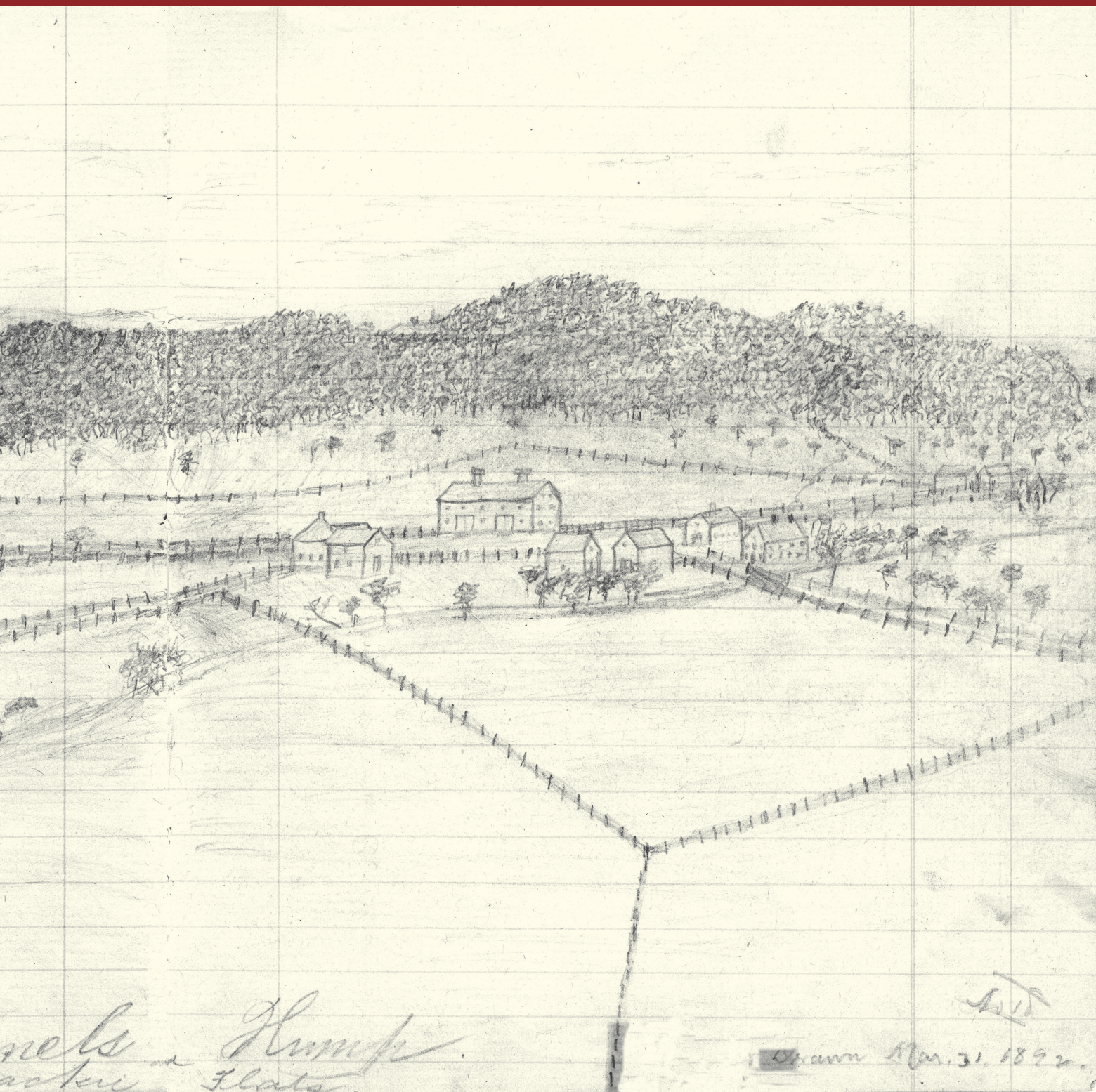


Greene County Historical Society
Annual Report
2011



About The Cover

In the collections of the Vedder Research library there are many items of interest - books, diaries, prints, scrapbooks, cookbooks, maps, newspapers, etc. I recommended that the sketch on the cover be used because it is from the collections of the Society; it is folk art that is over 100 years old; it is an fine example of the historic treasures found in the Society's collections; it demonstrates the use of digitization that is being utilized in the library by Librarian Steve Pec and volunteer Steve Schwebler; and is an example of the current work of the Society.

The cover is a sketch drawn by Horace Wilbur Palmer in 1892 when he was 14 years old. The sketch was drawn in a notebook and covered two pages, entitled by Palmer as "Camel's Hump." "Camel's Hump" is a term the Greene County Historical Society was not aware of in reference to the area. It is clearly a sketch of the Bronck property from the high rocks on the west, before the power lines, before State Route 9W, before the Vocational Institution and before the property passed from the Bronck family to the Greene County Historical Society. You can see the barn that is now Mr. Lincoln's Auction Barn, the extension on the 13 sided barn, (torn down in the mid 1960's) and the long gone barn between the 13 sided barn and the Dutch barn.

Palmer did a series of three lined sketch books, each in pencil, titled, numbered and indexed alphabetically, with page number location, in the end of the third book. The books contain sketches of the Coxsackie area, Greene County and other locations in New York State.

Horace Wilbur Palmer was born in Coxsackie on August 16, 1878, the son of Horace R. and Margaretta (Brown) Palmer. Margaretta was the daughter of Isaac and Juliet (Adams) Brown. The Browns and Adams families were early settlers of Connecticut. Palmer graduated from Cornell in 1900, and worked for the New York Central Railroad until 1909. He attended New York Law School and graduated in 1911. He practiced law until his death in 1953. Palmer also served in the New York State Assembly from a New York City district.

Horace Wilbur Palmer worked on the Palmer family genealogical records most of his adult life. After his death his widow published his records. A copy of "The Palmer Families in America" was given to the Heermance Library and the sketch book was donated to the Bronck Museum. Two copies of that book are in the Vedder Research Library.

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The Officers 2010-2011

Chairman of the Board	Joseph Warren
President	Robert Hallock
Vice President	John Dickinson May
Vice President	Jim Planck
Vice President	Jonathan Donald
Treasurer	David Dorpfeld
Recording Secretary	Ann Hallock
Financial Secretary	Thomas Satterlee

The Trustees 2010-2011

Christine Byas	Rick Hanse
Robert D'Agostino	Stefania Jozic
Jonathan Donald	Emily Dorpfeld Kunchala
David Dorpfeld	John Dickinson May
Wanda Dorpfeld	Regina McGrath
Harvey Durham	Richard Muggeo
James Dustin, resigned Spring 2011	Dennis O'Grady
Carrie Feder, resigned Fall 2010	Jim Planck
Jeff Flack, resigned Spring 2011	Marilyn Rausch
Linda Gentalen, resigned Fall 2010	Thomas Satterlee
Michel Goldberg, resigned Fall 2010	Denise Warren
Ann Hallock	Joseph Warren
Robert Hallock	

The Trustees Emeritus 2010-2011

Natalie Daley	Elizabeth Miller, died 2010
Elizabeth Gustavson, died 2011	Perry Palmer
J. Theodore Hilscher	Olga Santora, died 2010
Valentine Kriele	Robert Stackman
Everett McCarty	

The Staff 2010-2011

Shelby Mattice	Curator
Steve Pec	Librarian
Jennifer Barnhart	Operations Manager
Bronck Museum Complex Custodians	Jason O'Donnell
	Aaron Bedell, resigned 1/11
	Amanda O'Donnell, hired 2/11

May 15, 2011

Although every year presents various challenges and obstacles for nearly every organization - in particular non-profit organizations - it seems that 2010 may have been the exception to the rule for the GCHS. As always, due to the tireless efforts and dedication of the Trustees and volunteers (and certainly with the curator's full-time return), during the preceding year the GCHS saw positive progress in nearly every facet of our undertaking.

Specifically, during 2010 the GCHS began the first annual walk and talk to be held in various places of interest throughout the County; the initial event was successful and – if weather cooperates – subsequent events will treat interested parties to local history as well as to the inherent beauty of the great outdoors in which we live. In addition, “The Messenger’s” new look has rightly drawn rave reviews.

Moreover, to the immense credit of GCHS trustees and volunteers, programs and attendance at those programs both increased nicely in 2010. Often, when an organization offers more programs, attendance tends to fall at each individual program, but the GCHS bucked this generality by increasing both. This positive trend gives support to the fact of an increased awareness and interest in local history; the selling out of the new book, The History of Greene County, by Field Horne, is further evidence.

