



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

2019 Business Partners

We are proud to welcome *Chant Realtors*, *Honesdale National Bank* and the *Jam Room* as our newest Business Partners. We encourage you to support all our Business Partners.

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Winter Activities



Even though we suspend membership and program meetings during winter months, our volunteers, like the postman, continue to work thru snow, rain, heat and gloom of night. In February, Genealogy Committee members Mark and Valerie Wheeler and Carla Smith (top left) held one of four planned evening genealogy seminars at the Newfoundland Public Library. Throughout the winter, Collections Committee members Suzanne Urton and Jeanne Brown (below) prepared donated items for accession. Once received, an item is photographed, assigned an accession number, and entered in a database using PastPerfect Museum software.



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Historical Society**

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

Martha Sader,
Honesdale, PA

Joy White,
Martinsburg, WV

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

Warm Greetings to Everyone,

Your Historical Society has an exciting new season to look forward to and we are anxious to share it with you. The Committees and Directors have been meeting throughout the winter months developing our calendar of events and creating our annual budget. These thoughtful working sessions always bring new ideas for our programs and events and for creating new exhibitions.

I want to praise our volunteers who research and compile information for articles and special projects, such as our Veterans History Project. Due to their efforts and enthusiasm, we have an incredible educational pipeline of publications and books to look forward to in the coming years.

Our new book planned for later this year is an informative history of our World War I veterans. Written by Bernadine Lennon, it will feature their personal accounts, photographs and other interesting memorabilia, set within the historical context of the time. It promises to be a unique record of the lives and military service of the young men and women from our area who participated in what became known as The Great War.

We gratefully express our appreciation to all of our members, business partners and community friends who support the Greene-Dreher Historical Society.

Jeanne Brown

Please Join Us!

Think about why you are a member of the historical society or are considering membership. Is it because you want to learn about tracing your family's history; attend our programs on interesting topics; view our exhibits and displays; read our publications; etc? All of this and more is done by our committees, the backbone of the Society. You can spend as little or much of your time participating in committee work as you would like. Please contact our committee chairs to learn more about a committee that is of interest to you and whether it's a good fit for you.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Chair: Jeanne Brown, 570-676-3443
Maintains buildings and grounds; manages bidding and contracting process for work.

Collections Committee

Chair: Jeanne Brown, 570-676-3443
Collects, preserves, restores and catalogs donated items; sort documents to file; prepare exhibits.

Finance Committee

Chair: Bernadine Lennon, 570-857-0882
Develops annual budget; recommends short-term and long-term investment strategies; oversees filing of tax returns.

Fundraising Committee

Co-Chairs: Diane Smith, 610-865-9286
Bernadine Lennon, 570-857-0882
Identifies and solicits funds from external sources of support; develops techniques for planned giving, marketing, seeking grants.

Genealogy and Cemetery Committee

Chair: Ruth Altemier, 570-676-4354
Researches and maintains family trees; responds to genealogical inquiries; documents interments and maintains abandoned cemeteries.

Public and Media Relations Committee

Chair: Ellen Drake, 570-676-9816
Prepares and distributes press releases; manages social media.

Programs and Membership Committee

Chair: Bernadine Lennon, 570-857-0882
Plans and organizes programs for monthly meetings and special events; organizes refreshments.

Publishing Committee

Chair: Diane Smith, 610-865-9286
Develops and produces print and digital material; publishes *The Greene Hills of Home* and Society's newsletter; collects and transcribes oral histories.

Collections Committee Report

Thank you to the following Donors for items received from October 2018 through February 2019.

Howard Akers, Jr. Family: Gayle Koropshak, David Akers, Sharon Herzog - Items relating to Sgt. Howard Arthur Akers: WWII US Army uniform, display case of WWII Sgt Akers' U.S. Army memorabilia, various WWII photos and documents relating to his service, memorabilia from attendance at the dedication of National WWII Memorial 5/29/2004, Washington, D. C., copy of Sgt Akers' WWII experience for the *I Gave My Story*, Veterans History Project, Library of Congress.

Fran Drake - Carlton Drake Park site plans and map; John R. Frick Jr. various documents and certificates relating to his life, WWII dog tags; Photo: Pocono Fair - South Sterling, Pocono Gas Co., Cresco- service trucks; 3 unfinished tops from Madden & Son Stick Factory, South Sterling; LaVerne Drake: Various documents relating to his training class at Chanute Air Base 1952; 1904 Survey map of P.O.S.of A. lot by S.R. Rhodes; Postcard of Pocono Fair Kettle & Keg Restaurant; Various advertising cards and newspaper ads for local businesses.

