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**Welcome to our
Newest Members**

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Celebrating Historic Preservation



Fairway Grille, Buck Hill Falls was the setting for our Holiday Luncheon and 2019 Historic Preservation Awards. Pictured above are Greene-Dreher Historical Society President Jeanne Brown; Linda Jones McKee and Richard Carey representing Lake Paupac Club; Directors Bernadine Lennon and Ruth Altemier; and Jeff Martin and Judy Peters, owners of the Peter and Emma Marsch Farmhouse. Missing from the photograph is Emily Fulton, President of Lake Paupac Club.

Lake Paupac Club

In 1949, a group of friends purchased Lake Paupac, forming the nucleus of the future Lake Paupac Club. The 1,200 acre property included cottages and a former 19th century boarding house which had been enlarged and incorporated into a lodge during the mid 1920s. Under Lake Paupac Club stewardship, the American Craftsmen style lodge has maintained its overall historic integrity. With thoughtful land use planning, Lake Paupac Club continues the vision of its founders to preserve the natural beauty of the land and the pristine lake it surrounds.

Dr. Jeffrey Martin

Dr. Jeffrey Martin is recognized for maintaining the historic integrity of the Peter and Emma Marsch farmhouse on Valley View Road, Greentown. Dr Martin's great, great grandparents, Jacob and Marie Marsch, immigrated from Germany to Greentown in the mid-1800s. It was probably after their son Peter married Emma Pasold in 1877 that the farmhouse was built and later enlarged to serve as a boarding house, "Marsch Villa". For over 100 years, the house has had the same footprint with clapboard siding, so common to area farmhouses.

2019

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President's Message



As the last message for the 2019 season, I want to thank our members for their loyal support. Your membership, donations and volunteer time continue to keep our organization thriving, and you are definitely our best source of encouragement. You have made our Society what it is today and what it stands for in our community.

Special thanks to our 2019 Business Partners who gave us that extra boost by providing the financial support needed for several of our programs and events. We hope they are also benefiting as we recognize their contributions in print and social media and encourage our members to "shop local."

I would also like to acknowledge my Board of Directors. Their individual talents and enthusiasm for the Society's well being is a gratifying experience. They are a challenge and pleasure to work with, and I especially appreciate their unwavering sense of humor when difficult situations arise.

On a sad note I regret to inform you of two recent losses to our community: Bob Lederer, mentioned below, passed away on November 22nd and George Stone on December 8th. George Stone was a long-time benefactor of our organization. He was instrumental in our purchase of Peggy Bancroft Hall in 2006 and supported our endeavors to preserve the integrity of the historic village of LaAnna. He will be honored in the Winter/Spring issue of *The Greene Hills of Home*.

Happy Holidays and may you have a safe and wonderful Winter. I look forward to greeting you at our March 2nd Soup Luncheon which will be held at Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church, Greentown

Jeanne Brown

Remembering our Members



Bob Lederer passed away at his home on November 22, 2019. He was very active in the Greene-Dreher community serving on the GDS Fair Board of Directors, Wayne County Area of Aging Advisory Board, Dreher Township Planning Commission, American Legion Post 859, Newfoundland Lions Club and Wayne County Food Bank. Additionally, Bob served on the Greene-Dreher Historical Society Board of Directors for the past eleven years where he was active on the Society's Facilities and Finance Committees.

We thank Bob's friends who have donated in his memory.

We also note the passing of the following Society members since December 2018:

Lyle Corey, Burton Gilpin, Bliss Arneberg Ireland, Robert Lederer, John Manhart, Howard Phillips, Madeleine Walter Drake Reilly, George Stone, Frances Wreski, and Julie Krautter Yatsosky.

Please contact the newsletter editor regarding omissions to the above listing and provide a copy of the obituary. Since many of our members live out of the area, we are not always aware of their passing and regret any oversight.

Local History Seminars Conclude



We take this opportunity to thank the following guest speakers who presented programs in their respective areas of interest during our Local History Seminars held weekly, September 11 - November 6: Cliff Robinson (left), President, Delaware and Hudson Canal and Gravity Railroad Conservancy and author of *CoalBoat*; James Asselstine, Director, Dorflinger Factory Museum (center); Carol Dunn, Executive Director, and Ann O'Hara, past president, Wayne County Historical Society; Ingrid Peterec, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River; Kristen Brown, President, Wallenpaupack Historical Society and Lori Strelecki, Executive Director, Pike County Historical Society; Jon Tandy, Bernadine Lennon and D. J. Roberts. From participants' feedback, the seminars were very successful in increasing awareness of our local history. We hope to continue offering Local History Seminars in 2020.

Grave Matters, Cemeteries Matter



On October 19, we hosted our second annual *Grave Matters* program on a beautiful fall afternoon. This year Ellen Drake (left) presented the "History of Halloween" at Peggy Bancroft Hall while Ruth Altemier (center) conducted a tour of historic Kiptown Cemetery, the first cemetery in Greene Township. Participants were given an overview of the extensive work the Society has done to restore and preserve the cemetery.