The GCHS collections were enhanced further with the addition of many fine items in 2010, including John L. Bronk’s family Bible. In passing, I have heard several people tell me that when the time comes they will pass some of their family heirlooms to the Society rather than take the chance of not preserving them with children or grandchildren who either lack the interest or have moved away.

On the business end, parents are often proudest of their children when they leave the nest and become successful, productive citizens; we should be equally proud with the success of the Thomas Cole House.

Further, in recognition of the changing times and after many long, hard hours of work, we updated our photographic policy to reflect the new digital era. We also updated our annual dues to better reflect the value we provide to our members.

Finally, turning to 2011, the GCHS is excited about the sesquicentennial of the Civil War for the next five years. If the past is prologue, then we can be assured of integrating a truly national, historic event (many say the defining moment in American history, eclipsing the Revolution and both World Wars) with the local flavor that is so important to the area.

Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, GCHS

Dear Members and Friends;

Jessie Van Vecthen's idea of a Greene County Historical Society is well and alive after 82 plus years. I'd like to think that if Jessie could come back today she would be pleased with the accomplishments and progress the Society has made. Bronck Museum and Vedder Research Library visitors who are involved with their own local historical societies constantly tell us that they wish they had a facility or group like this in their area.

The successes we have are the result of the hard work and dedication of the Officers and Trustees of the Society, the Committee work, the Staff – Curator Shelby Mattice, Librarian Steve Pec, Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart, and Curators Jason and Amanda O'Donnell. Also, to the many volunteers who help out – some only occasionally but others on a regular basis. In 2010 we held our first volunteer recognition event – a successful occasion at the Beatty Powers House in Catskill. Volunteers received a mug with a drawing of the Bronck Museum on it as a token of the Society's appreciation. The 2011 event is scheduled for May 22, after the annual meeting. Thanks to Museum Co-Chairs Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock for arranging the volunteer recognition event last year and this year. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with the various volunteers and thank them for their work.

The 2010 Bronck Family at Home programs featured costumed interpreters and were well received. Richard Muggeo as Dr. John Ely, Shelby Mattice as Maria Ely Bronk, Joe Capobianco as Rev. Johannes Schunemann and myself as Judge Leonard Bornk had fun portraying the historical persons of Greene County. Audience response was great. Costumed interpretation is one way to use a new approach toward getting people to be interested in history and museums.

The Vedder Research Library keeps pursuing technological changes to keep pace with the ever changing advances in the field. Visitors and researchers do keep up with these changes and expect the Library to do so as well. Computers, scanners, servers, digital imaging all would seem strange to Jessie but I think she would soon get used to them.

We look forward to another good year in 2011. The Museum has some excellent programs prepared for the summer and fall seasons. The Library has some new volunteers and will soon have additions to the Library Committee to carry on the work. The Historic Register continues to add sites to the Register. Financially we are on a good footing. We have always tried not to depend on government grants or other grants as our source of income, but to be able to do much of our work on our own budget, using the grants for extra work or special projects. Bequests and memorial gifts over the years has given us the ability to work on our own sources. The good work by Treasurer David Dorpfeld, the Finance Committee and the Investment Committee made this approach work for the Society.

Robert C. Hallock,
President GCHS

Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
Annual Meeting–May 16, 2010
Minutes of Meeting

At 3:15 pm, on May 16, 2010, in the Vedder Research Library, Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called to order the Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. Copies of the agenda and the Annual Report were distributed as members came into the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Warren. President Robert Hallock asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of departed members.

Remarks–Chairman. Introductory remarks were offered by Chairman Warren as follows:

- Welcomed the new Trustees who will be elected today;
- Thanked the Trustees, the Members and the Volunteers for their work;
- Urged everyone to help “grow” the Society by reaching out to others and telling them of the Society’s efforts, and
- Looks forward to the 2010-2011 year.

Remarks–President. Introductory remarks were offered by President Hallock as follows:

- Relayed the positive reaction of visitors to the Museum and the Library;
- Noted the progress of the Society including the Bronck Museum Time Line, the education programs, and the Library’s purchase of a digital scanner; and
- Predicted that 2010 will be another banner year.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. These minutes, also found in the printed Annual Report, were read by Recording Secretary Ann Hallock. It was moved by David Dorpfeld that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Chris Byas and carried.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer David Dorpfeld referred members to the Treasurer’s written report found in the Annual Report. He noted that 2009 will be the last year when a joint report for both the Society and the Thomas Cole Site will be done, since the Cole Site is now a separately established entity. David reported that the Endowment Fund of the Society contains about two million dollars and is well-managed by Fennimore Asset Management, Johnson-Illington and Charles A. Schwab. The Treasurer’s Report was referred to audit.

Membership Report. Financial Secretary Tom Satterlee reported that a complete report of the membership is found in the Annual Report. He urged that all Trustee who have not paid their 2010 dues should do so immediately. He also thanked David for a job “well-done” on the financial paperwork of the Society.

Committee Reports. President Hallock introduced the following Committee Chairs who were asked to give brief comments to augment the written reports found in the Annual Report:

Vedder Research Library. Harvey Durham, a member of the Library Committee, noted that new equipment has been added to the Library and the size of the collection is growing. He speculated on when the Library’s collection will outgrow the size of the building. He recognized the fine work done by Librarian Steve Pec and the Library volunteers.

Bronck Museum. Co-Chair Wanda Dorpfeld noted that the 2010 season is already underway with one large tour and the Association Day events completed and another tour on Tuesday. It promises to be a great year with many good events upcoming.

Buildings and Grounds. Tom Satterlee reported the Committee has been working on the grounds as well as in the buildings, noting the following:

- Family Danz has been working on the heating system in the Library;
- Jason O'Donnell and Aaron Bedell are doing an excellent job as caretakers; and
- the Committee is considering work on the Architect's Report on the buildings.

Publication Committee. Tom Satterlee noted that a report is included in the Annual Report. Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager is working as a resource to the Committee. An effort is being made to get the publication of the **Journals** back on schedule this year.

34th Annual Home Tour. David Dorpfeld reported that the Tour will be held in Windham on June 5. The headquarters will be at the Centre Church and 10 sites will be available. Sponsoring advertisements which pay for advertising expenses, are being sought. A mailer on the Tour is being sent out through State Telephone. Assistance is being provided by Patricia Marrow, Town of Windham Historian and the Windham Historical Society. The tour promises to be a good one.

Beecher Scholarship. Chris Byas reported that the Committee is waiting for receipt of the essays. One has been received, but the Committee had planned to give two scholarships.

Education Committee. President Hallock noted that this Committee needs a chairman. Marilyn Rausch has agreed to work on the Committee. On May 26, there will be a House History Program given by the Historic Register Committee in recognition of May as Preservation month. On July 17, Jim Planck will give the Society's first Walk 'n Talk program.

Public and Member Relations. One issue of "The Messenger" was completed by Marilyn Rausch with the second completed by Jennifer Barnhart.

On an unrelated matter, several members commented on how much they enjoyed the regular columns in the newspapers being done by David Dorpfeld, County Historian.

Historic Register Committee. This year, the Committee added fifty (50) sites to the Register. The Committee is thinking about the next publication. A very complimentary letter regarding the book has been received from the Office of Historic Preservation, Parks and Recreation. The Committee should be very proud of this praise.

Photographic/Reproduction Policy. Chair Emily Dorpfeld Kunchala reported that this ad hoc committee is hearing much diverse opinion on the Society's future policy in this area. She noted that new technology requires changes in order to protect the holdings.

Board Development Committee. Chair Wanda Dorpfeld reviewed the Committee's report. Due to resignations from the current Board of Trustees and the expiration of the terms of four Trustees, there are seven vacancies for candidates who will serve for five years. Proposed candidates were presented as follows:

Members of the Class of 2010 who wish to return as Trustees in the Class of 2015

Harvey Durham
John Dickinson May
Richard Muggeo
Dennis O'Grady

New Trustee Candidates for the Class of 2015

Rick Hanse
Stefania Jozic
Regina McGrath

Nominations were called for from the floor. There being none, David Dorpfeld moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Class of 2015 candidates proposed by the Board Development Committee. The motion was seconded by John Dickinson May and carried. Each of the new Trustee candidates introduced themselves to those present.

Chairman Joseph Warren welcomed the new Trustees and thanked the Board Development Committee for their tremendous effort in recruiting candidates.

Any Other Business. Chairman Warren asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. None was raised.

Adjournment. After ensuring that all had signed the attendance sheet, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Byas and seconded by Wanda Dorfled. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Hallock
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2010
David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer

The financial condition of the Society continued to improve in calendar year 2010, as did the condition of the overall national economy. As a result the Society's operations continue on a sound financial footing. One overall note on the following Statement of Revenue and Expenses: The last column on the right reflects income and expenses that were not budgeted. For instance it is impossible to know in advance how much will be raised through the Capital Funds Drive or that someone will remember the Society in their will. The other three columns measure our operations against what we budgeted for calendar year 2010.