Lyle Corey - Postcard album of local historic locations.

Patsy Gunton - 5 photographs of 1955 Flood; Photographs and various news articles about Mildred Eilenberger Snyder.

Julie Hazelton Dickerman - Donald Maurice Haag: Scrapbook ca. 1930, Mount Nittany Society metal, 1925 Diploma Greene-Dreher Community Vocational School; Photo: GDS Fair Octogenarians 1991, GDS Joint School trip to Washington, D.C. May 1956; Book: *The Pennsylvania Manual Vol. 83 1937, Ropp's New Commercial Calculator and Short Cut Arithmetic* 1906; S.R. & M. E. Hazelton Automobiles and Repair Shop

1938-39 receipt book; Various novelty items.

Fred & Lynn Weiland Kaupp - Handmade notebook made by Eleanor K. Caine with character sketches and names of friends on covers ca.1920; *El Verso Junior* cigar box.

Diana Lang - 2 photographs of 1955 Flood; Postcard of a colored winter scene, *Greetings From Newfoundland, PA*.

Bernadine Lennon-Book: *The Wallenpaupack Area Schools* by George J. Fluhr, 1988.

Mary Kay Logan - Manuscript: *A Sterling Idea* by Ronald T. Logan; Copies of letters written by Carolyn Potts as a guest at the Sterling Inn during the 1955 flood.

Mary Mahoney - Photo of 1905 Carlton family.

Suzanne Fretz McCool - Book: *Memoirs of Suzie Fretz McCool* by Suzanne Fretz McCool.

Ben & Kathy Nevin - 2 Ball pint canning jars with glass lids, wire bail closure, and wire handle basket; 1909 Hyman R. Miller calendar plate; "Connie's Fudge Ahead" sign ca. 1960.

Jill Porter; Brochures and rate schedules from The Glenwood boarding house ca.1914, 1916.

Bob Savage - Various games and party game books ca.1940:

Diane Smith - Book: *Could You Have Taught School in 1844?* by Jon S. Tandy, 2016.

Veteran History Project - Manfred and Christa Willsch, Ben and Kathy Nevin, Ruth Altemier, John Laird, Carol Loomis, John Napolitano, and Steve Drake.

The Princeton Connection

Member Joe Coffee is researching Greene-Dreher men and women who went to Princeton, NJ to work c. 1915 - 1930. While researching his family, Joe learned his father, Lewis Weiland, worked on a large estate, Edgerstoun. Other Greentown residents who also worked there were: Royal and Cora Krieger, Roscoe Miller, Oscar Olsommer, and Edward Wolff. There may be others who worked there. Anyone having information about the people listed above, their relatives or others who worked in the Princeton area is asked to contact Joe Coffee, 626 Austinville Rd, Troy PA 16947. 570-549-2210. Jnc11@msn.com.

2019 Family Reunions

Akers Family - June 9., Noon. Albertson Park, Stroudsburg Contact: Laurie Ward, laurie@wardhouse.org.

Beischer Family - June 29. 11:30. Moravian Church, Newfoundland, Contact Ruth Altemier;, raltelier@gmail.com.

Bortree Family - July 14, Noon. A. J. Carroll Home, Lake Ariel, PA. Contact: Sharon B. Carroll. sharoncarroll1@verizon.net.

Rohracker Family - July 20. Location: Dubois, PA Contact: Betty Roach. 570-676-4729.

The Icing on the Lake

100 years ago, the images below would have been a common scene in the winter. Ice was harvested for both residential and commercial use as a means of preserving perishable foods. Ice houses date before the invention of electricity or the modern refrigerator. The first documented ice house was recorded in Mesopotamia in 1780 BC! Ice could be stored for months in an ice house insulated with straw or sawdust.



For 26 years, ice has been harvested on Tobyhanna Mill Pond No. 1. This year it was harvested on a beautiful 20° Saturday in January. In years past, a Ford Model A or T engine powered ice cutting machines with a large 36" circular saw blade. In these photos, you see the machine cutting the ice after it has been scored in a grid pattern. If ice is deeper than the saw blade, cakes are separated with a spud bar or manually with an ice saw.



Once released, the ice cakes are maneuvered to and through the ice channel using pike poles. The poles push the cakes partially up a wooden ramp and a hoisting tong is attached to it. A horse-powered pulley raises the ice cake to the top of ice house where it is pushed down a ramp and stored. Max Hazelton along with his neighbors cut ice and filled his stone ice house on Hemlock Grove Rd, Greentown from 1938 to 1969. 100 tons of ice, which was sold to farmers and summer vacationers, could be stored there.

