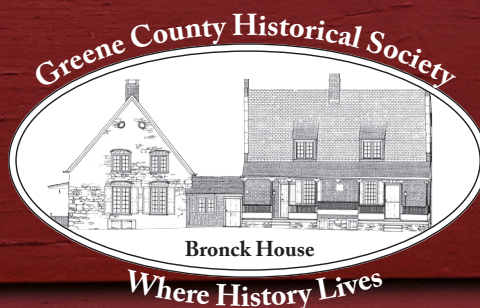


Greene County Historical Society, Inc.



2018 Financial & Membership Reports 2018 - 2019 Program Year

May 2019



On the Cover:

What did the Cornwall and Vanderzee families have in common in 1900. Other than both being farm families, probably very little. That will change under the effort and guidance of Tom Satterlee, Tim Meier and others. The Cornwall barn, now called the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn, will house the Vanderzee hay press.

For more than a year the Earlton barn was cleared of debris, dismantled, parts cleaned and catalogued, moved to its winter home in a building in Coxsackie for repairs and replication of beams. It is currently being raised on the Bronck House grounds where a previous barn stood. The New Baltimore hay press is now placed in the repurposed Earlton barn which is awaiting siding, roofing, doors and windows.

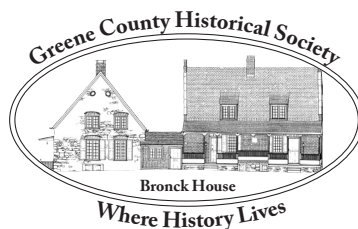
This major project will enable the Society to continue its mission by exhibiting the operational hay press. Associated exhibits will interpret the historical importance of agriculture and hay production in Greene County. In 1854 Judge Anthony Henry of Coxsackie pioneered the packing and shipping of hay. From that time, to the early 20th century, hay was regularly shipped from Greene County to numerous locations including New York City and the Caribbean. The Barn will also provide additional space for exhibits, programing and lectures.

Contributions of funds and volunteers providing their skills have enabled substantial progress in the raising of the Barn. Equipment has been lent, trash removed, transportation of components, supplies provided, wood working including window frames, hay windows, and knee braces, repair and replication of beams, metal work fabricating an artist designed weather vane, and restoration and painting of the original cupola were accomplished by volunteer businesses and individuals. Volunteers have also provided accounting, clerical, computer skills and fund raising efforts.

Additional funds and in-kind assistance are welcomed and will be acknowledged and recorded in the completed Barn. Donations may be sent to Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn, PO Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051

The Meadow Suite Trio will present a fund raising concert on June 2nd at 3PM on the Bronck House grounds.

Cover photos illustrate the original condition, repair and preparation, and construction progress of the project.



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Bronck Museum

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**Annual Report
Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
2018-19 Financial and Membership Year
2018-19 Program Year
May 2019**

The 2018-19 Officers of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

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

The 2018-19 Trustees of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

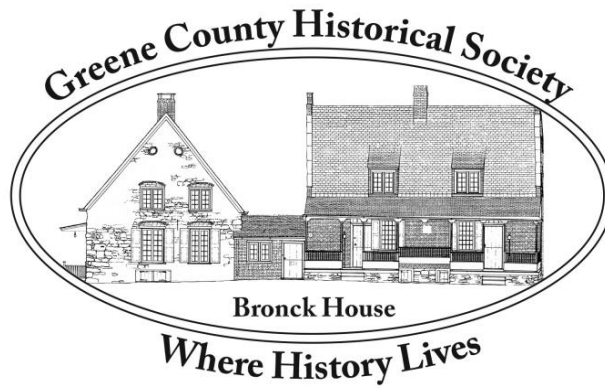
Christine Byas	Matt Luvera
Robert D'Agostino	Steven Mann
William DeLuca	Richard Muggeo
David Dorpfeld	Jim Planck
Wanda Dorpfeld	Donna Poulin
Ann Hallock	Thomas Satterlee
Robert Hallock	Justin Snow
Rick Hanse	Judee Synakowski
Stefania Jozic	Joseph Warren
Perry Lasher	Anna Oleson Wheeler

The 2018-19 Trustee Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

Natalie Daley	Perry Palmer
J. Theodore Hilscher	Charles Schaefer
Valentine Kriele	

The 2018-19 Staff of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

Shelby Mattice	Curator
Jennifer Barnhart	Operations Manager
Jonathan Palmer	Archivist, Librarian
Alyssa Bayer	Museum Associate (2018)
Dave Brock	Caretaker
Lisa Brock	Caretaker



Dear Members and Friends,

May 2019

The Greene County Historical Society campus experienced, not literally, the transformation of trees from standing, giving shade, and visual beauty to trees used for lumber many years ago in the form of a resurrected barn. To explain, a number of ash trees were removed at the site because they had died or were dying due to the emerald ash borer disease and across the road the lumber lay waiting to resurrect the barn to house the hay press – using much of the lumber from which the original barn was constructed. The barn – renamed the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn – is being erected by many skilled craftsmen and volunteers.

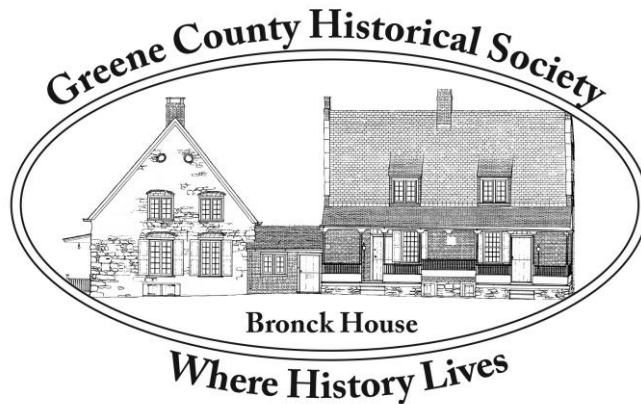
The impetus for the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn undertaking is to house a hay press that was used in the 1800s throughout Greene County. To feed the tens of thousands of horses in New York City, hay had to be transported from hay producing areas to the city on a daily basis. The hay, however, had to be compacted to reduce the volume used in transport, hence the hay press. Today's congestion in New York City is cars rather than horses for which a tax is being imposed on car travel in certain areas of the city; perhaps if there was a tax on horses, the need for Greene County's last known hay press would have been obviated.

There were many events and educational programs held last year (and every year) by the Society, including the Home Tour with the added bonus of a second day guided tour across Catskill's black bridge over the Catskill Creek. Society members enjoy free or discounted ticket prices to the many events offered throughout each year.

The Society owes much of its success to the volunteers that give their time and expertise so willingly, for which we give you thanks. If you know of someone who has a particular talent that may fit with the Society's mission, please encourage that individual to consider contributing their talent.

Although the Society's finances remain sound, capital projects are always on the horizon for which funding is needed. Any contributions are welcome and you can be well assured that all contributions are used locally to preserve Greene County's rich heritage.

Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board



Dear Members and Friends:

May 2019

Did you ever want to be a time traveler, going back in time to see people, places and things? Then you should become active in the Greene County Historical Society. I've been a member for over 50 years and active for over 30 years.

Interested in Colonial America? The Bronck House was built in 1663 when the area was the Dutch Colony of New Netherlands. Revolutionary War? 5th generation member Leonard Bronck was a signer of the Articles of Association, a Major in the local militia, and supplied the American Revolution forces with materials from Greene County. Ray Beecher's "Letters From a Revolution" detail those experiences. Women's Suffrage? "Legs" Diamond, 1930's bootlegger? There are many sources in the Vedder Research Library to research. Architecture? Oldest existing house in New York State, Dutch barn dating to 1790, 13 sided barn and raising a saved 1890's barn.

I could go on with many, many other examples. Just the other day I read a journal from the early 1800's which kept accounts in pounds and shillings; saw an 1807 manumission document from Town of Coxsackie Justice of the Peace Isaac Northrup freeing Titus Anthony; and checked for information about people who lived in Greene County in the 1970's.

Want interesting educational programs? "Pearl Harbor – 1941"; "Icy Endeavors" – ice yachting on the Hudson; "WW I Nurses"; or Bronck Family at Home Museum Programs – "Ice", "Coming and Goings at Catskill Point".

Our charge in the Greene County Historical Society charter from the State Board of Regents requires us to "preserve and interpret local history". We have taken that seriously in our 90 years of existence. Our Quarterly Journal of local history is over forty years old; we have done a Tour of Homes around the county for over 40 years; the Historic Register has almost 300 sites; you can see the scale model of the Catskill Mountain House, Clark pottery from Athens, "Fluffy" Ryder's steamboat models, Sylvester Duncan's Meat Wagon, and a variety of farm equipment. Not enough? BBG Stone and ADO Browere paintings; a rare 1720's Dutch Scripture painting; and needlepoint done with human hair.

