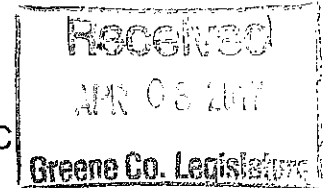


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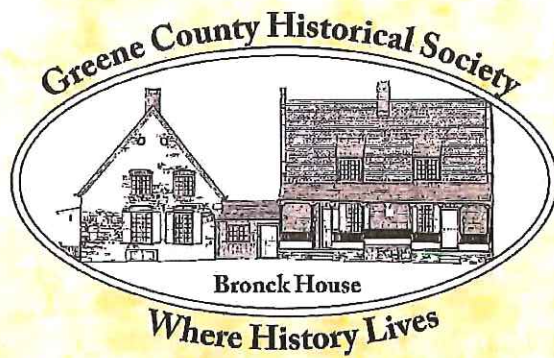
The mission statement for the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. is contained in its incorporation by the Charter from the NY State Board of Regents in 1929. "The object of this Society shall be the preservation of historical matter relating to the history of the County of Greene in particular and New York State in general and to create an interest in all matters of historical information; collect, receive and preserve, and safely keep historical records, documents, books, paper, maps, manuscripts, letters, journals, relics and things which may establish or illustrate the history, growth and progress of the County of Greene and its surroundings. And to establish a museum therein for their preservation; to suitably mark places of historic interest in the county; to receive gifts in its name, of property and any nature, including real estate; to acquire by purchase, property, including real estate, in its name for one or more purposes of its organization, and to hold and manage the same under the sanction and direction of the Society, by direct vote, or due authorization to its officials."

- In 2016 the Society's Vedder Research Library made arrangements for the restoration of a 18 foot by 1 ½ feet graph paper map of the Catskill Mountain Railroad from Catskill to Palenville showing grade crossings with elevations and surrounding property owners. We expect the restored map and digital images of the map to be returned in April or May of 2017.
- The Society arranged for repair and restoration, by a local expert, of the scale model of the Catskill Mountain House done by the late Robert Saxe of Palenville. The work has begun and we expect completion by sometime in May 2017 depending on weather, since work has to be done on the model in the Victorian Horse Barn which is unheated.
- The Bronck Museum in Coxsackie, a collection of houses and barns, the oldest of which dates to 1663, has been undergoing renovations and restoration under the guidance of John Waite and Associates historic preservation architects, who specialize in Dutch colonial architecture. We have completed work on the south interior wall of the 1685 house and the south exterior wall of the 1738 house. Although our architect is located in Albany County, our restoration contractor is from Greene County. After a successful fund raising drive, *Windows on History*, further work is planned for the houses and the Kitchen Dependency.
- The Historical Register Committee of the Society continues to add sites to its register of historic places in the County now numbering over 270 sites, an increase of 20 from 2015.
- The Society had a master's graduate student from the University of Albany intern at the Vedder Research Library for the Fall semester – September 2016 through December 2016. A bonus was that the master's student lived locally. His project at the Library was to create finding aids for posting on the Library website to inform people about our extensive archive holdings.
- A book on Francisek Polak, a Czech national who testified at the United Nations on Russian war crimes during WWII, was received in 2015. The author, from Czechoslovakia, visited the US in 2016 and gave a talk at the Vedder research

