



**ANNUAL REPORT 2019  
2019 FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR  
2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR ENDING APRIL 2020  
NOVEMBER 2020**

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**The 2019-20 Officers of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc**

Chairman of the Board	Joseph Warren
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**The 2019-2020 Trustees of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**

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Robert Hallock	Justin Snow
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**The 2019-2020 Trustees Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**

Natalie Daley (deceased 6/20)  
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**The 2019-2020 Staff of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**

Shelby Mattice	Curator
Jennifer Barnhart	Operations Manager
Jonathan Palmer	Archivist, Librarian
Donald Jackson	Museum Associate (2019)
Dave Brock	Caretaker
Lisa Brock	Caretaker

October 28, 2020

Dear Members and Friends.

From the date on this letter, you can surmise that something unusual occurred to delay our annual meeting. For people reading this letter now, they know - all too well - what that event is; for people reading this letter many years from now, it's wondered through what lens this event will be viewed.

Nevertheless, your Greene County Historical Society remains as vibrant and committed to its mission as ever. The Meadow Ridge Heritage barn is fully erected, sided, and home to the hay press that was the reason for the barn being moved to our verdant campus. The commitment of the Trustees and volunteers to see this project to completion cannot be overstated. The skills and workmanship of the same group in transforming a barn from one in dangerous disrepair to the towering edifice gracing our campus similarly cannot be overstated. Countless hours brought this idea (with a few initial doubts) from inception to completion, for which the Society is forever grateful to those who made it possible.

Work continues on the Jan Van Loon house in Athens, which is being done by volunteers from Athens under the auspices of the GCHS. Although the Athens project is not as extensive as the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn project, it is welcome progress in preserving Greene County's rich history.

Due to fine stewardship, the Society's finances remain sound. On the other hand, as the Society continuously moves forward in improving its headquarters and preserving its heritage and giving the public better access to its rich collection, financial assistance is always put to good use.

Please stay well and stay safe.

Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board

October 28, 2020

Dear Members and Friends:

What a year we had planned for 2020. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Home Tour in May; a new event with costumed interpreters in June; Museum programs for special Sundays; Tavern Night; The Heritage Craft Fair; education lectures; the start of the Stockbridge Munsee Wigwam exhibit; opening the Dr. Willard wagon and the apple exhibits; hiring an Administrative Assistant to work in the Museum and the Library. Then came Covid 19. Home Tour, new event, and everything else cancelled. Bronck Museum and the Vedder Research Library closed to visitors.

The goal of Treasurer Dave Dorpfeld and me, as President, was to keep the staff on the payroll and avoid layoffs if at all possible. With the help of staff, the National Bank of Coxsackie and the Federal Cures Act Payroll Protection Program, the market recovery and cost cutting we succeeded. We reopened in July under the guidelines of New York State's Re-Opening Plan Phase 4. The Bronck Museum reopened two days a week, Thursday and Friday, at 11am and 2pm, with a maximum of 6 visitors for each tour. Masks and social distancing were required for visitors and staff. Hand sanitizer would be made available. Tours would be of the grounds only, no buildings, except for the Dutch Barn which could accommodate 6 people and the Curator on benches if the weather was threatening. No walk-ins allowed. Reservations had to be made in advance at our website [gchistory.org](http://gchistory.org) and paid for in advance. If you open, they will come and they did at the rate of two to four visitors a day.

The Vedder Research Library opened accommodating two visitors in the morning and two in the afternoon. Masks and social distancing were required, hand sanitizer was available, and reservations have to be made in advance. No walk-ins allowed. Again, if you open they will come.

We have begun pursuing some of our projects again – the Mahican long house exhibit, working with the IDA and the Stockbridge Munsee Tribal Nation; the Dr. Willard and apple exhibits; the restoration of the kitchen dependency and the rear courtyard; and the Heritage Barn raising and doing the site landscaping and interior finishing. We held the Heritage Craft Fair in October with a band, 12 vendors and an attendance of over 300 people in masks and socially distancing. The Library assisted researchers. We had pledges totaling \$24,000 to purchase Catskill Mountain House registers. Thanks to the Mountain Top Historical Society for their assistance in getting the pledges. Unfortunately, the bidding started higher than our pledged amount and rose from there.

Thanks to our members for their support; our staff and our Board Members, for their work and dedication. Our volunteers are still mostly on hiatus but we look forward to their return and their invaluable help.

As an old Brooklyn Dodger fan, I can say "There's always next year." We can now start planning for next year. All those ideas we had for 2020 we can use again in 2021.

Robert C. Hallock, President GCHS

**Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**May 4, 2019**

The Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. was held at the Washington Irving Inn in Tannersville on May 4. The Inn is owned by Trustee Stefania Jozic. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Hallock with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Greene County Historical Society Members Deceased**-- Robert Hallock read the names of the Greene County Historical Society Members who have died in 2018-2019 as found in Appendix 1

**Recognition of The Volunteers.** At each Annual Meeting, Volunteers who have given of the time and skills to assist the Society are recognized by name and given a small gift. In 2019, the gift was a Travel Mug. Attached in Appendix 2 is a listing of all Bronck Museum volunteers, broken down by the area where their service has been given and whether they are attending the Annual Meeting.

The names of the volunteers who have been working on the Meadow Ridge Barn listed in Appendix, 3 were recognized by Thomas Satterlee, Chairman of the Barn Project. The Beecher Award was awarded to Tim Meier. Tom called Joe Woelfersheim up to the front. Tom indicated that Joe has "pitched in" on all phases of the work since the beginning of the installation of this barn at the Museum. Tom presented Joe with a plaque in recognition of his work.

**Guest Speaker.** A guest speaker, James Ewing who is a photographer presented the program, "Fluffy Ryder Steamboats"

**Brunch.** A Buffet Brunch was served by the Staff of the Washington Irving..

**The Society Annual Business Meeting.** The Business Meeting was opened by President Robert Hallock with a moment of silence for the departed members. A list of the departed members is found in Appendix 3.

**Introductory Remarks by Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board.** Joe thanked everyone who had come to the meeting and the volunteers who have worked for the Society. He especially thanked Joe and Nat Woelfersheim, noting it is so good to see young people providing help to the Society through their work on the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn. He expressed hope that the volunteers would continue to help the Society in the future.

**Introductory Remarks by Robert C. Hallock, President.** Bob thanked all Society volunteers, noting the different ways that volunteers have served. He indicated the value of each volunteer to the work of the Society and expressed hope they will continue to volunteer in 2019. He noted particularly the work of the officers of the Society who are volunteers.

**Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting.** Ann B. Hallock, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. It was moved by Richard Muggeo and seconded by Jim Planck that these minutes be accepted. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report for 2018.** David Dorpfeld, Treasurer directed attention to pages 9 and 10 of the Annual Report--The Statement of Revenue and Expenses. He thanked Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager, for handling the monetary work of the Society. He also thanked Thomas Satterlee for his work in raising funds through the yearly membership drive and for his work raising money to finance the special project of the building the Meadow Ridge Barn. He also noted the work at the Mansion Street Cemetery where the Society benefactor, Leonard Bronck Lampman and his mother, Adelaide Bronck Lampman are buried. The Society recently paid for the installation of new stone, for Mrs. Lampman since her tomb stone was so damaged. David called member's attention to the small increase in membership revenue. He noted the work being done to restore the Scripture painting off-site.

**Financial Secretary's Report.** Thomas Satterlee reported that the number of members was up slightly. The Annual Report-- 2018 Membership can be found on pages 11-17. He urged members to continue to promote membership to non-members.

### **Introduction of Committee Chairs and Reports--President Robert Hallock**

**Bronck Museum.** Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-chairs. Wanda indicated that a detailed report is found on pages 18-23. The Museum looks forward to a busy season with several new programs and the return of the Scripture Painting. Also mentioned was the availability of off-site programs during the times when the Museum is closed.

**Vedder Research Library.** Jonathan Palmer, Archivist. Jonathan noted that it has been a very busy year in the Library with new visitors and researchers. There have been several mentions of the Library on social media sites which has led back to the Society. A detailed written report is found on pages 24-26

**Buildings and Grounds.** Robert Hallock, Acting Chair indicated that the Kitchen Dependency has shown evidence of foundation problems. A structural engineer will be examining the building to develop a stabilization plan. A detailed written report is found on pages 27-28.

