



GREENE-DREHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

2014 Board of Directors



Seated: Carla Smith, Ruth Altemier, Tom Parry, Jeanne Brown, Diane Smith. Standing: Ted Nakielny, Bernadine Lennon and Linda Kramer. Unavailable at the time the photo was taken were directors Ellen Drake and Bob Lederer.

President's Message

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve as your president this year. Over the past six years, while serving on the Board of Directors and as Collections Chair, I have touched the actual pieces of history that make up our community. Like you, I have enjoyed the wonderful family histories and informative articles in *The Greene Hills of Home*. And I have worked with a dedicated group of volunteers whose energy and expertise never cease to amaze me. Together, they have enriched my knowledge and appreciation of the residents and history of this unique area.

We welcome three new members to the Board of Directors—Linda Kramer, Ted Nakielny and Carla Smith—who bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our group. The Board met in early January to begin planning the events for the year—we have much to celebrate this year as 2014 marks the 200th Anniversary of Pike County, the 175th Anniversary of Greene Township and the 30th Anniversary of *The Greene Hills of Home*. Our Calendar of Events will feature a variety of festivities, speakers and educational programs, and we will continue to represent GDHS at community events. With your help, we will interpret our history through exhibits at the museum and the outdoor pavilion.

Spring is finally showing signs of appearing. To take the chill and cabin fever out of our minds, please join us at our Soup Luncheon on March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at the Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church.

I thank everyone for your ongoing support and friendship. I look forward to working, learning, and having fun with all the dedicated and interesting people who make up our Society!

—Jeanne Brown

Greene Township Celebrates 175!

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Prior to its formation in 1839, Greene Township was part of Palmyra Township. Extending from Wilsonville in the north to LaAnna in the south, the township was 27 miles long. On April 24, 1838, residents living in the southwest portion of Palmyra Township petitioned the Pike County Court of Quarter Session to divide the township "because it was inconvenient for the inhabitants" living in that section of the township to conduct official business such as paying taxes, voting and using services of the justice of the peace. The Court appointed John Brink, Daniel Jayne (later replaced by John P. Darling) and James J. Wallace to inspect the township and determine whether there was sufficient justification to divide it. Six months later, they reported back to the Court that the township should be divided. The Court confirmed the report, boundaries for the new township were established, and on April 24, 1839, just one year after the residents had petitioned the Court, Greene Township was erected.

Township Fast Facts

Population – 3956 (in 2010)

Size: – 38,528 acres

Land use – 40% of land is in Delaware State Forest, Promised Land State Park, conservation easements, hunting clubs.

Historic Dates

January 12, 1911 – Harmony Grange organized in Greentown.

January 8, 1855 – death of Richard Gilpin, Sr., progenitor of the Gilpin family in Greene Township.

February 5, 1886 – LaAnna Post Office established.

February 22, 1849 – birth of John Adams Kipp, Superintendent of Pike County Schools, State Representative.

March 24, 1818 – birth of Nathan Houck, first settler of LaAnna.

March 28, 1847 – birth of George Washington Kipp, Wayne County Commissioner, U. S. Congressman.

2013 Historic Preservation Awards



Jeanne Brown, Bernadine Lennon, Award Recipient Randy Peifer, Manager Greentown Agway, Ellen Drake accepting the award on behalf of the Reynolds Family, owner of Ella C. Ehrhardt Store, and Ruth Altemier.

Welcome New Members!