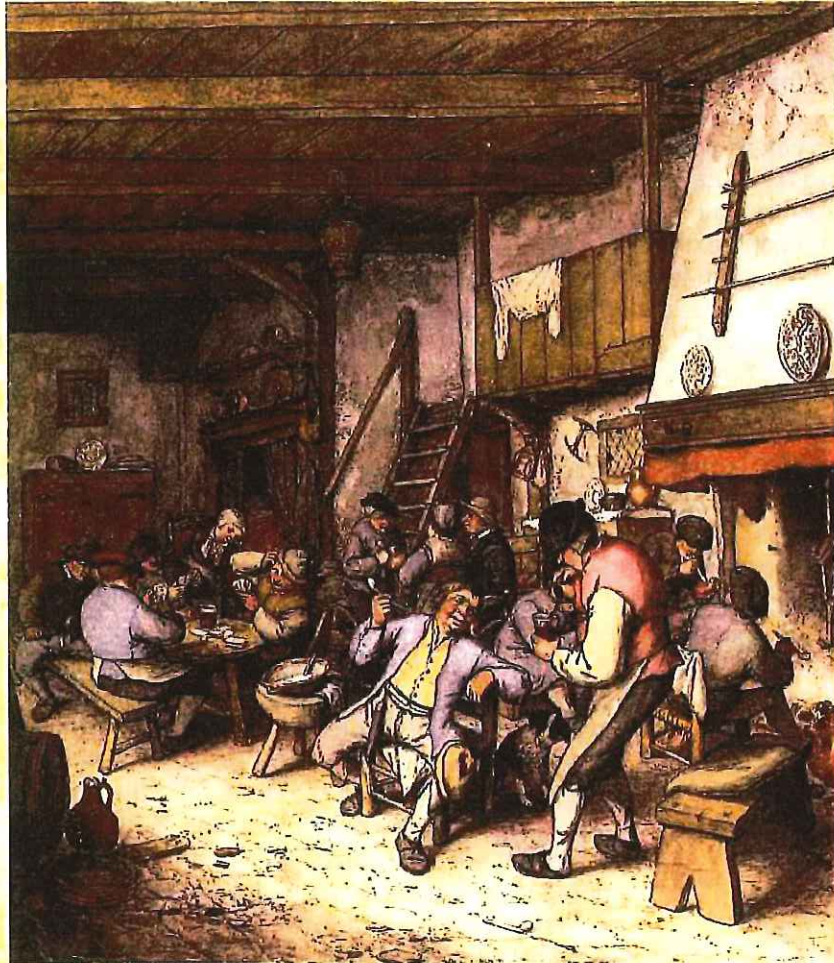
Library in October. He wanted to see the place and the people who had been so helpful to him, as well as where Polak lived and was buried in Coxsackie.

- The Society continues to publish *Greene County History: A Quarterly Journal* containing local history articles, now in its 41st year - over 160 journals to date. Also published is *The Messenger*, a twice a year publication for members with news of The Society.
- Society employees and members have done programs for local schools and community groups in the County, as well as doing programs in both Rensselaer and Albany County in 2016.
- In addition to its regular tours from May through October, the Society also has special program Sundays named **Bronck Family at Home**. In August there is a special night event "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" with a story teller, music, refreshments and a moonlight walk on the grounds. In October the Heritage Craft Fair with music, crafters, and food drew between about 700 attendees to the site and special tours for "A Great Sorrow" a program on funeral services in Dutch colonial times was also well attended. In November about 100 people attended the "Chilly Willy" tour of the cold houses and to hear about preparations for winter and the holiday celebrations of St. Nicolas (Dutch) and St. Lucia (Swedish). A special tour was held for over 100 students from Greenville Central School the week after the regularly scheduled tour.
- The Society's Education Committee presented speakers for several programs during 2016 at the Vedder Research Library reading room. Subjects were: Women in the Military from Greene County from WWII until now; Lighthouses on the Hudson; Civil War Widow Helen Dortch Longstreet who built B-29's in WW II; Shirley Dunn, author of *Fort Crailo and the Van Rennselears*; Robert and Johanna Titus, authors of *Catskills in the Ice Age*.
- International visitors are an important part of our tour visitors. We have visitors from the Netherlands, England, Canada, Japan, Germany, and Chile, among other countries. We are discussing more international tours with Black Heritage Tours from the Netherlands for 2017. Another large component of our visitors come from all over the United States – e.g. from Texas, California, Florida, Colorado, Arizona.

In comparison to last year's report, for 2015, our overall attendance was down slightly due to the extended summer heat, but we have several other things in the works as can be seen in the listing above. We continue to work on a location to put a hay press and on the Duncan Meat Wagon exhibit which we anticipate will be installed hopefully by opening day in late May.



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DUTCH TAVERN SCENE Adriaen van Ostade

2017 marks the 400th anniversary of Pieter Bronck's birth in Jonkoppong, Sweden. Although born in Sweden, he worked as a sailor for Dutch shipping interests. About 1645 with his wife, Hilletje Jans, a Dutch woman, he came to Beverwijck, now Albany. Pieter and Hilletje were licensed to brew and sell beer about 1651.

