoring thirteen books, Michael Gadomski is an internationally published photographer and filmmaker.

Right: Attorney Tammy Lee Clause has authored a novel, four poetry collections and two children’s books. Author Sally Wiener Grotta is a journalist, photographer, and author of numerous fiction and non-fiction books. We appreciate these talented authors participating in our Open House and Attorney Clause who generously donated her book sales to the Society.



Students Visit Peggy Bancroft Hall & Museum

On a brisk autumn morning, eighty 3rd and 4th grade students from Wallenpaupack South Elementary School visited the historical society. Members served as docents who described Greene-Dreher life spanning the 1800s to 1950s. Students were very engaged, curious, and enjoyed the hands-on experience.



A Lesson in Grave Matters

In October, we introduced a new seasonal event, "Grave Matters", as an expanded version of our annual historic cemetery tour. Members and guests met at the Frey-Fetsock Funeral Home, LaAnna, where they were welcomed by owner John Fetsock for a presentation on Victorian funeral practices and Lincoln's funeral and burial. After John spoke, a Victorian "lady in mourning" entered the room, introduced herself on the occasion of the death of her grandchild, and discussed mourning practices of the time period. Afterward, she invited us to join her at Pine Grove Cemetery where we were met by Ruth Altemier who pointed out a selection of interesting tombstones and engravings. Our thanks to John Fetsock, Ruth Altemier and our "lady in mourning", Ellen Drake, for a fascinating look into the past.



Stories from the Past



At "Stories From the Past" on October 23, Florence "Floss" Krieger delighted members and guests with many anecdotes from her years as a music teacher, church organist, and Methodist missionary. After graduating from Greene-Dreher in 1937 and Oberlin College in 1941, Floss began teaching music in several local schools that later became part of the Western Wayne School District. She retired from teaching at the age of 65 and began traveling to Zimbabwe and South Africa with the United Methodist Church to help establish schools there. For the past five years, rather than traveling to Africa, her friends and former students visit her in Greentown. She continues in her role as Hemlock Grove Church organist but is willing to turn over that responsibility to the next generation as soon as someone steps forward. Joining Floss were her daughters Trudy Krieger Pickard and Nancy Krieger Timm.

During our October meeting, Ann O'Hara from the Wayne County Historical Society's Speakers Bureau shared an informative presentation on "The Spanish Influenza of 1918-1920". This strain of influenza became a pandemic spanning across six continents and affected nearly 500 million people, killing between 50 to 100 million of those infected. We would like to thank Ann O'Hara who stepped in to replace our scheduled speaker, who was unable to attend.

For the fourth year, the Wallenpaupack South Elementary School 5th grade chorus presented a "Salute to Veterans" at the Society's November program. The chorus delighted us with patriotic musical selections. Veterans in the audience were recognized for their service. Our thanks to music teacher Lisa Holden for a wonderful musical selection and her talented chorus.

