

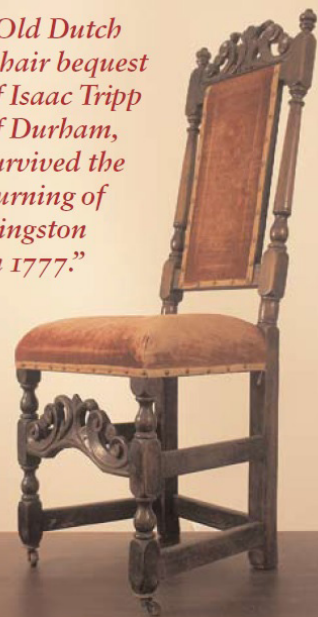
Where History Lives
**Greene County
Historical Society Inc.**

**2014 Financial
& Membership
Reports**

**2014-2015
Program Year**

May 2015

*“Old Dutch
Chair bequest
of Isaac Tripp
of Durham,
survived the
burning of
Kingston
in 1777.”*



The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Greene County Historical Society

About the Cover--Where History Lives

The Greene County Historical Society celebrated its 85th year as a chartered historical society with a collection under the State Education Department's jurisdiction. The Society is charged with maintaining items of historic value for the "public good" and interpreting such items. For many years, the Museum complied with the charter by accessing items; cataloguing collections according to a classification system; storing items; and displaying the collection item periodically with an identification card. Museum behavior for all visitors was best described as "look but do not touch".

This year, the Bronck Museum modified the logo developed for the 350th anniversary of the purchase of the land and the building of the House to include "Where History Lives". This phrase will be demonstrated in two visitor activities this season as visitors learn to tie a bed and measure corn with weighted scales. More interactive offerings are planned for children.

The second implication of "Where History Lives" is the recognition that items in the collection have past lives, from which we can learn about history. Where has it been? Who owned it? How did it get here? And most importantly what can it tell us and our visitors? Following that recognition comes the need to restore the item to its original state, if possible or to a state where it can be maintained and shared.

A good example of this is the chair—before and after, on the cover of this year's Annual Report. This is the Isaac Tripp chair, built from 1720 to 1740 in the William and Mary style, survived the fire in 1777 when the British burned Kingston and was later purchased by Isaac Tripp who gave the chair on paper to the Bronck Museum in 1941. Despite being accessioned into the Museum collection, the chair was never brought to the Museum. In 2009, the chair was discovered in the attic of a Tripp family member and then delivered to the Museum. When it arrived, the chair was covered with Victorian era velvet which was removed to reveal a few precious scraps of the original upholstery. Now, at least 275 years old, the chair has been restored and has new Russian leather upholstery, identical to those small original pieces. The chair is starting its new life in the West Wing next to the newly restored wall. Oh, what a story this chair can tell!

On the other side of this chair, hanging on the wall, is a rare Scripture painting given to the Society by Rubèn Garcia. The painting, based on the Transfiguration of Christ as told in the Bible's Gospel by Matthew, is copied by an unknown artist from an illustration in a 1741 Dutch Bible. It is believed that it was one of the paintings done by this artist before 1750 for the Dutch community around Albany. When Rubèn Garcia, an active member of the Greene County arts community and a Past President of the Historical Society, bought a home in Leeds, New York, he found the painting stowed in the attic. When found by Rubèn, he recognized the value and began researching the painting. The painting needs stabilization and restoration so its once vibrant colors will show forth the biblical history depicted.



The restoration work necessary to bring Museum collection items, such as the chair and the painting, to new life is expensive. The Vedder Research Library faces similar problems with paper items needing restoration. The Society would appreciate donations to help fund such restorations in either the Museum or Library.

**Annual Report
Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
2014 Financial and Membership Year
2014-15 Program Year
May 2015**

The 2014-15 Officers of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

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Amanda O'Donnell	Custodian
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May 2015

2014 saw a number of positive initiatives for The Greene County Historical Society, some continuing from prior years and others new for that year. The Windows on History campaign continues as work is done to maintain and restore the Bronck House. The hay press that the Society acquired has not yet been moved to its permanent site in the 13 sided Barn, but can only be moved under optimal conditions. The Society purchased an elevated map of the Catskill Mountain Railroad and acquired a sound system for the Vedder Research Library. A new handrail was installed into the Vedder Research Library that is not only visually aesthetic, but also very functional and much needed for the Society's members and guests using the Library.

The Society has entered into an agreement with the Mountaintop Historical Society to discuss the loan of the Society's unique model of the Catskill Mountain House. The Society believes that the mountaintop is a more appropriate location for the model as that's where the famed edifice was located. The Catskill Mountain House played an integral role in Greene County's history. It was built in 1823 and opened a year later with panoramic views of the Hudson Valley; it inspired famed members of the Hudson River School of artists, including Thomas Cole and was featured in James Fenimore Cooper's works. The Catskill Mountain House continued operation until 1941 and was finally burned by the State in 1963. The Society is proud to be able to offer the model to the Mountaintop HS and is confident that viewers and historians will appreciate the detail and craftsmanship of the model.

In addition to the Catskill Mountain House loan, the Society continues to work with the Thomas Cole House and loan them items that are fitting and appropriate for their agenda, such as Thomas Cole's wife's wedding dress.

The museum continues to enjoy an increased number of visitors and, it seems, from increased distances, including schools from Warwick, Kingston, and a Roads Scholar group with members from all over the country.

In closing, it should be pointed out that the year just past was, by most measures, very successful in that the Society's finances are sound and improvements are continually being made to the grounds and to the programs offered to the public. The only area that could use improvement is the extent of getting the word out about the benefits of the Society to its members, community, and County in general and all the positive things it has to offer.

Joseph Warren,

Chairman of the Board

Dear Members and Friends:

For over 85 years the Greene County Historical Society has undertaken many activities related to interpreting the history of Greene County, the surrounding area and New York State. The Bronck Museum is open to the public for visits from Memorial Day in May to October, and the season has been extended with Association Day in mid May to the Chilly Willy tour in mid-November. The Vedder Research Library is open year-round and deals with visitors from across the country and the world and by mail and email. The Historical Register continues to add homes and sites to the Register. In addition, we have undertaken a restoration project for the Bronck Houses based on a historic structures report by John Waite Associates and are close to completion with phase 2 of the project. We had Isaac's Chair restored to its early 1700's condition. We do presentations to community and school groups in the area and publish a *Quarterly Journal* on local history and *The Messenger* publication for the membership on events and happenings at the Society. Our 39th Annual Tour of Homes will be held in Athens this year. The Education Committee is working on several programs for later this year.

The Board of Trustees, our officers, our committees, our staff and the volunteers all deserve credit for what we have accomplished. We should also give a special thank you to our grantors who support our efforts. Please take time to read the reports from the officers and committees on all of these activities. There are the success stories. A man from Long Island came on a tour with his wife last fall. He stopped in the library, was given a quick orientation to the Library and asked if we had any genealogical information on a given family. To his surprise we found information. He did not have time to stay for research but has returned to research the information. A bus tour operator from New Jersey came to visit, brought a tour here last fall and has booked another tour this spring. A Siena College professor came to the Olga Santora Women's History Lecture, was impressed and has offered to see if there can be some cooperative ventures with interns, researchers or students between Siena and the Society. Then there was the Dutch tourist who came to the Museum and in amazement said "That's my house! That's my house in Holland!! It looks just like My House!!!" Finally, seeing the reaction of people entering the 13-sided barn and looking up into the roof and realizing how big the structure is and how graceful the architecture of the 13-sided barn is, accompanied by a "WOW!!"

The Society is trying to do its best to maintain its high quality activities, to live up to its charter and preserve history. Experiences like the above help to motivate all to continue their efforts. We need your continued support as a member. We encourage you to visit; we encourage you to become a volunteer; and we encourage you to tell your friends and relatives to join the Society and support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Hallock, President

Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2014

David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer

Equity markets continued to improve during 2014 as did the Society's finances. Operations are 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 his or her will. The other three columns from left to right are as follows: Calendar year 2014 budget, actual income and expenditures for 2014, and income and expenses compared to the budget (Over or Under).

On the revenue side we came close to hitting our projections, but because expenditures were higher than anticipated, we had to draw more heavily on our reserves than anticipated. The final draw on our end of the year reserves was still less than five percent. Keeping our draw on reserves under five percent has remained our goal for a number of years. This year it was about 4.8 percent.

With regard to membership dues, an increase or decrease in any given year is largely due to the timing of deposits. The bulk of this money comes in at the end of the calendar year and with the holiday season; sometimes some of it is not deposited until the following year. Our Financial Secretary's report provides a better picture of where we stand year to year on memberships. Footnotes are provided where we felt further explanations were needed on revenue items.

On the expense side of the ledger, we exceeded our budget by about \$5,500. The main contributing factors were maintenance and utilities. We have many buildings and at times expenses to maintain them exceed our estimates. Utilities during winter of 2013/14 were higher due to a spike in fuel costs. Going forward this year, our estimates should be closer to the mark.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jennifer Barnhart, the Society's Operations Manager. She has greatly assisted me over the last seven years and made my job easier and more pleasant. I would also like to thank Tom Satterlee who handles all duties associated with membership. This is a time consuming job, and he handles it in a very professional manner. I could not continue to do my job if it were not for the capable work of these two individuals.