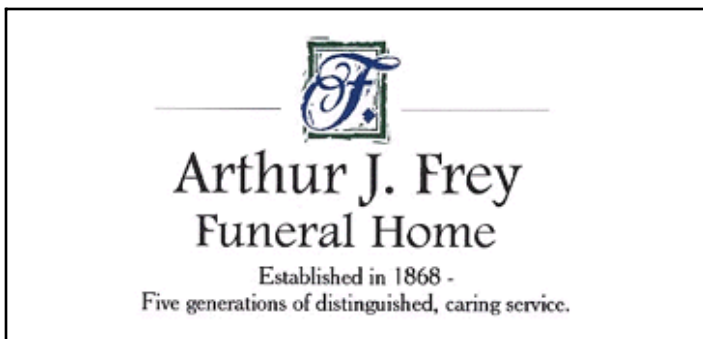
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2014 Business Partners Support Local History



The Greene-Dreher Historical Society is pleased to announce its 2014 Business Partners: The Dime Bank in Greentown, Ehrhardt's Waterfront Restaurant and Resort on Lake Wallenpaupack in Wilsonville, Arthur J. Frey Funeral Home in LaAnna, and 84 Country Store in Greentown. Pictured are (top) President Jeanne Brown and Melanie Seagraves, Branch Manager of The Dime Bank; and (bottom) Past-President Ruth Altemier and Eric Ehrhardt of Ehrhardt's Waterfront Restaurant.

We are grateful for the support of our Business Partners who, through their generosity, will sponsor various local history programs throughout the year and support our mission to preserve local history.



50-50 Raffle Winners

Thank you members and friends who supported the 50-50 Holiday Raffle! Proceeds from the popular annual fundraiser are used to support the restoration of Peggy Bancroft Hall and Museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, preservation of historic artifacts in our Collection, and programs on local history, such as the activities we sponsor yearly for 3rd and 4th grade students at Wallenpaupack South Elementary School. Tickets for the 2014 50-50 Holiday Raffle will be available this summer and will be mailed to our members. Congratulations to the 2013 winners:

Christine Fultz 1st place winner

Carol Gilpin 2nd place winner

Catherine Stanley 3rd place winner

Thank you for making this a successful fundraiser!

Thank You

Thanks to *Jim Gifford* for donating his time and materials in 2013 to pave the sidewalk leading to the new barn.

2014 Family Reunions

Akers Reunion — June 1, 12:30.

Contact Laurie Field Ward, Secretary (lbward@ptd.net) or Susan Reichman, Historian, 570-676-4147.

Beischer Reunion — June 28, 11:30, Moravian Church.

Contact Ruth Altemier, 570-676-4354.

Rohrbacker Reunion — July 27, 1:00.

Contact Betty Roach, 570-676-4729.

91st Carlton Reunion — August 3, Noon. Hemlock Grove UM Church. Contact John Layton, 570-839-5702.

Collections Committee Report

Jeanne Brown, Chair 570-676-3443

Though Peggy Bancroft Hall has been closed since November, volunteers have taken boxes of old documents to their homes to help sort and record these items into our museum database program. I appreciate the time they have given to help with this backlog of original deeds, voting records, census and personal property records from the late 1800s to the 1920s time frame. Thank you to the following donors for their bits of local history.

Donations

November 2013 through February 2014

Peggy Bancroft – Scrapbook of local news articles and photographs from 1960–1990; reproduction of original 1932 “This Week in the Poconos;” 1906–1908 I.O.O.F dues payment certificates from J. R. Hause.

Scot Brown – Vintage ladies clothing c.1900 from the Brown family.

Art Frey – Tobyhanna Lions Club garrison cap

Annette Schaumann – *Kipp – A Family Story*

Bernadine Lennon – Books: *Developing Major Gifts*,

Boards That Love Fundraising, The Fundraising Planner; photocopy of the Harmony Grange Cookbook; *Not Frail Flowers* by Linda Estupinan Snook; Articles of Incorporation for Dreher Power and Light Company, 1923; 1st National Bank of Newfoundland, 1926; Community Welfare Association, 1915; LANACO; articles of local interest from historic newspapers; Sterling Inn postcard; The Brookside postcard; Diamond Dyes advertising card for George Lancaster; Denman Coe genealogy dated Dec. 27, 1952; pension roll for Mid-Atlantic states, 1835; 1937 Chevy Sedan commemorative toy bank for 1992 Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair.

Photos from the collection of vintage ladies clothing donated by Scot Brown
c. 1900 summer blouse and skirt and embroidered dress aprons.