On the revenue side of the ledger we experienced a very small shortfall from what we had budgeted for investment income. This improvement contrasts with a \$6000 shortfall last year and \$17,000 the year before. There were also some pleasant surprises. For instance, income from grants and museum operations both exceeded what we expected. The sources of the grants are noted in the footnotes of the following financial statement. Overall revenues were within \$250 of what we budgeted for the year.

In 2008 we kicked off a capital funds campaign to raise money for the repair of the south wall of the 1685 stone wing on the Bronck House and development of the former kennel property purchased by the Society. We have made considerable progress with the money raised so far, but more is needed. Therefore we made an additional appeal to the membership this year. Almost \$17,000 was realized and more money has been contributed in 2011. Also, over \$10,000 was realized from the sale of the book "Historic Places in Greene County." This money helps to replenish the publication fund which will be used for future publications.

On the expense side, we experienced a shortfall of a little over three percent of what we budgeted. Outlays were pretty much what we anticipated in the first three expense categories. Under other expenses, expenditures from restricted grants were almost \$5000 higher than budgeted. But, this was fully covered by a \$5,000 grant from Assemblyman Tim Gordon which was used for equipment enhancements in the library. The grant is included under income. Insurance expense contributed greatly to this year's overall shortfall. We overestimated the impact of no longer having to insure the Cedar Grove property. Publication and printing expenses were also higher because we published more quarterly journals than usual in an effort to catch-up. In addition, preparation of the IRS 990 cost more than anticipated. However, we have been assured by our accountant that going forward it should cost considerably less because we no longer have to combine data provided by Cedar Grove. Finally, health insurance costs continue to rise which contributed to missing the mark on the budget.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special thank you to Jennifer Barnhart, the Society's Operations Manager. She has greatly assisted me over the last two years and made my job easier and more pleasant.

Greene County Historical Society
Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the period ending 12/31/10

EXPENSES	<u>CY10 Budget</u>	<u>Actual 12/31/2010</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted</u>
Maintenance				
Library	2,500	5,711	(3,211)	
Museum	11,600	8,005	3,595	
Caretakers House		815		
Total Maintenance	<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,531</u>	<u>(431)</u>	<u>-</u>
Utilities				
Electric	3,500	3,593	(93)	
Fuel Oil/Burner Service	4,000	2,613	1,387	
Phones	1,000	1,031	(31)	
Other	-	-	-	
Total Utilities	<u>8,500</u>	<u>7,237</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>-</u>
Wages				
Bookkeeper/Payroll Service	1,800	2,050	(250)	
Caretakers	4,800	4,800	-	
Curatorial	38,000	38,000	-	
Curatorial Assistance	6,000	6,000	-	
Librarian	19,800	19,800	-	
Operations Manager	15,000	10,500	4,500	
Total Wages	<u>85,400</u>	<u>81,150</u>	<u>4,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg./Volunteer Recognition	100	848	(748)	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	500	500	
Collection Enhancement/Acquisition	3,000	25	2,975	
Computer	900	265	635	
Contracted Services	500	-	500	
Dues/Subscriptions	400	625	(225)	
Equipment	-	272	(272)	
Exhibits and Education	7,500	5,515	1,985	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	1,750	6,614	4	3,219
Furniture & Fixtures	1,000	544	456	
Home Tour	800	813	(13)	
Insurance	16,000	20,219	(4,219)	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200	149	51	
Miscellaneous	100	173	(73)	
Office Supplies	2,000	1,899	101	
Postage	2,000	2,324	(324)	
Promotion and Outreach	3,000	3,049	(49)	
Purchases for Museum Shop	2,000	3,373	(1,373)	
Publications/Printing	2,000	4,522	(2,522)	
Sales Tax	150	233	(83)	
Security System	400	899	(499)	
Charges - Credit Card	300	570	(270)	
990 Preparation	2,500	4,116	(1,616)	
Supplies	1,500	2,284	(784)	
Health Insurance	3,600	4,337	(737)	
Payroll Expenses	8,500	8,260	240	
Capital Construction - Van Loon House				9,491
Capital Construction - Bronck Barracks				6,469
Historic Register Book				50
Total Other Expenses	<u>61,200</u>	<u>72,428</u>	<u>(11,228)</u>	<u>19,229</u>
Total Expenses	<u>169,200</u>	<u>175,346</u>	<u>(6,146)</u>	<u>19,229</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,900)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>19,667</u>

Greene County Historical Society
Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the period ending 12/31/10

	<u>CY10</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>YTD 12/31/10</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/</u> <u>Unbudgeted</u>	
REVENUES					
Grants Received					
Restricted	4,300	8,200	¹ 3,900	6,000	²
Unrestricted	7,500	4,750	³ (2,750)		
Total Grants Received	<u>11,800</u>	<u>12,950</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>6,000</u>	
Museum Activities					
Admissions	5,000	4,996	(4)		
Donations	1,000	484	(516)		
Events	2,000	4,109	2,109		
Total Museum Activities	<u>8,000</u>	<u>9,589</u>	<u>(1,589)</u>	<u>-</u>	
Other Income					
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	120	(880)		
Events - Home Tour	7,000	6,550	(450)		
Library Activities	3,000	2,355	(645)		
Membership/Associates	21,000	21,470	470		
Memorial Endowment	102,000	101,719	(281)	16,006	
Miscellaneous Income	2,000	2,507	507		
Museum Shop	5,000	4,148	(852)		
Publications	1,500	1,500	-		
Interest Income	400	38	(362)		
Restricted - Capital Funds Drive				16,890	
Quad Reimbursement	6,500	6,500			
Historic Register				10,383	
Total Other Income	<u>149,400</u>	<u>146,907</u>	<u>(2,493)</u>	<u>32,896</u>	
	<u>169,200</u>	<u>169,446</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>38,896</u>	

1- Bank of Greene County (\$1,000); CIP Grant (\$2,200); Gordon Member Item (\$5,000)

2- Fenimore Asset Management (\$1,000), Plymouth Hill (\$5,000)

3- Greene County Legislature

4- Expenditures higher because of unanticipated Gordon Member item

5- Income was almost exactly what we budgeted, but expenses exceeded budget for the following major reasons; insurance higher than anticipated, printing costs higher because of catch-up on back journals, and 990 preparation higher than anticipated. With regard to insurance and 990 preparation we are working to find ways to reduce these costs.

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MEMBERSHIP 2010
 THOMAS SATTERLEE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

January 1 - December 31, 2010, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$19,545
Donations	
Vedder Library	\$400
Bronck Museum	\$220
Capital Fund	\$239
Beecher Scholarship	\$50
Total Dues & Donations	\$20,454

Membership by category for the year 2010 were as follows:

Member	159
Supporting/Family	169
Sustaining	70
Patron	45
Business Basic	4
Business Supporter	9
Business Sustaining	12
Library Institutions	10
Honorary	12
Student	2
Total Membership	492

Membership and moneys collected was down slightly for 2010. Members are encouraged to solicit memberships wherever possible.

Member categories, dues, and premiums were revised for 2011.

The current membership drive, as of April 28, 2011 has resulted in responses as follows:

Dues	\$16,473	Individual	173
		Dual/Family	125
Donations		Supporter	37
		Patron	30
Vedder Library	\$320	Benefactor	3
Bronck Museum	\$205	Silver Benefactor	1
Capital Fund	\$1,730	Gold Benefactor	2
Beecher Scholarship	\$360	Library Institutions	9
Memorials	\$50	Honorary	12
		Student	2
		Business Basic	3
Total Dues & Donations	\$19,138	Business Friend	9
		Business Supporter	11
		Total Membership	417

**Greene County Historical Society
2010 Membership**

Business Sustaining

Anonymous
C.A. Albright & Sons LLC
National Bank of Coxsackie
Bob Phibbs & Bill Pratt
Hinterland Design
Millsbaugh Camerato Funeral Home
Tip Top Furniture
Kosco
North River Research
Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc
Chalet Services, Inc.
State Telephone Co.

Business Supporting

Coxsackie Antique Center
Deer Watch Inn Bed & Breakfast
Bavarian Manor Country Inn & Restaurant
Kingsley W. Greene Furniture Restoration
Hilscher & Hilscher
Greene County IDA
Washington Irving Inn
Willow Mixed Media
Marshall & Sterling Upstate Inc.

Business Basic

BAT-WINN Enterprises, Inc
Robert Ihlenburgh, PLS
Jeff Ostertag
Christman's Windham House Inc.