Greene County Historical Society
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the year ending 12/31/2014

	<u>Budget CY 2014</u>	<u>Actual YTD 12/31/14</u>		<u>Over/ (Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted</u>	
REVENUES						
Donations & Grants						
Restricted Grants	4,200	3,550	1	(650)	6,750	3
Unrestricted Grants	3,847	3,847	2			
<i>Total Grants Received</i>	<u>8,047</u>	<u>7,397</u>		<u>{650~</u>	<u>6,750</u>	
Memorial Gifts		275		275		
Museum Donations	1,000	585		(415)		
Library Donations		450		450		
GCHS Donations		265		265		
Membership	25,000	24,099		(901)		
Beecher Scholarship	500	353		{147~		
<i>Total Donations</i>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>26,027</u>		<u>{473}</u>		
Programs						
Home Tour	6,000	4,241		(1,759)		
Library Activities	3,000	591		(2,409)		
Museum Admissions	5,000	4,957		(43)		
Museum Events	2,000	2,358		358		
Shop	3,500	5,686		2,186		
Publications	250	136		{114}		
<i>Total Programs</i>	<u>19,750</u>	<u>17,969</u>		<u>{1,781}</u>		
Other Income						
Annual Meeting		398		398		
Fundraising (Heritage Craft Fair)	2,000	2,059	4	59		
Interest Income	400	385		(15)		
Investment Interest Income	200	115		(85)		
Miscellaneous Income	2,000	100		(1,900)	50	
Restricted - Capital Funds Drives					10,427	
Unanticipated						
Historic Register					840	
Civil War Books					133	
Manassas CW Trip					2,925	
John Ham Book					463	
Vedder Library Railing					3,597	
<i>Total Other Income</i>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>3,057</u>		<u>{1,543}</u>	<u>14,375</u>	
Reserves needed to support budgeted expenditures	133,253	143,228		9,975		
	<u>192,150</u>	<u>197,678</u>		<u>5,528</u>	<u>21,125</u>	

1 \$1000 Grant from Greene Co. Leg. 350th Birthday Party, \$2050 CIP Grant, \$500 Town of Coxsackie

2 Greene County Legislature

3 Fenimore Asset for Plein Air (\$750), Plymouth Hill (\$5,000), Bank of Greene County (\$1000)

4 Food (\$405), Auction (\$857), Vendors (\$304), Other (\$225), Raffle (\$268)

5 This is part of the remaining balance we owed on the Tripp chair. The rest \$947 had to be paid out of normal operating funds.

6 Most of this is for the railing -- \$7496. Over \$4500 has been recouped through donations and grants.

**Greene County Historical Society
Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

For the year ending 12/31/2014

EXPENSES	Budget CY 2014	Actual YTD 12/31/14	Over/ (Under)	Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted
Maintenance				
Library	3,000	3,188	188	
Museum	7,000	11,152	4,152	
Caretakers House		1,724	1,724	
Total Maintenance	10,000	16,064	6,064	
Utilities				
Electric	3,500	4,471	971	
Fuel Oil/Burner Service	8,000	10,359	2,359	
Phones	1,000	1,021	21	
Other				
Total Utilities	12,500	15,851	3,351	
Wages				
Caretakers	6,000	6,000		
Curatorial	42,750	42,750		
Curatorial Assistance	3,400	3,701	301	
Librarian	17,000	17,000		
Operations Manager	30,000	30,000		
Total Wages	99,150	99,451	301	
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg. Nollunteer Recognition	600	1,592	992	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	1,000		
Collection Enhancement/UA Acquisition	2,000	2,105	105	2,401 5
Computer	1,000	432	(568)	
Contingencies	2,000		(2,000)	
Contracted Services	1,200	1,413	213	
Dues/Subscriptions	300	440	140	
Exhibits and Education	5,000	1,211	(3,789)	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	3,200	2,333	(867)	8,693 6
Furniture & Fixtures	1,500	267	(1,233)	
Home Tour	800	726	(74)	
Insurance	21,000	20,525	(475)	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200		(200)	
Miscellaneous		1,014	1,014	
Office Supplies	2,000	1,936	(64)	
Payroll Service	2,200	2,132	(68)	
Postage	2,500	1,670	(830)	
Promotion and Outreach	4,000	4,255	255	
Purchases for Museum Shop	1,000	1,890	890	
Publications/Printing	3,000	4,648	1,648	
Security System	1,000	1,956	956	
Charges - Credit Card	500	916	416	
990 Preparation	2,000	2,665	665	
Health Insurance	2,500	2,231	(269)	
Payroll Expenses	10,000	8,955	(1,045)	
Capital Construction - Bronck House				20,802
Capital Construction - Bronck Barracks				592
Civil War Trip/Manassas				2,925
Barrack Exhibit				5,786
Civil War Book				
Digitalization Project				1,500
Total Other Expenses	70,500	66,312	{4,188}	42,699
Total Expenses	192,150	197,678	5,528	42,699

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

MEMBERSHIP

THOMAS SATTERLEE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

For January 1 - December 31, 2014, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$21,700
Donations	
Vedder Library	\$ 186
Bronck Museum	\$ 10
Capital Fund	\$ 1,391
Beecher Scholarship	\$ 40
Handicap Railing	\$ 1,613
Windows on History	\$ 235
General Fund	\$ 15
Sampler	\$ 50
Total Dues & Donations	\$25,775

\$13,450 of this amount relates to dues and donations for 2015. \$21,060.50 was collected for the 2014 dues year in 2013 and 2014. Membership for 2014 was down slightly from 466 to 451. Dues payments were down slightly for 2013 from \$21,080 to \$21,060.50. Some additional monies were collected by the office staff and deposited. The addition of Pay Pal to our website for payment of dues has been successful as a payment method for new members and renewals. Members are encouraged to solicit memberships whenever and wherever possible.

Membership by category for the year 2014 were as follows:

Individual	188
Dual/Family	129
Supporter	39
Patron	31
Benefactor	6
Silver Benefactor	2
Gold Benefactor	2
Library Institutions	10
Honorary	10
Student	1
Business Basic	7
Business Friend	9
Business Supporter	11
Trustee Emeriti	6
Total Membership	451

The current membership drive, as of April 1, 2015 has resulted in responses as follows:

Dues	\$20,830.50	Individual	145
		Dual/Family	109
Donations		Supporter	31
		Patron	31
Vedder Library	\$ 230	Benefactor	9
Bronck Museum	\$ 60	Silver Benefactor	3
Capital Fund	\$ 50	Gold Benefactor	2
Beecher Scholarship	\$ 170	Library Institutions	8
Handicap Railing	\$1,769.50	Student	1
		Honorary	10
		Trustee Emeriti	6
		Business Basic	5
Total Dues & Donations	\$23,010	Business Friend	5
		Business Supporter	8

2014 GCHS Membership

Business Supporter

C.A. Albright & Sons LLC
National Bank of Coxsackie
Bavarian Manor Country Inn & Restaurant
Hinterland Design
Millspaugh Camerato Funeral Home
Dimensions North Ltd
Greene Acres Rea I Estate
Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc
Chalet Services, Inc.
State Telephone Company
Coxsackie Transport

Business Friend

Coxsackie Antique Center
Rising Tide Communications, LLC
Black Horse Farms, Inc
The Bank of Greene County
Hilscher & Hilscher
Robert Ihlenburgh, PLS
Washington Irving Inn
North River Research
Christman's Windham House Inc.

Business Basic

Deer Watch Inn Bed & Breakfast
Max S. Wood Equipment, LLC
Kingsley W. Greene Furniture Restoration
Greene County IDA
Janet Nicholls
RDN Pool Supply LLC
Ostertag Land Surveying P.c.

Gold Benefactor

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Beach
Phoebe P. Bender

Silver Benefactor

Magda Mininberg
Robert C. & Ann B. Hallock

Benefactor

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Joseph L. Boehlke
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Jo Anne Makely
Charles Schaefer
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Harold & Tracie Cornine
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Gregg Berninger

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Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
Annual Meeting, May 3, 2014
Minutes

On May 3, 2014, following a wonderful brunch served by the members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Catskill, the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. was opened by Society President, Robert C. Hallock. He thanked the following:

- Father Leander Harding and the people of St. Luke's for organizing and serving this meal and
- Dennis O'Grady who arranged the site and meal. He also thanked Dennis for bringing old photographs of the Church for display.

Honoring the Society Volunteers.

President Hallock indicated that Society volunteers would be honored before the Annual Meeting. He thanked Wanda Dorpfeld and Jennifer Barnhart for their work in selecting a gift for each of the volunteers. This year's award, in celebration of the opening of the new ice exhibit last year, is a "piece of ice" paperweight to thank each person for being a valued volunteer. He told those volunteers gathered that the Society could not do all that it does without the help of the volunteers.

Wanda and President Hallock presented gifts to the volunteers who were present as follows:

Education Committee Volunteers

Judee Synakowski, also a Museum Volunteer.

Joan Satterlee, also a Museum Volunteer and a Library Volunteer.