Is this Historical Society really in Greene County? YES! It is. Our dedicated staff: Curator, Operations Manager, Librarian Archivist, and Caretakers do excellent work. They are aided by the Trustees and Officers, and a host of volunteers. Thanks to everyone, staff, Trustees, volunteers and members for their work in 2018 to make it another successful year of time travel.

Robert C. Hallock, President, GCHS

**Report and Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
May 5, 2018**

The Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. was held at the Washington Irving Inn, NY 23A, Tannersville, New York, owned by Trustee Stefania Jozic. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Hallock with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Volunteers. Society Volunteers who work in the Library and Museum, serve on Committees and work on the Annual Home Tour and Museum Events were invited to the Annual Meeting as the guests of the Society. A list of the Volunteers is attached at the end of this report. The names of each volunteer present were called by the President Robert Hallock and a small gift was presented to each by Wanda Dorpfeld. A picture of each volunteer was taken.

Presentation of the Raymond Beecher Award. David and Wanda Dorpfeld presented this award given in recognition of service to the Society to Robert and Ann Hallock.

An excellent brunch was served.

Program. Oral History Project on the New Baltimore School by Francine Degni Matalon.

The Business of the Society

The Society's Written Annual Report. A copy was given to all who attended. This allowed members to follow the reports during the meeting.

Moment of Silence for Departed Members. President Hallock read the list of members who had passed away during the past year.

Introductory Remarks by Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board

Introductory Remarks by Robert Hallock, President

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. The minutes which had been approved at a meeting of the Trustees were summarized by Ann Hallock, Recording Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report for 2017. Treasurer David Dorpfeld reviewed his report, noting the disastrous financial impact of frozen pipes in the Caretakers House and explaining the need for the special campaigns to raise funds for capital improvements. He thanked Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager, for her assistance with the Treasurer's responsibilities and Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary for his work on membership.

Financial Secretary's Report for 2017. Thomas Satterlee indicated that it had been a "good year" noted the major components of his report including the funds collected by the Financial Secretary; the Society membership by category; a summary of the response to the current 2018 membership campaign; and the listing of the 2017 membership by category. He asked those attending to encourage other people to join the Society.

The 2017-2018 Committee Reports. Robert Hallock introduced the chairs of the standing committees of the Society in the order that the committees are listed in the 2017-2018 Report. Each Committee had contributed a written report. Any new information, not covered in the report, could be added at this time.

Bronck Museum. Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-chairs announced that the 2018 Schedule of events had been completed and urged members to visit the Museum and participate in the activities. They thanked the staff and volunteers for all their efforts.

Vedder Research Library, Jonathan Palmer, Librarian Archivist, expressed the gratitude of the Library for the 20 years of service given by Shirley McGrath who passed away earlier this year. He noted the work being done in the Library and thanked the volunteers.

Building and Grounds. Robert Hallock, Acting Chair, thanked the new caretakers, Dave and Lisa Brock for their work.

Ad Hoc Bronck Houses Restoration. Robert Hallock, Chair indicated that work is needed on the Houses and thanked members for their support of the fund drives.

Ad Hoc Education Center, Robert Hallock thanked Caretaker Dave Brock for his work on the Education Center.

Ad Hoc Hay Press/Heritage Barn. Thomas Satterlee, Chair noted the extensive work done by individuals and thanked them for their help. He indicated that donations are needed to complete the work.

Publications Committee. Robert A. D'Agostino thanked those people who have written articles for the **Journal** and thanked Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart for designing the layout and preparing the **Journal** for printing. He urged others to consider writing a Journal article.

Education Committee. Judee Synakowski, Chair thanked the Committee for their work and urged members to attend the education programs.

Beecher Scholarship. Chris Byas, Chair reported that 2018 will be the 11th anniversary of the \$1,000 Beecher Scholarship, given by the Society in memory of Raymond Beecher. The 2018 applications have been submitted and a winner will be selected soon.

Historic Register Committee. Harrison Hunt, Chair submitted a report.

41st Annual Tour of Homes, Terez Limer, Chair submitted a report.

42nd Annual Tour of Homes, Donna Poulin, Chair, announced that the 42nd Annual Tour will be held on June 2. Members were urged to come and support this effort.

Board Development Committee. David Dorpfeld, Chair, reported that the Committee has contacted those Board Members whose terms were ending and those Board members who have not attended at least ½ of the meetings nor had an excused absence. The Committee's final report was as follows:

Board Resignations from Crane Davis, Dennis O'Grady and Stephen Senigo.

Member of the Class of 2018 who wishes to return in the class of 2024—Chris Byas.

Members of the Class of 2018 who wish to return in the class of 2020—Wanda Dorpfeld and Stefania Jozic.

New Trustee candidates for the class of 2020—William DeLuca, Perry Lasher, Steven Mann, and Anna Oleson-Wheeler. Biographical sketches for each new Trustee candidate were provided.

Meeting attendees were asked to take action on the entire report of the Board Development Committee. It was moved by Jim Planck and seconded by Chris Byas that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Adjournment. It was moved by Wanda Dorpfeld and seconded by Jim Planck that the Annual Meeting be adjourned. Those in favor of the motion may rise. All rose. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Hallock, Recording Secretary

**Greene County Historical Society
Volunteers Recognized at
Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition Brunch for service in 2017**

Bronck Museum Volunteers

Judi Besenfelder	Pat Maxwell
Dick Brooks	Donna Nelson
Joe Capobianco	Marilyn Rausch
Meg Griffin	Joan Satterlee
Doris & Rachel Hallock	Carol Serazio
Carol Jankowski	Sue Thrasher
Leanne Lekocevic	Beverly Walker
Carole Muggeo	

Library Volunteers

Allison Bleau	Evelyn Lein
Jean & Clesson Bush	Mary Ann Patsky
Kathleen Durham	Judith Rundell
Kingsley Greene	Stephen Schwebler
Kathleen Hintz	Stanley Whitbeck

Building and Grounds Volunteers

Ray Hamilin
Lisa Herdman

Home Tour Volunteers

Terez Limer
Carol Serazio

Journal Volunteers

Anna White

Historic Register Volunteers

Nicholas Dellisanti
Tom & DiAnne Gibson
Harrison Hunt
Ken Mabey
Joan Satterlee
Eileen Tompkins

Heritage Barn Volunteers

Ted Hilscher
Mark Levanway
Pat Maxwell
Tim Meier
Dale Sutton

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer

2018 was another good year financially for the society. Expenses ended up \$7678 under budget and less than five percent of reserves were needed to balance the budget. Five percent is the target we generally shoot for year to year.

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 caretakers house. The other three columns from left to right are as follows: Calendar year 2018 budget, actual income and expenditures for 2018, 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 1 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 12/31/2018

	<u>Budget</u> <u>CY 2018</u>	<u>YTD 2018</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/</u> <u>Unbudgeted</u>
REVENUES				
Donations & Grants				
Restricted Grants	4,300	4,010 ¹	(290)	9,200 ²
Unrestricted Grants	3,847	3,847	-	
<i>Total Grants Received</i>	<u>8,147</u>	<u>7,857</u>	<u>(290)</u>	<u>9,200</u>
Memorial Gifts	500	145	(355)	
Museum Donations	2,500	3,663	1,163	
Library Donations	1,000	2,132	1,132	
GCHS Donations		745	745	
Membership	28,000	29,180	1,180	
Beecher Scholarship	500	859	359	
<i>Total Donations</i>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>36,724</u>	<u>4,224</u>	<u>-</u>
Programs				
Home Tour	7,000	7,540	540	
Library Activities	2,500	662	(1,838)	
Museum Admissions	5,000	4,585	(415)	
Museum Events	2,000	3,137	1,137	
Shop	3,000	2,338	(662)	
Publications	150	455	305	
<i>Total Programs</i>	<u>19,650</u>	<u>18,717</u>	<u>(933)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Income				
Annual Meeting	500	1,030	530	
Fundraising (Heritage Craft Fair)	2,000	1,871	(129)	
Interest Income	500	360	(140)	
Miscellaneous Income	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Unanticipated				
Historic Register				202
Civil War Books				
John Ham Book				1,061
Windows on History				365
Cap Funds Barracks				1,075
Mountain House Model				
Van Loon House				2,936
Barn				2,445
<i>Total Other Income</i>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,261</u>	<u>(1,239)</u>	
Reserves needed to support budgeted expenditures	159,253	149,813		
Totals	<u>224,050</u>	<u>216,372</u>	<u>(7,678)</u>	