Library Institution

Anonymous
NYS Library Ser. Cont Sect
Columbia-Greene Community College
DAR Library
Palenville Branch Library
New York Public Library
Catskill Public Library
Allen County Public Library
Greenville Public Library
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Patron

Anonymous (2)
Beth & Timothy Albright
Charles A. Beach
Phoebe P. Bender
Helen Brown
Penney Buhler
Jean & Clesson Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Byas
Robert & Joan Carl
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Conine
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Day
Mr. & Mrs. Seraphino C. DeLucia
Stephen Dunn
Harvey Durham
Kathleen Durham
Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Fenn Jr
Aaron & Rebecca Flach
Jim & Purcell Palmer Foundation
Thomas & Linda Gentalen
Michel Goldberg
Robert C. Hallock
Ann B. Hallock
Nancy L. Hammond
Janet & Alden Kaplan
Mary W. McCabe
Drs. Robert & Margaret Meyer
Magda Mininberg
Nicholas & Mary Lou C. Nahas
Hugh & Peggy Quigley
David O. Herman & Richard N. Philp
Barbara Smith Rivette
Harry C. Sacco
Martin & Robin Smith
Steven E. Sossei
Barbara T. Tolley
John C. Van Valkenburg
John & Cynthia H. VanLoan
Joseph M. Warren
Chester & Jennifer Warren
Leonard & Wendy Warren
Oskar & Gerry Weidel
Mr. & Mrs. Brent D. Wheat
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Williams
Janet L. Wood

Sustaining Members

Anonymous (4)
Christopher Baswell
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Bedell
Betty Bogardus
Dr. & Mrs. William S. Bronk
Mary & Sal Carcaterra
Robert & Marilyn Carl

Ann & David L. Clapper
Franklin & Winifred Clark
Jonathon & Bodil Donald
Alyce Donovan
Mr. & Mrs. David C. Dorpfeld
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford S. Evans Jr.
Christina Plattner Evola
Lucille Fitzgerald
Theodore Flegel
Virginia K. Garland
Howard & Carole Garvar
Theron & Lisa Gunderman
Peter & Doris Hallock
Mrs. Peter V.V. Hamill
Betty R. Haude
Charles & Kathleen D. Holtz
Karen Hopkins
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Howard
Charles & Roseanne Hudson
Howard & Lynda F. Jacobson
Dr. Dubois & Doris Jenkins
William Kapusta Jr
Emily & Suraj Kunchala
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Lamb
George V. & Sook Ei Lampman
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Mabey
Steven A Mann
Richard A. Martin Sr.
James Dustin
Patricia H. Maxwell
Marjorie S. McCoy
Douglas & Susan McCuen
Beverly Blenis McKeone
Patricia & Thomas McManus
Donald & Eleanor Moon
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis O'Grady
Donald & Carol Plank
Hon. George & Michele Pulver Jr.
Carrie Feder & Randall Evans
Henry & Marilyn Rausch
Deborah Allen & Robert Hock
Ralph F. Rominger
Roger V.V. & June M. Rouse
Mark & Kathy Russell
Thomas & Joan Satterlee
Phyllis E. Silva-Keith
Barbara Roe Simpkins
Philip & Louise C Smith
Irving F. Smith
Sarah Smith
Richard & Barbara Spataro
Rodney Steffens
Greggor Petrovic & Steve Goldberg
Harry & Marie A. Sturges
Harry C. Teich
Malcom & Brooke Travelstead

Alan Wallach
Walter & Barbara Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Yost
Louise W. Young

Supporting/Family Members

Anonymous (6)
Charles & Susan Adsit
John Cannon Alta Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Nils Backlund
Jennifer Barnhart
Barbara Beaumont
Walter S. Becker
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Beecher
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Beede
Ann & Joel Berson
Brian L. Blakeley
Christian Kovacs & Blayne Gunderman
Dorothy Blenis
Blaine & Gina Bleins
Norma Bodratti
Joseph L. Boehlke
Richard & Alice Bronk
Robert & Jennifer-Joy Bronk
Lois A. Cameron
Joseph & Diane Capobianco
Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Carl
Charles & Nancy Cary
Sidney & Marcia S. Castle
Arnold H. Chadderdon
Gavin Clark
Paul & Mary Jo Cords
Lee & Eleanor Coyle
Raymond & Sharon Cross Jr.
Andrea Cunliffe
Robert A. D'Agostino & Family
Gerard & Denise Daly
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2010-2011 Committee Reports

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Attached are the individual reports from the Committees:

BRONCK MUSEUM COMMITTEE
Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-chairs

The Bronck Museum Committee met ten times in the period from May 2010 to April 2011, skipping the Thanksgiving-Christmas months. Each meeting is attended by Curator Shelby Mattice and Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart. In addition, ad hoc committees met frequently for work on specific projects. Much has been accomplished and plans are in place for future development as illustrated by the following:

The 2010 Statistics. The Museum had an excellent 2010 season reflected in the following:

Total number of visitors—2, 679 people, down slightly from 2009.

Admissions income—\$5065.50, a new high.

Income from all sources (admissions, raffles, donations, etc.)—\$9,008.13, another new high.

Five commercial bus tours with 235 people visited the Museum. Other smaller groups visited also.

Three secondary school groups (Coxsackie and Athens 4th Graders and a Catskill “Sense of Place” group) and one community college history class visited the Museum.

Outreach (away from the Museum) to schools and small groups reached 208 people.

Twenty volunteers gave 1,169.5 hours of time to the Museum. This includes the Museum Committee members and other Trustees.

A special visit in September came from staff associated with the TV show, “Ghost Hunters” who were researching the Joseph Hallock House in Catskill. The format for the show includes a brief item about local history which was done by David Dorpfeld, County Historian and a local historical site, the Bronck Museum.

Grants Received. During 2010, four grants were received as follows: Bank of Greene County for the Ice Exhibit; Fennimore Asset Management for the Ice Exhibit; County Initiatives Program through the Greene County Council on the Arts for entertainment for Bronck Museum Programs; and Plymouth Hill Foundation for the Ice Exhibit. In addition, the Greene County Office of Economic Development and Promotion provides printing and distribution services for the Museum’s brochure.

New Exhibit/Signs and Brochures. The Bronck Family/Bronck Museum Time Line was completed and installed in the Visitors Center Gallery. A reception to celebrate the opening of the installation was held. The canvas panels of the Time Line trace the Bronck Family from migration to the transfer of the property to the Society in 1939. It is planned that the exhibit will remain in place for the 2011 season. Thanks to Jim Dustin for all his work to design, produce and install the panels. Jim also helped Museum Curator Shelby Mattice with the development and hanging of two signs describing the Dutch Barn. Shelby also developed two brochures which provide further information for the Bronck Burying Grounds and the Western View signs.

“Notes from Home”. Each year Shelby Mattice prepares a newsletter which is sent to all known Bronck Descendants. This year’s “Notes” included information about the third generation of the Bronck Family. The first name which repeats through generations of the Family is Leendert (Dutch) or Leonard (English). Her research reveals that the name comes from second generation, Jan Bronck’s father-in-law, Leendert Conine.

Activities and Programs. The 2010 Season began with Association Day which celebrates the signing of the Coxsackie Articles of Association in 1775. This free-day (no admission charged) included entertainment by the Village Fife and Drum Corp.

The three 2010 Bronck Family at Home programs were an ambitious undertaking, involving a costumed interpreter with a special display of collection items. The programs highlighted family members at various periods of time as follows:

“The Minister and Parishioner”. Costumed interpretations were provided by Joe Copiobianco as Rev. Schuneman and Bob Hallock as Leonard Bronk, followed by a tour of the house by Curator Shelby Mattice in her Revolutionary War period costume. On display was the newly received Schuneman Bible, given to the Vedder Research Library in memory of Peter Van Vechten Hamil. This was held in June.

“My Husband, the Minister”. Shelby Mattice, portraying Adelaide Bronk Lampman, was dressed in her Victorian costume and talked about her husband, the Rev. Louis Lampman. The accompanying display included family photos from Adelaide’s time. This was held in July.

“Doctor, Judge and Daughter”: Dr. John Ely (portrayed by Dick Muggeo), Leonard Bronk (portrayed by Bob Hallock) and Dr. Ely’s daughter and Leonard Bronk’s daughter-in-law, Maria Ely Bronk (portrayed by Shelby Mattice) discussed their individual lives and the time period of the 1820’s. This was held in September.

These ambitious programs involved much research and practice by the interpreters, but both the attendance and admission income were the highest of any season’s Bronck Family at Home series.

“A Dutch Funeral”, our first funeral program was held on October 30 at 4:00 pm. We had an overflow crowd, so Shelby gave another presentation at 5:00 pm. This program explored the rituals and customs of death and burial in early America. The 1663 House was bathed in candlelight which surrounded the shrouded body. After the presentation, Shelby led a solemn procession, accompanied by bell ringing to the Bronck cemetery for more information about early burial customs. The presentation concluded with the handing out of funeral cakes. Thirty-nine people attended the two sessions. People attending the program had high praise for the experience and have asked that it be repeated.