**Ad Hoc Bronck Houses Restoration.** Robert Hallock, Acting Chair indicated that the report found on page 28 highlights the work done on the houses.

**Ad Hoc Education Center.** Robert Hallock, Acting Chair noted the development of a handicap ramp and landing on the front of this center, as described on page 29.

**Hay Press/Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn.** Thomas Satterlee, Chair called attention to both the front and rear covers of the Annual Report which features pictures of the process necessary to install this barn and the hay press on the lot between Route 9W and the CR 42. Also on the front inside cover is a discussion of the barn, its origins and the history of hay. Tom indicated that the project is moving along. More funds will be needed to complete the job. In addition to the sites noted about, written information is found on pages 29-30.

**Publications.** Robert A. D'Agostino, Chair. His report noted that 2018 marked the 43<sup>rd</sup> year of publication for **The Greene County Historical Journal** and includes information about the contents of upcoming issues. The report can be found on pages 30 to 32.

**Education.** Chair Judee Synakowski described the programs offered in 2018 and those upcoming in 2019. The report is located on page 32.

**Beecher Scholarship,** Chair Christine Byas reported that 5 applications had been received for the \$1,000 Beecher Scholarship and summarized the contents of the essays completed by the applicants. For the first time, since the inception of the award, 2 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. The information about the 5 applications can be found on pages 33-34

**Historic Register,** Harrison Hunt, Chair. The Register now stands at 280 buildings and sites. One of the houses on the 2018 Home Tour in Catskill is the most recent applicant. The application fee is waived in appreciation for having the building on the Also, Society's Home Tour. The Committee has approved a revised Register Application. The Committee alternates its meetings between the Vedder Library and other places in the county. The full report is located on page 34.

**2018 and 2019 Annual Home Tour,** Donna Poulin, Chair. In 2018 in Catskill, a new approach was offered with two different tours. On June 2, the traditional tour of homes was held. On the following day, there was a walking tour of the area of the Catskill Mountain Railroad Bridge. There were many compliments on the two-day event.

In 2019, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour of Homes will be held in Cairo on June 1. The report on both Tours is found on page 35.

**Board Development and Resources Committee,** Chair Perry Lasher reported that the Committee had reviewed the current list of Trustees whose terms are expiring. They contacted those people and determined that they wish to return as Trustees. This class of 2019 are Robert D'Agostino, David Dorpfeld, Ann Hallock, Thomas Satterlee,

Justin Snow, and Judee Synakowski. This report is found on Page 35.

Perry Lasher asked for a motion that the people in the Class of 2019 be elected to serve as Trustees of the Greene County Historical Society, class of 2024. The motion was made by Richard Muggeo and seconded by Joseph Warren. The motion was passed.

**Adjournment.** Christine Byas moved that the Annual Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jim Plank and carried.

## Appendix 1

### Greene County Historical Society Members Deceased

Norm Fuller	Shirley McGrath
Gertrude Beecher	Eleanor Moon
Henry Rausch	Peter Hallock
Raymond Friss	Nick Nahas
Carol Wallace	Donald Moon
Sidney Castle	William Day
Jean Tremmel	Jane Erickson

## Appendix 2

### Volunteers for Museum, Library, Bench, Home Tour and Historic Register

#### Bronck Museum

Meg Griffin	Lorraine Camurati
Joe Capobianco	Doris Hallock
Judi Besenfelder	Pat Maxwell
Carol Jankowski	Carolyn Riecken
Carol Serazio (also Home Tour)	Will Warren
Sue Thrasher	Bill Barnhart

#### Library

Jean Bush (also Historic Register)	Evelyn Lein
Cless Bush	Judith Rundell
Kathleen Hintz	Mary Ann Patsky
Stephen Schwebler	Stanley Whitbeck
James Crowley	Kathleen Durham
Kingsley Greene	Vicki Turestsky
John O'Grady	Tom Fitzpatrick

#### Home Tour

Eileen Goble  
Carol Serazio  
Terez Limer

#### Historic Register

Jean Bush (Also Library)	Harrison Hunt
Joan Satterlee	Ken Mabey
Nicholas Dellisanti	Eileen Tompkins
Tom & DiAnne Gibson	



**Appendix 3  
Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn**

**2019 Volunteers**

Jennifer Barnhart  
Nina Beers  
John Bensen  
Patrick Canning  
Al DeLuca  
John Earl  
Theron Gunderman  
Guy Hazelton  
Ted Hilscher  
Mark Leavenway  
Pat Maxwell  
Dick Muggeo  
Matt Lonero

Matt Meier  
Jeff Meier  
Tim Meier  
Jonathan Palmer  
Bob Patterson  
Hugh Quigley  
Kristi Rosato  
Tom Satterlee  
Louis Vasquel  
Bob Van Ettern  
Albert Woelfersheim  
Joe Woelfersheim  
Nate Woelfersheim

**Appendix 4**

**Business Helpers  
(donations of equipment usage, materials or discounts)**

Bensen Crane  
Elliot Fishman-Santo Assoc.  
Commercial Sales-Ross Site Development  
Ducommun  
Flack Development  
GNHLumber  
Greene County Septic  
Halstead Excavating  
Martinez Auto Body  
McElroy Metal  
Northcott Woodturning  
Sherwin Williams  
Simpson Strong Tie  
State Tel  
TruCut Lumber  
Van Etten Excavating  
Warrentrask  
Wolfe Builders

## **Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2019 David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer**

Two thousand nineteen was another good year financially. Expenses ran about one percent over budget, but still less than five percent of reserves were needed to bring us in balance for the year. Five percent is the target we generally shoot for year to year. All market indices were up in the 30 percent range and that helped our bottom-line results. We do have concern for 2020 with the downturn in the markets resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Steps are being taken to reduce expenditures going forward.

Please refer to 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 or budget for how much will be raised through unanticipated contributions or someone remembering the society in his or her will. Also, we do not budget for a calamitous event like we had two years ago when we had major water damage to the caretaker's house. The other three columns from left to right are as follows: Calendar year 2019 budget, actual income and expenditures for 2019, and income and expenses compared to the budget (Over or Under).

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 and expense items. Fund balances are reflected at the bottom of page I of my report.

As I have said in the past, about 70 percent of our budgeted expenditures go to pay salaries and insurance. This is not a bad thing. We have excellent staff and they produce great value for the society. But this does not leave a lot of money left over to support other initiatives. This is why it is important to have fund raising drives from time to time to support capital improvements and new initiatives. Our latest fund-raising initiative involves a barn which was carefully removed from property in Earlton and is being reconstructed at our complex in Cocksackie. More about this project can be found elsewhere in this report. Additional contributions are needed to bring this project to completion.

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 nine 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 period ending 12/31/2019

	<u>Budget CY2019</u>	<u>Actual 12/31/2019</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated Un budgeted</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Donations & Grants				
Restricted Grants	10,100	7,300	(2,800)	
Unrestricted Grants	3,847	3,847		
<i>Total Grants Received</i>	<u>13,947</u>	<u>11,147</u>	<u>~2,800</u>	
Memorial Gifts	500	400	(100)	
Museum Donations	2,500	3,489	989	
Library Donations		4,096	4,096	
GCHS Donations		25	25	
Membership	29,000	25,218	(3,782)	
Beecher Scholarship	500	188	(312)	
<i>Total Donations</i>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>33,416</u>	<u>916</u>	
Programs				
Home Tour	6,000	4,610	(1,390)	
Library Activities	3,500	3,080	(420)	
Museum Admissions	5,000	4,482	(518)	
Museum Events	4,000	3,191	(809)	
Shop	3,000	2,202	(798)	
Publications	150	91	~59)	
<i>Total Programs</i>	<u>21,650</u>	<u>17,656</u>	<u>~3,994)</u>	
Other Income				
Annual Meeting	500	735	235	
Fundraising (Heritage Craft Fair)		1,908	1,908	
Interest Income	500	629	129	
Miscellaneous Income	1,500		(1,500)	
Unanticipated				
Historic Register				114
Civil War Books				26
John Ham Book				970
Windows on History				5,000
Digitalization				2,000
Van Loon House				10,500
Barn				4,524
<i>Total Other Income</i>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,272</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>23,134</u>
Reserves needed to support budgeted expenditures	163,223	170,811		
<b>Totals</b>	<u>233,820</u>	<u>236,302</u>	<u>2,482</u>	<u>15,784</u>

1 Pomeroy Grant for history marker (\$1,100), CIP (\$2,700), BOGC (\$1,000), Town (\$500), FAM (\$1,500), Johnsonillington (\$500).

