



Greene-Dreher Historical Society

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December 2011 Newsletter



It is hard to believe that 2011 is coming to an end so soon! I want to give huge "Thank You's" to our Board—a harder working group I have never seen! Also, to our members - near and far - who have been so supportive by attending meetings, assisting with our many projects and programs; contributing to the articles for The Greene Hills of Home; adding to our collections; and supporting us with your memberships - without them we could not survive. 2011 has been a great year and we hope to accomplish more next year - especially with the help of all our wonderful members. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Ruth Altemier, President

2012 GDHS Board of Directors

At the November membership meeting, the 2012 Board of Directors was elected. Officers: Ruth Altemier, President; Jeanne Brown, Vice President; Sue Noyes, Secretary; Bernadine Lennon, Treasurer. Directors: Bill Brennan, Ellen Drake, Bob Lederer, Tom Parry, Betty Roach and Diane Smith. Welcome to new board members Sue Noyes and Ellen Drake. We want to thank Art Frey who stepped down from the board for his services this past year. We appreciate his work on completing the La Anna School belfry and his active participation in board and planning meetings.

New Board Policies

Due to the time involved in researching requests and printing costs for photographs and documents, the Board of Directors approved the following fee policy: Research: No charge for members; \$10.00/hour for non-members; Digital image sent electronically: \$1.00 per image, resolution for 4x6 or 5x7; Photographic print: \$2.50 each for 4x6 or 5x7 (includes mailing cost); Copies of documents: \$0.20 per page (either digital or paper); Paper copies that are mailed: \$0.40 per page; CD: \$5.00 (includes mailing).

Effective 2012, current year individual issues of The Greene Hills of Home will cost \$7.00 (\$9.00 if mailed) and prior issues will cost \$5.00 (\$7.00 if mailed).

GDHS Site Plan approved by members

Members approved the final site plan for the GDHS grounds surrounding the Hall at the September meeting. The plan includes: Restoration of the historic root cellar in the rear of the hall which dates from the early 1900s; placement of an historic outhouse (non-usable) on the property to replace the original one that was demolished; construction of a new 24' by 24' exhibit building for display of agricultural and other artifacts; walkways, signage and interpretive markers. The new exhibit hall is anticipated to cost approximately \$15,000.

The Board is exploring all avenues for obtaining funding for the project and will be working with the Non-Profit and Community Assistance Center of Northeast Pennsylvania. This organization assists small non-profits like ours in identifying funding sources and obtaining funding for a variety of projects. Board members attended fund-raising training in September and November and are working on developing fund-raising and capital campaign plans.

The December issue of The Greene Hills of Home highlights Gilpin's Drugstore from its opening in 1933 to 1980 when the business was sold after nearly 50 years in the Gilpin family. As you read the articles this month, they may bring back fond memories of a special place that was, in the words of one former employee, the hub of the town. Do you have a favorite story about the drugstore and soda fountain you would like to share? Or about the Gilpin family? Please let us know if you do! You can contact us at our email or USPS address located on the front page of the newsletter or call Diane Smith at 610-865-9286. Thank you!

Diane Smith, Editor

A Warm Welcome to New Members: Kenneth and Diane Acker, Moscow; Kellie Atkinson, Greentown; Luanne Bailey, Cresco; Linda Gross, South Sterling; Daniel and Sally Grotta, Newfoundland; Robert Holdren, Virginia Beach, VA; Dick and Susie LaFave, Newfoundland; Kerry Nix, Greentown; Joann Peet, Newfoundland; Richard and Barbara Blitz Perkins, Pahrump, NV; Debbie Wells, Canadensis; Sigrid Wilshinsky, Newfoundland. Thank you for your support!

In 2012...

We will be announcing **family reunions in our newsletters**. Please provide us with the date, location and contact information for your next family reunion.

We hope to make our March Soup Luncheon an annual event. We will be in contact with members once the date is scheduled.

