



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

2016 Historic Preservation Awards



Carroll Krautter is the Individual Recipient of our 2016 Historic Preservation Award for sharing his extensive knowledge of the history of our community and its farming methods of the mid 1800s and early 1900s. He has devoted his life to promoting the family farm in our community and continues to farm the same land that his mother's parents had farmed.

As a child, Carroll grew up on the outskirts of Newfoundland, the son of F. Carroll and Kathryn Krautter, and spent much of his time at his grandparents' farm on Stoney Lonesome Road, learning the main skills a farmer must have - cultivating the land, raising crops, caring for farm animals - as well as related skills such as carpentry and mechanics.

While still in high school, he raised and entered prize-winning cattle in the Greene-Dreher Sterling Fair. He has continued to be involved in the fair, holding leadership positions and promoting the agricultural lifestyle.

Carroll readily shares his knowledge of antique farm tools, equipment and farming methods, has donated very rare antique items from his own collection that had once been used on the farm and helped restore them to working condition. He continues to help us understand and appreciate early farming methods and farm life and their valuable lessons that are still relevant today.

The Simons Homestead is the recipient of our 2016 Historic Preservation Award for a Residential Property. The property is owned by Marge Rumpf who has maintained the historic integrity of the historic house since purchasing the property in 1982. This two-story stone, residential building is the earliest structure standing since the formation of Greene Township in 1839.

Located at the corner of Simonstown and Schoolhouse Roads, the property on which the home stands was purchased by James Simons, Jr in 1806. It remained in the Simons Family until 1905. Marge is the eighth owner of the house and, other than the Simons Family, has owned it for the longest period of time. She has taken great care to maintain the historic integrity of the interior and exterior of the house.

The outer walls are 18" thick. Four large, original fieldstone fireplaces grace each room in the house. Warming ovens can still be seen on either side of one fireplace which had been the kitchen hearth. Second floor bedrooms also have original fieldstone fireplaces. The grounds are nicely landscaped with perennial flowers.

Caring for an historic house is a unending labor of love and hard work. Through her preservation efforts over 34 years, Marge has ensured the Simons Homestead stands proudly as a reminder of and tribute to our early settlers.

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

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President's Message

It has been a very successful and enjoyable year for the Society. Our programs, events and publications fulfilled our mission to celebrate and preserve our unique history, thus assuring that the legacy of past generations are guiding our present and future. None of this could be accomplished without our generous and loyal members. I appreciate your continuing support through your membership renewals, additional donations, and your welcome presence at our meetings and activities.

Our Business Partners have also made a significant contribution to our goals by funding specific programs designed to educate and inform our community. I encourage you to remember them by supporting their businesses and services.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Whether you served on the Board of Directors, participated on one or more of our committees, or helped with our various projects, I thank you all for your time and dedication this past year. With your help, we have accomplished our goals and maintained our premises. It is a privilege to work with such talented and knowledgeable individuals.

The reelection of our Board of Directors and Officers for 2017 is an endorsement by the membership that we have served the Society well. As pleased as we are to return to our positions, we would welcome new individuals with fresh ideas and viewpoints. Please consider joining or recommending someone to this core group.

I look forward to seeing you at our Soup Luncheon on March 3, when we will be pleased to share with you our 2017 Calendar of Events and announce the beginning of an engaging new season. In the meantime, please have a safe and delightful winter!

Jeanne Brown

2017 Board of Directors

Your board officers and directors for next year are: Jeanne Brown, President; Carla Smith, Vice President; Linda Kramer, Secretary; Bernadine Lennon, Treasurer; Ruth Altemier, Ellen Drake, Bob Lederer, Tom Parry, Jill Porter and Diane Smith.

Director Ted Nakielny has stepped down from the Board of Directors. We thank him for his commitment to the board these past three years. He has been an enthusiastic member who has helped guide and complete major renovation projects to the Peggy Bancroft Hall, our outdoor buildings and barn. Though he will not be a board member he assured us he will still be available to volunteer which is much appreciated.

GDHS on the Road



Greene-Dreher Historical Society Directors Diane Smith and Bernadine Lennon were invited to present the history of the Newfoundland Settlement to the Wallenpaupack Historical Society in August. German immigrants settled Newfoundland in the 1830s and families from the Newfoundland and Paupack settlements eventually intermarried. We appreciated the opportunity to share our rich history with our neighbors.

Monthly Program Summary



We had interesting and entertaining programs this year which were made possible by the following Business Sponsors: *The Dime Bank, F. A. Madden & Son, First Impression Construction, Dirlam Brothers Lumber and Greentown Agway.* Members of the Wallenpaupack South Elementary School 4th and 5th grade chorus (left) entertained us with patriotic music for our November program. John Robbins' (right) presentation on the history of Buck Hill Inn brought many visitors to his program. John, whose family has lived in the Buck Hill community for three generations, documented the growth of the inn from its simple Quaker beginnings through historic postcards and photographs.