2 Donation from Hallocks for tree removal \$2500

3 Sold postcards \$2600

4 Plymouth Hill Donation to Museum

6 Gravestone replacement in Mansion Street Cemetery for Adelaide Bronk Lampman

5 Donation from IBM for Library

7 Tree removal paid for by Hallocks

8 Primarily restoration of scripture painting (\$4125).

9 CIP (\$2,567), Pomeroy (\$1,100). Town Grant for events (\$778). BOGe grant for Beekman genealogy material (\$855).

10 13 sided barn sign (\$2,564), Athens GenIT purchase VRL (\$1576). Computer from Fenimore grant (\$1,403).

<b>Publication Fund</b>	9,189	<b>Digitalization</b>	1,456
<b>Capital Funds - Bronck Barrack</b>	9,701	<b>Windows on History</b>	26,266
<b>13-sided Barn Signage Account</b>	643	<b>Civil War Flag Restoration</b>	2,179
<b>Interactive Materials Grant</b>	344	<b>Van Loon House</b>	1,018

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

For the period ending 12/31/2019

	<u>Budget CY2019</u>	<u>Actual 12/31/2019</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Maintenance				
Library	2,000	3,512	1,512	
Museum	9,000	6,664	(2,336)	2,500 7
Staff Residence and Lawn Care	6,000	11,640	5,640	
Other		1,100	1,100	
Total Maintenance	<u>17,000</u>	<u>22,916</u>	<u>5,916</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Utilities				
Electric	4,000	4,426	426	
Fuel Oil/Bumer Service	7,500	6,876	(624)	
Phones	1,200	1,306	106	
Other				
Total Utilites	<u>12,700</u>	<u>12,608</u>	<u>(92)</u>	
Wages				
Caretakers				
Curatorial	48,570	48,750	180	
Curatorial Assistance	2,000	3,395	1,395	
Librarian	30,000	30,000		
Operations Manager	40,000	40,000		
Total Wages	<u>120,570</u>	<u>122,145</u>	<u>1,575</u>	
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg.Nolunteer Recognition	1,500	1,544	44	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	1,000		
Collection Enhancement/Acquisition	4,000	4,718	718	
Computer		604	604	
Contingencies - General	1,000			
Contingencies - Museum				
Contracted Services (Copier)	1,800	1,836	36	
Dues/Subscriptions	600	526	(74)	
Exhibits and Education	12,000	717	(11,283)	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	3,200	5,300		5,543 10
Furniture & Fixtures	1,000	557	(443)	
Home Tour	800	693	(107)	
Insurance	21,000	21,340	340	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200	116	(84)	
Miscellaneous	100	51	(49)	
Office Supplies	900	3,206	2,306	
Payroll Service	2,200	2,256	56	
Postage	2,000	1,375	(625)	
Promotion and Outreach	4,500	5,065	565	
Purchases for Museum Shop	1,000	571	(429)	
Publications/Printing	3,000	3,130	130	
Security System	750	1,525	775	
Charges - Credit Card	1,000	1,797	797	
990 Preparation	2,000	2,495	495	
Health Insurance	5,000	4,292	(708)	
Payroll Expenses	12,500	13,698	1,198	
Sales Tax	500	221	(279)	
John Ham books				145
Capital Construction - Bronck Barracks				376
Van Loon House				18,593
Digitalization				245
Barn Account				4,224
Total Other Expenses	<u>83,550</u>	<u>78,633</u>	<u>(4,917)</u>	<u>26,469</u>
Total Expenses	<u>233,820</u>	<u>236,302</u>	<u>2,482</u>	<u>26,469</u>

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

## MEMBERSHIP

THOMAS SATTERLEE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

For January 1 - December 31, 2019, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$21,522
Donations	\$915
Vedder Library	\$510
Bronck Museum	\$75
Beecher Scholarship	\$3,410
Barn Project	\$3,410
Total Dues & Donations	\$26,437

\$8,415 of this amount relates to dues and donations for 2020. \$24,735 was collected for the 2019 dues year in 2018 and 2019. Membership for 2019 was up slightly from 476 to 498. At least 7 members passed away in 2019 and there were 71 new members. An additional \$5,264 was collected by Staff, PayPal, or Square Space for dues and directly deposited. The addition of PayPal and Square Space 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 2019 were as follows:

Senior	113
Individual	112
Dual/Family	101
Supporter	33
Patron	54
Benefactor	10
Silver Benefactor	4
Gold Benefactor	4
Library Institutions	12
Honorary	8
Business Basic	3
Business Friend	6
Business Supporter	12
Trustee Emeriti	5
Complimentary	9
Business Complimentary	12
Total Membership	498

The current membership drive, as of March 20, 2020, has resulted in responses as follows:

Dues	\$19,872	Senior	113
		Individual	81
		Dual/Family	72
Donations		Supporter	29
		Patron	42
Vedder Library	\$2,706	Benefactor	10
Bronck Museum	\$240	Silver Benefactor	3
Barn Project	\$2,030	Gold Benefactor	3
Beecher Scholarship	\$75	Library Institutions	8
		Honorary	8
Pay Pal or Square Space	\$1,770	Trustee Emeritus	5
Paid to Staff	\$1,300	Business Basic	2
		Business Friend	4
Total Dues & Donations	\$27,993	Business Supporter	6
		Business Complimentary	8
		Complimentary	5
		Total Membership	399

## Greene County Historical Society 2019 Membership

### Business Supporter

Bavarian Manor Country Inn & Restaurant  
Coxsackie Antique Center  
Coxsackie Transport/Wayne Parks  
Dimensions North Ltd  
Flint Mine Solar  
Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc  
Hilscher & Hilscher  
Hinterland Design  
James Ewing Photography  
Kingsley W. Greene Furniture Restoration  
State Telephone Co.  
Story Farms LLC  
Williams Lumber & Home Centers

### Business Friend

Black Horse Farms, Inc  
Max William Gurvitch, GRN  
Max S. Wood Equipment, LLC  
North River Research  
Braine Building & Renovation  
Jeff Boehm - The Lawn Doctor

### Business

Greene County IDA  
Matt Draiss Rare Coins  
RDN Pool Supply LLC

### Gold Benefactor

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Beach  
Phoebe P. Bender  
Jean & Clesson Bush  
Robert C. & Ann B. Hallock

### Silver Benefactor

David & Wanda Dorpfeld  
Magda Mininberg  
Hans and Susan Neugebauer  
Barbara T. Tolley

### Benefactor

National Bank of Coxsackie  
Roger V.V. & June M. Rouse  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald K. Smith

Hon. Mrs. Jo Anne Makely  
Veronika & Wayne Marquoit  
Joseph H. Warren  
Lisa Fox Martin  
Gary & Barbara Slutzky  
Richard Gromek  
State Telephone Co.

### Patron

Anonymous (2)  
Bruce Baxter  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Boehlke  
Brent Bogardus  
Richard C. Bopp  
Garth & Theresa Bryant  
Ross & Lynda Bushouse  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Byas  
Ann Clapper  
Edward G. Cloke  
Bill & Judy Conine  
Kerri Corrigan  
Tim & Betsy Cothren  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. D' Agostino  
Crane Davis  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Day  
Mr & Mrs. Robert Degni  
Shirley & Gerald Dunn  
Stephen & Jacqueline Dunn  
Kathleen Durham  
Christina Plattner Evola  
Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Fenn Jr  
Tom & Linda Gentalen  
Mark & Linnean Gorelick  
Theron & Lisa Gunderman  
Barbara S. Hancock  
Rick & Kathy Hanse  
Fred & Ann Hinrichsen  
Nancy L. Hughes  
Harrison & Linda Hunt  
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## **Bronck Museum**

### **Ann B. Hallock Wanda Dorpfeld co-chairs**

The Museum Committee met on a monthly basis, except in December 2019, to discuss the operation of the Museum including the presentation of programs. All meetings stopped after the Spring Board of Trustees and the March Bronck Museum Committee Meetings as a result of Covid 19. Meetings started again in June, but it is not possible to operate the Museum as previously done yet.