- 1 \$2510 CIP, \$500 Town for Events, \$1000 County for Events
- 2 \$2700 13-sided barn (FAM/BOGC/NBC), \$5000 Plymouth Hill, \$1500 Athens Gen
- 3 Awarded 2 Beecher Scholarships, Hallocks donated \$500
- 4 \$2488 CIP, \$1209 Town/County Event \$
- 5 13-sided barn
- 6 John Ham book

Publication Fund	8,220	Digitalization	680
Capital Funds - Bronck Barrack	10,079	Windows on History	21,266
13-sided Barn Signage Account	6,707	Civil War Flag Restoration	2,179
Interactive Materials Grant	344	Van Loon House	9,111
Benches for Museum Grant	165	Event Budget	313

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

For the period ending 12/31/2018

	<u>Budget CY 2018</u>	<u>Actual YTD 2018</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted</u>
EXPENSES				
Maintenance				
Library	8,000	9,991	1,991	
Museum	9,000	9,674	674	
Staff Residence and Lawn Care	6,000	9,319	3,319	
Total Maintenance	<u>23,000</u>	<u>28,984</u>	<u>5,984</u>	<u>-</u>
Utilities				
Electric	4,000	5,251	1,251	
Fuel Oil/Burner Service	7,500	2,496	(5,004)	
Phones	1,100	1,244	1,244	
Other		-	-	
Total Utilities	<u>12,600</u>	<u>8,991</u>	<u>(3,609)</u>	
Wages				
Caretakers	-	-	-	
Curatorial	47,620	47,620	-	
Curatorial Assistance	4,000	4,316	316	
Librarian	23,000	23,000	-	
Operations Manager	35,750	35,750	-	
Total Wages	<u>110,370</u>	<u>110,686</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg./Volunteer Recognition	1,500	1,495	(5)	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	2,000	3	1,000
Collection Enhancement/Acquisition	4,000	428	(3,572)	
Computer	-	-	-	
Contingencies - General	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Contingencies - Museum	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Contracted Services (Copier)	1,630	1,836	206	
Dues/Subscriptions	600	476	(124)	
Exhibits and Education	5,000	74	(4,926)	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	3,200	3,697	4	1,158
Furniture & Fixtures	2,250	-	(2,250)	
Home Tour	800	1,348	548	
Insurance	21,000	21,356	356	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200	-	(200)	
Miscellaneous	100	451	351	
Office Supplies	1,000	1,705	705	
Payroll Service	2,200	2,098	(102)	
Postage	2,500	1,511	(989)	
Promotion and Outreach	4,500	4,573	73	
Purchases for Museum Shop	1,500	1,419	(81)	
Publications/Printing	3,000	2,974	(26)	1,324
Security System	1,500	3,107	1,607	
Charges - Credit Card	600	1,464	864	
990 Preparation	2,000	1,950	(50)	
Health Insurance	2,500	3,072	572	
Payroll Expenses	12,000	10,234	(1,766)	
Sales Tax	500	443	(57)	
Windows on History				9,006
Capital Construction - Bronck Barracks				8,668
Van Loon House				4,431
Digitalization				3,646
Barn Account				2,445
Total Other Expenses	<u>78,080</u>	<u>67,711</u>	<u>(10,369)</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>224,050</u>	<u>216,372</u>	<u>(7,678)</u>	

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 MEMBERSHIP

Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary

For January 1 - December 31, 2018, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$24,996
Donations	
Vedder Library	\$565
Bronck Museum	\$70
Beecher Scholarship	\$125
Windows on History	\$1,440
Barn Project	\$635
Total Dues & Donations	\$27,831

\$11,628 of this amount relates to dues and donations for 2019. \$25,734 was collected for the 2018 dues year in 2017 and 2018. Membership for 2018 was up slightly from 452 to 476. At least 13 members passed away in 2018 and there were 20 new members. An additional \$1,414 was collected by PayPal for dues and directly deposited. The addition of PayPal 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 2018 were as follows:

Senior	108	Library Institutions	13
Individual	111	Honorary	8
Dual/Family	104	Business Basic	2
Supporter	37	Business Friend	6
Patron	47	Business Supporter	11
Benefactor	14	Trustee Emeriti	5
Silver Benefactor	5	Complimentary	1
Gold Benefactor	4	Total Membership	476

The current membership drive, as of March 25, 2019 has resulted in responses as follows:

Dues	\$22,146	Senior	89
		Individual	93
		Dual/Family	82
Donations		Supporter	31
Vedder Library	\$865	Patron	46
Bronck Museum	\$400	Benefactor	8
Barn Project	\$3,400	Silver Benefactor	4
Beecher Scholarship	\$25	Gold Benefactor	4
		Library Institutions	11
Pay Pal	\$1,765	Honorary	8
		Trustee Emeritus	5
Total Dues & Donations	\$28,601	Business Basic	3
		Business Friend	5
		Business Supporter	11
		Business Complimentary	8
		Complimentary	9
		Total Membership	417

Membership Report
Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary
Greene County Historical Society
2018 Membership

Business Supporter

C.A. Albright & Sons LLC
Coxsackie Antique Center
Coxsackie Transport/Wayne Parks
Dimensions North Ltd
Eileen Goble
Greene County Septic Cleaners, Inc
Hinterland Design
National Bank of Coxsackie
State Telephone Co.
Tip Top Furniture
Williams Lumber & Home Centers

Business Friend

Bavarian Manor Country Inn & Restaurant
Black Horse Farms, Inc.
Braine Building & Renovation
Jeff Boehm – The Lawn Doctor
Max S. Wood Equipment, LLC
North River Research

Business Basic

Anonymous
RDN Pool Supply LLC

Gold Benefactor

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

Silver Benefactor

Shannon Wu & Joseph Kahn
Stephanie Krasney
Magda Mininberg
Mr. & Mrs. Hans Neugebauer
Barbara T. Tolley

Benefactor

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Boehlke
David & Wanda Dorpfeld
Shirley & Gerald Dunn
Hon. Mrs. Jo Anne Makely
Veronika & Wayne Marquoit
Lisa Fox Martin
Paul & Dawn Moyer
National Bank of Coxsackie
Roger V.V. & June M. Rouse
Charles Schaefer
Gary Slutzky
Mr. & Mrs. Donald K Smith
State Telephone Co.
Joseph M. Warren

Patron

Anonymous (4)
Brent Bogardus
Richard C. Bopp
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Byas
Ann Clapper
Edward G. Cloke
Bill & Judy Conine
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. D'Agostino
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Day
Robert & Francine Matalon-Degni
Stephen & Jacqueline Dunn
Kathleen Durham
Christina Plattner Evola
Tom & Linda Gentalen
Mark & Linnean Gorelick
Theron & Lisa Gunderman
Fred & Ann Hinrichsen
Harrison & Linda Hunt
Janet & Alden Kaplan
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kelly
Valentine Kriele III
Perry & Susan Lasher
Millicent A. Lecount
Moria Little
Dr. Margaret Dietz Meyer
Susan Miller
Nicholas & Mary Lou C. Nahas
Daniel Arshack & Nancy Rosensweig
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis O'Grady
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Christian H. Pfister
Lynda Pisano
Hugh & Margaret Quigley
Barbara Smith Rivette
Deborah Allen & Robert Hock
Kathy Russell
Thomas & Joan Satterlee
Martin & Robin Smith
Steven E. Sossei
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Squier
Charles Stimson
Harry & Marie A. Sturges
John C. Van Valkenburg
Anita Walther
Craig & Donna Wexler
Brent & Donna Wheat

Supporter

Robert Brandow
Genevieve Bronk
Robert & Joan Carl
Robert & Marilyn Carl
Dr. & Mrs. Edward D. Coates
Kerri Corrigan
Betty Cure
Crane Davis
Ione Patricia DeLucia
Leeza Dickey
James Ewing
Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Fenn Jr.
Ronald & Arlene Gabriele
Dianne Gade
Brenda Gerry
Kingsley Greene
John & Dorothy Ham
Margot J. Hamill
Rick & Kathy Hanse
Anita K. Hermesdorf
John E. Hubbard
Thomas Illari
Emily & Suraj Kunchala
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George V. Lampman
Paul & Cyndi Lapierre
Matthew Luvera
Pamela McCarthy
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Dennis Templeton
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Edward Tessitore
Jean Thomas
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Greenville Public Library
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Kinderhook Memorial Library
NY State Library
Palenville Branch Library
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RCS Community Library
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BRONCK MUSEUM

Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-Chairs

The 2018-2019 time period has been busy and challenging. The Committee met every month with the ad hoc 13-Sided Barn Committee meeting on an “as needed basis”. Individual Society and Committee members also took on special projects related to the Museum’s activities.