DeDe Thorpe

Museum Volunteers

Joe Capobianco

Meg Griffin

Donna Nelson

Sue Thrasher

Peggy McLarnon

Brianna Melick

Library Volunteers

Kathleen Durham

Shirley McGrath

Stephen Schwebler

Harrison Hunt

Regina Daly

Evelyn Lein

Historic Register

Ken Mabey

Betty O'Hara

The honored volunteers were given a round of applause.

Program

President Hallock indicated that today's program would provide a history of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He introduced Father Leander Harding, the Rector of St. Luke's who in turn introduced Winslow Marsters who presented the history. Attendees were urged to view the images of the church placed about the room. Tours of the Church would be available after the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting

Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

Following the program and a short break, the Annual Meeting was called to order by President Robert Hallock with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Society staff were introduced as follows: Curator Shelby Mattice; Staff Associate Sue Thrasher; Librarian Linda Hunt; Caretakers Jason and Amanda O'Donnell and Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart.

Copies of the Meeting Agenda and the 2014 Annual Report were distributed to those (14 Trustees, 17 honored volunteers, 4 other members and 5 staff) attending.

Moment of Silence for the Departed Members. President Hallock asked for a moment of silence for those Society members who departed this world since the 2013 Annual Meeting. The List was as follows:

In 2013: Grace Bedell Sutherland, Marjorie M. Jakovic, Henry Yost, Terrance Lein, Clarice Millsbaugh, Gene Hommel. Shelia Mann Rowell, Jeanette Palmer, Deborah Wubben, and Raymond Cure.

In 2014: Frank Daley

Minutes of the 2013 Meeting. Ann Hallock, Society Recording Secretary, reported that the minutes had been circulated to the Society Board of Trustees and had been approved at the Fall Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 11, 2013. A copy of those minute can be found in the 2014 Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report. David Dorpfeld, Society Treasurer noted that the Statements of Revenue and Expenses for the period ending 2013 are included in the 2014 Annual Report. He indicated that he would answer any question from members. He recognized Thomas Satterlee for his work with the membership campaign and Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager, for her work assisting the Treasurer and working with other Committees.

Financial Secretary's Report. Thomas Satteree, Financial Secretary, noted the report included in the 2014 Annual Report and the 2013 Membership list. He urged those present to spread the word about membership to others.

Introduction of Committee Chairs. (Committees introduced according to order of committees and their reports as found in the Annual Report.)

Museum Committee—Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, co-chairs

Vedder Research Library Committee—Barbara Spataro

Buildings and Grounds Committee—Chris Byas

Publications Committee—Robert D'Agostino

Historic Register Committee—Ken Mabey
Education Committee—Karla Flegel, Chair
Annual Tour of Homes 2014—Jim Planck
Beecher Scholarship—Chris Byas
Board Development and Resources Committee—Wanda Dorpfeld

It was noted that the Annual Home Tour will be held on June 7 in the Kiskatom and High Falls area of the County.

Karla Flegel spoke briefly about the Museum Committee's new effort to provide tours to a new audience through the outreach programs of the Alzheimer's Association.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Restoration of the Bronck Houses.

Robert Hallock explained that a special ad hoc committee had been established to work directly with the restoration work which will be funded under the "Windows on History" campaign. In 2012, the outside walls of the West Wing had been repointed and the mortar removed from the north wall of that building. When the mortar was removed, it was found that the leveling beam had deteriorated from moisture coming from a gap between the gutter and the wall. The gutter was rebuilt and the interior wall was left exposed so it might dry. The current plan is that the inside wall be disassembled to the leveling beam. The beam will be replaced as needed and the wall reassembled. The room will be returned to the tour this summer. When this work is finished, attention will be directed to the repair of the north west corner and the north wall of the 1738 House. President Hallock emphasized that this work would not have been possible without the generosity of member contributions to the "Windows on History" campaign.

Board Development and Nominating Committee. Wanda Dorpfeld, Chair of the Board Development and Nominating Committee, thanked Dennis O'Grady and Dick May for working with her on the Nominating Committee on the following:

- A review of the current list of Trustees;
- A review of the attendance records of current Trustees with a follow-up with any Trustee who has missed more than half of the Board Meetings or whose current term is expiring; and
- Recruitment of a new Trustee candidate.

They have determined the following:

Trustees W. Bradford Ellis, Regina McGrath, John Quinn and Denise Warren have resigned;

Emily Dorpfeld Kunchala, a member of the class of 2014, wishes to return as a Trustee in the class of 2016;

Robert D'Agostino, David Dorpfeld, Ann Hallock and Thomas Satterlee wish to return as Trustees in the class of 2019; and

Judee Synakowski wishes to be a candidate for election as a new Trustee in the class of 2019. A biographical sketch of the new Trustee candidate was included in the 2014 Annual Report.

It was moved by Chair Wanda Dorpfeld that the report of the Committee be accepted and that the Trustees be elected as outlined. The motion was seconded by Dennis O'Grady and carried. All other current Trustees will be continuing. President Hallock thanked the Board Development and Nominating Committee for all their work.

Adjournment. President Hallock asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Since none was offered, he called for adjournment of the meeting. It was moved by

Robert D'Agostino and seconded by Joseph Capobianco that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The minutes of this meeting were compiled by Recording Secretary Ann Hallock. The minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Spring 2015 Quarterly Meeting on March 4, 2015

Committees 2014-2015

2014-2015 Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Joseph Warren
Robert Hallock
Jim Planck
David Dorpfeld
Ann Hallock

Thomas Satterlee
Wanda Dorpfeld
Barbara Spataro
Chris Byas

Building and Grounds

Chris Byas, Chair
Robert Hallock
Thomas Satterlee
Amanda O'Donnell, Caretaker

Rick Hanse
Arthur Byas
Ray Hamlin
Jason O'Donnell, Superintendent,
Buildings & Grounds

Finance

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Investment

Joseph Warren, Chair
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David Dorpfeld
Dennis O'Grady
John Dickinson May, passed away
5/9/14

Museum Shop

Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager

Wanda Dorpfeld

Bronck Museum

Wanda Dorpfeld, Co-chair
Robert Hallock
Chris Byas
Karla Flegel, resigned 11/18/14
Shelby Mattice, Curator

Ann Hallock, Co-chair
Richard Muggeo
Judee Synakowski
Harvey Durham
Jennifer Barnhart, Operations
Manager

Education Committee

Karla Flegel, Chair, resigned 11/18/14
Judee Synakowski, Chair as of 3/15
Richard Muggeo
Shelby Mattice, Museum Curator

Mary Heisinger
Joan Satterlee
Linda Hunt, Librarian

Vedder Research Library Operations

Barbara Spataro, Chair
Karla Flegel, Secretary, resigned 11/18/14
Robert Hallock

Harvey Durham
Linda Hunt, Librarian

Board Development & Resources—Nominating Committee

Wanda Dorpfeld, Chair

Dennis O'Grady

Publications

Robert D'Agostino, Chair
Harvey Durham
Jim Planck

Thomas Satterlee
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Jennifer Barnhart, Designer

Jim Planck
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Ken Mabey
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Betty O'Hara
Mary Heisinger
Joan Morales
Bruce Stokes
Dianne Gibson

Natalie E. Daley, Emeritus

Public & Members Relations

Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager

Strategic Planning

Emily Dorpfeld Kunchala, Chair
Jim Planck

Ann Hallock
Robert Hallock

Ad Hoc Committees**38th Annual Home Tour**

Jim Planck, Chair
David Dorpfeld

Robert Hallock
Karen Deeter

39th Annual Home Tour

Jim Planck, Chair
Mary Blinn
Karen Deeter
Robert Hallock

Carol Serazio
Joan Satterlee
David Dorpfeld

Beecher Scholarship Award

Chris Byas, Chair
Harvey Durham

Robert Hallock

Ad Hoc Bronck Houses Restoration Committee

Robert Hallock, Chair
Robert Knighton
Shelby Mattice, Museum Curator

Harrison Hunt
Jim Planck
Chris Byas

Ad Hoc Education Center Committee

Ray Hamlin
Tom Satterlee

Robert Hallock
Tim Meier

Accessibility

Karla Flegel, Chair, Resigned 11/18/14. Position is vacant.

Attached are the reports from the individual committees.

Bronck Museum

Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-chairs

The Buildings, the Grounds and the Collection.

New Colors. The initial project under "Windows on History" campaign was the repair, replacement where necessary, and repainting of the doors and shutters on the Bronck Houses. The colors used reflect the original paint as determined from paint chips on the doors and from research about painting on other houses of the period, including the Van Berden Overmantle. Many positive comments have been received. For the 2014 Christmas season, lights illuminated the front of the 1663 house and the wreath on the hyphen-hallway door, making the house visible from 9W.

Restoration of the West Wing. This space was returned to use after 5 years. Each step in this "Windows on History" restoration of the north wall was photographed. Findings from the wall have been included in an exhibit case. Of particular note is one black bead found in the upper part of the wall, and determined to be a circa 1690 black Indian trading bead. This is an exciting find for the Museum since it provides more evidence of the age of the West Wing. The bead has been catalogued into the Museum collection.