**Staff.** Shelby Mattice continued in her position as curator. We started the 2019 season without a Museum Assistant at the desk of the Visitors Center. Museum Committee members and other volunteers filled the job until Donald Jackson was hired to work on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Wednesday, Judee Synakowski welcomed Museum guests in the Visitor Center. Judy Besenfelder covered the desk on Thursday. Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart and Joan Satterlee filled in when the other volunteers were unable to come. The Caretakers of the Museum, Dave and Lisa Brock provided assistance as needed, especially in setting up for programs and other events.

**Visitors to the Museum.** The Museum opened for the 2019 Season on May 25. In 2019, 1,657 people visited the Museum for guided tours, participated in group tours and attended special events. Museum Hours were as follows: Wednesday (12 to 4), Thursday (12 to 4), Friday (12 to 4), Saturday (10-4, and Sunday (1-4). The price of admission for a tour for the 2019 Museum Year was \$7.00. The Museum maintains ticket sales data on a daily basis. The most popular day for a guided tour is Wednesday.

The guest book shows visitors from the following states and countries, in addition to visits from numerous areas in New York State: Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut, West Virginia, Texas, Maine, California, New Hampshire, Michigan, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Oregon, Georgia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, Indiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Maryland, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, the Netherlands and France. Some people do not wish to sign our guest book so information about all guests is not available.

The price of admission for the 2019 Museum Year was \$7.00. The Museum maintains ticket sales data on a daily basis. The most popular day for a guided tour is Wednesday. The total Museum Admissions Income was \$4,122, including admissions and donation buckets. This admission amount was less than that received in 2018. The donations bucket was at the lowest level in the past 6 years. The Committee has discussed moving the bucket from its current location in the Visitors Center or having multiple buckets. The net income from all sources was \$10,015, lower than 2018 and 2017.

**Group Tours.** We continue to offer "group tours" to any interested organization. In the 2019 season the following group tours were provided:

May 2019--a group of curators from the State Museum who are developing a new exhibit on the 17th century including the recreation of the interior of a Dutch tavern. They were

interested in the architectural components of the Bronck House.

May 31-- tour for the Colonial Dames of Connecticut including 12 adults and 2 Society members.

June 5--75 fourth graders from Coxsackie Elementary

June 19--a group of 10 people from Abbey Village in Glenmont.

June 22-- A group of 21 people from the Dutch Settlers Society

September 11--15 people from the SUNY Cobleskill Adult Learning Institute toured the site.

On October 2, the Hyde Park AARP brought a bus tour of 55 people to the Museum. Usually the Museum is the site of several bus tour but this was the first bus tour of the 2019 season. It has been noted that some organizations will set up a tour date and time and the visitors arrive in their own personal cars. Shelby and Museum volunteers conducted the tour. The group had lunch at Pegasus before returning to Hyde park

We continue to have "grounds only" visitors who tour the grounds and do not participate in a guided tour. These visitors pay no admission. Development of a new map of the grounds, using drone images was initiated, but not completed in this time period. It is hoped that it can be completed in the future.

**Off-Site Programs.** Curator Shelby Mattice and Robert Hallock present programs off-site for community organizations. The number of Outreach Programs grow each year, amounting to nearly 600 people in 2019. Off-site programs were as follows:

May--Bob presented the "Kitty Greene/Cyrus McCormack" program - program to the Athens Garden Club. Received a donation of \$50.

September--Bob presented the "History of Baseball Program" to the Ravena Coeymans Historical Society to 10 people. Received \$25.

November 3--Shelby presented the "Winter Life" Program to 47 people at the Stephentown Historical Society. Received a donation of \$50.

January 12--Shelby presented the "Winter Life" program to the East Greenbush Historical Society. Received a speaker's fee of \$75.

January 17--Bob presented the General Greene program to 26 scouts and parents in the Athens Boys Scouts. Received \$25.

January 29--Bob presented 5 sessions of the General Greene program to 100 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8 teachers and aides at Cairo Durham. A note about the program was included in the BOCES Newsletter, noting the participation of the students. A speaker's fee of \$25 was sent by the school to the Society. At the request of the teachers, Bob

was asked to begin developing a program on Greene County in the 20's,30's, 40's and 50's. Bob did the research. Covid 19 ended it!

February 8–Shelby presented the Chocolate Program to 10 people at the Hermance Library. Fee \$25/

Shelby had 3 dates set up for March and April for other programs. Also had 2 Group Tours set. Covid 19 ended it!

At the February meeting of the Museum Committee, it was recommended that the Committee discuss the offering of off-site programs further. One topic for discussion would be how to get more information about the early Dutch settlements into schools. It has become more difficult for schools to schedule buses to come to the Museum.

**Grants.** A CIP Grant, \$2700, which is used to pay for expenditures associated with the presentation of Museum programs including musical entertainment and costumes, was received in June 2019. In 2019, it was the Library's turn to solicit grants from local banks and financial organizations. The Museum applied for these grants in January 2020 from National Bank of Coxsackie, Bank of Greene County, Fenimore Asset Management and Johnson Illington. A total of \$2,550 was received in Spring 2020. A CIP Grant Request for 2020 was submitted and the Society received a grant of \$2400 later in the year. A grant of \$5000 from Plymouth Hill was received.

**Gifts to Other Groups.** As has been done in the past, Shelby Mattice decorated a wreath for the Heermance Library Wreath Auction in the name of the Society.

### **Events and Programs in 2019 at the Museum**

#### **May 18:**

**Community Patriots' Day** with the 77<sup>th</sup> Regimental Balladeers providing musical entertainment. Rev. Johannes Schuneman (Joe Capobianco) and Leonard Bronck (Robert Hallock presented the Coxsackie Declaration. The House was open for visitors. Estimated attendance–25

#### **May 23:**

Opening of the Museum for the 2019 Season.

#### **July 14:**

**“Sunday Along the River. Your Grandmother's Tinware.”** Art Thorman discussed the process of making items from tin, using items from his collection, many of which he had crafted. Tinware items from the Museum's Collection were also on exhibit. Mr. Thorman also donated an oil painting of the Bronck Museum which he had done. Attendance 24.

## **August 24:**

**Tavern Night.** Due to an invasion of Yellow Jackets in the Kitchen Dependency and on one end of the front porch, the preparation was moved to the office area of the Visitors Center and some of the tables were moved onto the lawn. The menu included beer from Cross Roads Brewing; sparkling cider and water; 6 kinds of Dutch cheese; sausages including both turkey and venison; and Italian Peasant Bread. The food was served by costumed serving wenches. Costumed Shelby Mattice visited each table to talk about the serving of food in a tavern and the items being served that evening. Pieter Bronck (Dick Muggeo) and Leonard Bronck (Bob Hallock) circulated among the tables. Musical entertainment was provided by violinist Barry Weinstein. Attendance SOLD OUT! 78 people.

More tickets could have been sold if more space was available.

## **September 22:**

**“Sunday along the River. Whittling and Weaving”.** Dick Brooks, Whittler, was set up in the 1664 House with his bench and a display of his whittling. Charlotte Carter and several friends were set up in the 1685-90 House. Visitors could observe the whittling and weaving being demonstrate. The second floor of the 1685-90 House with the historic loom from the 1830's is usually off-limit because of the very steep stairs. For this day, several guides alerted visitors to the step-down from the 1664 House and to the steepness of the stairs to the second floor. Curator Shelby Mattice explained the operation of the historic loom. Refreshments were offered in the Visitors Center. Attendance 29.

## **October 6:**

**Heritage Craft Fair.** Fourteen Crafters were placed all the buildings and around the grounds. Each crafter paid a fee of 10 percent of their revenue up to \$25.00. Diane and Bill Brynda brought their sheep, wool and yarn. Dick Muggeo, dressed as Pieter Bronck served the Flip. Chris Byas handled sales in the Trading Post. Carol Serazio offered cider and donuts at a refreshment table. A food booth, staffed by Bill and Jennifer Barnhart, Hans Serazio and David and Wanda Dorpfeld, offered hamburgers, hot dogs and soda for sale. The thirteen-sided barn, the Dutch Barn and the exhibits in the Barracks were open for Visitors. A silent auction of items donated by the Crafter and the Trustees was organized by Jennifer Barnhart. Tom Satterlee had an exhibit for the Meadow Ridge Barn Project in the Victorian Horse Barn. People who have worked on the Barn were available to answer questions. Music was provided by “Running the River” through the afternoon. Parking was directed by Rick Hanse and Bill Deluca. Attendance: Estimated 500 people.