The Heritage Craft Fair, our second free day of the season, was held on October 3. It was a perfect fall day and the fair was a tremendous success with an estimated crowd of 1000 visitors and 19 vendors. The Bronck Museum Gift Shop and the Trading Post were both open. Other attractions included wagon rides, musical entertainment, the Flip booth, cider making, the sheep, free cider and donuts and the refreshment stand. A silent auction and a 50/50 raffle, organized by Jennifer Barnhart and Wanda Dorfelfeld, were added this year. These two additions raised over \$1200 for the Society.

In the 2010 season, three favorites from previous years were offered again. The popular low light event “By the Light of the Silvery Moon”, included a story teller (Dick Muggeo), musical entertainment; refreshments; walks through the house; and a stroll to the 13-sided barn. The “18th Century Green” program was offered again in September during the Hudson River

Ramble. And the 2010 season ended with the “Chilly Willy” tours, which focus on the family’s preparations for the Dutch and Swedish Holidays. Shelb, in costume, guides visitors through the cold house.

School Programs. Wanda Dorpfeld and Jennifer Barnhart developed a brochure, “The Bronck Museum School Programs: Come to Us or We’ll Come to You” to be sent to area schools listing and describing all the school programs the Museum has to offer. The brochure emphasizes that two options are available to the schools. They can bring their classes to the Museum or Museum staff or volunteers can take the programs into the schools for a nominal fee.

During 2010, the 4th graders from Cocksackie Elementary and E.J. Arthur came to the Museum for the tour which consists of four modules and gives the teachers the option of choosing which time period will be emphasized—early Dutch or Revolutionary War. The Tour is followed by a visit to the Bronck Burying Grounds.

On October 8, the Bronck Museum for the first time joined with many other organizations and individuals of this area to host programs for the Catskill Middle School’s “Greater Sense of Place” Program. Bob and Ann Hallock presented the General Greene program and David and Wanda Dorpfeld presented information about Native Americans and made cornhusk dolls with the students who attended. There was a thank you to the Bronck Museum in “The Daily Mail” and we have been asked to expand our program for next year.

Shelby Mattice visited classrooms in her Dutch costume to talk about Dutch Foodways. This includes hands-on activities such as grating spices. Bob Hallock also visited classrooms as General Nathanael Greene. Shelby was a visitor in a Home and Careers class where she talked about the history of chocolate.

The Van Bergen Overmantel program has been completed by Wanda Dorpfeld and Chris Byas and is ready to loan to local schools or to be presented by Wanda Dorpfeld. The program consists of a canvas print of the overmantel with suggested curriculum and supporting activities. Students are urged to become “history detectives” and search for clues on early Dutch life here in Greene County as depicted in the overmantel, a good example of a primary source document.

The Collection. During the past year, collection items were moved into the Barrack. Recent work has inventoried those items so that the location indicator on collection records can be changed. Additional work on the collection records is planned for the summer. The promised Mountain House pots and one cover were delivered during 2010 and have been accessioned. In November a portrait of Mrs. John L. Bronk was received from Linda Smith Bohan. The William and Mary Tripp chair received in the Fall of 2009 was placed on exhibit in the parlor of the 1738 House. The chair estimated to be circa 1720 is the oldest chair in the collection. The Committee has determined that the chair has priority for needed restoration of the original leather seat. Currently a skilled leather expert has examined the chair and provided an estimate of the cost of the restoration. The spring issue of “The Messenger” included a plea for help in the restoration of this chair.

The Buildings and Grounds. In an effort to protect the health and safety of Museum Visitors, several safety features were used in the 2010 season. These included pedestrian crossing signs for CR 42; “slippery when wet” signs to use on the slates in front of the 1663 House; new

temporary steps between the hyphen-hallway and the back courtyard; filling-in of the hole at the end of the drainage pipe with coarse stone and replacement of the cracked cistern cover in the back courtyard. The West Wing (1685-90 House) is still in need of work. Due to a lack of sufficient funds, the walls in that room have not been repaired. The caretakers have continued to work on the Hunter Education Center (the house on the Kennel Property). It is hoped that the septic system issues can be addressed this year so this building can be used. Jim Dustin worked on land use plans to better direct foot traffic about the site, especially as the exhibit area on the CR42 side is opened and on plans for trees and plantings to better integrate the property along US 9W into the property on the west side of CR42.

Gift Shop. To make the Museum Shop more inviting for the 2010 season, the layout was changed and curtains were added to the bottom of the counters. Two cupboards were given to the Museum by Kathy and Stephen Beecher for use in the Shop. These were painted to match the barn and make excellent display units. New gift items from vendors included jewelry, bags, sweatshirts and more children's toys. Customized magnets, key chains and note cards sold well. Local history books continued to be popular.

Greene Business Alliance (GBA and formerly the Industrial Development Agency). Several years ago, the Society agreed to be the depository for the items found in the archeological digs from the GBA's sites. Both the GBA and the Society have hoped that these items might be used in school programs. Additional items have been found in the area of the planned Solar Farm near Flint Mine Road. During the past year, several meetings have been held involving GBA staff, Ed Curtin the Archeologist, Society representatives and teacher representatives including Kerry Houlihan, the Curriculum Director at Cossackie-Athens School (C-A). The current plan is that four display units for dig findings will be purchased by the GBA for placement in the C-A school to generate interest in archeology. It is hoped that an archeology club will be formed with an archeology course in the future.

Bob Hallock, Society President accompanied the GBA and several teachers staff to a meeting in Wisconsin with the Stockbridge Munsee Indians, descendant of the Mahicans who lived in this area. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the interpretation of the Mahican presence in Greene County, especially related to the Solar Farm, and to plan for future cooperative undertakings.

Office Improvements. Last summer before the start of the 2010 season, the computers in the Museum office were upgraded by the Society. This year, the entire office area has been painted by the caretakers and furniture rearranged. This will provide a more attractive work area for both staff and volunteers. The Museum maintains resource books for the use of the curator. The Catskill Monday Club gave the Museum money in memory of Elizabeth Miller, Olga Santora, Emma Bush and Bunny Denniston to underwrite the purchase of several resource books.

Volunteers. Donna Nelson, Sue Thrasher, Joan Satterlee, Joe Copiobianca, Carol Serazio, Meg Griffith, Madeline Gunderman, Lisa Gunderman, Henry Rausch, Alex Hanse, Beverly Walker, and Joyce Raffaele, in addition to Society Trustees worked at the Museum during the last year. Their contributions varied from working at a single event to acting as a docent to welcoming guests in the Visitors Center. The Museum could not function without this help. Thank you.

Assistance to the Library. Through the year, Shelby Mattice and Museum Committee members provided assistance to the Vedder Research Library. Jim Dustin and Shelby planned and hung the exhibit for the Library's A.D.O. Browere paintings from Katharine and Raymond Beecher. Ann Hallock and Shelby have done two exhibits in the display case as follows: Christmas ornaments and presidential plates from the White House Historical Association and early cookbooks from the Library collection with early utensils from Shelby's collection.

County History Day. The Bronck Museum was well represented on April 30 at the first Greene County History Day organized by Peter Feinman of the Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education. The conference was part of an effort to promote a sense of place and belonging in one's community. The program was offered for professional development credit to teachers and had been approved for CLG training for historic preservationists. It provided an opportunity to bring together municipal historians, historical societies, historic organizations, scholars, and friends of history in a single meeting at the county level. David Dorpfeld and Ted Hilscher made presentations while Wanda Dorpfeld participated in a round table discussion on Greene County history in the classroom. Shelby Mattice presided over an exhibit of materials from the Dutch Foodways, the Van Bergen Overmantel, and the History of Chocolate programs.

Thank you to the Staff! The Bronck Museum had a very successful 2010 season. This would not have been possible without the Museum staff—Shelby Mattice, Curator; Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager; and Jason O'Donnell and Aaron Bedell, Caretakers. Aaron left the Museum in January and was replaced by Amanda O'Donnell. Thank you for all of your work.

Farewell to Jim. In January, Jim Dustin resigned from the Committee and from the Society. He was very generous in his donation of his time and talents to improve the appearance of the Museum and to provide new ways of providing information to Museum Visitors. He will be greatly missed, but we hope that he will help us in some of our work in the future.