Suzanne Urton (left) is a weaver, teacher, archivist and one of our new 2016 members. She explained the history of dyeing in Europe, Asia and America and the procedures used for natural dyeing in early the early American colonies including how wool was prepared for dyeing, mordants, types of plants used for dyeing and problems that arise when using plant dyes. Homer Butler (right) was our guest speaker for September's Stories from the Past. Homer has been doing genealogy research sine he was 16 and was a founding member of the Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. He can trace his ancestors from England to New England and then to Northeast Pennsylvania.

Celebrating LaAnna

On September 12 we traveled south to the village of LaAnna, named after LaAnna Dietz Houck who, with her husband Nathan, settled there in the mid 1800s. Society Director Jill Porter presented the village's history to members and guests who relaxed on the lawn of the former John (Nathan's son) and Mary Houck homestead and which is now owned Briton and Netchen Thomas who graciously permitted the us to hold the program there. President and LaAnna resident Jeanne Brown recounted the Society's involvement with the Stone, Kaier, Phipps and Thomas Families to repair the historic Houck Dam in 2007 - 2008 which required working with Federal, state and local regulatory and environmental agencies. Following the program, we enjoyed refreshments under a canopy of fall colors. In conjunction with the program, *About LaAnna* by Naivette Gilpin Harlow, originally published in 1976 and edited in 2016 with additional photographs by Diane Smith, debuted and is available from the historical society and at Greentown Agway. *Holley Ross Pottery* located in LaAnna sponsored this event.



2016 Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair

Our theme for this year's GDS Fair was the history of Newfoundland which was presented through a series of historic photographs and narrative displays prepared by Diane Smith and Jeanne Brown and sponsored by *Blueberry Hill Furniture Village*. Our dedicated volunteers greeted visitors, answered questions and enrolled nine new members in the historical society. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the GDS Fair. Please join us in the celebration!



Fall Festival



Mother Nature blessed us with a beautiful day for our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10 which was sponsored by *Silver Birches Resort*. Society directors guided guests through the society's museum and outdoor exhibits while Genealogy Chair, Ruth Altemier fielded genealogy inquiries. Our Refreshment Committee provided delicious seasonal treats and outdoor music was provided by society member Doug Smith and his Jazz Quintet. For nearly 50 years, Doug has performed at numerous venues in Northeast Pennsylvania. In addition to the Jazz Quintet, he leads the "Doug Smith's Dixieland All-Stars". A talented musician in his own right, Doug has conducted the house band at Skytop Lodge on weekends since 1990. We appreciate Doug's generosity in sharing his gift of music with us. Joining us were Business Sponsor Don Olsommer (*Olsommer-Clarke Insurance Group*) and his wife Alene shown, below right, with director Diane Smith.



Upcoming events

December 3, 9:00 - 3:00, WSES PTO Craft Fair. Stop at our table and see Ruth Altemier and Ellen Drake. We're offering gift memberships and gift items.

December 12 & 19 - "Make a Difference Mondays", The Hotel, Newfoundland. 10% of proceeds benefit GDHS.

January 4, 2017 @ 7 PM - GDHS genealogy group meetings will be held at Ruth Altemier's. If you are interested in looking into your genealogy or helping with the Society's genealogy projects including our Property Identifying Project give Ruth a call @ 570-676-4354.

Beginning January 2017, the genealogy group will be making appointments at the Newfoundland Library for anyone interested in their family genealogy and history. Call Ruth Altemier for an appointment!



Our intrepid group of volunteers collected 11 bags of litter along Routh 507 for the fall Adopt-A-Highway. Thanks to Judy Diacik, Bernadine Lennon, Margo Rogers, Bob Savage, Jeanne Brown and Barry Moore.

Collection Committee Report

Jeanne Brown, Chair, 570-676-3443

Thank you for contributions to our artifact, photograph, genealogy and subject research files. Your memorabilia helps the Society piece together our community's varied lifestyles from the past and interpret it for present and future generations. Thanks to Collection Committee members for their dedication in managing, researching and displaying our collections. They are Sue Noyes, Helen Gardsy, George McMullin, Carroll Krautter, Marion Savage, Diane Smith (image management and graphics), Bernadine Lennon (Veterans History Project) and Suzanne Urton, our newest member.

Ruth and Roger Altemier - Greene-Dreher Vol. Fire Assn. #23 and Newfoundland Ambulance Association Patches c. 1970; 4 DVD's on European immigration; braided rug made by Ethel E. Beischer (1906-1988); two Penny/Button rugs made by Jane L. (Burrus) Beischer (1865-1951).