According to *Beverwijck*, by Janny Venema*, Pieter was first a brewer, with a brewery located at the riverside in Beverwijck between the first and second kills (creeks), south of Broadway where the old U.S. Courthouse stood. On his property he had a block house with a small house at the side, a dwelling house, a horse stable, a hay house, a mill house and a brew house. Pieter's wife probably tended the tavern as well as Pieter. By 1657 there were 9 taverns in Beverwijck.

Taverns were places where people gathered to socialize, do business and seal a deal over a drink. The Dutch had a reputation of heavy drinking when doing a business deal. It was said that the Dutch had several drinking rituals in closing a deal. The courts upheld most of the deals made when drinking, taking exception when one party was drunk and the other was not. Promises of marriage made in taverns were also honored. With the drinking came fights, damaged glasses, broken plates, and furniture. Court was held in taverns as well as auctions. When Pieter and Hilletje owed a substantial amount of money, the Dutch Reformed Church paid them for room and board for an older man who lived in their home to help them.

Our search for an appropriate image to use for the cover of the *2017 Annual Report* brought us to *Dutch Tavern Scene*** . Adriaen van Ostade was born in 1610 and died in 1685 and Pieter Bronck was born in 1617 and died in 1669, making them contemporaries. van Ostade painted tavern scenes, village fairs and country quarters in Holland. He was a contemporary of Adriaen Brouwer, Frans Hals, Jan Steen and Rembrandt. We have no images or descriptions of Pieter's tavern, other than an indication it was part of their living quarters. The *Dutch Tavern Scene* painting gives us an idea of how Pieter's Tavern may have appeared.



* "In 1651, Brant van Slichtenhorst asked that in accordance with the instructions from guardians of the patron, only two taverns be allowed. He withdrew his request however, when in September the court "for the convenience of the public" granted Pieter Bronck's request to have a suitable house erected for tapping purposes. As noted ... Pieter's lot was north of Fort Orange at the riverside east of Broadway. Since the *bijeenwoning* (village) was being constructed north of Fort Orange, the presence of a tavern was more convenient for the people, who would not have to go south of the fort to share a drink." *Beverwijck, Verloren/Hilversum, The Netherlands and State University of New York Press, Albany, Janny Venema 2003*

**Our thanks to Toperfect, Seattle, Washington for their permission to use Adriaen van Ostade's painting *Dutch Tavern Scene* for the cover of this Annual Report.

**Annual Report
Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
2016 Financial and Membership Year
2016-17 Program Year
May 2017**

The 2016-17 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 2016-2017 Trustees of the Greene County Historical Society

Christine Byas	Matt Luvera
Robert D'Agostino	Richard Muggeo
Crane Davis	Dennis O'Grady
David Dorpfeld	Jim Planck
Ann Hallock	Donna Poulin
Robert Hallock	Thomas Satterlee
Rick Hanse	Stephen Senigo
Stefania Jozic	Judee Synakowski
Emily Dorpfeld Kunchala	Joseph Warren

The 2016-2017 Trustees Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.

Natalie Daley	Perry Palmer
J. Theodore Hilscher	Charles Schaefer
Valentine Kriele	Robert Stackman (deceased 12/16)

The 2016-2017 Staff of the Greene County Historical Society

Shelby Mattice	Curator
Jennifer Barnhart	Operations Manager
Linda Hunt	Librarian
Suzanne Thrasher	Museum Associate
Will Seyfferth (employment terminated 9/16)	Caretaker
Brenda Bedell (employment terminated 9/16)	Caretaker

Chairman of the Board of GCHS Trustees

May 6, 2017

The Greene County Historical Society celebrated its 40th annual Tour of Homes on June 4, 2016. It was fitting that Coxsackie was the site for the tour as Coxsackie was the site of the first Tour of Homes in 1976. The Tour was a great success, with the Bronck Museum serving as headquarters and many historic and architecturally significant homes shown.

The Society, true to its mission, initiated the Bronck Family at Home program that highlighted the fun and recreation over the years at the Bronck House. The programs were designed for children, but were enjoyed by people of all ages. All programs, save one, were well attended and educational for the participants. The annual Heritage Craft Fair was held October 2, 2016 and, except for overcast morning weather, was attended by many. The Craft Fair featured artisans, eclectic food, and fun activities for the whole family. Moreover, the Craft Fair, with its setting at the GCHS campus, highlighted the rich surroundings that lends itself to telling local history unmatched by any other medium.