## **October 13:**

The 2019 schedule for tours of the site ended.

## **October 20:**

**“Sunday along the River: Spiders and Salamanders”.** The program consisted of three components. For Component 1, participants started in the 1664 House where they heard a lecture by Curator, Shelby Mattice on early cooking practices, showing visitors a spider and salamander. After this presentation, the group was divided into two sections with one going to the Kitchen Dependency while the other section went to the Visitors Center. In the Kitchen Dependency, Shelby pointed out the features of that building used for cooking for the Bronck Family. In the Visitors Center, there was an exhibit of kitchen utensils from 1820 to 2019. Each was numbered, but had no name or purpose. A list of the utensils was also provided. Visitors were asked to guess which number went with which item on the list. After a time period, the identity of the utensils was revealed. A prize of 2 tickets to the Chilly Willy was given to the visitor(s) with the most correct answers. Refreshments were served during the review of the utensils. The groups switched places after 15 minutes so everyone had an opportunity to see and participate in each activity. There were excellent comments about the program from both participants and observers. History can be fun! Attendance 24.

## **November 16 & 17**

**“The Chilly Willy Tours”.** The Chilly Willy Tours were presented in 6 sessions. An illustrated lecture on Christmas traditions of several countries, including the early Dutch is presented by Curator Shelby Mattice in the decorated cold house, followed by a visit to the heated Visitors Center for warm cider and cookies representing various traditions. These cookies were either made by volunteers or purchased from specialty ethnic cookie providers This year, the Chilly Willy news release was published by the **Times Union** and a PSA ran on Albany radio stations. The number of people attending was greater than ever before. People were enthusiastic about the program and asked about other events sponsored by the Museum. The net income was \$740, a level never met before in the many years these Tours have been given. Capacity planned—90 people. Attendance 109.

The 2019 Season was over and the Christmas wreaths had been hung on the 1663 House, the 13-sided Barn and the Library.

## **Notes on the Collection.**

**Scripture Painting.** The Scripture painting was sent to Anne O'Connor for restoration 12-19-18 and returned 6-19-19. It was hung in the 1685-90 House. The painting was given to the Society by former Society President Rueben Garcia in his will but was not dedicated. His daughter who lives in Florida would like it dedicated. It was not possible to do this in 2019, because she was unable to come to Greene County earlier in the season.

**Hamlin Paintings.** Carolyn Bennett of the Pratt Museum asked to borrow 3 Hamlin paintings for a Hamlin exhibit in 2020. The Bronck Museum asked that the Pratt provide a facilities report, a standard procedure in most museum when making a loan from their collection. The report was

not received and the Committee directed Shelby not to release the painting until the needed report was received. We were notified on February 21 that the exhibit has been postponed until 2021 because the renovations at that Museum will not be completed in time for the 2020 season.

**Silvester Paintings.** Jonathon Palmer, Archivist, found two paintings in the Library of Peter Silvester, Sr. and Peter Silvester, Jr. Peter Jr. Was a partner of John L. Bronck in a law firm in Coxsackie. An author in Vermont has written a book about Silvester Sr. and has offered to help restore the painting of Silvester Sr. We are exploring what can be done to restore it. Covid 19 stopped that effort.

**Bark Spud.** The bark spud from our collection was loaned to the New York Historical Society for an exhibit, Hudson Rising, and was returned as of August 14..

**Fluffy Ryder's Mary Powell Model.** The Hudson River Maritime Museum asked to borrow this model. Currently the Society owns 2 with one on exhibit in the Victorian Horse Barn and the second in the Hall at the Vedder Library. All arrangements were made for the loan, but at the last minute, that Museum was given a model by someone else.

**Fox-Clark inkwells.** A request was received from Michele Fitzgerald for photos to be used in an upcoming article on Fox-Clark inkwells to be published in the Winterthur Portfolio. Library Archivist Jonathan Palmer took the photos. The Museum will be credited for the inkwells.

**Gifts to the Museum.** The following gifts were received:

A stoneware crock as donated by Warren Hartman--May 2019.

Regalia from the Coxsackie Felix Rebekah and Odd Fellows Lodge donated by Shirley Victoria Blakesley--February 2020

A Pole Pike donated by Nina Shlansky May 2020.

A mid 1800's tall post bed was donated by Lianne & Dan Fenn and delivered to the Museum on May 21, 2020.

**New Exhibits.** Work has continued on the remaining two exhibits in the Barracks featuring Apples and Dr. Willard's Buggy. A backdrop featuring an autumn scene was painted by high school students in Catskill and is behind the buggy. Accessory items for the apple exhibit, such as small barrels and assorted baskets have been obtained. Curator Shelby Mattice is working on the signage. One of the problems is the installation of signs into the concrete floor in that area of the Barracks. The grant money received from the local banks and financial corporations will be used for this exhibit.

**Information Requests.** Fort Crailo requested information about the Dutch's Twelfth Night Celebration. Shelby assisted two researchers studying Bronck family history. A Dutch doctoral candidate visited the Museum researching various cultural influences affecting 17<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch domestic architecture. Karen Cucinello contacted the Museum about doing a travel book on NYS historic sites.

**Signage.** A new sign for the 13-sided Barn with information and pictures and drawing was installed along CR 42 in front of the Barn. The installation of a new computer based lighted sign for Route 9W was pursued by contacting local businesses abouts where they got their outdoor signs. Most of the signs had come from with Matthews Signs on Route 9 in Hudson. This activity also postponed because of Covid 19.

**2020 Programing.** The Museum Committee met in January and February 2020 to begin planning the 2020 season. Four groups had contacted the Museum for Tours. Both Shelby and Bob had made arrangements for off-site presentations. The draft schedule of events, including a new evening event was prepared for the first meeting of the Trustees in March. Less than a week after this meeting, Covid 19 changed everything! It was soon clear that it would not be possible to implement the proposed calendar! The activities to again operate the Bronck Museum will be covered in the 2020 Report.

**Nomination for “Best in Greene County”.** Again in 2019, the Bronck Museum was nominated for Best Historical Site in Greene County. The Thomas Cole Site won the award.

**Addition of New Staff Person.** Approval was given for the employment of an individual who would work in the Museum when it is open in the summer and in the Library during the rest of the year. The person would report to Jennifer Barnhart, the Operations Manager. The first candidate for the position was interviewed before everything was shut down. It is hoped that it will be possible to fill this position in the future.

**“Notes from Home”.** Each year in late spring, early summer, Curator Shelby Mattice writes “Notes from Home” which is mailed to all known Bronck descendants. Each year, the content covers some aspect of the Bronck Family. In 2020, Shelby prepared a “Notes from Home” which discussed the intermarriages between the Bronck family and the Conyn, Gansevort and deWandeleer families in the second and third generations. Positive reactions about the “Notes” is often received from the descendants.

**Notes:** Thank You Wanda Dorpfeld! As the Museum Committee began to meet in June 2020, the Co-chair of the Museum Committee, Wanda Dorpfeld, whose term as a Trustee was ending, indicated that she did not want to continue as a Trustee and did not want to continue her work on the Museum Committee. She indicated her willingness to help with Museum activities. We will miss Wanda’s participation on the Committee and her leadership and communication expertise.

**The Death of Natalie Daley, Spring-Summer 2020.** Natalie Daley was the first Chair of the Bronck Museum Committee when the Society began hiring a curator and establishing a Museum Committee to operate the Museum. She had experience in working with Museums in the State Museum system. Her ideas for organization of the Museum are still in operation today.

The Museum Committee thanks Treasurer David Dorpfeld and President Robert Hallock for their prompt efforts to get PPE payments for Curator Shelby Mattice, Jonathan Palmer and Jennifer Barnhart. They continued to work throughout the pandemic.