Snapshots of Our Recent Activities



What makes a successful GDHS display at the **2011 GDS Fair**? Volunteers! Shown in the photo at left are Morgan Besson, Betty Roach, Clint Roach and Diane Smith who joined more than 33 other members to volunteer in preparing and setting up our display at the fair and greeting visitors who stopped by. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's fair display a success.

Salem Community Library Local History Day – County and township historical societies were featured at Salem Community Library's Local History Day on September 17, 2011. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about our area's rich history and the organizations dedicated to preserving it. Representing GDHS were Bernadine Lennon and Albertine Horvath-Falkenhain seen in photo at right.



If you have renewed your membership for 2012, thank you.
If you have not yet renewed, please do so to continue receiving
The Greene Hills of Home and Newsletters.



The Society hosted the September meeting of the **Rotary Club of Newfoundland** at the Society's hall. Rotary members were given a tour of the facilities and briefed on our current activities and future plans. Both organizations enjoyed a supper prepared by Society members. Shown in photograph at left are Society President Ruth Altemier and Newfoundland Rotary President Laurie Hazzard.

Donations Received

The Society received a **donation from Pennstar Bank** to support the printing of our new publication *One-Room Schools in Greene and Dreher Townships*. Pennstar Greene-Dreher Branch Manager Ann O'Reilly presents the check to Ruth Altemier, right.

We would also like to thank Debra Smith, **PNC Bank** Newfoundland Branch Manager, for assistance in obtaining a donation from PNC for the book's printing.



Our October program featured **Pauline Cortez**, left, who spoke on native plants in our surroundings and how they were used by Native Americans and Early Americans.

Bernadine Lennon, right, presented "From Indian Paths to Interstate" at the final membership meeting of the year in November.



Our Members come in all Sizes, Shapes and Species!

Eddie Schiffer introduced us to one of our new members who visited us in August! **At right** is the brown Hummingbird Clearwing Moth (lower left corner) checking out the white phlox in our Memory Garden. The moth is common in Canada and Eastern USA.



Route 507 Fall Cleanup

John Barna, Jeanne Brown, Judy Diacik, Bob Lederer, and Bob Savage conducted the final litter cleanup of the year along Route 507 in October. A special "**Thank You**" to **John Barna** who, for the past few years, has coordinated this effort and will be stepping down from that position. We appreciate the efforts of all involved to make our community "greener".

Collection Committee Report

Our Collections, Photo and Reference files are growing thanks to our thoughtful donors listed below. Our history collections capture a wide aspect of life in the Greene-Dreher Communities as you can see from the variety of items we have received in the last five months. Once again, I would like to thank the Collection Committee volunteers for their dedicated efforts in organizing, recording, filing, hanging, cleaning, repairing, re-organizing, and re-hanging all with a sense of humor and a united goal of a useful research center and well-ordered mini museum. Jeanne Brown, Chair 570-676-3443

Items donated June to November 2011

Dian Altemier – Letter size 4 drawer file cabinet

Ruth Altemier – 1963 Vaccination card; Event tent; Replica 1908 Sears, Roebuck & Co catalog

Peggy Bancroft – 4 boxes of documents, booklets, programs, photos and other wonderful things from her personal files; framed photo 1922 LaAnna Sunday School with hand drawn legend identifying individuals

Doris Cross Bartleson – Photos GDS Fair Octogenarian/Golden Wedding

Jeanette Bertrand to Doris Cross Bartleson – Framed photo c.1900 Greentown Mill & Falls

Scot & Carol Brown – Metal egg weight c.1940

David Carlton – Photos of niece Bonnie Tiedeken (13mo.) with historic LaAnna School Bell at Carlton Boarding House

Ruth S. Cunningham – Postcard of Fern-Dell Boarding House

Dick Dunning – Photo 4 Union Church Sunday School buddies re-unite at 80 yrs plus in 1947

Laverne & Fran Drake – Photos 1925 student Verlo Frick; Mt. Dairy Truck crash into So. Sterling P.O./General Store; Woodbound Cottage; postcards Timbertop Boarding House; 1988 So. Sterling ME Church Directory; Grave marker with Rebekeh Lodge insignia

