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### Welcome to our Newest Members

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### *Greene-Dreher in the Great War* A Tribute to the Men and Women of World War



Author Bernadine Lennon and President Jeanne Brown

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce our new publication *Greene-Dreher in the Great War* by Bernadine Lennon. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of America's entry into World War I, this unique book tells the stories of 142 local men and women who served in the Great War.

Based on extensive research, the book includes a biography for each veteran that describes where they trained, the units they were assigned to, and where they served. In doing so, it provides an overview of America's role in the war as seen through the eyes of these young men and women. Hundreds of color images complement and enhance the narrative. The veterans' biographies also include information about their families and their post-war lives after they returned home.

We believe the book will be of interest to genealogists, historians, and descendants of veterans whose stories are in the book. For more information, please visit our website or contact us with any questions.

Jeanne Brown  
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- Friend the Society's **[Facebook](#)** page. We are a registered charity on **[Amazon Smile](#)**.

## Community Local History Seminars

Our Local History Seminars have been well attended. Topics follow the area's history from the Paleolithic Period through the construction of Lake Wallenpaupack. The remaining seminars will be held Wednesdays at 7 PM at Peggy Bancroft Hall and are open to Society members and non-members: Canals, Oct 16; Early Settlements in the Wallenpaupack Valley, Oct 23; Glass Industry, Oct 30; Creation of Lake Wallenpaupack, Nov 6. Please contact Seminar Facilitator Bernadine Lennon for more information (balennon@att.net or 570-857-0882).



Ingrid Petererec, Chief of Interpretation, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, National Park Service was our first seminar speaker and spoke about the people who inhabited Northeast Pennsylvania before the Europeans arrived and the Lenape. The following week, Jon Tandy described the land controversy between Pennsylvania and Connecticut in the 1700s which led to the Pennamite Wars. During the following weeks, the histories of Wayne and Pike Counties were presented by Carol Dunn and Ann O'Hara (Wayne County Historical Society) and Kristen Brown (Wallenpaupack Historical Society) and Lori Strelecki (Pike County Historical Society).

## Genealogy and Cemetery Committee

**Deed Search Class:** October 17, 7PM - 9PM, Peggy Bancroft Hall (465 South Sterling Road, Route 191, South Sterling, PA). Jon Tandy will cover terms and techniques involved in searching modern deeds back to the initial patents issued by the Commonwealth Land Office.

**Genealogy Workshop:** November 5, 7PM - 9PM, Peggy Bancroft Hall. 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](#) or other genealogy account, you will be able to access it from the hall.

For more information about either of the above, contact Ruth Altemier, 570-676-4354.



We will once again be offering fresh 20" Norway Spruce wreaths for the holidays made by historical society members. Proceeds from sales help defer costs of maintenance of our four abandoned cemeteries. Suggested donation for each wreath is \$15.00. Order forms will be available in mid October. Wreaths can be picked up at Peggy Bancroft Hall on November 30, 10am - Noon.

# Genealogy and Cemetery Committee

Ruth Altemier, Chair



We are grateful for the response to our May Cemetery Restoration appeal which raised \$5,565.00 from the donors listed below. With this money we removed ten trees that threatened grave markers and stone walls in Kipptown Cemetery. The photos above show the cemetery before and after tree removal and after years of continual maintenance by cemetery volunteers who reset grave markers and mowed the grass. We were also able to hire a lawn service to supplement our volunteer in mowing Simonstown Cemetery this summer. Thank you so very much!

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## July Open House



We had a beautiful day for our July Open House. Members of Cub Scout Pack 129 and Boy Scout Troop 158 and representatives from the National Headquarters of the Patriotic Order Sons of America (POS of A) raised the new American flag donated by the POS of A and a new Pennsylvania state flag donated by State Representative Mike Peifer. Following the ceremony, Pennsylvania Game Commission Northeast Region biologist Kevin Wenner presented the program "River Otter and Fisher Reintroduction in Pennsylvania". Guests toured the museum and outdoor exhibits and enjoyed ice cream made by Scot Swingle. We thank our bakers who provided delicious homemade pies and cookies.

## Tribute to the Model T

On August 19, 1918 Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs were guests at the Summit Inn near Uniontown, Pennsylvania. From there, they embarked with their Ford Model T's on a road trip adventure through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee and Virginia. 100 years later to the day, Greentown residents Dale and Margo Rogers along with other Ford Model T owners retraced some of that historical journey. On July 27, Dale and Margo recounted their commemorative trip last year. They arrived in their beautifully restored Model T which had made the journey. Joining us were several other antique car enthusiasts who shared their vehicle restoration stories.



## Minnesota Sewing Machine



Volunteer Barry Moore gave this Minnesota Sewing Machine (Model H) the tender loving care it needed to operate -- just a little WD30! The treadle machine, built in 1949 and mounted in its original wooden cabinet, was donated by Society member Barbara Blitz.