2016 was a year for repairs at the Greene County Historical Society. The interior, south wall of the 1690 house was exposed and repaired and the exterior south side of the 1738 house was repaired. These repairs were done by experts specializing in repair work of old, historic homes. Also, repair work was started on the Catskill Mountain Model House. The age of these edifices certainly lends itself to needing repairs. All repair work is done meticulously and keeping with the period as nearly as possible. The Society generally has fund-drives to meet large repair issues; any donation for a repair project can be earmarked for that project and will only be used as the need arises for a particular fund-drive.

Not only is the Society dedicated to preserving local history, but requests come into the Society to borrow unique items exclusively held by the GCHS. For example, there was a request from the prestigious, world-renowned Metropolitan Museum of Art to borrow items held by the Society – a flattering compliment, to say the least. Financially, the Society continues its mission of preserving its assets and meeting the needs of a vibrant community dedicated to preserving and dispersing the many flavors of local history.

Turning to the new year, 2017 is the 400th birthday of the Society's initial "benefactor" Pieter Bronck. The home, which the Swedish settler and wife constructed, is the oldest extant structure in upstate New York and arguably the 9th oldest structure in New York State.

Joseph Warren, Chairman, Board of Trustees

GCHS President

May 6, 2017

2017 is a busy year for history celebrations – The United States entered WW I one hundred years ago; Women in New York State got the vote one hundred years ago; The Village of Coxsackie was created 150 years ago; New York State was created two hundred forty years ago; and Pieter Bronck, builder of the 1663 Bronck House and founding father of the Bronck Family in America, was born 400 years ago.

Celebrating Pieter's 400th birthday will be done throughout the Museum season, from the May 21st Birthday Party and Association Day to October 21st and the docking of the *Onrust* at Coxsackie . The *Onrust* is a reconstruction of a Dutch ship built on Manhattan Island in 1614 after Captain Adrien Block's ship caught fire and burned. It is as close as we can get to the type of ship Pieter sailed on when he worked for Dutch shipping interests. The Vedder Research Library in combination with the Bronck Museum is working on the first comprehensive Bronck genealogy.

As if the history celebrations were not enough, there is the opening of the Duncan Meat Wagon exhibit in the Bronck Barrack, joining the ice harvesting and ice industry exhibit already there. The Dutch Scripture painting, c 1730, donated by former Society President, the late Reuben Garcia, in memory of his mother, is being restored. The Catskill Mountain House model is being restored this year as well. And last but not least, the Catskill Mountain Railroad Map restoration is complete and will be unveiled later this year.

Even with the birthday celebrations, the Museum and Library will be open on the regular schedule for school tours, visitors and researchers. The Historic Register Committee is now up to 273 approved sites on the Greene County Historic Register. History does live at the Bronck Museum and Vedder Research Library. You can visit, volunteer, or do research there year round.

Without our Trustees, dedicated staff, and volunteers we could not do what we do - school tours, regular tours, the Beecher scholarship, *The Quarterly Journal*, *The Messenger*, long term loans of collection items to the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Columbus Museum of Art, educational programs, community programs, restoration work, work on the buildings and grounds and answering questions about local history.

Encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to join the Society and help us keep history alive.

Robert C. Hallock, President

**Report and Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Greene County Historical Society, Inc.
May 14, 2016**

The Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. was held on Saturday, May 16, 2016 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Catskill, New York, beginning at 9:30 am. A brunch was served by members of St. Luke's following a blessing given by Father Harding of the Church. The program was opened by President Robert Hallock with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thanks were extended to St. Luke's for the use of the Church and their hospitality.

Recognition of Volunteers. All individuals who volunteer for the Society Committees had been asked to come as guests of the Society. A small gift of a garden flag with an image of the Bronck House was presented by Wanda Dorpfeld and Robert Hallock to those volunteers attending in recognition of their service.