New Looks for the 1663 House and West Wing. Reflecting the trend in Museums to exhibit furnishings appropriate to the time period of the construction of the building, changes were made with corresponding changes in the tour. In the 1663 House, the previous furnishings were removed to the West Wing and replaced by basic furnishings--a reproduction work table, a plank table and stump stools. Also included is one large piece of a West Wing beam demonstrating that the smooth finish on the original beams of the 1663 House was not done in Leonard Bronck Lampman's restoration, but represents the work of early Dutch carpenters. The current furnishings of the West Wing reflect the period of construction (1685-90). The heavy family Victorian furniture previously used in this room has been moved into storage. The West Wing is also the location of a newly restored chair which is among the oldest pieces of furniture in the collection, dating back to 1720-1740.

Offering interactive experiences for visitors, another new trend in Museum operations, was also considered. The interactive items for visitors' use include a birch twig broom and a corn grinder in the 1663 House. An interactive experience with a rope bed is included in the West Wing. The use of the rope bed will be highlighted in one of the 2015 season's Bronck Family at Home presentations.

Harvesting the Rushes. In early fall, the rushes from the area between the Barrack exhibits and CR 42 were harvested and dried and were used in the house for the Chilly Willy celebration. These rushes will be used in future interactivity programs, based on the historical use of rushes. It is planned that the rushes will be harvested annually in the future.

Site on "Pathway Through History" The Bronck Museum was designated as a site on New York State's "Pathway Through History". Signs were installed in 2014 by the State on Route 9W and Pieter Bronck Road. A brief description of the Museum is listed on the State's "Pathway Through History" brochure and website.

Continued Development of the Barrack Exhibits. Two more exhibits are planned for the Barrack exhibit area. The Duncan Meat Wagon will be moved from the 13-sided Barn to the middle Barrack space. Images and information are being developed for general signage and two interactive questions. The recent gift of a cider press to the Museum by William Morehouse will enable the Museum to begin the development of an apple exhibit in the Barrack.

The Catskill Mountain House Model. After discussion by the Board of the Greene County Historical Society (GCHS), the Mountain Top Historical Society (MTHS) was asked if they would be interested in the long term loan of the Catskill Mountain House Model. This decision

was based on the Museum Committee's belief that the model with accompanying exhibits could attract more visitors to Greene County if the model was located in an area near the original site of the Mountain House. A group of GCHS and MTHS representatives have met twice, once at the Museum and once at the site proposed for the model at the MTHS headquarters. The MTHS representatives were also given a list of conditions for the loan approved by the GCHS Board, including adequate space to display the model, security and insurance. A third meeting is planned for this Spring to discuss possible funding sources. A restoration specialist has given the GCHS representatives information about the work needed on the model to prepare it for a move. The smaller Mountain House model and all the GCHS Mountain House memorabilia items would be maintained in the Museum collection. Both locations would include information about the Mountain House related exhibits at the other site.

The Education Center. The house on the old kennel property has been used as an Education Center, including classroom space, a kitchen with stove and refrigerator, a costume room including closet space for the period costumes used by Curator Shelby Mattice and a bathroom. It was hoped that the remaining room in the Education Center can be converted into a usable work area. It is now unclear whether this will be possible since problems with moisture in the basement have been identified and are under review by a special task force.

Use of the Museum Grounds for Other Purposes. Over 10 years ago, the Bronck Museum developed a brochure and included an item on the web-site, offering the use of the Bronck Museum grounds only (no use of any interior space) for weddings. This use of Museum Property is done by other historical sites as a mean to raise funds. Prior to a request this year to hold an engagement party on the grounds, one other party had requested use of the grounds for pictures. The engagement party occurred without any problems for the Museum. However, this event raised many questions about the necessary fee for the space in view of the staff and volunteer time required and the needed decisions about contracts and insurance.

There is a debate about the growing number of wedding venues in the Town of Coxsackie. After a request to use the Museum grounds for wedding activities was received from one of the local wedding venues, a special meeting of the Executive Committee decided to refuse requests for weddings and remove the web-site item until the municipal issues are resolved. The situation for the Greene County Historical Society (GCHS) differs from that of the current venues, since it is a not-for-profit community based organization, chartered under State Education Law as a historical society with a collection, and partially located in an area zoned "commercial". Until the Town resolves the legal issues of wedding venues, there will be no further action on use of the Museum Grounds for other purposes.

Tours and Events.

Rate Increase. All adult rates for tours and special events were raised by \$1.00 in 2014 with no complaints received about the rate increase. GCHS Members continue to have free admission for tours and a reduced rate for events. There was no increase in the rates for children, since the Museum wants to continue attracting family groups and school tours.

2014 Statistics. The 2014 Museum Season was busy with attendance totaling 2858, an all-time high, including two admission- free events--Association Day and the Heritage Craft Fair, attended by 1100 people. Visitors included people from outside Greene County, out-of-state and out-of country including the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and England.

The School Tours. The following school classes visited the Museum: Cocksackie Elementary 4th grade; E.J. Arthur in Athens 4th grade; and J.Watson Bailey, Kingston City School 8th grade. Wanda Dorpfeld and her granddaughter Saige presented the Van Bergen Overmantle program for all 4th graders and teachers in the Catskill Elementary School.

Other Group Tours. The following groups toured the Bronck Museum: the Hudson Valley Adult Learning Institute, 2 tours from the Mount St. Mary's Road Scholar Program; the Heritage Auto Club Meeting in Kinderhook (The people on this tour arrived in 10 cars made before 1914.); Hines Tour Company from New Jersey; Warwick Road Scholars Program and the Colonial Dames. The Museum received a request for a tour and meeting from the Historic Huguenot Street Guest Experience Staff, who were interested in visitor accessibility and accommodations. These guests were impressed by the seating available in several rooms of the house and the accommodations offered at the Museum.

Special Events. A new "Events" sign was purchased and placed along Route 9W to promote upcoming special events. Extensive publicity is sent to local media. The following special events were held at the Museum:

Association Day 2014. On Sunday, May 18, the Museum hosted the annual recognition of the signing of the Cocksackie Articles of Association. After the success of the 350th Birthday Party in 2013, the Committee decided to offer a community family fun event. A passport with all events and buildings listed was handed out to all attendees to encourage people to see everything. Completed passports were returned for a drawing for a prize. The events for the day included the following: Re-enactment of the signing of the Cocksackie Articles of Association; Black Powder Demonstrations; Mysteries of a Ladies Closet; The Children's Activities Tent; Tea and Comfort; King Com Exhibit; and in Dutch Barn; and Revolutionary War Music performed by Village Volunteers Fife & Drum Corp. A 50th Anniversary Exhibit was provided in the Vedder Research Library. Attendance was estimated at 300 people. The Town of Cocksackie contributed \$500 to make this community event possible.

Bronck Descendant Day. On Sunday, June 8, the Museum held an Open House for Bronck descendants. The event included a repeat of the 2014 Bronck Family at Home Presentation in the cellar of the 1663 House; a tour through the West Wing; a stop in the Visitors Center to view the time line; lunch; and an opportunity to meet with Library staff. There were 18 Bronck descendants attending all or part of the day's activities, including a group of Bronck family in-laws from the Lampman family.

Bronck Family at Home 2014. This year Shelby has presented the "Bronck Family in the English Colony of New York" in the newly opened West Wing. Four events with 3 tours each were held. Period refreshments were served in the kitchen dependency.

By the Light of the Silvery Moon. The event was held on Saturday, August 2 with a total of 41 people (11 members, 30 non-members and press.). Many of the non-members had never seen the Museum. Activities repeated from previous years included music (Lawson & Ward), the story teller (Dick Muggeo), the candlelight walk to the 13-sided Barn, period refreshments and the presentation "For Want of a Chamber Pot, Secrets of the Bedroom". A new event provided an explanation of the work done in the newly opened West Wing. This year the tarot card reader returned and was housed in the Kitchen Dependency with the following changes: increased fee; appointment cards and a volunteer handled the entrance to the reader and maintained the time allotted per individual.

Plein Air. The Bronck Museum held its first plein air art program for children ages 8-12 on the Museum grounds from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, September 27. Eight students took part in the program under the direction of artist Jim Cramer from Athens. It was a very successful and fun-filled day. Pictures of the children and their paintings appear on our website. Mr. Cramer donated his painting to the Museum to be displayed in the Hunter Education Building. This program was funded by a grant from Fenimore Asset Management.

Heritage Craft Fair. This popular, free admission event held on Sunday, October 5 drew an excellent attendance, estimated at 800 people. There were some returning crafters and some new, different crafts. Entertainment, cider and donuts, and horse-pulled wagon rides continued. Once again the Rausch Family ran the refreshment stand, offering hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. The silent auction included gifts from 25 Trustees, individuals, businesses and craft fair vendors.

The Dutch Funeral. Held on Saturday, October 25, the Funeral was held in the West Wing which provides more space. Three sessions were offered with 29 people.

Chilly Willy Tours. The 2014 Chilly Willy Tours were held on Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16, featuring Curator Shelby Mattice in period costume. Each year, Shelby has added items to the costume appropriate to the period. In preparation for the 2014 tours, volunteer Beverly Walker helped Shelby with the construction of a winter jacket appropriate for the Dutch period when Pieter Bronck came to Beverwyck.