Staff. Shelby Mattice continued in her position as Curator. Sue Thrasher retired as the Museum Associate at the end of 2017 season and Alyssa Bayer was hired for this position in the 2018 season, working on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Alyssa will be unable to return for the 2019 season and we are now recruiting someone to fill this position. Volunteers Judy Besenfelder and Judee Synakowski share the duties in the Visitors Center on Wednesday. Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager, handled the Museum Gift Shop.

The Museum Activities. The Museum tour schedule has been maintained throughout the year and the visitor rate for guided tours was “good” despite the hot summer days. The guest register shows visitors from the following states: Florida, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, Wisconsin, Michigan, Alaska, Illinois, New Jersey, Virginia, Montana, Texas, Tennessee, California, Connecticut, Oregon, Nevada, Missouri and Georgia. Visitors also came from the following countries: the Netherlands, Denmark, England, Australia, Canada, Sweden and Belgium.

There are some “Grounds Only” visitors who do not pay for a tour of the House, but may stop in the Visitors Center. Some of these visitors can be seen taking pictures of the exterior of the houses.

Special Programs and Events. The 2018 schedule included the following:

Community Patriots Day, May 19. This event honored the following local patriots through a first person interpretation:

Rev. Schnueman by Joe Capobianco;
Leonard Bronk by Robert Hallock;
Dr. John Eli by Richard Muggeo;
Elizabeth Miller by Judee Synakowski;
Carolyn Fay Hallock by Chris Byas; and
Leonard Warren by William Warren.

The 77th New York Regimental Balladeers under the direction of John Quinn played 1776 to 1976 period music between each of the presentation. It was a cold rainy day and it is estimated that 30 people attended, many of whom were the family members of people being honored or the interpreters. Visitors had a chance to chat with the “Patriots” in the rooms of the Bronck House after the program ended and to enjoy light refreshments in the Victorian Horse Barn.

“Sunday Along the River: Comings and Goings”, July 22. Dick Brooks made the presentation and every available chair was filled including the ones placed in the hallway.

Tavern Night was held on August 25 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Reservations were received as early as June. The 70 available tickets at \$25 each were “sold out” a week in advance with a “stand-by” list for any cancellation. One lady on the “stand-by” list was offered a spot at 7 pm and took it, telling the Committee how glad she was to come. People are asking for reservations for next year now.

The menu followed that from last year, including a wheat beer from Crossroads Brewing; 9 kinds of Dutch cheese; Venison Summer Sausage; bread; and cookies. The serving plates were prepared in the Kitchen Dependency. Costumed serving wenches were assigned to tables in the 1685 House, 1663 House, 1738 House and the porches while costumed interpretations of Pieter Bronck, Hillejtje Bronck and Leonard Bronck were offered. This year, a violinist, Barry Weinstein, strolled among the guests.

“Sunday Along the River: Icy Endeavors” focusing on the ice industry was presented in the Dutch Barn on September 9 by Richard Muggeo.

The Heritage Craft Fair was held on September 30 with an estimated 800 people attending, included the following:

- 16 vendors including crafters, meat and honey producers and wool merchants with their sheep.

- A food booth handled by Meg Griffin and Bill and Luke Barnhart serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

- The “Flip” served by Dick Muggeo, dressed as Pieter Bronck.

- The new Museum Shop in the Visitors Center and the old Shop, operated by Chris Byas

- The Silent Auction of Trustee gifts raising \$1019.

- Cider and Donuts Refreshment Table

- The Musical Group, “Running the River” provided entertainment on the lawn in front of the 1738 House.

- The Library was open.

- DAR members provided information on the Library porch.

“Sunday Along the River: Ten Miles in Ten Minutes” was presented on October 21 by the Hudson River Yacht Club, Robert Wills, Vice Commodore. His presentation included information about the sailing of ice yachts on the ice of the Hudson River.

The Chilly Willy Tours. The six tours were presented by Curator, Shelby Mattice on November 16 and 17. Although the tour has been given in a cold house for over ten years, the attendance and profits continue to be good.

On-site Group Tours

School Tours. In June 2018, the 2017-18 4th graders and teachers from Coxsackie Elementary and E.J. Arthur visited the Museum. Each school has the opportunity to select the modules for their tour from the Museum’s list of topics. The 2018-19 4th graders from Athens visited the Museum in October 2018, since it has become more difficult to arrange transportation for a June visit.

College Tours. The Museum welcomed students from the classes of Prof. Childrose, Columbia Greene Community College in late Spring 2018. Two programs were offered: a tour of the rooms of the 3 Bronck Houses, including a history of the Dutch in the area, and a program on Women’s History.

Other Group On-Site Tours. There were fewer group tours in the past year. The Postenkill Historical Society which previously had two off-site Museum programs came. The Chappaqua Seniors visited also. This decrease in group tours has been discussed in the Committee and with the County Promotion staff before developing a plan to increase participation this area.

Off-Site Programs. The Museum has offered off-site programs for many years. In 2018, the total participation was 433 people. This area of Museum Operation has been very busy in the early 2019 season, already exceeding 2018 participation with additional programs scheduled. A fee of \$50 is requested. The 2019 off-site programs to date were as follows:

- Local BPW—an adult version of “The Dutch Foodways” by Shelby Mattice

Coxsackie and E.J. Arthur 4th graders—the student version of “The Dutch Foodways” by Shelby Mattice.

- 7th graders with teachers and aides from Cairo Durham Central School on General Nathaniel Greene by Robert Hallock.
- Hyde Park Embroiders Guild—for a new program by Shelby Mattice.
- Heermance Library Book Club—Shelby Mattice presented historical facts for readers of the book **Dragonwyck**.
- Postenkill Historical Society—the adult version of “The Dutch Foodways” by Shelby Mattice.
- Postenkill Historical Society—General Nathaniel Greene by Robert Hallock
- New Scotland Historical Society—Richard Muggeo presented a program on “Making Beer”.
- Rhinebeck Daughters of the American Revolution. Richard Muggeo presented a program on “Making Beer”.
- Seniors at the Coxsackie Senior Center. Robert Hallock presented an informal presentation on topics including Maggie Newton VanCott, Murderer Josph Waltz and Forrest “Fluffy” Van Loan Rider. From the audience participation, he learned more about Fluffy’s boats and the fire which burned Fluffy’s home.
- Kinderhook Garden Club. A program, “Preparations for Winter’s Holiday” was presented by Shelby Mattice.
- Ravena Coeymans Historical Center. A program on “Death in Early America” was presented by Shelby Mattice.
- Clarksville Historical Society. Shelby Mattice presented the program, “The Bronck Family and Their Home”.
- Schenectady Historical Society. The “Winter Life” program was presented by Shelby Mattice for 185 people, the largest group ever attending one of Shelby’s off-site programs.
- Greenville 4-H group. Richard Muggeo presented a program on “Bees”
- Local BPW group—Shelby presented “Women’s History: Here and There”.
- Bethlehem Historical Society. Richard Muggeo presented the program “Ice”.
- Greenville Masonic Lodge. Richard Muggeo presented his WWI program.
- Heermance Library—Shelby Mattice presented the program, “Prostitution in Nineteenth Century New York”.

Publications. Shelby Mattice prepared the 2018 issue of “Notes from Home” which is mailed to known Bronck Descendants. Information about the Heritage Barn was included. She is now finishing the 2019 “Notes”.

Collection:**The Hamlin Paintings.**

The Museum owns 5 paintings by Amos Hamlin. Previously, these paintings which came from the Tripp and Utter families, hung in the entry hall of the 1685 House. Carolyn Bennett who had written an article about Hamlin and his work for the "Tri-County Journal" wishes to organize an exhibit of Hamlin's work at the Pratt Museum for the 2020 season. Two of the paintings cannot be safely transported to Prattsville and exhibited because of major issues with the canvas and the stretcher frames. A meeting involving Carolyn and the Museum Committee was held in December. The Pratt policies for maintaining borrowed items is consistent with the standards of the Bronck Museum and the Committee decided to loan the Pratt Museum the 3 paintings for the 2020 season.