Presentation of the Beecher Award. President Hallock indicated that this award is presented to a member of the Board who has made a contribution to the operation of the Society. The award was presented to Thomas Satterlee, who currently serves as the Financial Secretary, responsible for the annual membership campaign; for maintaining the records of Society members; and for handling the mailing of Society publications such as the **Journal**.

Presentation of the "Jessie" Award. President Hallock noted that this award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to saving and presenting the history of Greene County. The award was presented to Debbie Allen, who founded and operated Black Dome Press, which published many books about local history, including several books written by Raymond Beecher, a Trustee Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society.

Program. A power-point program about the history, activities and programs of the Mountain Top Historical Society was presented by Cyndi LaPierre and Robert Guildersleeve.

Business Meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Hallock. A moment of silence was offered for members of the Society (list attached) who had died within the last year.

Introductory Remarks. Chairman of the Board Joseph Warren thanked everyone for coming. He noted the Society's "Windows on History" fund raising activities, but indicated that it is the volunteers' efforts which make History "live" at the site. He thanked Bob and Ann Hallock for their fund raising efforts on the "Windows" campaign.

The Meeting was turned over to President Hallock who indicated that he had recently had a fortune cookie with a "fortune" which applied to the Society as follows: "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see." He directed attention to the Annual Report Book, distributed to all. The cover on the book was compiled by the Vedder Library Librarian Linda Hunt and the Library Committee. President Hallock urged all to read the story behind this cover, since it is an example of the work done at the Library. He also thanked Jennifer Barnhart for her work in designing this cover.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. A copy of these minutes was presented and approved by the Trustees at the Spring 2016 Board meeting and included in the Annual Report. Since these minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Board, no further action is needed.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer David Dorpfeld called the attention of members to the Financial Report. He noted that 70% of the Society's budget is "fixed" for items such as employee salaries and related costs, utilities and insurance. The big special needs of the structures can be met only through special appeals such as the current "Windows on History" appeal. He thanked the contributors who have supported these appeals.

Financial Secretary's Report. Thomas Satterlee noted the high number of departed members this year and the need for new members. He urged members to take membership blanks and recruit new members.

Committee Reports. A report was submitted by each Society Committee and included in the Annual Report. Each of the following committees was introduced and a representative was asked to give short remarks.

Museum Committee. Co-chair Wanda Dorpfeld thanked Museum Curator Shelby Mattice and the Museum volunteers for all their work. She asked members to urge people to come to the Museum.

Library Committee. On behalf of the Committee, Librarian Linda Hunt thanked the volunteers for their work.

Building & Grounds. Chair Bob Hallock noted that the busy mowing season had begun.

Restoration of the Bronck Houses. Chair Bob Hallock noted that the South wall of the 1690 House will be done this month in time for the opening of the Museum on Memorial Day Weekend.

39th Annual Tour of Homes. Jim Planck, Chair of the 39th Tour, indicated that it had been a good tour, but he was glad to see that Terez Limer would be working on the 40th Tour.

40th Annual Tour of Homes. David Dorpfeld, indicated that a committee of interested people has been working hard on the Tour under the leadership of Terez Limer. It will be a good tour. He urged members to attend and to tell others about the Tour.

Publications. Robert D'Agostino, Chair thanked Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart for her work on the **Journal** and introduced and thanked the authors of material presented in the Society's **Journals**.

Education Programs. Chair Judee Synakowski noted that the programs for 2016 are listed in the Annual Report. In addition, arrangements have been made for the 2017 Olga Santora Lecture which will be given by Johanna Titus on the "Centennial of Women's Suffrage."

Historic Register. Harrison Hunt, Chair, thanked the volunteers who serve on the Historic Register Committee. He reported that the Committee needs applications for the Register. He noted that there are "no strings attached" when a structure or site is included on the Register. A Register listing is recognition of a historically interesting site.

Beecher Scholarship. Chair Chris Byas reported that a winner had been selected and will be announced at the time of High School graduations.

Board Development. David Dorpfeld thanked the members of the Board Development Committee for their work. He asked that everyone turn to page 33 in the Annual Report. He reviewed the report as follows:

- Karen Deeter is resigning from the Board. She is planning to move out of the area. David thanked Karen for her work on the Board and noted that she will be missed.
- Emily Kunchala and Barbara Spataro, Trustees in the Class of 2016, wish to return as Trustees in the Class of 2017.
- Jim Planck and Joseph Warren, Trustees in the Class of 2016, wish to return as Trustees in the Class of 2021.
- Crane Davis, Donna Poulin and Stephen Senigo wish to be elected as Trustees in the Class of 2021.