Off-site Programs. In 2013, a brochure for off-site programs was developed including fees for the basic program with add-ons for mileage over 50 miles, costumed presentations and inclusion of food and artifacts. Curator Shelby Mattice has given off-site programs to the following groups this year: Fortnightly Club in Hudson; New Scotland Historical Society; and the local BPW group. Promotional materials for the Museum are distributed at each off-site program.

Staff. The Bronck Museum could not operate without dedicated staff. Heading the staff is Curator Shelby Mattice who continually researches the period of Dutch Colonial History reflected by the Museum; directs the installation of Museum exhibits; gives the majority of the tours for drop-in visitors; and organizes the group tours and the special events. Shelby is a dedicated researcher, searching in a variety of locations for information. For example, each year Shelby writes an article on newly found information on the Bronck Family in the "Letter from Home" sent to all known Bronck descendants. Recognizing the quality of her research, Shelby was asked by the Dutch Settlers of Albany to write an article about the role of beaver in the early Dutch colonies for their Volume 57 Yearbook 2012-2014.

Jennifer Barnhart, Society Operations Manager, handles the promotion of the Museum, including distribution of press releases and notices for special events to all types of media and maintenance of the Museum's portion of the Society's web-site and facebook page. Jennifer, with help from Wanda Dorpfeld, is responsible for the Bronck Museum Gift Shop and the Silent Auction for the Heritage Craft Fair. As part of the Museum's effort to maintain records of events, Jennifer photographs and video tapes presentations, as well as maintaining attendance records.

Suzanne Thrasher, works in the Visitors Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. When not welcoming visitors and handling admissions, Sue has been working on the current collection accession records which are required for the operation of the Museum according to the State Education Department. For example: the records for every collection item included in the

1663 House and West Wing moves, had to be changed to reflect the move.

In addition to cleaning and maintenance, Caretakers Jason and Amanda O'Donnell have set up seating and sound systems for the special tours and events; are present for events to ensure facilities are working; help crafters unload their wares for the Heritage Craft Fair; direct visitors on the grounds; and hang banners and other promotional materials. Jason helps Shelby with the hanging of the decorations for the Chilly Willy Tours and Amanda has delighted children as "Justin Beaver" at special events.

Thanks to the staff who do so much to develop and improve the image of the Bronck Museum.

Volunteers. The major function of volunteers is to help with tours for drop-in visitors and participate in the larger group tours and special events. Volunteers also make and serve refreshments and work in the shops. All of the Museum Committee members with the exception of the Curator are volunteers. The Museum could not operate without the dedication of these volunteers. In 2014, 29 volunteers donated 1055 hours of service. A new volunteer in 2014, Stephanie Deso, who is interested in a career in the Museum Field, has been working with Shelby on the proper organization of the archaeological material from the 1979 survey done at the Museum.

Recognizing the need for additional volunteer help in the Museum, a brochure has been drafted as part of a volunteer recruitment effort which also will include an article in the Society's news letter, "The Messenger".

Training. As part of the Museum's efforts to make the Museum more accessible, Karia Flegel made arrangements for the Museum Committee to have training organized by William Hinrichs of the Alzheimer's Association, Northeastern New York Chapter. June Leary, Curator of Education at the Hyde Collection Art Museum & Historic House in Glens Falls described their program for persons with Alzheimer's disease. The Museum Committee has postponed development of special programs for this population in view of a lack of available staff and volunteers.

Promotion. The Museum Committee and the staff continually work on promotion of the site using all types of media opportunities, including the web-site and facebook. New activities include the following:

Replacement of the Current Brochure with a New Rack Card. The current 3-fold brochure was developed about 10 years ago with several minor changes made since that time. In recent years, many Museums have begun use of a rack card with information on both sides. Work has begun on a Bronck Museum rack card which will be cheaper to produce and will fit in standard racks. The Museum plans to use the current distribution company for the Albany-Saratoga area again in 2015.

Attracting Attention. It is frustrating that so many people living in the area do not know where the Museum is located. In an effort to attract attention to the Museum and improve our appearance from 9W, it has been suggested that we acquire an appropriate piece of farm equipment to sit on the concrete slab in front of the Barrack. A sign with a picture of the houses and the title "Bronck Farmstead 1663-1939" would be used to cover the large Barrack window facing 9W. These ideas will be developed during 2015.

Acquisitions. The following items were acquired by the Museum in the name of the Society in 2014: Applejack Bottle, Vanderveer Distillery, Catskill, NY; Portrait, Alida Wynkoop Abeel (1816-1882); Collection Catskill Game Farm Memorabilia; Horse Shoe from Laurel House; Souvenir Plates, Various Greene County Churches and Businesses; Woodward Wedding

Gown; Buckeye Cider Mill; Portrait, Sgt. Silas T. Beatty, (1885-1977) WWI Veteran; and a Hammered Brass Kettle.

Grants. The Museum Committee appreciates the on-going support of its activities through grants. Each year, the Museum applies for funds from the County Initiatives Project, administered by the Greene County Council on the Arts for the purchase of music entertainment and costumes for the special events such as "By the Light of the Silvery Moon and the Heritage Craft Fair. In 2014, the Museum received a grant from the Bank of Greene County for the purchase of tools and other items for the new interactive activities which will be introduced this year. Also in 2014, a grant was obtained from Fenimore Asset Management for the Plein Air Program. The Plymouth Hill Foundation has supported capital projects with a 2014 grant designated for the "Windows on History" Project. These grants enable the Museum Committee to maintain and expand operations.

Based on recent experiences with 4th graders from E.J. Arthur Elementary School in Athens, a grant application for the development of a packaged educational program, "Clark Pottery, Athens New York" was completed. The package would utilize the Clark Pottery resources of the Museum and Library. Although the grant was not funded, the application will be maintained for future submission.

Events and Activities in 2015. The Museum Committee has completed a full schedule of events for this year including the following:

School Tours. Several school tours have been booked for June 2015. We continue to encourage other schools to consider a visit to the Bronck Museum. A brochure directed at school tours was developed several years ago and is being updated, reflecting the new emphasis on interactivity.

The Special Events. A calendar of special events with dates, times and locations for the Museum is included in the calendar found on the back cover.

Interactivity in 2015. The old philosophy of "all hands-off in a Museum" is gone and more effort is being made to engage all visitors, especially student visitors, in activities which reinforce their learning experience. Throughout this report, reference has been made to this new approach. The Museum Committee has established an ad hoc committee to develop new interactive opportunities in all buildings and exhibits. A draft list of opportunities have been shared with the Board. The three 2015 "Bronck Family at Home" special events, are "Getting Things Done" and will include elements of interactivity. As the season progresses more of the ideas will be implemented. This new philosophy of the Museum Committee is being reflected in a change in the logo originally developed for the 350th anniversary of the building of the 1663 House. The bottom legend will read "GCHS where History Lives".

Planning for Pieter Bronck's Birthday. The Museum has always believed that Pieter Bronck was born in 1617, based on information from the Albany Hall of Records. Recent correspondence asks about the Museum's plans to celebrate this birthday in 2016. During 2015, more work will be done with the Albany records and other sources and plans for the 400th birthday will be initiated.

Vedder Research Library
Barbara Spataro, Chair

During the Library's 50th year, we continued to move forward, completing significant projects we had set out to do. Last year at this time, the ADA-approved railing with handrail leading up to the Vedder was in the planning stage with only partial funding secured. In September 2014, the project was done, well before the winter set in, thanks to a loan from the GCHS reserve funds. As of April 2015, that loan has nearly been paid back in full, thanks to many generous Society members and friends, including Wanda and David Dorpfeld who donated their book sale income from Legendary Locals of Greene County, raising over \$1,400 for our "Foot-by-Foot" fundraising campaign. In addition, a second grant from Fenimore Asset Management was received to support this worthwhile project.

Another target reached this year was the launch of a new and improved Vedder web site. Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart worked closely with Librarian Linda Hunt and the Library Committee, to design a professional looking and easy-to-use site. Please take a look at vedderlibrary.org.

For our patrons who use microfilm and fiche, we were fortunate to purchase a combined reader and printer lightly used from the Village of Lynbrook, NY. Because it allows researchers to print from microfilm, the Minolta Model MS6000 with printer MSP3000 will be particularly helpful in preserving our fragile newspaper collection, saving it from frequent handling, as much of this collection is available on microfilm.

A sample of research topics from this past year include

- Srantisek Polak, from a Czech author working on a biography of this man. Polak had been a prisoner in a Soviet forced labor camp, later lived in a small Czech community in Coxsackie, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery. He became a lawyer advocating for those imprisoned in Gulag camps and spoke on the subject at the United Nations. The Library provided a photo of Polak as well as the text of his U.N. speech.
- Benjamin Champney's letters to BBG Stone requested by Charles Vogel for an article he is writing for a New Hampshire Historical Society journal. Mr. Vogel has had previous contact with the Vedder and Ray Beecher in 1996, when he was researching Stone's painting of Franconia Notch in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.
- An 1890 image of Olana, the home of Hudson River School artist, Frederic Church, is being reproduced with GCHS permission for use at the historic site this season. The negative, from a photograph taken by James H. Van Gelder, is in the Library's collection.