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The 2019-20 report cycle at the Vedder Research Library was marked by a number of successes and milestones, and we are pleased to relate to GCHS Members and Supporters the highlights of the year since our last report was filed in May 2019. Special gratitude is extended to our team of volunteers, who as in years past have exceeded the responsibilities of their diverse roles and completed several challenging and important projects.

### **Summary of Activities for 2019:**

***Social Media*** - Since the filing of our last annual report our social media presence has continued to grow at a remarkable pace. At the end of last report cycle our facebook group "Greene County History" was at 2200 members - a very healthy number by any metric - and we are pleased to report that over the course of 2019 group membership more than doubled to 4700 members. While we do not directly leverage social media group members for paid membership in the Society, the higher number of people engaging with us online has naturally led to increased visibility of the Society's work. Group page participants share content we generate with diverse audiences we might never otherwise interact with, and also account for some of the sales in our online book store. Additionally, the group page offers us a clearing house for local history questions, and gives folks an opportunity to reminisce, share family photos, and connect with old acquaintances and distant relations in a "history only" moderated environment free from social and political discussions which increasingly dominate interactions everywhere on Facebook.

Our Instagram account has seen a less drastic rate of growth, but has still increased by a notable percentage from roughly 900 followers at last report to almost 1500 followers at the time this report was drafted. As stated in last year's report, this platform offers less opportunity for dialogue than facebook, but also presents a great opportunity to connect directly with businesses and organizations across the county who we otherwise have no visibility or relationship with. The Instagram account, rather than conveying messages about events and programming, is used almost exclusively to distribute "cool old pictures" - and the model seems to work quite well.

We have led this report with information on social media work because we believe firmly that these platforms are one of the strongest tools in our arsenal to facilitate the mission of the library and Society broadly. There are few other opportunities available to us to interact with such a large audience regularly at no cost, and no better way to hold dialogue with the community outside of in-person visits to our campus.

***Web Development*** - The Vedder Library is currently running a website hosted by Squarespace, a service we selected in 2017 to replace our previous website and web host. This service, with a few minor exceptions, has proven to be a satisfactory venue for the library, and meets our needs well despite some choice exceptions. Commerce through the Vedder's website and our parent website [gchistory.org](http://gchistory.org) are handled through two separate purchase portals (one per page) - [gchistory.org](http://gchistory.org) functions exclusively for memberships while [vedderresearchlibrary.org](http://vedderresearchlibrary.org) hosts our online bookstore. The reason for this is that we do not charge sales tax on

Memberships, so only the Vedder Bookstore has sales tax calculations programmed in.

The biggest change in the 2019-2020 season has been the implementation of a new web-accessible catalog and cloud storage system on our network servers. Rather than hosting HTML and PDF finding aids on our website as was done for the past several years, we have moved all cataloging of manuscript collections over to a system called ArchivesSpace. This will be discussed separately at length, but must be mentioned here as it represents a drastic change from previous practice. This catalog is now visible to the public by visiting [catalog.vrlstorage.net](http://catalog.vrlstorage.net)

**Digitization** - Our digitization efforts are undergoing a complete overhaul which began in the Winter of 2019. Between the filing of our last report and this one it became abundantly clear that our digitization workflow was wholly unsatisfactory and contributed little in the way of a usable product. While scanning certainly made available a vast array of material we could share online, we did not have any method to associate descriptive data with those files, nor a standardized naming scheme to make files and collections easily discoverable in a file directory. In light of this a document outlining a new naming convention for all photographic material and scans going forward was drafted and adopted. This new convention is slowly being put into use on newly accessioned material and newly organized material, and all older content in the photographic collections are being reorganized to be included in this new system.

**Public Outreach** - The Vedder's archivist spent considerable time this past year doing local outreach and programming, though it should be pointed out that this is also an area of considerable overlap between his role as Society Archivist and Assistant Greene County Historian, and that as such the following speaking engagements represent activities undertaken in both capacities:

- MANY Conference Panel on "Genealogical tourism"
- MANY workshop panel on "Genealogical Tourism"
- D.R. Evarts library "Old Athens Slideshow"
- D.R. Evarts library sponsored Cemetery Tour
- "Pints and the Past" at Subversive Malting and Brewing
- "Old Catskill Slideshow" at HiLo
- "The Devil Received One Vote" Jacksonian Catskill Lecture at Vedder Research Library
- Columbia County Retired Teachers Association Question and Answer talk
- Greene County Retired Teachers Association Question and Answer talk
- "Preserving family papers" at Esquitack Historical Society

**Collection Preservation** - This past year the Vedder Library was exceedingly pleased to completely process and reprocess several collections of various sizes in our care. Of particular note were several small groups of family papers including the John Wood Collection, Clark/Botsford papers, The White's Dairy Farm collection, papers of the Greene County Farm Bureau, and several other batches of material - many of which were also comprehensively inventoried on our new catalog. Of considerable note was the reorganization of the Katharine Decker Memorial Collection, one of our most important family manuscript collections, and the sorting of the Greene County Common Pleas Court papers in our care, which were generated by several local law firms during the antebellum period.

**Collections Development** - We have been fortunate this past year to have had several smaller records groups (.3 - 1 cu. ft. scope) donated to our care, and additional thanks is due the Carl Family for providing access to unique and important photographic material for scanning as part of our digital collections. A complete list is too extensive to publish in this report, but this year's acquisitions can be provided on request by contacting the Library.

**Cataloging System** - Our new catalog, being built on the open-source database ArchivesSpace, has been in use at the library for about half a year. This system, described in detail in a messenger article published in the middle of 2019, offers us the ability to describe our manuscript collections in a hierarchy, which not only helps us to describe collections content in more detail, but also helps researchers contextualize and locate a diverse array of material. With the implementation of a new catalog comes a host of new responsibilities - particularly that of preparing existing collections to be described appropriately in this new catalog. Historical Society collections offer unique processing challenges for several reasons - particularly the fact that most family collections we receive don't lend themselves towards simple breakdowns into series and batches. What I mean to say is often documents must be described individually, because they are too unique to be batched with other documents in a donation. This reason alone vindicates the decision to create this new catalog, as it opens new doors for the successful utilization of our collections by patrons. See the Fall 2019 issue of the *Messenger* for a detailed explanation of this new tool.

**Conclusions and Clarifications** - A comprehensive narrative summary of tasks and projects undertaken at the Vedder Research Library in the past year is too extensive to submit for the pages of the Annual Report. The summary provided above is an accurate listing of the broad projects undertaken by the Archivist and volunteer staff within the past year as part of a long-term plan to bolster these two aspects of the Library's given purpose: 1.) excellent user experience and 2.) maintenance of collections. All of our tasks have consistently aligned under either one or both of these mission statements, and the work lined up for 2020-21 is a continuation of this strategic plan. For those who are deeply interested in minutia tasks we will gladly make copies of our library reports to the Executive Committee available.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **Robert C. Hallock, Acting Chair**

The Visitor's Center south wall and the east wall of the Horse Barn have been scraped and painted. Scraping and painting on the Dutch Barn south wall was also started. Rear window frames on the 1738 house were painted.

Holdridge Electric came to repair the electric in the 13-Sided Barn due to a lack of power at an outlet. They said to call Central Hudson because the feed into the barn was not appropriate, and they would install new lights and LED bulbs. Central Hudson came and made the necessary repairs. Holdridge then returned to put in 3 new lights and replace the bulbs in the motion detector lights with LEDs. Central Hudson's repairs were free but Holdridge charges were \$1,685. The biggest charge was 8 hours for 2 workers at \$125 per hour or \$1,000. We are discussing with Holdridge the time needed to install 3 lights and replace LED bulbs.

Jason Irwin was contacted to cut back on the lawn mowing to twice a month for September and October. He recommended a person to brush hog the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn lot and the septic tank mound.

Brush in the piles is being chipped up and used for mulch around the campus as time and weather permits.

Dave and Lisa helped to set up for tavern night, worked at tavern night, and cleaned up for tours the next day. Yellow jackets swarmed the Kitchen Dependency and 1738 House porches on Saturday morning. Dave sprayed and blocked up the holes where they were entering but the lingering wasps looking to reenter their home caused us to move the food preparation area to the Visitors Center and set up tables on the lawn instead of the porches for the evening. The Caretakers assisted with cleaning the houses and barns and the area over the Visitor=s Center

On another “pest” note, Dave and Lisa acquired another cat, this time a barn cat. The barn cat is keeping the mouse population in the Caretaker’s house under control.

