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**Welcome to our
Newest Members**

- Jane Clauss
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**Haag's Mill Date Stone
"Final Resting Place"**



Director Ellen Drake, Greg Augustine, Director Bernadine Lennon and Kevin Henderson.

Greg Augustine and Kevin Hederson from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Environmental Unit, Dunmore presented the Haag's Mill Bridge date stone to the historical society on May 6. The Society was a consulting party on the bridge replacement project and requested preservation of the 1873 bridge date stone and keystone and for the new bridge to simulate the original stone arch design. The new bridge was completed in 2008. The original bridge keystone was incorporated in the base of an interpretive sign near the bridge.

Located in South Sterling, Haag's Mill Bridge was built in 1873 adjacent to Haag's Mill and paid for by the residents of Wayne County. Through the years, structural repair work was completed on the bridge; however, more recent bridge inspections identified major deficiencies requiring its replacement. Haag's Mill Bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.



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Business Partners help support our preservation and education programs including history programs for the 3rd and 4th grade students at Wallenpaupack South Elementary School. Contact us to learn how to become Business Partner.

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Our Spring plans and activities have come to fruition. We have tried to put in a new activity each season and offer different venues and educational opportunities for you to enjoy. Our recent bus tour of historic Ledgesdale is one of the first examples, and it turned out to be an informative and fun trip. The member and community support was great, and we thank everyone for their participation.

In July our Open House features Cub Scout Troop 129 and a flag ceremony. Representatives from the headquarters of the Patriotic Order Sons of America Organization will present us with a new American flag which will be raised during the ceremony. In addition, there will be a wildlife program and we will once again be offering our famous homemade pies and ice cream.

Our surprise for July is a Saturday program, "Tribute to the Ford Model T". Check your GDHS Event Calendars for other programs and activities in July and August. We will end our summer season with our display at the GDS fairgrounds where we hope to get lots of visitors enjoying the fair and perusing our display and sales tables in the Dr A.J. Simons Exhibit Hall.

Again, from the Board of Directors and myself we thank our members, business partners and community friends for your continued support and appreciation.

Jeanne Brown

Scouts Beautify Cemeteries



For the past several years, members of Girl Scout Troop 50749 have planted flowers at the Gilpin, Hazelton, and Kiptown Cemeteries under the direction of their leader and Society member, Tracy Stender. This year the flowers were donated by Growers Garden Center, Newfoundland. We thank Tracy and her scouts for the care they give the cemeteries. Business Partner Palazzi Landscaping Service sponsored the cemetery beautification project.

Family Reunions

Rohrbacker Family - July 20. Location: Dubois, PA Contact: Betty Roach. 570-676-4729.
Carlton Family - August 4, 12:30. Hemlock Grove Church, Greentown.
Contact: John Layton. Idlayton@ptd.net.

Genealogy and Cemetery Committee Report

Ruth Altemier, Chair

The Greene-Dreher Historical Society will be holding free Genealogy Workshops at Peggy Bancroft Hall (465 South Sterling Road, Route 191, South Sterling, PA) from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on October 3rd and November 7th. If you have relatives from Greene or Dreher township, we will help you search for any records we may have regarding your local family. Free WiFi will be available, so if you bring a laptop and have an [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) or other genealogy account, you will be able to access it from the hall.

May was Cemetery Month and we launched a Cemetery Restoration appeal for the care of four abandoned cemeteries the Society maintains in Greene and Dreher Townships - Hazelton, Kipptown, Simonstown and Wolfe. Your response has been beyond our expectation with nearly \$4,000 donated! We now have the funds to remove trees that threaten grave markers and stone walls in Kipptown Cemetery. And, we will be able to begin major work at Simonstown and Hazelton Cemeteries which also involves tree removal. Thank you so very much!

Cemetery Restoration "Donors"

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Ancestors by Elaine Perry	Robert Krieger
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The Hazelton Cemetery Descendants by Julie Hazelton & Pete Gebhart	
James Holmes by Walter Bennett	
Tom Kennedy by Laura Kennedy	

Note: Donations received after this newsletter is printed will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Local History Programs for Students



The historical society sponsored Cheryl Stratham (left), Director of Education and Programs, Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm who presented a program on 19th Century agriculture and preservation for Third Grade students, Wallenpaupack South Elementary School. This is the tenth year that we have sponsored Cheryl who is retiring from her position at Quiet Valley. We have enjoyed working with Cheryl and appreciate her tasty treats, which she generously brings to the students and wish her all the best. This program was sponsored by Business Partner Keystone Propane.