Joan Bancroft - 920 Keystone yearbook; 1963 WAHS Athena yearbook; 1949-1956 Journal of Camp Hemlock in South Sterling; Peggy Bancroft's Greene Township Historical Society meeting agenda notebook; miscellaneous news clippings, documents and lists regarding *The Greene Hills of Home*; layout copy of tourist map *Wayne and Pike Counties Resorts, Hunting, Sports*; copy of 1856 Pike County warrantee tract map by John Cross.

Harry L. Batzel, Jr - Charles Batzel family tree; US Navy memorabilia and photographs.

Carol Cunningham - Painted scale-model wood barn, silo, people and animals with patterns and instructions from August 1952 *Women's Day* hand-crafted by donor.

Suzanne Bortree Custred - Moravian books and pamphlets from the German Valley Moravian Church.

Fran Drake - Various postal covers and stamps from the South Sterling Post Office; LaVerne Ray Drake Greene-Dreher-Sterling school work book, progress cards, and tests, 1948.

Sharon Estes - Vintage cookbooks, 1920's-1950's.

Art Frey - 1902 photograph of Harry and William Wert.

Carroll Krautter - Wooden work bench 2'x8'x4" single slab wood top c. 1850 from Leon and Eliza (Beischer) Heberling's farm in Panther; draw knife; wood mallet; fire-place trammel; table mounted grinding wheel; wood bench clamp; small oil can; grinding stone pad in wood box; crosscut #8 hand saw.

Jane Lashley - Sears Roebuck & Co. miniature reproductions 1920 and 1923 catalogues; 1955 Flood newspapers.

Bernadine Lennon - Research papers on abandoned oil well on Haag property; postcard of A. L. Haag's residence; Birds' Eye view of Newfoundland, 1910, Summit Farm in Greentown, PA 1938; DVD *She Painted the World, The Life of Jennie Brownscombe*.

David Meyer - Quilting patterns and booklets from Gladys C. Meyer.

Jenny Burke Mondro - Pocono Playhouse program and ticket stub; Southern Wayne Joint High School Commencement program and ticket; Wallenpaupack Area High School 1963 Baccalaureate and Commencement programs and ticket; 1902 Marriage booklet for Frank A. and Elsie Gilpin Madden; 1940 Greene-Dreher Vocational Keystone yearbook; Greene-Dreher-Sterling Stags pennant.

Nancy Lovrin Osieski - 1964 playbill for Newfoundland Musical Theater.

Jill Porter - PA teachers certificate for Ivison A. Gilpin, June 24, 1903; Paper doll cutouts, c. 1940; Business ledgers from the LaAnna area, c. 1860s to early 1900s; Ivison Gilpin test booklet for Chemistry; *Traditions of Wallenpaupack* by Helen M. Cooke; family photographs of the Houck/Gilpin family; Gilpin Pine Grove Cemetery deeds; land tract deed for lumbering rights, 1879; hand-drawn map of Sterling 1872; various documents and receipts from the Gilpin family; Hensel colored postcard #784 of scenic dam and waterfall stitched into fiber art frame; recipe book from the Dunning family boardinghouse in South Sterling; Greene-Dreher Vocational School *Broadcaster* journals: Nov. 1938, Oct. and June 1939, May 1946; Woltjen Lumber Co. advertising pamphlet; Elementary school test and practice booklet.

Sandra Rutkowski - *Descendants of: Angeline Hortense (Butler) Brown and John L. Brown of Sterling & Salem Townships, Wayne County, Pennsylvania and Niagara Falls* authored by donor.

Neil Schleiker - Copies of photographs of the Rohrbacker, Robacker and Schleiker families, c. 1890 to 1940.

Diane Smith - Green cut-glass souvenir plate with "Greentown" and leaf border, designed and cut by Florenze Singer.

Milo Stoddard - Newfoundland Dairy milk bottle; printer blocks of Patriotic Order Sons of America symbols.

Wallenpaupack Historical Society - Postcard scenes of Greentown, Newfoundland, and LaAnna.

Inge Yeich - *Illustrated Book of Steam and Rail* by Colin Garratt and Wade Matthews.

Veterans History Project

Bernadine Lennon, Coordinator, 570-857-0882

Many thanks members and friends who have submitted Veteran Biographical Forms and/or photos: Don Barnes, Harry Batzel Jr, Terry Baughan, Tim Baughan, Tom Berger, Charles Burroughs, Linda Clancy, Larry Cross, Jack Decker, Frank Dressler, George Geiges, Doris Goerlitz, Patsy Gunton, Bliss Ireland, Blanche Berger Luedeke, Frank Madden, Tom Madden, Ben Nevin, Sue Noyes, Trudy Pickard, Madeleine Reilly, Bob Savage, Fred Schoenagel, Peggy Schoenagel, Carla Smith, Madeline Walter, Mary Jane Walter and Vernon Yeich. We have 130 completed forms for our local veterans! Contact Bernadine Lennon (570-857-0882, balennon@att.net) for Veteran Biographical Forms or additional information.