In January, Carolyn asked for images of the other 2 Hamlin paintings. The Committee agreed to provide the images under the condition that any use of the images be approved by the Museum and credit would be given to the Bronck Museum. The images were produced by Vedder Library Archivist Jonathan Palmer. An agreement regarding use of the images was sent to Carolyn and has been signed. Carolyn's research has determined that there are 10 to 15 Hamlin paintings in Museums in this area with the Bronck Museum having 5.

Additions to the Collection. The Museum has purchased an unusual reel manufactured in Cairo by the same firm which produced the spinning wheel obtained from a Massachusetts Museum which was closing. Al Matter gave the Museum 2 ice saws. One of these will be used by Richard Muggeo in his "Ice" offsite programs. An 1840 Album Quilt from Durham, including names of people from Coxsackie was received. When Dick Brooks was working as the manager at Catskill Point, he had established an exhibit of various items. When he retired, it was decided that the exhibit would be limited to maritime items. Curator Shelby Mattice was given an opportunity to review the items and selected several for inclusion in the Bronck Museum collection, including a pair of sugar snips. Clesson and Jean Bush gave the Museum a collection of Greene County labeled objects.

The Dutch Scripture Painting. In Spring 2018, Joyce Zucker, who had agreed to restore the Dutch Scripture painting, informed the Committee that she would be unable to restore the painting. She recommended that the Museum contract for the restoration work with Anne O'Connor with whom she had worked. After seeking more information about Anne, the Committee contracted Anne who requested that she evaluate the work needed on the painting. Her evaluation was similar to that provided by Joyce Zucker and an agreement with Anne was reached. By this time, the Museum was ready for opening for the 2018 season, and the Committee decided to delay the restoration until after the 2018 season. Anne picked up the painting in December and will complete the restoration by June 1.

A re-dedication of the painting and recognition of Ruben Garcia, who saved the painting and served as President of the Society, will be held when his daughter is in the area. When the Greene County Council on the Arts heard of the re-dedication, they asked to be involved, since Ruben had served as President of that organization also. The painting will be rehung in the 1685 House with a plaque recognizing Ruben .

The Bark Spud. This tool used to remove the bark from hemlock trees necessary in the tanning process, was loaned to the New York Historical Society in New York City for an exhibit.

The Cole Sketch Box. The National Gallery in London returned the Cole Sketch Box to the Cole House where it is on loan. The Gallery estimated that over 12,000 visitors attended this exhibit.

Exhibits

The Committee recognizes that visitors often do not go beyond the Dutch Barn. It is hoped that having more exhibits in the Barracks; adding new signage at the 13-sided Barn; and developing a map of the Museum buildings will encourage people to visit these other areas.

Barrack Exhibits. Currently there are 2 exhibits in the Barrack—the Ice Exhibit and the Duncan Meat Wagon. Space is available for more exhibits. It was decided to develop an apple exhibit using the apple press from the collection and an exhibit centered on Dr. Willard’s buggy, also in the collection. An art teacher in Catskill has been contacted about developing a road scene as a background for the buggy.

Signage for the Thirteen Sided Barn. The Committee has agreed on the verbiage for the barn. The sign was fabricated and has been delivered to the museum. The sign will be erected later this spring.

Hay Barn Exhibit. Curator Shelby Mattice developed a small exhibit in the Victorian Horse Barn to promote the Heritage Barn at the Heritage Craft Fair.

Administration

Moving the Museum Shop. Many visitors have not stopped to view the items for sale in the Victorian Horse Barn. In an effort to increase sales, a small shop area was set up in the north-west corner of the Visitors Center This will enable visitors to view the available items while waiting for a tour. It will also be easier for the Museum Associate to handle sales in this building without leaving the desk to go to another building. The Shop changed its way of working with vendors. Rather than selling items on consignment, the Shop is buying the items for resale. Items available for sale include post cards, books, pottery, Museum related souvenirs, Bronck Museum produced honey, greeting cards, jewelry, owl kitchen items and crafted Christmas ornaments.

“How Dutch is New York”. This brochure was developed by a Dutch Tourism organization to publicize a new audio tour app which has been designed to “give greater publicity to Dutch heritage in countries outside the Netherlands”. The Museum received a few copies of the brochure with a copy shared with the Greene County Promotion office. The Museum has continued to have Dutch tourists each season and hopes this will bring more.

“The Houses They Lived In”. Syracuse University Press Author Chuck D’Imperio visited the Museum on Opening Day 2018 to inquire about the Bronck Museum. He was writing a book about 35 House Museums in Upstate New York with 1500 words and pictures for each Museum. Curator Shelby Mattice shared the standard package about the house. Later he requested that Shelby review the draft of the Bronck Museum Information in his book. The publication date of the book is unknown.

“Stubborn for Liberty.” Shelby Mattice has worked with Syracuse University Press to update a photo of the Bronck House included in the 1975 printing of this book by Alice Kenny. The picture is very old, but the problem is provision of a more recent photo which is adaptable to the old printing. The book is being republished.

Study of Cooking Utensils Earlier than 1860. Dr. Ronna Feit, part-time resident of Oak Hill requested a listing of the Museum's collection of these cooking utensils in connection with a Manuscript Cookbooks survey being done by a group at Nassau Community College as part of their work in producing a book on early cooking practices. Curator Shelby Mattice provided the requested information, in addition to recommending that she study the cookbooks written by Peter Rose.

Request for Information About Jonas Bronck. A member of the Danish Parliament researching the possibility that the Bronck family was of Danish ancestry visited the Museum.

Request from the Greene County Council on the Arts (GCCA) for a reduced Museum fee for their members. The GCCA began a campaign to increase their membership. One of the techniques which they are using is obtaining discounted admittance to other local Museums for their members. The Museum Committee decided at the December meeting that the GCCA members would be admitted to the Museum for one tour of the Museum or attendance at one Sunday lecture with a valid GCCA membership card for each person. To avoid the need for extra change in the Visitors Center, it was decided to make the rate \$5.00 (current Museum rate is \$7), rather than making a percent discount. This was welcomed by the GCCA staff.

Annual Statistical Report. Each year, Curator Shelby Mattice and Operations Manager, Jennifer Barnhart produce a report for the operation of the Museum including attendance and fiscal information for each event. Further, the current year is compared with five previous years. This information is very help to the Museum Committee in making decisions about programs and fund raising events.

"The Best of Greene County". The Greene County Chamber of Commerce organized a "Best of" contest where people were urged to nominate/vote for their "favorite" in a wide variety of categories. The Bronck Museum was nominated in the "Museum" category along with the Thomas Cole National Historic Site and the Museum at Catskill Point. The Cole House won. Many people indicated that they knew nothing about the contest and had not voted. The Museum Committee has decided that they will use the phrase "nominated for the best museum in Greene County" in publicity.

Meeting with Greene County Promotion Department. Museum Committee members and staff met with Promotion staff to discuss ideas for improving promotion of the Museum through the newspapers, site brochures and social media. The County staff offered several ideas for consideration by the Committee including the development of "two-for" deals where the tour is combined with a meal from a local restaurant. There was a discussion of the possibilities of offering programs, both at the Museum and on board, for passengers on the American Cruise Line which comes up the Hudson River and stops at various ports, including Catskill.

The 2019 Calendar of Events. The development of the 2019 Program Calendar is moving along. The tentative calendar has been prepared and is included in the Society Annual Report. Museum Activities will begin with Community Patriot's Day on May 19 followed by the Museum opening on May 25 at 10:00 am. The rack cards are in the distribution process with hope for a great 2019 season.

VEDDER RESEARCH LIBRARY

Jonathan Palmer, Librarian/Archivist

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The 2018-19 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 2018. Special gratitude is extended to our growing team of volunteers, all of whom have been completing various large and often thankless tasks all in the name of better service to our patrons and community. Special notes of thanks are due to everyone - they answer phones, conduct research, handle reference, digitize collections material, handle collections management tasks, catalog new material, and even cover the desk when paid staff is unavailable - they go about their chores with initiative and a smile, and none of what we do would be possible without their efforts behind the scenes. The annual report is a summary of their achievements as much as anyone else's.

Summary of Activities for 2018:

Social Media - The Vedder Library's social media presence continues to grow at a rapid pace, facilitated by our digitization efforts and bolstered by overwhelming support from the community at large. Particular emphasis is placed on the continued success of our Greene County History group page on Facebook, which has doubled in size since our last report to exceed over 2200 members. Our efforts on this page have reached something akin to "critical mass" - meaning that the page, its contributors and content are self-sustaining without daily new input from Library staff. Metrics available to us as administrators of the page allow us to better understand potential target audiences and subjects of interest for society programming, and has also led to the development of new relationships within the community and opportunities to acquire new and important collections material. We are excited to continue growing our presence on Facebook.