Wallenpaupack South Elementary School Fourth Grade students journeyed to Peggy Bancroft Hall on a beautiful sunny spring day to learn about chores children their age would have performed 100 years ago. Historical society docents guided students through five stations: wool carding and spinning, ice harvesting, two-man saw, butter making, and neck yoke. Each student was also provided a copy of *History of Newfoundland 1830-1880* written by Diane Smith. We thank Principal Kirsten, Fourth Grade Head Teacher Deborah Bigart, and our docents for their support. The Dime Bank sponsored the event.

Tour of Ledgedale

On May 4, we sponsored a tour of historic Ledgedale for 29 Society members and non-members. Ruth Altemier, Ellen Drake, Bernadine Lennon and Carla Smith led the tour which was sponsored by our Business Partner Edwards Sand and Stone.



The tour's first stop was Ledgedale Recreation Area where Bernadine Lennon presented the history of Lake Wallenpaupack and the Morss Tannery at Ledgedale which operated from 1849 to 1893, employing many Irish immigrants. Indian Rocks Property Owner's Association's Manager Harry Moore graciously permitted us to tour the Leonidas and Merilla Morss homestead (left) where the Morss's raised their eight children. Leonidas managed the Morss Tannery the entire time it operated. The third stop was Ledgedale Cemetery located in the Indian Rocks community. Ruth Altemier, Nancy Timm, Trudy Pickard, and Sam Conklin guided us through the genealogies of the families interred in the cemetery, many with German ancestry. Rob and Lisa Fry (below, front right of center) welcomed us to Cloud Hill Farm located at 136 Ledgedale Road. The white clapboard farmhouse is about 175 years old and has been owned by only two families - Simons and Fry. Thomas Simons built the house and his son, Henry, lived there until 1941 when it was sold to William and Mary Lynn Fry. The third generation of the Fry Family now owns, maintains and enjoys the property. At the tour's final stop, the Simons-Rumpf home, Ellen Drake presented the history of this beautiful two story stone house. It is one of the earliest homes built in Greene Township. Margaret Rumpf has owned the house since 1982 and faithfully maintains its historic integrity.



Recent Programs



From chestnuts to cemeteries, our program speakers had it all covered. John Wenderoth (left), past president of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, presented an interesting program in April on the American Chestnut Tree covering the cause of the tree's demise and what is being done to restore it. The American chestnut tree is an iconic species, much like the American elm and the white oak. Its loss in our eastern forests in the past century is considered by many to be the greatest ecological disaster in recent history. The mission of The American Chestnut Foundation (www.acf.org) is to restore the American chestnut to a level of ecological and economic significance by the next century. Eye Associates of Paupack was the program's Business Partner Sponsor.

Dick Teeter (right), owner of Teeter's Funeral Home and Furniture Store, recalled that five generations of the Teeter family have operated the two businesses located on the corner of Church and Main Streets in Hawley. Teeter's Funeral Home was established in 1849 by Richard Adam Teeter who made his own coffins and had apprenticed as a furniture builder and upholsterer. One interesting request of Teeter's Funeral Home was to relocate the graves in the Purdytown Cemetery located along the Wallenpaupack River. Pennsylvania Power and Light Company petitioned the courts in 1924 to move the cemetery prior to construction of Lake Wallenpaupack. Part of the application included documentation of the present and proposed location of Purdytown Cemetery. Teeter's Funeral Home was hired to move the remains from the cemetery to a location on higher ground at the back of the Purdy farm. Originally, it was thought there were about 20 graves in the cemetery; however, 54 graves were discovered. The cemetery is now owned and maintained by the Wallenpaupack Historical Society. The program was sponsored by Business Partner Peter Porter Realty.

Upcoming Programs & Events

July 13, 11:00 - 2:00: Open House. 11:30 - Cub Scout Pack 129 flag raising ceremony; Noon: "River Otter and Fisher Reintroduction in Pennsylvania" by Pennsylvania Game Commission; homemade pies and ice cream.

July 27, 1:00: "Tribute to the Ford Model T" – In 2018 Greentown residents Dale and Margo Rogers and other Ford Model T owners retraced part of the road trip of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John

Burroughs made in 1918. Joining them will be the Slo Pokes - a local group of Ford Model T owners.

August 5, 1:00: Presentation on the formation of Lake Paupac Club by resident Lili Cohan at Lake Paupac Clubhouse

August 10, 10:00 - 3:00: Civilian Conservation Corps Day, Masker Museum, Promised Land State Park.