Minnesota Sewing Machines were the primary sewing machine trade name for many years of sewing machines sold by Sears, Roebuck and Company beginning in 1894. They were named in honor of Richard Sears home state. Later, other Sears sewing machine models were named Iowa, Burdick and Kenmore.

## Wayne County Community Foundation Grant



Beth Gleim, Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) board member and Grants Committee member (center) presented a check to Society President Jeanne Brown and GDHS Director Suzanne Urton to help fund a metal handicap accessible ramp in the rear of Peggy Bancroft Hall. The previous wooden ramp built by volunteers Bill Brennan, Bob Lederer and the late Roy Richmond had served us well for the past 10 years but required periodic maintenance. We are grateful to the WCCF for approving our grant request for this improvement. Joseph "Butch" Farino and Dan Kuchar of American Infusion Services, Moscow, Pennsylvania installed the ramp.

## History for Young People



Fourteen members of Daisy Troop 50749 (left) visited Peggy Bancroft Hall in early June where they were introduced to "Legendary Ladies". Docents Ruth Altemier, Bernadine Lennon, Diane Smith and Suzanne Urton selected local women who represented the arts, education, home and family life, and the pioneer spirit and introduced the girls to them through handouts and discussion. Daisy Troop leader Tracy Stender commented that the girls were very attentive during the presentations since they could relate to the women and where they lived. We have partnered with Daisy Troop 50749 for the past several years in planting flowers at abandoned cemeteries in the area and look forward to more collaboration with them.

Forty-four Wallenpaupack South Elementary School Third Grade students (right) and their teachers toured historic Peggy Bancroft Hall on September 27. Society members Ruth Altemier, Carol Brown, Jeanne Brown, Donna Finney, Helen Gardsy, Carol Homeyer, Barry Moore and Nancy Simon discussed antique farm equipment, our root cellar and ice house, antique domestic artifacts, businesses in Newfoundland circa 1950, and how the Newfoundland school has evolved over the years. We are pleased to introduce local history to area students and appreciate the support given by community youth leaders and educators to our programs for them. More photos on page 8 of newsletter.

## A Trip to Lake Paupac



Lake Paupac Club hosted Society members at the Club's historic lodge on August 5. Club members guided us through the lodge which was followed by a presentation on the history of the club by Lili Cohen (left). Afterward we were treated to refreshments on the lodge's patio overlooking Lake Paupac. Seen enjoying the view are Diane Smith, Scot Brown and Jeanne Brown.

Beginning with Philadelphia landscape architect J. Franklin Meehan's purchase of property around Lake Paupac in the 1880s, Lake Paupac has always been known by those who lived there for its natural beauty. Initially built as hunting and fishing camp, the property was then purchased by Joseph W. and Lucile Mott who converted the property to a private estate.

Joseph Mott served as general manager and an owner of the Hotel Traymore in Atlantic City, where the family lived. He also served as president of the Hotel Traymore Corporation.

When the Motts decided to sell the property, a group of Swathmore College friends purchased Lake Paupac in 1949 and formed a corporation of landowners. For over 140 years, each owner of Lake Paupac has shared the same vision: to preserve the beauty of the natural lake and surrounding hills and woods which comprise 1,000 acres.

We appreciate the warmth and hospitality extended to us by members of Lake Paupac Club and look forward to hosting them at Peggy Bancroft Hall in the future.

## 2019 GDS Fair



The fair is a time to enjoy rides and food, agricultural displays and farm animals. It is also a place where friends meet and catch up on what has been happening in their lives. Taking some time to chat near the historical society's display were Carroll Krautter, Clare Madden and Regina, Clare's daughter.

Carroll and Clare have lived in Newfoundland and Hamlin, respectively, for a combined total of over 160 years. Many of those years were spent farming. They have witnessed the region change from an agricultural based economy to one based on retail, hospitality, and health care. Although times have changed, Carroll and Clare remain farmers at heart. We look forward to seeing them next year!

## Collections Committee

Jeanne Brown, Chair

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

**Jack Barry** - 1933 Monroe Co. tourism booklet featuring a page on South Sterling; Photos: 1952 Class, Graduation, Basketball team, 1950-51 Basketball team, 1956 American Legion officers and others; 1991 Southern Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce newsletter; News article re: retirement of Gay Barry as Dreher Twp. tax collector; 1958 copy of photo Newfoundland 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank.

**Molly Burke** - 3 wooden boxes filled with various paper items, ladies accessories and kitchen items previously owned by Luther and Margaret Carlton, from their homestead in South Sterling, ca. 1930.