Carroll Fetherman – Photo c.1850 Tony Schelbert Repair & Shoe Shop in log cabin

Art & Gail Frey – Oriental bamboo umbrella c. 1940 May Day prop; 22 ct Gold Vase from Holly Ross; local business ads for White Beauty View antique show/auction; 2010 GDS Fair premium book; Keystone yearbooks 1921-22; Photos 1923 & 1928 GD Community School graduating classes

Friends of the Newfoundland Library - 2011 1st Edition Christmas ornament featuring the NFLD library building

Floyd Frisbie – Photo copy of 1920 GD Community School Basket Ball Team with names

Betsy Fry – Book “Century Book of Facts” 1908 ed.

Helen Gardsy – Photo of former George Conely House

Doris Goerlitz – Documents re: I.O.O.F Lodge # 478 and Rebekah Lodge #559; Liberty Bell coin bank 1st Nat'l of NFLD; baptismal cert.; 1927 GD Voc. School diploma, commencement announcement and program for Arthur R. Goerlitz

Mary Hall via Gertrude (Grimm) Blitz – May Day Festival programs, photos, news clippings 1944-1951; 1940 GD Community School Graduation program

Bob Hazelton – 6 prints each (18”x24”) of 1872 Beers & Co. Greene Township Map and Sterling Township Map

Donald C. Hollister – Crystal dish engraved 1940 GDS Fair

Jim Holmes – WWII Ration Booklets in leather pouch

Sam Jackson – Tunis Smith diary 1900-04; Paul E. Vuille diary 1907-09; several booklets re: local subjects; manuscript on Fern-Dell boarding house history; research on early American cemeteries and graveyards; Photos GD Community School Band and unknown year grade students

Beverly Jane (Conley) Johnson – c.1950 Girls Gym suit, GDS H.S. Stag’s beanie & Stag’s banners, FHA photo 1960

Bernadine Lennon – Maps (copies) 1860 Sterling Twp.; 1770 Province of PA.; 1911 Wayne Co. Public Roads; 1905 Pike Co. Public Roads; book “Historic Buildings of Sterling Twp” Vol 1

Nancy McLain – Horseshoe with cleats for ice harvesting

Romaine Olsommer – Photos GD Community School Band; GD Grade School proof sheet, c.1900 unknown baseball team; unknown family photo; 1938 NFLD Baseball Team

Elaine Hazelton Perry – Photos of unknown school students and 1930,1950 & 1969 S.R. Hazelton family reunions

Jill Porter – Photos of Dick & Naivette Gilpin Harlow

Mary Rounsavill – Memorabilia and diaries 1920-1950 of life long NFLD resident Pearl Schaller Schabinger

Barb Schupeltz – 2 table easels

Don Shearer – Legal size 4 drawer file cabinet

Allen Shiffler – News articles re: Greene-Dreher Watershed Project and notice of bidders 1961

Carla Smith – 1973 Miss Pocono Pageant magazine; Haubert Theater tickets; Booklet “Picturesque Pike & Wayne Co.”; Publication on NFLD Arts Center history with Theater League directors & patrons listed

Diane Smith – Child’s school desk c. 1900

Alice Sweeney – Program 1920 Commencement Exercises GD Voc. School; Photo/Postcard Hotel Ellendale, S.Sterling

Rita (Robacker) Thomas – Small autograph and picture book “High School Memories” c. 1957”

Wallenpaupack South Elementary School – GD School band hat with GD emblem; GD school Banners; 2 Keystone yearbooks; Indian artifacts: tomahawk, axe and arrowhead; small pewter dish engraved with GDS Fair 1991; 6 school books c.1890

Bob Wood – Photo portraits of Ethel Akers & Millie Robacker Lanuti

Bill & Wendy Wehrman – Willard Croft’s c. 1900 toy wooden steamboat, toy metal steam shovel and child’s silver cup