Our Instagram account has seen a comparable rate of growth, and we anticipate having something near 1,000 followers by the middle of the summer. This platform is being utilized to connect with and increase our visibility with regional businesses in addition to private individuals not already within the target demographics of our Facebook profiles and group page. Because the content Instagram users seek is somewhat different than what Facebook users prefer this gives the library an excellent chance to share material that otherwise wouldn't be popular content on our Facebook pages.

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 are handled through two separate purchase portals (one per page) - gchistory.org functions exclusively for memberships and the Vedder's website store is used exclusively for products (i.e. our book store).

The primary goal of the Vedder's website is to host inventories, finding aids, and useful information that will help researchers find us and our physical collections. To that end, the website now contains inventories of the newspaper, subject, and genealogical files, as well as finding aids for roughly 20 of our manuscript collections (by no means comprehensive). We are currently not contributing any more finding aids to the website as we continue to work towards a new cataloging system that will allow us to simply push these catalogs to the web without having to reformat everything in HTML (see "Digitization" in this report). As it stands, the material that is already available has attracted dozens of users and remote inquiries. Likewise, we will not be uploading any digitized content to the website because Squarespace is not a digital archiving tool, and doesn't allow us to add structured data for every image file we upload. We have uploaded several digitized publications, but this content was selected for its ability to attract and inform users broadly about Greene County, the Vedder, and the scope of our holdings rather than facilitating true primary source research which is still only practical by visiting in-person.

Digitization - Our digitization efforts continue apace. We have continued to scan photographic and art material in the library collections (refer to last year's annual report for more specifics). Particular emphasis remains centered on negatives in our care and several large batches of negatives lent for scanning in the past year. Athens Community Foundation funded the purchase of a second network server which is now our primary digital storage system. It has enough processing power to run a cataloging tool and digital asset manager for photographic files, and we're able to use our other network server as a backup unit for the newer one. Between the implementation of this new server and our continued scanning efforts we hope to soon begin putting some of our photographic material on the web through a separate home-built version of the asset manager Omeka. This system will allow for meaningful examination of some of our more interesting and otherwise inaccessible records groups.

Public Outreach - The Vedder's archivist spent considerable time this past year doing local outreach and programming. The Thomas Cole NHS hired our archivist for two separate excursions as a content expert during their seasonal guided hikes program on the Hudson River School Art Trail. Additionally, talks were given at:

- Greenville Local History Group
- Coxsackie Senior Center
- Cairo Historical Society
- Empire State Railway Museum
- Mountain Top Historical Society

Cemetery Tours were given of Athens Rural and Mount Hope Cemetery during the Athens Victorian Stroll, and the same tour was given as a separate summer library program on behalf of D. R. Evarts Library. We were unable to conduct any scheduled tours of Catskill Village Cemetery or Riverside Cemetery in Coxsackie.

The archivist was pleased to bring Van Loon family descendants on a small drive and walk around Athens to see the Jan Van Loon house and other important sites in the village of genealogical interest, and has done similar excursions with two other genealogists as a way to help contextualize and ground their family history research. This kind of personalized service, though difficult to provide everyone, greatly enhances the experience of researchers working with us who have travelled from out of state who are spending several days in the area. This sort of genealogical tourism was the subject of a panel the Vedder's archivist presented on at the annual conference of the Museum Association of New York at the start of 2019.

Finally, the archivist has been assisting new homeowners with research at the County Clerk's office whenever possible. This is infrequent, but again helps cement relationships with community members by providing a one-on-one unique service for people unfamiliar with this type of research. Particular thanks go to Jean and Cless Bush for "showing him the ropes" working with deed records.

Collection Preservation - With the additional help of new volunteers our collections management workflow has increased considerably, allowing us over the past year to have worked on a laundry list of smaller collections doing assessment and treatment to maintain the physical integrity of our manuscript material. The majority of this process involves replacing containers that have worn with age, packing boxes tighter and condensing material into fewer containers, as well as swapping for new folders when necessary. This work is routine but time consuming, and helps us increase our shelving space while fulfilling our duty to protect material in our care.

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.

Conclusions and Clarifications - A complete and detailed 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 2019-20 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.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Robert C. Hallock, Acting Chair

A chain fence and a post and rail fence have been installed at the South entry to the 13 sided Barn along the stone retaining wall. The chain fence provides safety but also provides vision to the area West of the 13 sided Barn. The post and rail fence provides a period look and a way to keep “interested” parties from hanging on the chain fence.

The Library gutter on the east side needed a new end cap. Rainwater was falling out on the ground near the newly installed air conditioner and in one of the heavy rains this summer some water entered the basement. The end cap has been installed and the problem solved.

Heat, humidity and rain have played havoc with being able to work on projects. It also lead to wasps establishing nests on the Horse Barn (a large one), the 9W entry door to the Education Center and in the Caretaker’s shop area behind the Country Store exhibit area. Recon in Earlton was called in and the nests were exterminated. Recon is also willing to set bait stations for rodents and to advise Caretaker Dave Brock how to secure buildings from entry by rodents i.e. mice, rats, squirrels, chipmunks.

Kool Temp installed a new air conditioning unit in the front third section of the Library building to replace the one that failed last year. They also performed routine service on the other two units and repaired a leaky water drain in the attic under their service contract. The water damage to the ceiling sheetrock was repaired by the caretaker.

Kool Temp installed three new circulator pumps in the Library replacing circulator pumps that were original to the building c.1995. The pumps and a loose wire on the third heat exchanger unit in the rear of the Library have now been fixed creating a situation where all three heat exchanger units are working and heat is going to all parts of the Library. During the process Kool Temp did not replace a furnace gasket, which caused the heating system to malfunction and the water circulator malfunctioned. Water and anti-freeze sprayed onto some of the Kingston Freeman newspapers from the 90’s and some boxes of stored library files. No major collections items were damaged. Kool Temp considered the problem their fault and did not charge us for their work to repair the problem. Following that we had problems with the heat. On Friday November 9 we again had heating problems and Kool Temp came again to change a nozzle which had been clogged by carbon deposits causing the furnace not to heat. The Librarian, I and the Kool Temp technician agree we have seen enough of each other for the time being. Hopefully, their regular maintenance due soon will be all we need until next heating season.

Caretaker Dave Brock repaired an age related leak in the sink drain in the Library men’s room. Dave and Lisa helped prepare for the Heritage Craft Fair; the “Icy Endeavors” Bronck Family at Home program; the “Hudson Ice Boating – Ten Miles in Ten Minutes” program; and the Ted Hilscher barn lecture for the Hay Press Committee fund raiser.

Dave Brock is planning to start work on walls for the exhibit spaces in the Barracks. He is also looking at ways to prevent dust and dirt filtering down from the loft area in the Horse Barn. Putting plywood flooring over the existing loft floor and sealing the beams below with a varnish is being considered.

Video cameras are now installed for all buildings on the Museum grounds. The Caretakers can now view all buildings to monitor security or review footage. Of particular interest was being able to view the 13 sided barn and the barrack because they were not easily visible from the Caretaker’s house.

Kevin Strbich of Greene County Septic Service was called to repair the float valve in the grinder/pump station to pump the Caretakers house sewage to the septic tank located west of the Library. The septic tank was also pumped out. It had been about 10 – 12 years since it was pumped.

Northeast Ductless installed a new wall mount ductless air conditioning unit in the Visitor's Center. George's Electric installed the new breaker and line to feed electric to the unit.

About 2 dozen Ash trees in the picnic grove were cut down by Powell Tree Service. A volunteer interested in the firewood came in and cut up the downed trees and removed them. The remaining limbs and branches are being chipped up by the caretaker.

Donated wall cabinets were installed in the caretaker's closet to hold supplies. By removing the metal shelves, the room is less cluttered and the caretaker's sink is now easily accessible. The metal shelves will be used in the Library to hold our sound equipment.

The alarm system in the Dutch Barn suffered mouse damage from the mice chewing on the wires. CIA Security fixed the problem. With the mouse damage in the Dutch Barn and the mouse and squirrel damage to the Museum Shop merchandise in the Victorian Horse Barn emphasizes the need to explore rodent control measures.

Jason Irwin has used a York rake on the parking lot to spread the stone covering back in place after the winter plowing. A new stone coating for the Caretaker's driveway and entry way to the Museum has been laid down.