Revisiting Lake Ariel Amusement Park



Combining his love of history and entertaining, life-long resident of Wayne County, Kurt Reed presented an informative history of Lake Ariel Amusement Park. In the mid to late 1800's, people traveled by Gravity Railroad to Jones Lake, as Lake Ariel was then known, to enjoy a picnic and swim. In the 1920s, amusement rides, a carousel, bumper cars, bingo, waterslides, wooden roller coasters, sandy beach and a picnic grove attracted up to 10,000 visitors daily with parking for 3,000 cars. Lake Ariel Park and beach continued through the 1930s. In World War II, the park closed temporarily. Damage to the park by Hurricane Diane in 1955 and the blizzard of 1958 wrecked the roller coaster and crushed the remaining rides. The park closed in 1958. The program was sponsored by Stone Silo Foods.

A Step Back in Time



Peg Reynolds Price and Pete Reynolds were our guests for Stories from the Past in May. Peg and Pete are siblings and the fifth generation to own and operate their great, great Aunt Ella Ehrhardt's general store in Newfoundland. They shared Ehrhardt genealogy, family anecdotes, family photographs and items from the store when Miss Ella operated it. Everything in the store today is original except the floors, which had to be replaced after the 1955 flood. The store's ceiling is most unusual with pieces of wood arranged to form geometric designs. The original wood pattern used to create the ceiling as well as the original glass display cases remain in the store. In the postcard above, the Ehrhardt home built in 1840 is seen to the left of the store and remains today in the loving care of Peg and Pete. The store has the Greek Revival influence with its front-gabled form and second-floor pediment doors and windows. Miss Ella would frequently be seen sitting on the store's second floor porch, watching the comings and goings in Newfoundland. We are so fortunate that Peg and Pete have kept the historic integrity of the general store and open its doors for all to enjoy. We thank Business Partner Holly Ross Pottery for sponsoring this event.

Society Business

We are soliciting names for the Society's newsletter. The person whose newsletter name is selected will receive a complimentary 2020 membership! Please submit your suggestions by September 1 to Bernadine Lennon, 570-857-0882 or info@greenedreherhs.org.

It seems only yesterday that we voted for the 2019 Society's officers and board of directors but beginning in August, we will be accepting nominations for the 2020 board of directors with voting in November. Please contact Vice President Carla Smith at info@greenedreherhs.org for information regarding the nominating process.

Thank you to the following donors for expanding our knowledge of our community.

Ruth Altemier - Photo Hemlock Grove Methodist Church 1952; Honesdale National Bank Historic Wayne County 1999 Calendar; Wallenpaupack Area High School 1988 Junior-Senior prom booklet.

Greg Augustine, Environmental Unit, PennDOT Engineering District 4-0, Dunmore - Haag's Mill Bridge Date Stone 1873; Haag's Mill Bridge Poster with narrative of bridge's history and 2003 replacement project; Haag's Mill reconstruction statistics, 7 photo copies of the bridge in process and at completion of replacement, 4 copies of the general plan and elevation for the precast arch bridge dtd 4/3/2006.

Fran Drake - Class of 1946, 50th reunion information and photos; Photos: Rebekah Lodge Ladies of Paupack 25th anniversary with unknown date, Lila Drake's 80th birthday, Mildred Snyder's 90th birthday.

Bernadine Lennon - 19 Vintage canning jars; Large copper kettle with 2 stirring paddles; Badge Patriotic Order Sons of America, Washington, Camp No., 422, South Sterling, with circular medallion with an image of George Washington kneeling at Valley Forge; Postcard: two young women, writing on reverse side, Ella Shafer, Ella Velkline, South Sterling, PA Wayne Co.; Photo: Newfoundland High School, 10th grade class, October 18, 1916.

David Meyer - Various items relating to Theresa Meyer and son David Meyer, ca.1960.

Diane Smith - Navy uniform for Albert E. Smith, Chief Petty Officer, USN, 1939 - 1945.

Manfred & Christa Willsch - Vintage portable Singer sewing machine in wood carrying case; Drop leaf, finished wood table; Hand-made crewel embroidered tablecloth from Germany, ca. 1970.

John Young - Various news clippings of local and international interest, ca. 1970.

Correction - The Howard Arthur Akers Family names listed in the Spring Newsletter donations list were misspelled and not noted correctly. The notation should read: Sharon Akers Herzog, Gayle Akers Koropchak and David Walter Akers. Our apologies to the family.

Speaking of Collections...



Our faithful volunteers collected trash along Route 507 in April. Thanks to Ginny Burns, Ted Nakielny, Bob Savage, Kathleen Simmonds, Barry Moore, Joanne Brogan and "our leader" Jeanne Brown.