During the past year, donations to the Library's collection include a framed "Engraving of the Catskill Mountain House" dated 1840 and an 1881 map of Kaaterskill Clove, "Within a Four Mile Interest of the Catskill Mountain House;" a painting of Garret Abeel's wife, Alida; an 1898 dental register from the office of Dr. G. A. Englert of Catskill; a caricature of the Vedder's first librarian,

Charles Dorbusch, by a well-known contemporary local artist; as well as a wealth of material from Barbara Rivette, daughter of Greene County's second Historian, Mabel Parker Smith, including photos, a songbook, and an 1851 almanac. In addition, Kathryn Schongar, author of an article in the GCHS Quarterly Journal concerning the 1914 murder of her great uncle, W. Roy Hallenbeck, by Worthy Tolley, made a gift of the trial transcript and her research notes to the Library.

Also during the past year, we submitted a grant request to the Bank of Greene County for UV filters to attach to lights in the Library's main room, invited Greene County students applying to college to stop by the Vedder for a tour focused on essay topics for the Ray Beecher Scholarship, began disaster planning tailored to the Library, and donated *New York Times* microfilm to SUNY Cobleskill. Approximately 360 visitors from Maine to Nevada signed the Library visitor's book in 2014 and these visitors requested over 320 items of various types, such as newspapers, maps, church records, scrapbooks and court records from the collection.

The Vedder is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers, some new in 2014/2015. They are:

Clesson Bush Jean Bush Stephanie Deso Harvey Durham Kathleen Durham

Karla Flegel Robert Gelles Kathleen Hintz Harrison Hunt Evelyn Lein

Shirley McGrath Christine Rappleyea Judith Rundell Joan Satterlee

Stephen Schwebler Stanley Whitbeck

Without these volunteers, the Vedder could not function.

Building & Grounds

Christine Byas, Chair

On July 14th the Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Committee met with Bob Beyfess for his assessment of the trees and plant growth on the grounds of the Bronck Museum. He noted the trees were basically in good condition and were maintained properly. To replace the dead or diseased trees that were removed Bob recommended planting tulip poplar or pin oak as they grow quickly. Other recommendations included mowing the cattails in the fall, getting rid of the invasive purple loosestrife around the cattails, and removing the grapevine which is strangling some of our trees. Bob also suggested that selective thinning be completed in the picnic area. He complimented the committee on the care of the grounds. Kudos go to Jason, Tom, Art, Bob and Ray for all their efforts.

In the fall the B& G committee met with two electrical firms for estimates on work we wanted completed. The first phase of this work, the replacement of the parking lot lights will be completed soon. The lights have been purchased and George Electric will be installing as soon as the weather and his schedule permit.

Over the last year the B&G Committee spent a great deal of time discussing the Hunter Education Center. In September we met with Glen Rode, Facilities Director for the Correctional complex, and his team to discuss the water issue in the basement at the site. It was determined that the water in the basement was due to ground water and not related to the Correctional Facility's waterline and manhole adjacent to the building. In November we had a home inspection completed to determine the areas of concern. KDM Inspections, in their report, noted some major deficiencies in the building as well as minor repairs that were needed. It was suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee composed of experienced people in the building industry be formed to investigate all options regarding this building and make recommendations to the board.

Work and general cleanup of the Grapeville Store was completed by Jason and members of the Museum Committee and the building was opened for the first time in many years.

Tom and Jason marked the parking lot which improved the parking situation for Museum events. The parking lot will be remarked this spring.

The B&G Committee, in conjunction with the Museum Committee, is interested in developing a five year design plan regarding tree planting, walkway development etc. on the grounds of the Bronck Museum. We invited Michelle Capuano, a land planner and designer, to meet with us in September. She walked the grounds with us and was interested in working to develop such a plan. She said it would be beneficial if she had a site map to work from. As soon as this site map is completed we will move forward.

General cleanup, tree trimming, brush removal and mulching will continue on site. Walkways and parking lot areas need to be dressed this spring as well.

A painting schedule will be developed at our next meeting.

To care for the historic buildings and grounds at the Bronck Museum takes vigilance. I appreciate the hard work and effort of our caretaker's Jason and Amanda O'Donnell. I would also like to thank the volunteers on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Art, Tom, Ray, Rick and Bob. They have attended countless meetings, met with the many experts we have asked for advice and worked tirelessly to improve the buildings and grounds at the Bronck Museum.

Publications Committee

Robert D'Agostino, Chair

1. 2015 marks the 39th year of publication *Greene County History* – formally, *The Greene County Historical Journal*. Copies of editions from recent years are available for purchase at the Vedder Research Library; editions from earlier years may also be available, though some specific editions may be completely sold out.

2. Preparing each edition for publication is a complex task, and our “many hands” make for much lighter work. Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart continues to do an excellent job designing the layout on computer and then preparing the file for the printer. She, more than anyone else, is responsible for the “look” of the publication. In addition to the editor (that's me!),

our Publications Committee includes County Historian (and Society trustee) David Dorpfeld, Society president Bob Hallock, trustee Jim Planck, who brings his experience in journalism, and trustee/membership secretary Tom Satterlee. Trustee/Vedder Library volunteer Harvey Durham, who has served faithfully on the Publications Committee for many years, is now a committee member emeritus.

3. Those who embark on family research are definitely a tenacious bunch, continuing to dig until the researcher's every question has been answered. Sometimes this is easy, but other times – especially when segregating family legend from historical facts. In 2014, each of our editions focused on family research, though each in a different way:

3a. The Spring 2014 edition – Volume 38, Number One – contained a major article on the colonial and Revolutionary War generations of the Conyn/Conyne/Coneyn family in Beverwyck – future Albany – as well as the future Greene County. The author, Harold Cornine, was able to identify ancestors who signed the Coxsackie Plan of Association, as well as family ties into the Bronck and Gansevoort family lines. Of course, the Spring edition contained the History Quiz as well.

3b. Our Summer/Fall 2014 edition was a special double issue featuring the work of Kathryn Hallenbeck Newman Schongar. Her family research into the 1914 murder of her uncle Roy became the featured article “BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER: The Murder of W. Roy Hallenbeck by Worthy Tolley” in this special edition. This edition also contained many sidebars which highlighted additional information surrounding her research:

- * Since all crime scene photographs have been lost, an attempt was made to determine the farming machinery found at the murder scene based solely on information found in the trial transcripts. We explained our research and presented our conclusions in this area.

- * *A From the Archives* piece revealing letters written by Worthy Tolley to his attorney while the defendant awaited the court's decision on his appeal of the death sentence.

- * An article on prisoner life at Sing Sing Prison *circa* 1914, where the defendant was held after his conviction.

- * This edition also contained the History Quiz, of course.

3c. The Winter 2014 included...

- * Research from Jean Bush and Ted Hilscher, on the Bronk/Armstrong family farm known today as Long View Park, now conserved and managed by the New Baltimore Conservancy.

- * A final return to the “Yankee Smith” area in Round Top, for Columbia-Greene student Ian Rasweiler's article applying forensic science to identify early uses of the site. This is his first piece for the *Journal*.

- * Finally, this edition also included the History Quiz.

4. Of course, each edition of *Greene County History* presents historical research. Sometimes the research has been done by one of our members who has been researching family history.

Our 2014 editions illustrate this point clearly, and you (yes, I'm writing to *you!*) can help. Here's how!

What sights, sites, and people, now gone, live on in your memory? Each and every person reading this page has knowledge of people who have made an impact, and of places that suddenly no longer exist. Share them with us: write about them for us! *Greene County History* is always looking for manuscripts, and the Publications Committee encourages Society members to consider writing for us. Editorial assistance can be provided.

The Publications Committee seeks manuscripts which relate to history within the various townships of our County. 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. Sights and sites – remember that photographs are important historical artifacts as well!

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

1. 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.
2. Material must be original and written in acceptable English style, preferably word-processed or typewritten, and double-spaced.
3. An author should be prepared to cite the sources from which the information was obtained. In many cases, a formal bibliography will be needed.
4. The name, address, and telephone number of the author must be given.
5. We reserve the right to accept or reject material submitted.
6. We reserve the right to edit accepted material for historical accuracy, clarity, and/or space considerations.
7. Photographs:
 - * Photographs submitted as part of the article, will be returned after being copied.
 - * If the author sends photographs as image files, those files must be in either JPG or TIF format, at a resolution of 300 dpi.
 - * Any image taken from the web, must identify the website source where it can be found.

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.

Historic Register Committee **Harrison Hunt, Chair**

The Historical Register Committee met five times over the past year. We reviewed and approved four applications for buildings in Catskill, Coxsackie and Oak Hill. Among them was the old Catskill Savings Bank building in Catskill, which has been carefully restored by the Bank of Greene County. When the building was placed on the Register in August, the bank got a story in the *Daily Mail*, including a photo of bank officials receiving their plaque from Ken Mabey and Harrison Hunt.