It was moved by Robert D'Agostino and seconded by Jim Planck that the report of the Board Development Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanda Dorpfeld and seconded by Robert D'Agostino that the Secretary cast one vote for the Trustees offered for the Classes of 2017 and 2021. Motion carried.

The President called for any other business. Since none was offered, the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc. was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann B. Hallock, Recording Secretary.

The Report and Minutes were presented to the Executive Committee of the Society at its April Meeting.

Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2016
David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer

From the Treasurer's perspective, 2016 was a good year. It is always a good year when our spending stays within budget. One overall note on the following Statement of Revenue and Expenses: The last column on the right reflects income and expenses that were not budgeted. For instance it is impossible to know in advance how much will be raised through the Capital Funds Drive (Windows on History) or that someone will remember the Society in his or her will. The other three columns from left to right are as follows: Calendar year 2016 budget, actual income and expenditures for 2016, and income and expenses compared to the budget (Over or Under).

On the revenue side income was a bit less than projected, but because expenditures were less than anticipated, we did not have to draw as heavily on our reserves as we planned. The final draw on our end of the year reserves was still less than five percent. Keeping our draw on reserves under five percent has remained our goal for a number of years.

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.

On the expense side, I would like to draw your attention to footnote 8. When the board reviewed and approved the budget for 2016, they agreed to put additional money aside at the end of the year to add to existing fund balances. This was done and as you will note, we did not go over the overall budgeted amount in doing so. Fund balances are reflected at the bottom of page 1 of my report.

As I said last year, 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. You will note that we received over \$18,500 in this fashion in 2016. Thank you to all that contributed.

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 eight 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 12/31/2016

	<u>Budget</u> <u>CY 2016</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>YTD 12/31/16</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/</u> <u>Unbudgeted</u>
REVENUES				
Donations & Grants				
Restricted Grants	4,000	3,571	1 (429)	
Unrestricted Grants	3,847	3,847	2 -	
<i>Total Grants Received</i>	<u>7,847</u>	<u>7,418</u>	<u>(429)</u>	<u>-</u>
Memorial Gifts	500	482	(18)	
Museum Donations	1,000	1,274	274	
Library Donations	1,000	786	(214)	
GCHS Donations		22	22	
Membership	27,000	26,643	(357)	
Beecher Scholarship	500	423	(77)	
<i>Total Donations</i>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>29,630</u>	<u>(370)</u>	<u>-</u>
Programs				
Home Tour	7,500	7,190	(310)	400 3
Library Activities	2,500	1,599	(901)	
Museum Admissions	5,000	4,013	(987)	
Museum Events	2,000	823	(1,177)	
Shop	4,000	2,446	(1,554)	
Publications	250	184	(66)	
<i>Total Programs</i>	<u>21,250</u>	<u>16,255</u>	<u>(4,995)</u>	<u>400</u>
Other Income				
Annual Meeting	500	428	(72)	
Fundraising (Heritage Craft Fair)	2,000	2,342	342	
Interest Income	400	409	9	
Miscellaneous Income	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Unanticipated				
Historic Register				687
Civil War Books				30
Final Civil War Trip				
John Ham Book				620
Windows on History				18,517
Cap Funds Barracks				
Vedder Library Railing				337
<i>Total Other Income</i>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>3,179</u>	<u>(1,221)</u>	<u>20,191</u>
Reserves needed to support budgeted expenditures	142,360	141,129		
	<u>205,857</u>	<u>197,611</u>	<u>(8,246)</u>	<u>20,591</u>

- 1 Greene Co. Leg. For Office Supplies, CIP Grant, Bank of Greene County
- 2 Greene County Legislature
- 3 Additional \$400 realized in 2016 from 2015 Tour
- 4 Additional electric for Caretaker's House
- 5 Property/School taxes for auction barn property
- 6 Replacement Signage, digitalization, Tent rental from Town of Coxsackie Grant
- 7 Offset by \$821 from County Historian's Budget
- 8 Funds carried forward: Collection Enhancement and Acquisition \$2,000 (Museum Restoration Account); Exhibits and Education \$4,750 (13 sided barn \$3,500/Mountain House Model \$1,250)