AD HOC BRONCK HOUSES RESTORATION

Robert C. Hallock, Chair

We plan to meet with Dave Bova on the repairs needed for the Kitchen Dependency. Dave finished restoration of the 1738 porches at the end of the first week in August, delayed by July heat, humidity and rain. He used Azak, a plastic wood type product for sections of the porch susceptible to water damage. After consulting with John Bonafide of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, John indicated the State uses material like Azak on their Historic Sites and said that such a material does not affect the landmark status of the site. Dave Bova is ready to install the repaired gutters and finally did so that painting could be done.

About a week ahead of Tavern Night in August, the porch painting was finally completed. The common theme of heat, humidity and rain in 2018 played their usual role in delay. Paint requires dry surface and dry weather for the paint to properly dry.

We finally meet with Dave Bova and his mason Dave to review the Kitchen Dependency to determine what can be done and cost estimates for restoration in April 2019. We were delayed by bad weather, illness, and operations on Dave Bova's knees. He recommends we hire a structural engineer to determine the best way to reconstruct the lower level of the Kitchen Dependency which is rapidly deteriorating, with visible cracks in the walls. The structural engineer can best determine how to best construct a base and footings for the rebuilt lower level to sit on. Both Dave's have reservations making the decision. We contacted Bill Brandow of Waite Associates for a recommendation of a structural engineer. On April 25 we met with Brandow, the structural engineer, and Dave Bova and Dave Meier, the contractors to review the problems. A recommendation will be forthcoming from the engineer.

AD HOC EDUCATION CENTER

Robert C. Hallock, Chair

A platform/landing has been built on the east side of the Education Center and a ramp for handicap access was partially constructed. Heat, humidity and rain have delayed efforts to install platforms and ramps for handicap accessibility to the Education Center. Unfortunately, unlike the old Boston Braves team whose motto in winning the pennant was "Spahn, Sain and two days of rain", two decent days and two days of rain do not allow construction work to be finished. A series of good days was not to be had later in November to finish some of the work that was started before winter weather set in. A new door will be installed on the north side of the Center as well as steps and landings.

The Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office has indicated that the ramp and landing need a building permit. However, upon seeking an application for a building permit, the Town Clerk indicated that a structure of less than 144 square feet would not need a permit. We have decided to request a permit and let the Town determine if we do need one. A review of the situation is being scheduled with the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

AD HOC HAY PRESS/MEADOW RIDGE HERITAGE BARN

Thomas Satterlee - Chair

Since the last annual meeting much has been accomplished on the Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn. Tim Meier and I spent the winter, spring and early summer of 2018 repairing and replicating beams, rafters and other parts in the Greenville Norton Hill Lumber Co (GNH) building on Bailey Street in Cocksackie. Joe Woelfersheim joined us and became the mortise producer and worked on all phases of construction. Large beams and parts were moved to the barn site by GNH and Commercial Sales of Cocksackie. A lift from Flack Development of Cocksackie aided in the placement of parts and allowed us to move beams, parts and sections around for assembly and placement for the raising of the barn. Bents and side sections were preassembled and fitted on the ground at the barn site. These bents and side pieces were reinforced to strengthen joints and beams in preparation for raising.

Elliott Fishman of Santo Associates drew up a site plan for the barn placement. Excavation for the foundation and drainage was done by Halsted Excavating with concrete work by Daggett's and brick work by Mike Warner. Simpson Strong-Tie donated fasteners and pegs were donated by Northcott Wood Turning.

While snow and cold weather slowed work, the cupola was roofed, 400 roof boards were sized and soffit and gable parts were prepared and then painted by Dick Muggeo.

After three days of work by Bensen Crane of Saugerties with Tim Meier, Tom Satterlee, Joe Woelfersheim and Nat Woelfersheim, the bents were successfully raised into place. The preassembled side sections were moved into position and secured. The process attracted many observers. The Vanderze haypress, after 5 years of storage in Rob VanEtten's barn was brought by him to the site. The crane was used to place it inside the barn footprint.

Additional framing for windows and walls has begun. A weathervane, designed by local artist Ellen DeLucia and fabricated by Ducommun of Coxsackie, will soon adorn the cupola. Placing the rafters for installing the roof boards and roof is underway. Progress by photos may be found at gchistory.org/heritage-barn or on facebook.

Throughout the whole process Tim Meier and I have been planning and overseeing the process as well as doing hands on work. Joe Woelfsheim has pitched in at all phases. Community support has been extremely positive with financial and material help.

A major donation by a local businesswoman was received to facilitate the barn project. In recognition, the barn has been named Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn. A sizable donation was received from Nick Juried and several large donations from Society members. The committee was awarded a Speenburgh grant from the Greene County Legislature. Ted Hilscher gave two barn talks and Jennifer Barnhart is working with Caitlin Ippolito and the MeadowSuite trio on a fundraising concert to be held on June 2nd. A raffle and four BBQ's were held with aid of Trustees. State Telephone covered mailing costs for a capital fund drive directed at Chamber of Commerce members. Pat Maxwell continues to handle the financial record keeping. Several articles have appeared in the local newspapers.

Work will continue at least thru the fall of 2019 and volunteers are welcomed financially and physically. Additional donations are needed for siding, painting and other work to allow full usage of the facility. Donations may be sent to MRHB Project, PO Box 44, Coxsackie, NY 12051. All donations are tax deductible and will be appropriately recognized.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert A. D'Agostino, Chair

1. It may be hard to believe, but 2018 marked the 43rd 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. We have gotten into the habit of publishing a "double edition" every year, looking deeply into various aspects of a subject. We did this once again with our Spring/Summer 2018 edition ... Volume 42, Numbers One and Two. The bulk of this edition contained Trustee Jim Plancks fascinating research on aspects of the life and work of Jessie Van Vechten Vedder - including the work she published "before" she became the Jessie Vedder that we all know. Rounding out this edition was Society President Bob Hallock's article on the life and untimely death of his aunt, Carolyn Fay Hallock, who became a nurse and enlisted in the army to care for the sick and wounded during "The Great War." Unfortunately, she became an early casualty of the coming flu pandemic.

3b. Our Fall 2018 edition contained Trustee Richard Muggeo's research on the Flu Pandemic of 1918, its effects on our world, our nation, and our County. The most frightening aspect of the pandemic may not be the stunning statistics of death, but the images from the National Archives and the Library of Congress that illustrate the horrific effects on daily life! This edition also contains the winning article by Hanna Boehm, the first of our unprecedented *two* 2018 Beecher Scholarship winners! Miss Boehm researched her family's multi-generational farm, Boehm Orchards of Climax, New York.

3c. The Winter 2018 edition featured the research of the second of our 2018 Beecher Scholarship winner, Arley Liberti. Miss Liberti's subject was the Catskill Town Cemetery and three of its prominent "residents" - the Reverend Achuneman, William Plimley, and Jessie Vedder. The Winter edition also contains Jean Bush's research on the Roberts family of Roberts Hill Road in New Baltimore.

3d. 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 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.

The name, address, and telephone number of the author must be given.

We reserve the right to accept or reject material submitted.

We reserve the right to edit accepted material for historical accuracy, clarity, and/or space considerations.

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 TIP 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.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Judee Synakowski, Chair

The Education Committee, composed of trustees and volunteers of the GCHS, is a committee with a purpose to plan and organize diverse historical related programs, which attract the many interests of Greene County and the wider area residents. Programs that were presented for the past year were The Railroad to the Mountain House, The Demise of Indian Fields NY -which is now the Alcove Reservoir, and Pearl Harbor parts 1 & 2. The Olga Santora Women's History Lecture topic was on World War I nurses presented by Maxine Getty. All programs were very well attended.

Programs for the year 2019:

May 2- Catskill in the Jacksonian Period presented by Jonathan Palmer

October 10 - The Flu - presented by Richard Muggeo

November 7 – Gettysburg 50 years later presented by Ron Gabriel

The committee always welcomes presenter names and topics.

BEECHER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Christine Byas, Chair

In the spring of 2018, five Greene County Seniors applied for the prestigious \$1,000 Beecher Scholarship, given annually in memory of Raymond Beecher, author, Greene County Historian and /trustee emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society. For the first time since its inception, two one thousand dollar scholarships were awarded. A second scholarship was made possible through a generous donation by Bob and Ann Hallock.