At the November meeting, longtime committee chair Ken Mabey stepped down from that position to allow himself more time for other projects. In his nicely worded letter of resignation, Ken observed that "it has been my pleasure to work with you and others in the GCHS. I have enjoyed the 'old guard' members of the committee that I first joined with over a decade ago. Our current group shows great promise, and we are working hard to improve the Historic Register,

and our functioning as a team. They are a very skilled and talented group of individuals, and a pleasure to work with. This bodes well for the future.” Ken has done a fine job as chairman and we are pleased that he is remaining on the committee.

Committee treasurer Harrison Hunt was elected new chairman, and Diane Fausel elected treasurer.

To publicize the Register and encourage applications, the committee has prepared a flyer answering some basic questions about the process and where to find background information. Copies will be distributed by committee members and sent to area libraries and historical societies.

To help encourage people to put their homes on the society’s annual house tour, we offered to waive the Historical Register application fee for any eligible building on the house tour if the applications are made within 30 days of the tour.

At our request, the Greene County Historical Society has joined the Preservation League of New York State, which gets us a subscription to the League’s publications and access to the historical preservation experts on their staff. We have also purchased guides to American architecture and architectural terms to help identify building styles and elements.

Flint Mine Press informed us that they still have 503 copies of *Historic Places in Greene County*.

Education Committee **Judee Synakowski, Chair**

The Education Committee, which consists of Trustees, volunteers and staff, would like to thank Karla Flegel for getting the Committee set up again as an independent Committee. The programs and speakers that were done from May 2014 to now were: “Mountaintop Railways and their development” by John Ham; J. Thomas Allison author of “Hudson River Steamboat Catastrophes”; “The Apple Industry in Greene County” by Harrison Hunt; David and Wanda Dorpfeld authors of “Legendary Locals of Greene County”; and “The Lincoln Funeral Train Journey” by Leo Synakowski. All programs were well attended with between 50 and 100 people.

The Third Dr. Olga Santora Women’s History Lecture was “Ladies in Mourning during the Victorian Time” presented by Maxine Getty, and was also well attended.

Future program topics will be by author of “Out Windham Way” Larry Tompkins and “Baseball During WW II”.

The Committee always welcomes information from anyone who can suggest an interesting program or topic.

Ad Hoc Bronck Houses Restoration Committee
Robert C. Hallock, Chair

Dave Bova of Renaissance Restorations finished the restoration of the West wing in the middle of May just before the Museum opened for the season. Jim Parmiter built new shutters for the 1685 and 1663 houses and our Caretaker, Jason O'Donnell painted them in the historically accurate colors. A new pintel was made to order for one window and the shutters were installed.

The Ad Hoc Committee then met with Dave Bova to review his bid and the process he would employ in the restoration work of the 1738 house north wall basement area. Bill Brandow of John Waite and Associates was contacted and asked about the work that firm proposed. After reviewing Dave Bova's bid and that of Western Restoration Brandow indicated that Bova was the lower bid by far and the more comprehensive bid. He recommended that we accept the Bova bid of \$23,800. At the October Executive Committee meeting the Committee approved starting the work with Bova.

Dave Bova started on the north basement wall of the 1738 house on Wednesday, October 8. They supported the floor beams with jacks and timbers on the inside and a crib of timbers on the outside with a steel H beam supporting the beams through a hole they cut in the basement wall which rests on the timbers both inside and outside. The plaster on the west wall of the 1738 house basement was removed. The wall stones in the corner that formed the interior were removed about 3 feet along the wall from the northwest corner.

Bill Brandow has visited the site. We discussed the use of injection mortar on the wall. Dave Bova estimated for using the injection mortar were as follows: \$65 per container which covers 1/4 square foot; an estimated 50 to 60 cans would be needed plus the injection equipment at an estimated cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000. The mason working with Dave Bova indicated that the wall was in better shape than he expected to find it. The stones were in good shape and the mortar was in good shape as well. He had difficulty chipping the mortar away. The cellar north wall was in better shape than the north wall of the 1685 house where the mortar just came out in loose form. After discussion with Bill Brandow it was agreed that we would proceed with relaying and repointing the wall with the mortar mix recommended by John Waite and not use the injection mortar process. There will be monitors placed on the wall so that we can track what is happening over time and at some point in the future we may have to use the injection process.

Dave Bova made good progress and the wall was rebuilt and repointed by late October. The west interior cellar wall has been repointed, as well as the exterior wall on the north and west. The exterior wall was exposed about a foot below grade for repointing. The grade on the area will be reshaped to carry water away from the 1738 house. The downspout on the northwest corner has been removed and the underground drainage pipe will be cut off before it exits the retaining wall, and capped below grade on the corner.

Dave has indicated he will be working over the winter on the three windows on the north wall of the 1738 house as well as the sills and frames as needed. In December Bova and Brandow met to determine the style of window and agreed to use the east window in the living room of the 1738 house as the model. Although a “newer” window, it is the style of the appropriate period for the 1738 house.

In February Bova and Brandow met again and discussed bricks. Brandow thinks he has found a brick maker, Old Carolina Brick Company, who will make a mold from one of our bricks and then make bricks to order for us. We are still awaiting word from Brandow and Old Carolina Brick at the writing of this report. The winter lasting into mid April has delayed the start of work on the 1738 house north wall but we hope to have work underway by June.

Ad Hoc Education Center

An ad hoc Committee to review the Education Center and decide how to proceed with renovations was established at the March 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees. President Hallock has appointed Ray Hamlin, Trustee Tom Satterlee, Tim Meier, and will be asking one more person to join the Committee.

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee **Emily Kunchala, Chair**

The Strategic Planning Committee is an ad hoc committee that was formed to create and update the Strategic Plan for the Greene County Historical Society. The committee was inactive for 2014. A Plan was developed in 2009 and last updated in 2011. An update of the plan is scheduled for 2016.

Ad Hoc Compensation Policy Committee **Emily Kunchala, Chair**

The Compensation Policy Committee is an ad hoc committee that was formed to generate a policy for compensation of the paid employees for the Greene County Historical Society. The Committee was formed at the March 2015 board meeting.

2014 Home Tour **Jim Planck, Chair**

The 2014 Home Tour was held in Kiskatom. The tour attendance was lower than expected, but the tour received favorable comments from attendees. There were several stone houses on the tour and most of the sites were houses, which attendees commented on. The Kiskatom

Reformed Church was the headquarters and provided tour lunches. They were satisfied with the results. Although we did not make the budgeted amount of revenue for the 2014 tour, there were about 200 attendees and revenues of \$4,241.

2015 Home Tour **Jim Planck, Chair**

The 2015 Home Tour is scheduled for June 6 to help the Town of Athens celebrate its 200th anniversary year. Tour headquarters will be at the Zion Lutheran Church, which will also provide lunches. Posters and mailers are ready to go, and at this point 6 sites have been lined up. It is hoped that with starting earlier in 2015 and having the tour in the Valley that tour attendance will be better and revenues will exceed last year's total.

Beecher Scholarship **Christine Byas, Chair**

Each year the Greene County Historical Society awards the Raymond Beecher Scholarship to a Greene County high school senior based on an article on local history. The scholarship began in 2007 to honor Dr. Raymond Beecher's 90th birthday.

In the spring of 2014 three students submitted an application for this prestigious \$1,000 scholarship. As I read through each local history article I couldn't help but be impressed by each student's work. After much deliberation, the members of the Scholarship Committee awarded the prize to Susanne Prendergast, from Catskill High School. Her essay, titled "A Forgotten Era: The History of Palenville's Boarding House Age", recalls the history of the hamlet, the importance of the Kaaterskill Creek running through it and the rise and fall of the summer boarding house business. It was a thoroughly enjoyable read.

The deadline for 2015 scholarship is fast approaching. I look forward to reading this year's essays as there is always an element of surprise in the topics chosen. Dr. Beecher would be pleased to see the level of expertise exhibited by the students and to know that their research began at the Vedder Research Library, home of the Greene County Historical Society.

Board Development and Resources Committee **Wanda Dorpfeld, Chair**

The Board and Development Resources Committee has 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 a new candidate to propose for election.

End of term of current trustee:

Harvey Durham

Member of the Class of 2015 who wishes to return as trustee in the Class of 2018:

Stefania Jozic

Members of the Class of 2015 who wish to return as trustees in the Class of 2020:

Rick Hanse
Richard Muggeo
Dennis O'Grady

New trustee candidate for the Class of 2020:

Matthew Luvera

The following is a biographical sketch of the new trustee candidate:

Matthew Luvera

Matthew Luvera was born and raised in Catskill; attended St. Patrick's Parish School and graduated from Catskill High School. He received an Associate's Degree in Science from Columbia-Greene Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz, and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of St. Rose. Matt has been a fourth grade teacher at Catskill Elementary School for over twelve years. Community service has always been important to Matt. He has been a volunteer at the Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Catskill since 2010. He is part of the Town of Catskill Republican Club, serving as President from 2013 to 2015, and the Chairman of the Town of Catskill Republican Committee since 2013. He served his church community at St. Patrick's Church as an altar server, youth leader, religious education teacher, director of liturgy and music, as well as a current member of the Knights of Columbus Council #572 and Greene County Knights of Columbus Assembly #2253. Currently, he is an organist at Sacred Heart Church in Cairo, organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Camp, and cantor at St. Anthony's Friary in Catskill. He has been involved in his school community at Catskill Elementary School as a professional practices committee member, past-chairperson of the school discipline committee, past building representative for the Catskill Teachers Association, member of the district technology committee, and currently the extracurricular advisor to the Business Club and Yearbook Club.