Plans for the 2011 Season

Programs. The following programs will be repeated during the 2011 Season:

- Association Day
- "By the Light of the Silvery Moon"
- 18th Century Green
- The Heritage Craft Fair
- The Dutch Funeral
- The Chilly Willy Tours

New programs are being developed for the Bronck Family at Home series, considering the housekeeping practices of the family, as follows:

- The Bronck Family Keeping House: Cleaning
- The Bronck Family Keeping House: Decorating
- The Bronck Family Keeping House: Cooking

Tours. Group and School Tours have been scheduled. The Teaching American History Symposium, organized by Sherman Farber (TAH Grant Program, Ulster BOCES) will spend one day at the Bronck Museum in July. Shelby has helped set up a program for the day, including guest speakers, a tour of the house and exhibits of the Museum's School Programs. Also, we will continue to promote outreach programs with community groups.

The Gift Shop. Some Dutch items such as little ceramic wooden shoe ornaments and magnets and Delft spoon holders, along with a selection of new children's toys will be added this year.

Our new Bronck House Christmas ornament will be offered in the gift shop in addition to site specific items and items from our Heritage Craft Fair vendors offered during previous seasons. We also expect our jams and jellies to be offered again this year.

Docent Manual and Training. Since 2009 when Shelby broke her leg, the Museum has been using more volunteer docents for tours, especially group tours. Shelby has rewritten the old tour script material, adding content about the houses and family in addition to the information about each room. Each section also includes questions which might be asked of the docent. It is expected that a draft of this docent manual will be ready for use this year in docent training. After an evaluation of the material in 2011, the manual will be finalized for the 2012 season.

A Summer Intern. In May 2010, the Museum will welcome their first summer intern, Jenna Melewski. She is not a stranger to the Society, having been one of the first Beecher scholarship winners. Jenna will be working with Wanda Dorpfeld as her mentor, on the development of a packaged program, "The Civil War and Children" for 5th graders. Jenna, a resident of New Baltimore, will be a senior at Duquesne this fall.

Plans for the Collection. Current work with the collection will continue during the next year with attention to moving non-agricultural items out of the Dutch Barn into the Barrack. This will enable increased emphasis on agriculture in the interpretation of the Dutch Barn.

Suggestions/Ideas. The Museum Committee welcomes ideas and suggestions for future exhibits and programs. Perhaps it is something from another Museum or your own idea. Please pass it on to the Committee. Our goal is to continue to present the history of the area, the Bronck Family and the buildings through various methods to the current and new audiences. Your suggestions would be appreciated.

VEDDER RESEARCH LIBRARY

Steve Pec, Librarian

During 2010, the Vedder Research Library experienced its busiest year on record - whether measured in terms of (1) library building improvements, (2) equipment addition, (3) research aids, (4) addition of books and other print materials or (5) record levels of use. Our volunteer staff worked harder than ever to provide quality library services. In the coming years, we look forward to continuing to provide efficient service to the public while protecting VRL collection of historic documents during the migration from paper to digital formats. Protecting historic documents remains our concern.

- (1) library building improvements by GCHS
 - A. front and back doors were winterized
 - B. ceiling fluorescent lights were replaced
 - C. a permanent display from our paintings collection was created
 - D. heating and air conditioning system was fixed

(2) equipment addition

Here is the floor location of most library equipment (new and old), and listing with description. Note, all computers in the library are connected wirelessly to printers F and J (in addition to a wired connection to a printer next to it).



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- A computer - Dell Dimension 3000
- B scanner - Eson 4490
- C color printer - HP Deskjet 940c
- D computer - Dell Dimension 3000
- E scanner - HP Scanjet 8300
- F black/white printer - HP Laser Jet 1200
- G computer - Dell Vostro 200
- H computer - Dell Dimension 4300
- I overhead scanner - Minolta PS 7000
- J color printer - EPSON Workforce 1100
- K scanner/photocopier/printer - Canon PIXMA 250
- L computer - Dell Vostro 200
- M computer - Dell Dimension 3000
- N scanner/photocopier/printer - HP Laser Jet M 1522
- O overhead scanner - Hover-Cam
- P (not in photo) computer - Dell Dimension 2100 to be added here. Plus in response to customer needs, the equipment E-scanner will be moved to here. At the end, said computer will control/run equipment E- scanner and O-overhead scanner

- Q (not in photo) two microfilm readers - (1) Minolta RP6032
(2) Midwest Micro Informa
R (not in photo) one photo digital camera - Fuji Finepix S 1800

- (3) research aids – some developed by staff and some purchased
- A. 320 pages Index to library photo collection was completed and made available in paper format, and online at <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/photocollection.pdf>.
Online option allows researchers to check library holdings (text description only) without coming to the library.
 - B. Genealogy Pathfinder (a step by step explanation on how to use VRL holdings) was completed and uploaded to library webpage <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/genealogy-p.htm>. Online option allows researchers to check library holdings (text description only) without coming to the library.
 - C. Bound newspaper collection was identified, and organized by title and year on library shelves at the back of the library
 - D. Microfilm newspaper collection was identified, and organized by title and year in library filing cabinets
 - E. Microfilm New York Times collection was identified, and organized by year in library filing cabinets
 - F. Library postcards collection was identified, and organized by geographical name in library filing cabinets
 - G. Two filing cabinets were added: one for photo and genealogy holdings, and the other for local history folders.
 - H. Broken microfilm reader was replaced with a new one donated by Adirondack Community College Library.
- (4) addition of books and other print materials
- See “Acquisitions and Gifts Cataloged” for a detailed listing <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/libgift.htm>
 - See “Catalog updates” for a detailed listing <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/libcatup.htm>
- (5) record levels of use (year 2010) - see statistics below and some on library webpage <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/STATISTICS.htm>
- 400 - visitors were assisted in the library
 - 166 - from Greene County
 - 107 - from New York state
 - 120 - from USA
 - 7 - from foreign countriesVisitors used 838 items, many related to genealogy
 - 128 - phone queries were answered
 - 62 - postal requests were answered
 - 413 - emails were received, many required one of the following answers:
 - Simple questions answered gratis.
 - More complicated required basic \$7 fee.
 - Some paid \$30 per hour for extensive research.See description of VRL research services <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/libsearch.htm>

92,099 - visitors viewed library webpage, since 2005, see counter at the bottom of the main page <http://www.vedderlibrary.org/>

NOTE – throughout the year, VRL is host to many meetings and events.

(6) volunteer staff

Clesson S. Bush
Jean Bush
Harvey Durham
Kathleen Durham
Karla Flegel
Raymond E. Friss
June Gambacorta
Kathleen Hintz
Charles A. Holtz
Evelyn Lein
Shirley McGrath
Beth Rienti
Judy Rundell
Stephen Schwebler

(7) migration from paper to digital formats - a three phase project

1st phase: designing, installing and implementing the Vedder Research Library–Bronck Museum Network. 10/16 months in years 2011/2012

2nd phase: the digital inventory and control of library holdings. 12/18 months in years 2012/2013.

3rd phase: digitalization of the documents. 18/24 months in years 2013/2015.

NOTE The major costs in said three phases, estimated to be about \$ 5,000 annually, would be for network IT staff (including equipment) and about five hours a week for digital cataloger. There will be some overlap in the development and implementation of the phases. It will not be necessary to totally complete a phase before moving ahead to the development of the next phase. As I understand, most of said annual expense is paid by GCHS secured grants. In conclusion, said 3 phase approach is only the beginning. A complete digitalization of VRL holdings may take additional several years plus considerable amount of money. The final outcome is contingent upon available staff and finances.

(8) our concern

Security - integrity of library holdings. Library items “disappear” or are misplaced e.g. photo collection.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No Chair

In the Fall of 2010 the Committee had the electric service connection to the Pieter Bronck Trading Post repaired. The electric service to the Country Store and the caretaker's building will have to be done in 2011 because it will require a new connection to be set up to the building, which will require a trench to be dug and cable laid. New ballasts have been installed in the various light fixtures in the Vedder Research Library by the caretaker Jason O'Donnell. Jason and Aaron Bedell, the other caretaker, cleaned and painted the old vault area and curator's office in the Visitor's Center. Some of this area had never been painted. As part of the work on

the houses, the north window trim on the 1685 house has been painted in the red color of the cellar doors and kitchen dependency trim. The caretakers did an excellent job and the window really has a different look. Eventually, the window trim on all the windows will be red, and shutters will be repainted in appropriate colors with new shutters hung where needed.

Family Danz Heating and Air Conditioning did additional work on the heating system in the Vedder Research Library. Worn out control valves and corrosion of the expansion tank led to leaks. Proactive replacement of some piping was done while the system was apart. The burner pump was also replaced as it was beginning to function intermittently. The heating and cooling system is an unusual hybrid that over the years has had various vendors servicing the different components. This caused the system to not function as a whole, resulting in both heating and cooling problems. Having one vendor, Family Danz, enables the system to function efficiently and properly. This work was done last year and the system has operated properly since then.