Students chose a variety of topics to research. Grace Sharkey's essay discussed the history of her family's roller-skating rink in Purling which is still in operation today. Kacy Kiefer's essay covered the history of Greene County including the Indian and Dutch Settlement and the importance of the Hudson River. Jessica Kopec decided to write about the history of the Salisbury family in Leeds including the house, Salisbury Manor, which still stands today. Although these students did not win a scholarship, Bob, Matt and I were impressed by the level of writing, knowledge and research that was apparent after reading each essay. Students used a wide variety of primary and secondary sources in their research including interviews with family members, first-hand accounts, essays, newspaper and magazine articles, and books. Many of these written resources can be found at the GCHS's Vedder Library.

The two students who were awarded the 2018 Beecher Scholarship were Hanna Boehm from Coxsackie-Athens High School and Arley Liberti from Catskill High School. These two students chose different approaches when writing their essay. Hanna's essay covered the history of the Boehm family farm from its beginnings in 1903 when John H. Boehm purchased 110 acres of land in Climax, NY. It was interesting to note that with the formation of the Day and Night Lines on the Hudson River; residents from New York City would travel north and stay at *Lime Kiln Manor*, a boarding house on the Boehm Farm. Following early businesses of butchering, then dairy farming, today the Boehm Farm is known for its high quality of fruit. Hanna's essay was featured in the Fall 2018 edition of Greene County History.

Arley Liberti chose to write about The Jefferson Rural Cemetery and three of its most "well-known inhabitants"; Johannes Schuneman, William Plimley, and Jessie Vedder. The Reverend Johannes Schuneman, well known to us at the GCHS, is often impersonated on various occasions at the Bronck Museum. Schuneman, an enthusiastic Pastor of the Coxsackie and Catskill Dutch Reformed Churches, was one of Coxsackie's "leading patriots". He was the first to sign a document known as the "Plan of Association" along with his friend Leonard Bronck.

William Plimley was another historic resident of the cemetery now known at the Town of Catskill Cemetery. In August 1862, he volunteered and enrolled in the Union Army where he served in the 120th infantry out of Kingston. He was the first and only Greene County resident to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, based on his actions at Hatcher's Run in Virginia. His brave actions led eventually to his rank as Major in the Army of the Potomac. Highway 23B which runs from Catskill through Leeds is named in his honor.

Jesse Rachel VanVechten Vedder was Greene County's first official historian and a founder of the Greene County Historical Society. As county historian she gathered and listed all the names of the men who served in World War I, worked to preserve the Old Leeds Church and authored several publications on Greene County History. One of her most prominent accomplishments was enlisting the help of many organizations to save the historic Leeds Stone

Bridge. She was curator at the Bronck Museum, did research and gave tours there until her health began to decline in 1942. The Vedder Research Library, named in her honor, on the grounds of the GCHS and Bronck Museum notes her accomplishments with an historical marker. You can read more about these fascinating people buried in the Town of Catskill Cemetery formerly known as The Jefferson Rural Cemetery in the Winter 2018 edition of *Greene County History*.

The May 1 deadline for submitting an entry for the 2019 Beecher Scholarship has passed. The committee is looking forward to reading this year's essays. If you know a student who will be a senior next fall encourage him or her to apply for the 2020 Beecher Scholarship. It is never too early to start thinking about an interesting topic and the Vedder Research Library is a good place to begin your investigation.

HISTORIC REGISTER COMMITTEE

Harrison Hunt, Chair

The Register now stands at 280 historic buildings and sites. Most recently added is the Octagon House in Catskill, which was on the 2018 Greene County Historical Society House Tour. As we have done in the past, we waived the application fee in appreciation for having the building on the tour. All but two other houses on the tour are already on the Register; we are encouraging the owners to submit applications.

We received an inquiry about the Register during our March meeting. We expect the owner will file an application before our next meeting in May.

The Committee has approved a revised Register application designed to make it clearer to fill out.

Jean Bush attended a presentation by Ted Hilscher regarding historic preservation laws and reported on it at the meeting.

The Committee is continuing to alternate meetings between the Vedder Library and other places in Greene County to make sessions more convenient for all our members. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1.

2018 AND 2019 ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES

Donna Poulin, Chair

The 2018 Tour was held in Catskill on Saturday, June 2 and followed on June 3 by a walking tour in the area of the Catskill Mountain Railroad Bridge Number One. The gross receipts from the Tour were \$7,540 with a large number of attendees over the two day period. Advance tickets could be purchased for both the tour of homes and the walking tour at a discounted price and there were also day of ticket sales for both parts of the tour. There were many compliments on the tour of homes and the walking tour. The tour of homes committee was responsible for the homes and President Bob Hallock and Vice President Jim Planck did the walking tour. Bag lunches were sold by the Catskill Reformed Church.

For 2019 the 43rd Annual Tour of Homes will be held in Cairo on June 1. Headquarters for the Tour will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Church Street. Among the sites throughout Cairo, dating from the late 1800's through the early 1900's, are an old school house, an inn at the site of an old mill and a variety of houses. Bag lunches will be sold by the Cairo Little League at the Catholic Church.

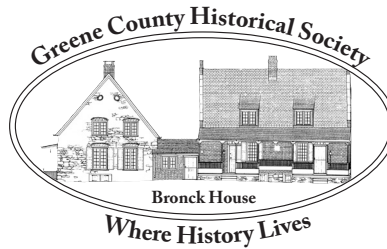
BOARD DEVELOPMENT and RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Perry Lasher, 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.

Members of the Class of 2019 who wish to return as trustees:

Robert D'Agostiono
David Dorpfeld
Ann Hallock
Thomas Satterlee
Justin Snow
Judee Synakowski



2019 Bronck Museum Schedule of Events

www.gchistory.org

May 4 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition, Greene County Historical Society, Inc., Washington Irving Inn, 6629 Route 23A, Tannersville, NY, 12pm

May 19 Community Patriots' Day, Celebration of the Patriotic Music of America, live performance by the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers, 1pm – 4pm, Admission Free

May 25 Bronck Museum Opens for Season, Museum Hours: Wednesday-Friday 12pm-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm. Last tour leaves at 3:30pm daily. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Admission: Adults \$7, Ages 5–11 \$2, Ages 12–15 \$3, GCHS members free. More info: 518-731-6490

June 1 43rd Annual Tour of Homes to be held in Cairo, Tour headquarters at the Sacred Heart Church at 36 Church Street in Cairo, 10am-4pm, Tickets \$30, advanced sale tickets \$25, More info: 518-731-1033 or www.gchistory.org

June 2 Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn Fundraiser, A concert by the instrumental group, MeadowSuite, showcasing music of various historical time periods., 3pm, Adults \$10, GCHS Members & Children \$7

July 14 Sundays Along the River: The Toiling Tinsmith, Art Thorman demonstrating the traditional craft of the tin smith, 2pm, Adults \$8, GCHS Members & Children \$4

August 24 Tavern Night at the Bronck Museum, Enjoy an evening at the Bronck house, transformed into a typical 1600s Dutch tavern, complete with costumed servers, candlelight, craft beer and tavern food, 7pm, Tickets \$30, advanced sale tickets \$25, Reservations limited, More info: 518-731-6490 or www.gchistory.org

September 22 Sundays Along the River: The Whittler and the Weaver, Remarks and demonstration by local whittler Dick Brooks plus a rare opportunity to visit the 1685 loft with its collection of early spinning and weaving equipment, 2pm, Adults \$8, GCHS Members & Children \$4

October 6 Heritage Craft Fair, exhibit & sale of traditional American crafts, live music, food, silent auction, wagon rides, 12pm-4pm, Admission Free

October 10 Education Program: The Flu in Greene County, Richard Muggeo, 7 pm, Vedder Research Library.

October 13 Bronck Museum Closes for regular season tours

October 20 Sundays Along the River: Spiders and Salamanders, Exploration of the curious procedures and utensils for food preparation in times past, 2pm, Adults \$8, GCHS Members & Children \$4

November 7 Education Program: Gettysburg 50 years later, Ron Gabriele, 7 pm, Vedder Research Library.

November 16 & 17 Chilly Willy Winter's Eve Tours, cold season tour with costumed guide, Tours begins at 11am, 1pm & 3pm each day, Adults \$8, GCHS Members & Children \$4

The Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn Project, 2017 - 2019



Barn before disassembly in 2017



Barn partially dissembled



Cupola arriving for restoration



Delivery of original rafters



Pouring concrete for foundation



Completed foundation and brick ledge



Bents prepped for raising



Arrival of hay press



Placing a section



Bent 4 rising into place



The restored cupola at the new site



Partial skeleton of barn as of April '19