**Patricia Caprio** - Oil painting used on cover of book, *Falling Feathers* by Peggy Bancroft; Oil painting of eagle and deer that appeared in *Falling Feathers*; Ink sketches of about a dozen illustrations on a single white board; Print of a painting Patricia Caprio did of an Indian; album of snapshots of the printing process, from start to finish, of *Falling Feathers* at Printing Craftsmen.

**Lili Cohen** - Book *Lake Paupac Club: The First Seventy Years, 1949 – 2019*.

**Sam Conklin** - Horse drawn corn planter ca. 1890.

**Ellen Drake** - Autograph book 1940-41 School Day Memories from Madeline Drake.

**Patsy Gunton** - Kress Store promotional wooden yardstick ca. 1950.

**Larry & Mary Kipp** - Photographs: Plane crash in Madden's field in South Sterling 1946, 2 of Doris Rake in elementary classes at Greene-Dreher Vocational School; Booklets: Church Album Directory, United Methodist Church, South Sterling 1854 – 1979, 125th Anniversary, 1969 Wallenpaupack Area High School, *Know Your Seniors*; 1969 Newsletter *WAHS Lakeside*, May – June issue.

**Jane Carr Lashley** - Alumni journals various years; Several glass and plastic mugs, Greene Dreher Fire Company and others; Book: *Of Rabbits, Rain & Rhode Island Reds 75 year History of Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair 1917-1992*, by Peggy Bancroft.

**Bernadine Lennon** - Postcard, *The Bungalow, Laanna Heights, South Sterling, Pa.*

**Clare Madden** - Photograph: 1918 of men inducted into Army military service at Pike County Courthouse, Milford. Leo Francis Madden is identified in photo.

**Barry Moore** - WW2 "Save to Win" stamp pamphlet to buy \$25 war bond.

**Ben Nevin** - 1962-1963 Southern Wayne School Band Cape.

**Sue Noyes** - Long vertical pipe with large bowl, pipe reamer, short stem pipe owned by Robert Carruth Shaffer, ca.1940.

**Jim Ragonese** - Railroad lantern; Large single blade scythe; Small one hand scythe; Hay hook.

**Carl Rose** via Kurt Reed - 3 Tri-fold posters with postcards, photographs and post office memorabilia from Panther, Greentown, and Newfoundland.

**Doris Sebring** - Order of the Eastern Star (OES) memorabilia: Tea pot set with OES emblem, Edith Tritchler's OES membership cards, 1981-82, 1984-85, and 1988-89, April 1989 OES Newsletter, Greene-Dreher Chapter No. 296, Notice of Election to receive the degrees of OES for Edith Tritchler 1934, Two meeting programs for Greene-Dreher Chapter 296, OES, 1979 and 1985, Hope Chapter 9, OES (of Hawley) dated 12/18/1992 program.

**Diane Smith** - Sad iron manufactured by Enterprise MFG Co. Philadelphia. PA.

## Veteran History Project

Bernadine Lennon, Coordinator

We continue to collect information for men and women who served in the military regardless of whether they served during wartime. To date, we have documented over 730 veterans who lived or attended school in Greene or Dreher Townships. We appreciate everyone who has assisted us in this project including Gerre Haussler and Julie Hazelton who recently provided information. In addition to completed Veteran Biographical Forms, we have received photographs, uniforms, medals, Navy cruise books, military certificates, letters, etc which are valued additions to the Society's collection.

Over the past three years, we have documented veterans who served from the Revolutionary War to the present. We encourage anyone who is a veteran and who has not completed a Veteran Biographical Form to contact us for one. Completed forms are entered in the Society's Veteran History Project database for future research and displays.

## Highlights from 3rd Grade Visit



During their visit, Jeanne Brown discussed how vegetables and fruits were preserved in a root cellar and the nutritional importance of sauerkraut in the diets of early settlers. Retired teacher Carol Brown recounted how women one hundred years ago would organize their housework with certain chores assigned to certain days of the week. Barry Moore demonstrated the mechanical advantage of using a pulley to lift a 100 pound bag in the barn. Through photographs and artifacts from our collection, Ruth Altemier recalled what businesses were located in 1950 Newfoundland.



## Remembering Madeleine Walter Drake Reilly



Madeleine Walter Drake Reilly, age 92, died at her home in Macungie, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Madeleine had resided in Mahopac, NY; Upper Nyack, NY; Newfoundland, PA; and most recently, Macungie. She worked in various positions in merchandising and auditing and loved life.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses: Drs. Suzanne (Drake) and Richard Tiedemann, Stephen and Ellen Drake, Kevin and Donna Drake, and Jacqueline Drake; grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Louis Walter, as well as her late husbands, Carlton Drake and the Honorable John Reilly.

Madeleine had been a member of the historical society for many years, attended our events and was an enthusiastic supporter. We thank her many friends who have donated in her memory.