We want to thank our Cemetery Adopters who take care of the four abandoned cemeteries that we have chosen to preserve. For many years, Ed and Linda Kramer have cared for Kiptown Cemetery (also known as Old Greentown Cemetery). Shown above right are Ruth Altemier, Carol Homeyer and Mary Mahoney who spent some time this fall cleaning the grave markers in Kiptown Cemetery. Maintaining Simonstown Cemetery is Virginia Burns. We hope to devote more resources to assist Ginny in 2020. Bryan Parry who lives near Hazelton Family Cemetery on Peet Road has cared for that cemetery for several years. Hidden in the woods on Huckleberry Hill is the Wolfe Family Cemetery cared for by Donna Velentino. These volunteers remove vegetation and debris and mow at least 3 times a year. Many others also help with cemetery maintenance, and we thank you all for your support!

We had several donors who had homes, attics and barns to clear out this year. We realize the difficulties and memories involved in this process. Thank you for entrusting these items to the Society so we can share these life stories with future generations.

Ruth and Roger Altemier - Full page article, *The Wayne Independent*, Honesdale, July 13, 1988, re: The Greene-Dreher Volunteer Fire Assoc.

Richard and Joan Bancroft - Back issues of *Greene Hills of Home*, Volumes 3-32; Nov. 1898 Greene Twp. List of Voters; Photo of the bridge over the "Deep Hole", off Rte. 191, Newfoundland; 1899 Minutes to organize the LaAnna Methodist Church, M.O. Smith, Secretary; Newfoundland Encampment #219 I.O.O.F. 1871 list of first officers and members; 1857 Deed: Richard Gilpin and Wife to LaAnna Methodist Church; Lyrics to "Dear Old Wayne" from Almeda Gilpin.

Scot Brown - 1957 letter regarding discontinuance of Angel's post office; c. 1920 Vaudeville Program from B. F. Keith's Theater, Washington, D. C.; Leather pony clamp; 3 wooden shoe forms used by James Lorimer, shoe maker, table apple peeler.

Molly Burke - Haubert Theatre poster.

Fran Drake - American Legion Auxiliary citation 2000-2001; American Legion citation for membership; Graduation Exercises Greene-Dreher School 1946; Photos: 1946 Graduation Class in caps and gowns, Washington, D.C. 1946 class trip; Commemoration for LaVerne Drake from Tobyhanna for 40 years of excellence, with medallion; Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge, No. 559 Newfoundland, charge book for Lila V. Drake, Dec. 2, 1943.

Shirley Eggert - Gene "Mac" Burke Fund, First National Bank of Newfoundland Bank Envelope.

Juan & Mildred Espino - WW1 items: U. S. Army helmet, pair of U. S. Army puttees (leggings), American Red Cross ditty bag.

Bernadine Lennon - DVD: *Peoples of the Susquehanna River*.

Ben and Kathy Nevin - Items from Nevin family home and barn c. 1880-1950: Various farm equipment, tools; Spiked halter for a calf; 2 Cow bells; Childs set of wooden skis; Circular saw blade and wooden fly wheel from the Nevin saw mill; Grinding stone on stand; Horse (hames) harnesses; Bridle with set of long reins; Horse drawn cultivator; Bung hole cutter; Wooden barrel; Ice ax; Logging chains with hooks; 1 pulley; 2 baseball uniforms: Newfoundland Athletics team; Victorian framed charcoal portrait drawing of a Nevin woman; Bissell "Cyco" Ball

Bearing Carpet Cleaner; Ford automobile rebate ad c. 1915; Dairylea cheese box, White Owl Hunting Club "No Trespassing" sign; Vintage woman's clothing; Current events news condensed newspapers Oct. 1928 to May 1930 compiled by Meta Nevin, 8th grade Greene-Dreher Vocational School.

Patriot Security Solutions - 5 framed narratives on individuals or areas in Wayne County; 1 plaque Visitor Information Center, Greentown acknowledging individuals who helped organize the center; and 7 poster-boards with scenes of Wayne County communities.

Jill Porter - Booklet *A Guide to Wartime Cooking*, H.J. Heinz Co, Pittsburgh, PA c. 1943; War Ration Book, Kathryn E. Gilpin, Farmerette, age 15; 1924 Calendar with photo of the Emory Gilpin Home, LaAnna; 2 pocket size memorandum account books 1881-possibly from the LaAnna Lumber Mill, employee payments; 1939 class picture of students sitting at desks, Kathryn E. Gilpin standing in the back row.

Susan Reichman - *Manual for Noncommissioned Officers and Privates of Infantry of the Army of the United States*. 1917. Document 574, War Department.