The fences at the 13-sided barn have been completed. The new sign has been installed outside the barn. 2 x 4’s have been installed on the wall of the Dr. Willard’s Wagon exhibit and the plywood panels for the mural have been cut, painted and delivered to the Catskill Art Teacher. Shelby and Dave have determined that 2 x 4’s have to be installed on the rear cement wall to provide a way to put the barn siding on the wall. New shingles were installed on the Library porch roof and the Country Store/Caretakers Shed roof. Tree branches were chipped and stored for future use.

## **AD HOC BRONCK HOUSES RESTORATION**

### **Robert C. Hallock, Acting Chair**

Bill Brandow, John Waite Historic Architectural firm, and Jeffrey Bak, structural engineer, came to the site to review the Kitchen Dependency in May 2019. The good news is that the Dependency is stable and can be used for tours. The basement walls have to be repaired, new footings installed and some drainage work done in the courtyard to direct water from the House roofs away from the Dependency. Eventually the courtyard slate should be removed entirely and new sand and stone put in for better drainage and the slates slightly tipped to take the water away from the courtyard area. Brandow and Bak will work with Dave Bova, Renaissance Restoration, and Dave Knox, mason, on solutions to prop up the building while the basement walls are repaired. Dave Bova indicated he would work with the Society to do the work in phases to spread the cost out over more than one year.

Bob Hallock met with Jeff Flack, County Director of Soil and Water Conservation, about the water problems in the Cocksackie Creek. Jeff contacted EnCon staff and County Staff about possible solutions. Increased rainfall, beavers and silting of the creekbed have all contributed to the problem over the years.

R. Hallock met with Jeff Flack, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation, and Theresa Swanson, representative from the State Department of Environmental Conservation, regarding the level of the creek and the beaver population behind the Kitchen Dependency. After discussion with the EnCon Representative Theresa Swanson, she indicated that an Article 24 permit for work on the Kitchen Dependency would be required since it the project is in a regulated area. Based on the description of the work to be done the rep said it did not appear there would be any problem approving the permit. The creek itself will not be used in the work and any excavation around the foundation will be used for refill. Whatever is not used will be used on the Campus grounds where fill for dips, holes, etc. is always needed. Jeff said the County would assist in filling out the permit. Theresa also said she would notify Fish and

Wildlife Technician Josh Choquette who covers beaver issues for Greene County. On Tuesday November 5th two representatives from Soil and Water came to the site to walk the creek area to determine the extent of the water and beaver problem and to try to determine possible solutions.

Historic Restoration Architect Bill Brandow indicates that plans for the renovation of the Kitchen Dependency Foundation are almost ready. They have one area yet to be resolved. That is the size and location of the cistern in the courtyard and how that might affect excavating the area around the foundation. The plans will be submitted to Environmental Conservation as part of the Article 24 permit application.

Bill Brandow of John Waite Associates has not yet finished the preliminary work for the Kitchen Dependency. He says the problem is difficult but that the amount of time spent on the preliminary work is no more than a few hours so far.

### **AD HOC EDUCATION CENTER RENOVATION** **Robert C. Hallock, Chair**

The Town of Coxsackie Building Inspector, was contacted at the beginning of May about the handicap ramp at the Education Center. A permit was obtained and a handicap ramp is complete, except for staining. The next step here will be the development of a walkway to the parking lot from the handicapped ramp.

### **AD HOC HAY PRESS** **MEADOW RIDGE HERITAGE BARN** **Thomas Satterlee - Chair**

Three years ago, the hay press committee began the process that has now resulted in the successful erection of the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn and installation of the haypress. Working weekday mornings since 2017, Tim Meier and I have been planning and overseeing the process as well as doing hands on work.

Since the last Annual Report of March 2019 significant progress has been made. After three days of work by Bensen Crane of Saugerties with Tim Meier, me, Joe and Nat Woelfersheim, the main frame of the barn was raised. The preassembled bents and side sections were moved into position and secured. The Vanderzee haypress, after 5 years of storage in Rob VanEtten's barn, was placed inside the barn's footprint.

Additional framing was placed in position. Window frames and hay doors were built by Mark Levanway and installed. Barn door frames and overhangs were constructed. Sixty-four rafters, followed by four hundred roof boards, were placed by Tim and me with the aid of an articulated lift from Ross Development. A lightning rod system was installed. Bensen Crane returned to place the cupola atop the roof along with the weathervane designed by Ellen Delucia and fabricated by Ducommun in Coxsackie. A roofing crew from Wolfe Builders installed the metal roof.

Tim, Mark Levanway and I planned and shiplapped wood for the large doors. Halsted

Excavating set large concrete block to protect the hay press ram. Also set were large floor joists in one section of the hay press bay as well as leveling out the ground with stone around the building.

Ninety-two hundred linear sheets of siding arrived and was stored inside the barn. Dick Muggeo applied shellac to the knots, along with primer and a coat of red paint. A changing group of volunteers including Theron Gunderman, Dennis Templeton, Bob Patterson, Ted Hilscher and Nita Beers assisted. Dick, Theron, and Dennis also painted the barn sash. Painting was halted due to dropping temperatures and siding installation was curtailed when Tim and I could no longer safely work from the scaffolding. A small crew with a man-lift are to complete the siding installation when weather and conditions allow.

The Vanderzee hay press was positioned and is operational. Rotten pegs were replaced and a deteriorated portion of a support beam was repaired. The capstan was installed after a replacement part was manufactured by Don Meier and Mark Levanway. A wooden floor surrounding the hay press has been installed. This required a support structure to be built so the floor would be level with the future concrete floor in bays one and two.

Floor joists have been placed in the mow of bay three. We constructed stairs from the floor to the mow. Floor boards for the mow have been cut and are being dried to allow milling. Electric service to the barn was installed so we no longer have to rely on a generator. A major horizontal beam has been repaired. One of the exterior doors was built and hung. Remaining work includes installation of the remaining siding, constructing and hanging of the remaining doors, installation of the hay mow floor and safety railings around the press and mow.

When group visits are permitted, John Lombardi, professor of carpentry for historical restoration at Columbia-Greene Community College, will schedule a field trip with his students. Bob Hallock will convey the history of the Bronck site to the students.

The portion of rebuilding by Tim and me is near completion with final touches underway to allow for the display and operation of the haypress. Representatives of the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn, Bronck Museum and Vedder Library will be working with a landscape architect to integrate the Barn with the other Society structures resulting in a formable presence on a major highway.

Fund raising continued with a raffle and Ted Hilscher gave two barn talks. Jennifer Barnhart working with Caitlin Ippolito and the Meadow Suite Trio presented a fundraising concert. Orders processed through Amazon Smile result in a portion of the sale going to the project. Community support has been extremely positive with financial, supplies and hands-on help.

Jack Sencabaugh interviewed me on his radio program "Backtracks in Time" for station WGCX. Topics included were the importance of hay in Greene County, the conservation haypress and the barn.

Photographs of the process may be found at [gchistory.org/heritage-barn](http://gchistory.org/heritage-barn). To fully realize the usage of the barn funds are needed to install a concrete floor, electrical circuits and plumbing. Piping needs to be installed along with the floor to allow for future installation of efficient radiant heating. Volunteers and business have put in thousands of hours of work and time. If you have

contributed already, thank you!

Additional donations are encouraged and will be added to previous donations. Pat Maxwell is handling the finances. Donations may be sent to MRHB Project, PO Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051. All donations are tax deductible and will be appropriately recognized in a permanent manner.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Robert D'Agostino, Chair**

1. It may be hard to believe, but 2019 marked the 44th year of publication for Greene County History, also known as The Greene County Historical Journal. Copies of editions from recent years are available for purchase at the Vedder Research Library. You may also be able to purchase editions from earlier years, though some of our popular specific editions may be completely sold out at this point

2. Setting up each edition for publication is a complex task. Jennifer Barnhart, the Society's Operations Manager, is responsible for designing the layout on computer and then preparing the computer file for the printer. And she does an amazing job! In addition to the editor (that's me!), our Publications Committee includes our Greene County Historian (and Society Trustee) David Dorpfeld, Society President Bob Hallock, Trustee Jim Planck, who brings us his experience in journalism, and Trustee/Membership Secretary Tom Satterlee.