In late 2010 Aaron Bedell decided to move on and resigned as a caretaker. We thank him for his service to the Society. In January 2011 Jason's wife, Amanda, was appointed as the other caretaker, returning to the husband wife team we have had in the past.

Work on the septic system for the Hunter Education Center, (former residence of the kennel owners) will begin in 2011. The Hunter Education Center will be connected to the existing septic tank located near the Barrack (formerly the kennels). Once the septic system is completed, we can begin work on the walkways in front of the Barrack exhibit areas and on the interior of the HEC building. Then the exhibit areas can be started.

A new lawn tractor and mower attachment were purchased in early 2011 and delivered in May. The old tractor and mower had several problems and needed to be replaced. A 53" cut mower will enable Jason to accomplish more mowing in less time. Also, he will be able to use the zero turn mower in areas where that will save time. With the rain this spring the lawns needed mowing desperately.

Bids are being sought for a new wooden gutter on the 1663/1685 house and further bids will be sought for the brick work on the 1738 house.

A sub-committee has been appointed for a review of the security system, particularly for the Vedder Research Library. That sub-committee is chaired by Rick Hanse, with Tom Satterlee and Harvey Durham, aided by Librarian Steve Pec, Curator Shelby Mattice and Caretaker Jason O'Donnell. The sub-committee has met several times and has talked to Scott Alarm System, the security system provider, about problem areas and solutions.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE **Robert A. D'Agostino, Chair**

The Winter 2010 *Journal* has been mailed recently. The *Journal* schedule is now current and work has started on the 2011 *Journals* as follows:

- The Spring 2011 issue will feature the life and career of "Uncle" Sam Wilson's life and career written by Green Mountain College senior Andrew Bittner. It had been planned that this article would appear in an earlier issue, but publication was delayed because of a lack of pictures to accompany the article.
- Spring or Summer 2011 will have an article on a mill in Catskill.

- Fall or Winter 2011 will have an article on Greene County soldiers at the Battle of Gettysburg by Ted Hilscher.

The *Journal* is always looking for good research. The Publications Committee encourages Society members to consider writing for us. Editorial assistance can be provided.

The Committee seeks manuscripts which relate to the history of the various townships of the County and its environs. Items need not be of world-shaking import; we seek, rather to record for the use of future generations, information about people, events and artifacts that could be lost when our generations are gone. Topics may be related to any time period, including the recent past. (And remember, editorial assistance can be provided.)

Material for the *Greene County Historical Journal* is solicited by the Publications Committee in accordance with the following conditions:

- The Society has no funds to purchase articles. However, under special conditions the Society may be able, to a limited degree, to reimburse an author's research or reproduction expenses.
- Material must be original and written in acceptable English style, preferable word-processed (typewritten is OK as well) and double-spaced.
- Authors should be prepared to cite the sources from which their information was obtained.
- The name, address, and telephone number of the author must be given.
- The *Journal* reserves the right to accept or reject material submitted.
- The *Journal* reserves the right to edit accepted material for historical accuracy, clarity, and/or space considerations.
- Photographs will be returned after being copied.

Articles or requests for further information should be directed to Robert A. D'Agostino, *Journal* editor, at the Greene County Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 44, Coxsackie, New York 12051.

Also: please note the *Journal's* e-mail address: gchjnl@verizon.net.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE-ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

Co Chairs: Gina McGrath & Marilyn Rausch

Fall-2010

The Education Committee held two lectures at the Vedder Research Library..

The first lecture was held on October 20th. Bryce Waldrop, local architect and preservationist from North Chatham focused on the exterior architecture of homes in New York State. He covered a period of time from 1600 through 1840 by dividing the architecture styles into five periods: Dutch Colonial (1600s-c1800), English Colonial (1700s-1780, Federal (1780-1820's), Adam (1780-1820s), and Greek Revival (c1825-1860). Each period had character/defining features. For example: roof design, and the style and placement of doors and windows. Some of the Architectural designs

overlapped into other periods. His slide presentation and history of the architectural designs was well received by those who attended the lecture.

The second lecture was held on November 3rd. Robert Halley, retired teacher and collector of antique Christmas ornaments, gave an informative history of the “Origins of Christmas & Christmas Ornaments”. He and his late wife, Martha Halley, collected the items over a long period of time. Dressed in a Scottish Kilt, he relayed the history of his extensive collection. Some of the ornaments were containers for candy for the children, some were candle holders, religious items, and Dresdens (fine German detail). The audience enjoyed the history of the Kugel (a heavy glass ornament) c. 1820’s. Members were able to hold the ornaments and examine the detail and the weight of them. He examined and appraised a Kugel ornament brought to the lecture by a member of the audience too. She was amazed to learn of its value. He concluded his program with cookie samples from his cookie business. Mr. Halley has other collections of interest and perhaps will give us another fine lecture in the near future.

Spring-2011

The third lecture was held on April 30th, Wednesday. Shelby Mattice, Bronck Museum Curator, gave a very informational lecture on “The Lives of Victorian Women-Romance & Reality”. She researched the lives of two American women; Theresa Sickles, married to flamboyant and controversial politician Daniel Sickles, and Helen Jewett, a notorious New York City prostitute. Each came from totally different backgrounds but shared similar problems: both were involved in notorious scandals. Helen Jewett was murdered in 1836 and her murder created headlines in the press. Theresa Sickles, who had taken on a famous lover, Philip Barton Key (son of Frances Scott Key, the composer of the *Star Spangled Banner*) made headlines and was banned from polite society as her husband murdered her lover in a nearby Lafayette Park in Washington, DC. Shelby offered the opinion that both women were victims of the era because women were considered to be mere property of their husbands. Consequently, both cases ended with the men being given sentences that would have been unheard of in today’s society. Richard P. Robinson was acquitted by a jury and the judge ordered the jury to disregard the testimony of the witnesses. In the case of Daniel Sickles, he was the first person in U.S. history to successfully plead temporary insanity. Both women were victims of the Victorian Era (circa 1837-1900).

Shelby stated that in the 1920’s after the women won the right to vote, their rights to equality began to improve. She offered a **GOOD READING** list to the audience and had newspapers on display regarding the trial of Richard P. Robinson. The reading list is available at the Vedder Library for more information on the Victorian era.

The fourth lecture was held on April 27th, Wednesday, and was given by State Telephone President Joseph Warren. His topic was “The 100th Anniversary of the State Telephone Company”. He discussed the history of the phone company from its inception in 1909 as well as the background of the company. He offered several exhibits including old phones, phone books and stock certificates. His program traced the

merger of about twelve area telephone companies in 1909 that formed the State Telephone Company to the 21st Century. He indicated that company plans to have the cable, internet fiber optic service in operation by summer.

Upcoming Programs

This year begins a five- year commemoration of the American Civil War. The Education Committee is presenting its first program this Spring to celebrate the Sesquicentennial.

On May 18th, Judee Synakowski, will portray in costume, Mary Todd Lincoln. Her topic is entitled: "Was First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln really crazy?" Judee will be talking about Mary Todd Lincoln's life during and after her husband, Abraham, and the many tragedies that happened during her lifetime. This would include the deaths of three out of four sons and her husband. She did face many problems in her life, to the point that her eldest son, Robert, was the one that claimed her insane and subsequently had her institutionalized. **Find out if the rumors are true.** There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.

HISTORIC REGISTER COMMITTEE

Chair, Ken Mabey

Sites added to the Register: 2010-2011 are # 236-247. A public list of all the sites is available at Vedder Library.

- #236 Bump Tavern from Ashland, now at Farmer's Museum, Cooperstown
- #237 Cornwallville Methodist Church, now at Farmer's Museum, Cooperstown
- #238 Croswell Parsons Paper Mill Site, New Baltimore
- #239 Pratt Road Cemetery, Durham
- #240 Oak Hill Cemetery, Durham
- #241 The Stannard Homestead, Durham
- #242 The Joseph Z. Hallock Farm, New Baltimore
- #243 Rising Sun Farm - New Baltimore/Coxsackie
- #244 Hannacroix House - New Baltimore
- #245 Domine Schuneman House – Catskill
- # 246 Gaspar Tree Farm / aka Palmer Family House - Greenville
- # 247 Bavarian Manor – Cairo

The Historic Register Committee would be happy to add people to the committee to help in the work of the Historic Register.

35th ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES

Chair, Terez Limer

The 35th Annual Tour of Homes will be held in New Baltimore on July 9th this year, to accommodate the New Baltimore Agricultural Festival scheduled for the first Saturday in

June. This is New Baltimore bicentennial year and the Society agreed to change the date because of the bicentennial. The tour will go from the hamlet of New Baltimore to the farm areas west of the hamlet. Headquarters will be at the New Baltimore Town Hall, the former Rocky Store School. The New Baltimore Conservancy is assisting in the Tour.