Carl Rose - 3 large tri-fold display boards with historic documents and postcards from Greene, Dreher, Sterling townships c. 1900; Panther Post Office photograph of interior window and miscellaneous letters, documents: 1840 Sunday School book from Nobletown Church; Thomas Noble, Sterling deeds dated 1843, 1868 and 1892 deeds to David Noble, Daniel Noble, and Mrs. A.J. Noble.

Ron Rothrock/Lake Paupac Club - Chestnut piece, part of the black board from the Greentown (also known as Kiptown) one room school, c. 1847.

Brenda Staples- Postcards, Ferncrest Boarding House, So. Sterling, c. 1940.

Paul & Karen Tetor - Book: *Barrett and Back: From Buck Hill to Vietnam and Home*, by John L. Styk. June 2013.

Wayne County Historical Society - Constitution and By-Laws of the Greene-Dreher Volunteer Fire Association of Newfoundland; Books: *History of Wayne County (1798-1998)* by Walter B. Barbe and Kurt A. Reed c.1998; *Wayne County, PA -Historic Buildings and the Rural Landscape*, Drawings by William Amptman, Wayne County Historical Society, c. 2004.

Route 507 Fall Clean-Up

Participating in the fall clean-up of a section of Route 507 adopted by Greene-Dreher Historical Society were Carol Homeyer, Kathleen Simmonds, Virginia Burns, Jeanne Brown and Bob Savage. Due to inclement weather, the clean-up date was postponed and fewer volunteers were available. Even so, eleven bags of garbage were collected. We thank our volunteers for participating in a worthy cause.

Every spring and fall, historical society volunteers pick up litter along two miles of Route 507 in Greentown. Please contact Jeanne Brown if you want to volunteer.



Genealogy and Cemetery Committee

Ruth Altemier, Chair

Genealogy Workshop. Our Genealogy group will resume Ancestry.com training on February 6, 2020 at the Newfoundland Public Library, 6:45 pm until about 9 pm. The Library has access to Ancestry.com to Library members at any time. Our Genealogy Committee will be on hand to help you start your quest for your ancestors, give you guidance, or any other genealogy questions that you may have. We will also be meeting at the Library March 5 and April 2, same time. Put it on your new calendars now! Call Valerie or Mark @ 570-676-9166 for more information.



Holiday Wreath Making. Once again, we had a tremendous response to our homemade wreath fundraiser. Orchestrating the entire project was Roger Altemier who cut the Norway Spruce trees which would become material for the wreaths. Assisting Roger in cutting the boughs to proper length were Steve Drake, Gary Gardsy and Bernadine Lennon. Several days later, the assembly line for creating the wreaths convened in Roger and Ruth Altemier's garage. Helping with the wreath making were Linda Kramer, Roger and Ruth Altemier, Ellen Drake, Jackie Drake, Enza Dunn, Carla Smith, Jeanne Brown, and Paul and Karen Tetor. In all, it took over 70 volunteer hours from cutting the trees to creating and distributing the wreaths. We thank the volunteers and those who supported us financially in this successful and fun event!

The Mysterious Osage Orange



Not far from Peggy Bancroft Hall, you will see large softball sized yellow-green fruit along the roadside in the fall. Resembling an orange in texture, it is the fruit of the Osage Orange tree. Society member Ann Wiedenman, who has studied woodland plants and their uses, presented a brief history of the tree at our November meeting. Native to North America, the name "Osage" is derived from the Osage Native Americans from whom young trees were first obtained as told in the notes of explorer Meriwether Lewis in 1804. Its original habitat was in the Red River area of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and was commonly planted as a tree row windbreak in the prairie states where it is known as the "hedge apple". Bows were made from its straight-grained wood by Native Americans. The sharp-thorned trees were planted as hedges before the introduction of barbed wire. How the Osage Orange tree came to our area is a mystery.

October Open House



Our annual Jammin' Jelly Fall Open House on October 12 featured Doug Smith and his Dixieland Band, local author book signing, and homemade jams and jellies for sale.

For the second year, we hosted talented local authors with their recent publications. The three authors featured this year were professional photographer and author Michael Gadomski, author and member Susan Reichman, and member Bernadine Lennon with her new book, *Greene-Dreher in the Great War*, published this year by the Greene-Dreher Historical Society. Authors chatted with members and guests as they browsed the many interesting books on display and offered for sale.

Volunteers conducted tours of the museum, barn, and outbuildings and served hot dogs and sauerkraut, doughnuts and cider to members and guests. As in past years, delicious homemade jams and jellies, generously donated by our members, were offered for sale. The Open House was well-attended with many first-time visitors.

Honoring our Veterans



Students from Wallenpaupack South Elementary School sang patriotic songs for our members and veterans in attendance at our November 4 meeting. The students were led by music teacher Lisa Holden. It is always heart-warming to welcome the young people of our community and see their enthusiasm and talent. We are so proud of them!