3a. While we have gotten into the habit of publishing a "double edition" once every four or five editions, 2019 was one year when we did not.

3b. Our Spring 2019 edition ... Volume 43, Number One ... contained Trustee (and County Historian) David Dorpfeld's mini-bio of the famous chef Pasquale "Pat" Bruno, who was born and raised here in Athens. David followed the biographic info with one of Chef Bruno's stories that probably stretches the truth just a bit.

3c. 2019's Summer edition contained the story of Andrew McCoy's attempt to walk across the United States during the Bicentennial. He began his journey on Long Island, and stopped to visit in Greenville. This edition also included Barbara Smith Rivette's research on the Forestville Commonwealth, an "experiment in communal living" that existed near Earlton for a short time in the early 1800s.

3d. Our Fall 2019 edition contained Sylvia Shablovsky's winning Beecher Scholarship article on the Lime Street Forge, as well as two articles on the Civil War era: David Dorpfeld's research on Lansing Hollister, a local member of the 120th New York State Volunteers, and Professor William Barnhart's research on the Civil War sermons preached by Francis Zabriskie. Finally, this edition contained a piece by Jonathan Palmer, our Vedder Archivist (and now Deputy County Historian as well). Researching an ambrotype - a very early photography method - in the Vedder Collections, he was able to date the image as the earliest known view of Catskill through landmarks visible in the image background.

3e. The Winter 2019 edition featured Paul VanDenburgh's extensive research on the Cocksackie Reservoir.

3f. Each edition, of course, also contains our popular History Quiz: the answer to the previous editions question, plus a new question (to be answered in the following edition).

4. Each edition of Greene County History presents historical research. (And pictures!) Each of us has at least a few interesting stories to tell. Are you interested? 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 made an impact, and of places and even a way of life 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.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Judee Synakowski, Chair**

In October 2019 Dick Muggeo presented a program "The Flu Pandemic in Greene County." November 2019's program was Ron Gabriele's "50 Years After Gettysburg."

The Olga Santora Women's History Lecture as planned for March 29 at 2pm. The Topic was to be "Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women won the right to vote" written by Susan Zimet, who is the presenter. On April 23 at 7pm the topic was to be Greene County in the 1920's presented by Bob Hallock. Covid 19 cancelled both programs.

We hope to be able to have programs sometime in 2021.

## **BEECHER SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Christine Byas, Chair**

This spring six Greene County Graduating Seniors applied for the prestigious \$1,000 GCHS Beecher Scholarship. The Committee chose Zachary Konopka, from Christian Brother's Academy as the 2020 GCHS Scholarship winner. Zach's essay traced the history of Red's Restaurant from its beginning in 1944 to the present owners, his parents, Joe and Kate Konopka.

The essays that are submitted are always enjoyable to read and I often learn something new. For instance, Kimberly Gonzalez from Maplecrest submitted an interesting one about a Nazi Summer Camp in Windham during World War II. Liana Lekocevik, a Doane Stewart graduate, submitted an essay on the Daily Mail: A Modern History and Interpretation. She traced the beginnings of the paper in 1792 through the changes that have occurred with the tools of the technological age.

Ashley Powell from Cairo Durham High School wrote about Hurricane Irene and its affect on the small town of Prattsville, while Rachel Miszczak, a student from Catskill High School, sent us an essay on the growth of tourism in Greene County.



Finally, Iain Alexander, a student at Catskill High School also wrote about the growth of tourism but from a unique perspective, the history of his backyard. In his research Iain discovered that the railway station at Cairo Junction was located in his backyard on property once belonging to the railroad.

Through their research, each of our students learned about history as it relates to the communities in which they live today. Our hope at the Greene County Historical Society is that young people develop a life-long interest and appreciation for the past and continue to question and comprehend how the past provides insight into the present.

### **43rd Annual Home Tour Donna Poulin, Chair**

The late Trustee Donna Poulin chaired the 41st Annual Home Tour held in Cairo. Donna had difficulty getting homes and sites and lacked cooperation from the government authorities in Cairo. Despite asking for cooperation from the Cairo police to allow traffic on one side of the street while the bicycle race used the other side, the road was closed to traffic the day of the race. It took awhile to get them to open up to traffic. Despite the problems, 129 tickets were sold and ticket sales plus advertising netted \$4,600. The after party was supported by some Cairo businesses.

### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour Terez Limer, Chair**

Terez Limer chaired the committee for 2020. Planning was underway for the Tour in New Baltimore. Some houses had already agreed to be on the tour, when Covid 19 hit. The Covid lockdown ended the 2020 Home Tour event.

### **Historical Register Committee Harrison Hunt, Chairperson**

The Historical Register Committee met three times over the past year. The Register currently includes 283 houses, barns, churches, stores, bridges, cemeteries and archaeological sites of historic significance to Greene County.

Linda Hunt was appointed a member of the Committee at the January 2020 meeting.

We have approved the text of a revised Register application form, and have been working with Hinterland Design to produce a layout for printing. The first prototype has been reviewed and is currently being amended to reflect our corrections.

The Committee continues to discuss criteria for awards recognizing significant efforts at historical preservation in Greene County. Categories would include historical preservation projects, sympathetic adaptive reuses, and support for preservation. We also review current writings about historic preservation from the Preservation League of New York, newspapers and magazines.

Our thanks go to Jean Bush for recently updating the Committee's index of Register sites. The Committee has been alternating meetings between several communities in Greene County to make sessions more convenient for all our members. In these days of home quarantine, we are waiving meetings for the foreseeable future, but continue to discuss Committee business via email.

### **DUTCH BARN PRESERVATION SOCIETY HUDSON VALLEY VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE REQUEST FOR HEADQUARTERS SPACE**

**Robert C. Hallock, Chair**

The DPBS/HVVA are very interested in establishing their headquarters on the Bronck Museum site. They sent the Society a proposed agreement which was given to Joseph Warren to review. They wanted a lock on their archives room where they will keep their file cabinets. They have been told that the Society cannot give them a separate locked room. Dutch Barn group should have locks on the file cabinets, not a lock on the room. If the file cabinets do not have working locks, it is possible to get a lock which prevents the opening of the doors. The group will have 2 to 3 file cabinets. There was agreement that the whole room is not needed for file cabinets. The Society will continue to have full use of the Education Center and the group has a limited number of meetings.

The Dutch Barn group had developed a model of a Dutch Barn and had brought this to an event here. During the discussions with this group, they had been asked if they would be bringing the model here. They indicated that they had found it too difficult to transport the model to various locations so had given the model to the Mabee farm where the group is currently located. However, the man who built the original model expressed a willingness to build another model, reflecting the barn on this Museum property. The offer was accepted, since the model would make an excellent addition to school programs and discussions of the Dutch Barn.

### **STOCKBRIDGE MUNSEE TRIBAL NATION – IDA-GCHS PROJECT FOR MAHICAN ARTIFACTS**

**Robert C. Hallock, Chair**

The Greene County IDA proposed a project with the Stockbridge Munsee Tribal nation, the Greene County Historical Society and the IDA to utilize the archeological dig artifacts from the IDA and other digs in Greene County to tell the story of the Mahican tribes' presence in Greene County before the Dutch settlement. Three meetings were held in the course of the period from August 2019 to February 2020. Preliminary plans were discussed using a parcel of the GCHS site, west of the Barrack and Education Center, to erect a wigwam structure surrounded by signage interpreting the archaeological finds to tell the Mahican story. Unfortunately, Covid stopped the project in March 2020 and we have not yet met again to go forward.

### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Joseph Warren, Chair**

The Board Development and Resources Committee has reviewed the current list of Trustees and the attendance records and contacted those whose terms are expiring.

Member of the Class of 2020 who wish to return for five-year terms

William DeLuca 2025  
Stefania Jozic 2025  
Perry Lasher 2025  
Matt Luvera 2025  
Richard Muggeo 2025

Anna Olsen Wheeler resigned 3/20  
Wanda Dorpfeld resigned 7/20  
Stefania Jozic 2021 does not wish to continue as a Trustee.

Trustee candidates for three-year terms are:

Judy Kusminsky 2023  
Sue Miraglio 2023  
Jeff Flack 2023  
Ray Hamlin 2023