The 34th Annual Tour Of Homes held in 2010 was in Windham, Hensonville and Maplecrest. Over 300 tickets were sold even though the tour ticket price was increased. The revenue was \$6,550 with about \$1,500 of that due to the increase in prices. Expenses were \$813, for a net profit of \$5,737. This was an excellent turnout for a tour on the mountain area of the County where attendance has been lower in the past. Thanks to Dale Sutton for hosting the get-together after the tour.

BEECHER SCHOLARSHIP

Chris Byas, Chair

The scholarship created to honor the late Dr. Raymond Beecher was awarded in 2010 to Jack Hilscher of Coxsackie Athens Central School in the amount of \$500. There was only one applicant. In an attempt to attract more applicants the Committee decided that this year there would be one \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline for applications for the 2011 scholarship was May 1. Four applications have been received and the applications have been shared by the Committee for review. Announcement of the scholarship winner will be made by June 1.

PUBLIC AND MEMBER RELATIONS

Jennifer Barnhart, staff

Two editions of the "Messenger" were published in 2010-11. The "Messenger" is now being sent by e-mail to persons who wish to have it sent that way. The Spring 2011 edition featured a color front and back page, more photographs and articles and some new features. Comments on the new look have been good. There seems to be more interest in the "Messenger".

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Emily Kunchala, Chair

The Strategic Planning Committee members have met and are revising the current 2009 version of the Strategic Plan. A copy of the revised Plan will be sent out to all Trustees prior to the July Board meeting. Changes will be made, if appropriate, and a revised version will be brought forward for a vote at the September Board meeting.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Wanda Dorpfeld, Chair

The Board Development and Nominating Committee have reviewed the current list of Trustees: reviewed the attendance records; contacted those whose terms are expiring or have missed more than one-half of the meetings; and recruited new candidates to propose for election.

Trustees who have resigned during the past year:

James Dustin
Carrie Feder
Linda Gentalen
Michel Goldberg

Member of the Class of 2011 who wish to return as Trustee in the Class of 2014:

Emily Kunchala

Members of the Class of 2011 who wish to return as Trustees in the Class of 2016:

Jim Planck
Joseph Warren

The Board wishes to thank Marilyn Rausch who will be retiring after
ten years of devoted service to the Society.

New Trustee Candidate for the Class of 2013:

Karen Deeter

New Trustee Candidates for the Class of 2016:

W. Bradford Ellis
Robert Hoven
Barbara Spartaro
John Quinn

The following are biographical sketches submitted by the five candidates:

Karen Deeter

Karen Deeter was born and raised in Topeka, Kansas. She attended the University of Kansas, graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and taught in Kansas for one year. She began working on her master's degree at Boston University in the field of Pupil Personnel Services, and finished at Long Island University with a Masters in the The Study of Humanities. She taught music in Patchogue, Long Island, New York, for over thirty years. Beyond her master's degree she received a Certificate in the Kodaly Music Education Training through summer studies in Estergom, Hungary. She was on Sabbatical for a year studying at the Orff Institute (The Mozarteum) in Salsburg, Austria to become an Orff Schulwerk Specialist.

From these experiences she co-founded (with the art teacher) a program that was outside the usual offerings in an elementary school. Ms. Deeter and the art teacher were the two teachers

but in this setting, with about 40 students and their parents, they became more like facilitators in an adventure that became one of the most creative processes she ever had the privilege to be involved with. For many reasons she believed that she would continue working with this program when she retired. Instead, she moved to the mountains and, somehow, with absolutely no background in history studies, she became a town historian.

She loved every minute of teaching. However, this is even better. She has never had more fun.

W. Bradford Ellis

W. Bradford Ellis was born and raised in Connecticut. Most of Mr. Ellis's youth was spent in West Hartford where his sense of civic duty and duty towards philanthropy was fostered by his family. While attending Conard High School in West Hartford he was involved in many extracurricular activities that involved helping the community.

After high school Mr. Ellis attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. While at St. Anselm Mr. Ellis continued his civic duty as the only four year termed class president in the college's history. During his tenure he developed many programs that connected the college and the community through student volunteerism. Mr. Ellis graduated with a B.A. in Financial Economics. After a brief stint in the financial sector, Mr. Ellis went back to college to study Interior Design at The New York School of Interior Design. For 16 years now Mr. Ellis has run his own design firm based out of New York City that specializes in high-end residential design. Mr. Ellis' designs can be found in 12 states and 5 countries.

Mr. Ellis is involved with or a member of the following organizations: God's Love We Deliver, National Counsel of Eagle Scouts, The Mayflower Society, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Saint Anselm College Alumni Board of Director, Starlight Ball of Northern Dutchess Hospital, Limestone Trout Club and several Chambers of Commerce.

Robert Hoven

Interior Designer Robert Hoven has had his own company since 1968 starting in New York City and later moving to Catskill with a prior residence in Westchester for 11 years. He set up the surface design department at The New School University/Parsons School of Design and taught design for 14 years. In 2005 he and many Catskill residents reorganized the leadership of the Beattie-Powers Place, regrouping and offering a varied series of concerts and lectures which sustain and preserve this significant property. He has been President of the Friends of Beattie-Powers Place for six years.

Barbara Spartaro

Barbara Krug Spartaro has lived in Greene County for 25 years. She initially became interested in local history as branch manager for the Palenville Library beginning in 1995. She completed her Master of Library Science degree in 2002 by writing a short history of Palenville, which was a natural outcome of listening to residents tell stories of the area's fascinating past. Employed until last year as an elementary school librarian, Ms. Spartaro is currently exploring the option of pursuing further education in archives, preservation and the professional digitizing of historical records. She has volunteered as a docent at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site for the past 3 years and is presently doing outreach education concerning the Hudson River, for the Albany Institute of History and Art

John Quinn

John Quinn, a former teacher and school administrator has been a resident of Greene County for over forty years. Mr. Quinn currently serves as Vice Chairman for the Community of Windham Foundation Board and is on the Board of Trustees of the Historic Zadock Pratt Museum. Mr. Quinn has been a television and music producer and a columnist for an antiques periodical about collecting Civil War memorabilia. In 2011 he began working with County Historian David Dorpfeld as co-chairman of the Greene County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. This countywide initiative is responsible for the promotion, planning, organizing and coordinating of various sesquicentennial events throughout the county during the next five years. John is co-curator of Civil War exhibits at the Zadock Pratt Museum and the Daughters of the American Revolution Hendrick Hudson Chapter House. He is married to Sharon Quinn a former elementary art teacher at Catskill CSD and currently the K-6 art teacher at Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD. They have a golden retriever named Lincoln.

2011 Schedule of Events

May 15 Association Day, Celebration of the 236th anniversary signing of the “Coxsackie Declaration” 1-3pm, Music, Admission Free

May 18 Education Program, The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln before and after her marriage to Abraham Lincoln as portrayed by Judee Synakowski in costume, 7pm, Vedder Research Library, Admission Free

May 28 - Oct.15 Exhibit “The Broncks: A Dutch-American Family” An exhibit marking 340 years of the Bronck family, Bronck Museum Visitor Center Gallery, Wed-Fri 12-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4, Exhibit Admission Free.

June 12 Bronck Family Keeping House: Cleaning, Keeping a “clean” house and family 1790-1850, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, Adults \$6, Members & Children \$3.

July 9 35th Annual Tour of Homes to be held in New Baltimore, 10am – 4pm, Headquarters at the New Baltimore Town Hall, Tickets \$25; advanced sale tickets \$20.

July 10 Bronck Family Keeping House: Decorating, Choosing appropriate window treatments, bed hangings and floor covering for a rural home 1790-1850, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, Adults \$6, Members & Children \$3.

Aug 13 By the Light of the Silvery Moon, the pleasures & perils of the night life in times past, period refreshments & entertainment, 7:30pm, Adults \$7, Members & Children \$3.50

Sept 11 Bronck Family Keeping House: Cooking, The preparation, preservation and presentation of food for the family 1790-1850, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, Adults \$6, Members & Children \$3.

Sept 17 & 18 18th Century Green, Special content tours at the Bronck Museum discussing the environmental impact of the early American lifestyle. Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4. Adults \$5, GCHS Members & Children \$3.

Oct 2 Heritage Craft Fair, exhibit & sale of traditional American crafts, live music, wagon rides, 12 – 5pm, Admission Free

Oct 29 A Great Sorrow, An early American funeral, 4pm, 5:15pm, Adults \$6, Members & Children \$3.

Nov 12 & 13 Chilly Willy Winter’s Eve Tours, cold season tour with costumed guide, 11am, 1pm & 3pm each day, Adults \$7, Members & Children \$3.50



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