Board Trustee Emeritus

This year Harvey Durham is being nominated as a Board Member Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society. Harvey has been a Trustee of the Greene County Historical Society for 25 years. Harvey has a way of carefully listening to discussions and then speaking to reflect the points that have been made and diplomatically showing us a way to move forward. Harvey has truly been the "voice of reason" for the Society. He and his wife Kathleen came to work as volunteers in the Vedder Research Library and worked faithfully in the library for many years, particularly with the files of photographs. As a Trustee Harvey, and as volunteers Harvey and Kathleen, helped set up for events, worked on Trading Post sales, and were staunch supporters of the Society. They were generous contributors in the name of Harvey's brother, Joseph, to saving the 13 sided barn and took loving care of the interior exhibits cleaning out the annual collections of black walnut hulls left by the squirrel visitors. They particularly enjoyed being docents in the barn at events. They were Beecher Award recipients for their volunteer efforts. Harvey worked closely with Ray Beecher to author one of our best selling publications *Around Greene County*. He also was an excellent amateur photographer and often presented slide shows of his photos from Greene County sites at Annual Meetings and other locations around

the County. He was the Society's Annual Meeting coordinator for several years. Harvey is in the same category as the late Ray Beecher and Olga Santora--people who were willing workers that gave their all to the Society. At the age of 92 Harvey has decided not to seek another term as Trustee, and it seems only appropriate to elect him as a Trustee Emeritus.

2015 Schedule

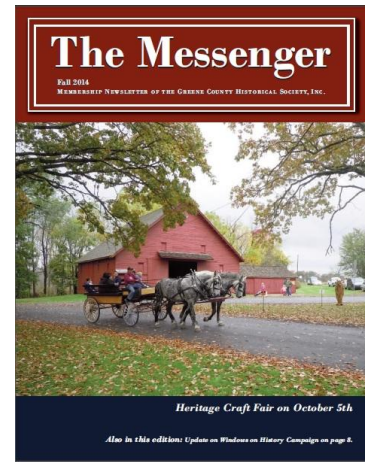
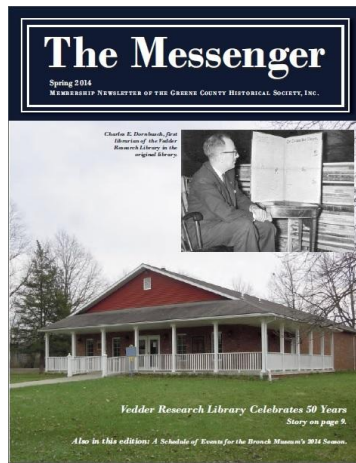
Bronck Museum. The season for drop-in visitors at the Bronck Museum begins on the Saturday before Memorial Day (5/23) and extends to October 15. The schedule is as follows: Closed Monday and Tuesday. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 pm to 4 pm. Open Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. Open Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm. The last tour leaves at 3:30 pm. The Museum is open on Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Columbus Day. Specific events are listed below.

Vedder Research Library (VRL). The VRL is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm. The VRL will be open on the Saturdays of long weekends for Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day and Easter and on Election Day and Veteran's Day. The VRL will be closed on the Saturdays for long weekends for Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day (11/28/15) and from 12/26/15 to 1/2/16 to reopen on 1/5/16. The VRL will close at noon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 25.

2015 Events

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| May 2. | Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition. Greene County Historical Society, Inc. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, William Street, Catskill, New York, 11:00 am. Library is closed. |
| May 17. | Association Day, Bronck Museum. 12:30-4:00 pm, Admission Free. Library is open. |
| June 6. | 39th Annual Tour of Homes, "Town of Athens", Tour of the Town of Athens, Headquarters at the Zion Lutheran Church, 10 am to 4 pm. Museum and Library are open. |
| July 12. | Bronck Family at Home: Getting Things Done "Making Your Bed and Sleeping in It", Tours 1 pm, 2 pm, & 3 pm, Bronck Museum. Library is open. |
| August 9. | Bronck Family at Home: Getting Things Done "Corn from Cob to Cake", Tours 1 pm & 3 pm, Bronck Museum. Library is open. |
| August 29. | "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" 7:30 pm, Bronck Museum. |
| September 13. | Bronck Family at Home: Getting Things Done "Busy with the Bees", Tours 1 pm & 3 pm, Bronck Museum. Library is open. |
| October 4. | Heritage Craft Fair, 12-5 pm, Bronck Museum. Library is open. |
| October 24. | "A Great Sorrow" Tours, 4 pm, 4:45 pm, & 5:30 pm Bronck Museum. |
| November 14. | "Chilly Willy Winter's Eve" Tours 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm. |
| November 15. | "Chilly Willy Winter's Eve" Tours 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm. |

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Conyn, Conyne or Coneyn: A Colonial Family's History by Harold Cornine



This early (1639) Dutch map by Johannes Vingboons, "Manatys gifgen up de Aert" includes "Conyne Eylandt," the riverbank both leading off the western shore of Rondout, and known to us by its anglicized name, Conyn Island. [Did you notice the directional fleur-de-lis identifying North? Yes, the orientation was to show their maps with North heading off to the right, so the "North River" - that is, the Hudson River - leads off to the right.]

The island was known to be covered with rabbits, "Conyne" in Dutch means "rabbit." Though some have suggested that the island inspired its name from the Conyn family, this is unlikely. On the other hand, considering that the early Conyn family had some association with Kings County - Brooklyn, where Conyn Island is located - and also considering the nature of the location, it is not entirely unlikely that Landers Phillips could have acquired his "last name" from the famous island. Collections of the Library of Congress.

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BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER: The Murder of W. Roy Hallenbeck by Worthy Tolley

by
Kathryn Hallenbeck Newman Schonger

granddaughter of Roy's sister brother, J. Frank Hallenbeck, and a great-grandson of W. Roy Hallenbeck



W. Roy Hallenbeck (1880-1946). Roy was one of seven children and was the youngest son of Warren I. and Jane (nee Spear) Hallenbeck of West Athens, N.Y. He was never married and had no children. He was shot by Worthy Tolley and subsequently died at age 38. The initial "W" in his name was used for an additional name, and "Roy" was not short for "George." Photos provided by R. N. Schonger.



Worthy Tolley (1866-1932). Worthy was the son of Gerrit H. and Maria C. Tolley, the husband of Alice (nee Longmire), and the father of Maudie, Marie C., and Garrett (nee V.J. H. Tolley). Marie and Garrett were named after their grandparents. Worthy shot W. Roy Hallenbeck on September 14, 1914, and was tried for his murder. Photo courtesy of David Dorfheld, Greene County Historian.

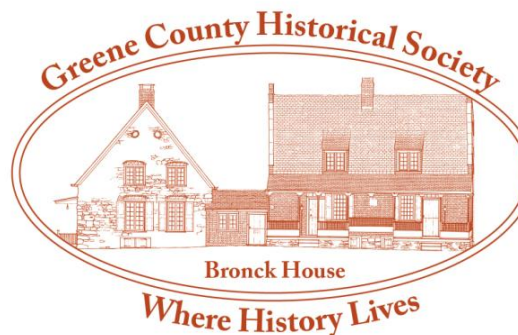
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Long View Park, Rt 61, New Baltimore: The Bronk/Armstrong Farm by Ted Hilscher & Jean Bush



THE FAMILIES & THE PROPERTY
James K. Bronk bought the New Baltimore farm in 1856. Not long after this purchase, James married his neighbor Caroline Van Slyke. Their sons, Edmund F. and Thomas C., were born in 1858 and 1860 respectively. Edmund became a doctor with a practice in Amsterdam, New York, and Thomas went to law school.
After James K. died in 1912, the farm passed among and between several generations until it was sold to Joseph Armstrong in 1922. Joseph and his wife Helen raised four children here: sons Clifford and Lester, and daughters Eleanor and Madeline. CHF was a decorated Army pilot during World War II. Joseph and his son expanded the farm to include the Martin Hatzberg farm directly west, as on Route 61. Leo and CHF farmed both sides of the road until their deaths.
Long View Park had its beginning in June of 2012, when the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. purchased a parcel of land in the town of New Baltimore. This property also was parcel stretches from County Route 51, also known as River Road, to the waters of the Hudson River. With only a few exceptions, the boundary line follows that of the farm which James K. Bronk established in 1856, and later conveyed to Joseph Armstrong. In 1922, happily, several of the original farm structures on the property are still intact.
Soon after the purchase, an agreement was made with the New Baltimore Conservancy for management of the Park. Narratives, photographs and history answers sought out and reported on their findings. A successful fund raising campaign made it possible to stabilize what is believed to be the oldest structure. The plan continues for the stabilization of other structures, as well as for routine maintenance.
The grand opening on September 29, 2014 was a tribute to the volunteer laborers, along with local contractor Wayne Kuffner and crew, who made it possible. The Park is open to the public from dawn to dusk for non-motivated recreation, enjoying the striking



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