Publication Fund	7,106	Digitalization	4,025
Capital Funds - Bronck Barrack	17,671	VRL Railing	(310)
13-Sided Barn Signage Account	5,165	Museum Restoration Account	2,553
Meat Wagon Exhibit	649	VRL Collections/Restoration Acct	(879)
Interactive Materials Grant	344	Windows on History	19,012
Benches for Museum Grant	1,200	Civil War Flag Restoration	2,181
Mountain House Model	2,250	Van Loon House	9,524

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For the period ending 12/31/2016

EXPENSES	Budget CY 2016	Actual YTD 12/31/16	Over/ (Under)	Unanticipated/ Unbudgeted
Maintenance				
Library	2,000	1,543	(457)	
Museum	8,000	5,408	(2,592)	
Staff Residence	1,000	1,299	299	
Total Maintenance	<u>11,000</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>(2,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
Utilities				
Electric	3,500	5,172	4 1,672	
Fuel Oil/Burner Service	7,500	4,607	(2,893)	
Phones	1,000	1,236	236	
Other			-	
Total Utilities	<u>12,000</u>	<u>11,015</u>	<u>(985)</u>	<u>-</u>
Wages				
Caretakers	4,800	4,428	(372)	
Curatorial	44,187	44,187	-	
Curatorial Assistance	3,900	4,039	139	
Librarian	18,180	18,180	-	
Operations Manager	31,310	31,310	-	
Total Wages	<u>102,377</u>	<u>102,144</u>	<u>(233)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg./Volunteer Recognition	1,500	1,769	269	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	1,000	-	
Collection Enhancement/Acquisition	4,000	2,902	(1,098)	
Computer	1,000	1,426	426	
Contingencies - General	2,500	2,223	5 (277)	
Contingencies - Museum	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Contracted Services (Copier)	1,630	1,613	(17)	
Dues/Subscriptions	600	325	(275)	
Exhibits and Education	5,000	224	(4,776)	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	3,200	1,820	(1,380)	1,753 6
Furniture & Fixtures	3,250	-	(3,250)	
Home Tour	800	864	64	
Insurance	21,000	21,367	367	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200	-	(200)	
Miscellaneous	100	99	(1)	
Office Supplies	1,000	2,754	7 1,754	
Payroll Service	2,200	2,082	(118)	
Postage	3,000	1,441	(1,559)	
Promotion and Outreach	4,500	5,385	885	
Purchases for Museum Shop	2,000	1,137	(863)	
Publications/Printing	3,500	3,394	(106)	
Security System	1,500	1,965	465	
Charges - Credit Card	500	1,041	541	
990 Preparation	1,500	1,995	495	
Health Insurance	2,000	2,841	841	
Payroll Expenses	11,000	9,423	(1,577)	
Sales Tax	500	362	(138)	
Capital Construction - Bronck House				20,124
Capital Construction - Bronck Barracks				
Barrack Exhibit				383
Historic Register books purchase				
Funds carried forward for future use		6,750	8	
Total Other Expenses	<u>80,480</u>	<u>76,202</u>	<u>(4,278)</u>	<u>21,877</u>
Total Expenses	<u>205,857</u>	<u>197,611</u>	<u>(8,246)</u>	<u>21,877</u>

Membership Report
Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary

For January 1 - December 31, 2016, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$23,344
Donations	
Vedder Library	\$340
Bronck Museum	\$35
Beecher Scholarship	\$215
Windows on History	\$160
Other	\$40
Total Dues & Donations	\$24,134

\$13,239 of this amount relates to dues and donations for 2017. \$24,734 was collected for the 2016 dues year in 2015 and 2016. Membership for 2016 was down slightly from 449 to 429. At least 21 members passed away in 2016 and there were 40 new members. Dues payments were up slightly from 2015 from \$23,082 to \$23,399. Some additional monies were collected by PayPal 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 2016 were as follows:

Senior	80
Individual	111
Dual/Family	103
Supporter	38
Patron	37
Benefactor	11
Silver Benefactor	1
Gold Benefactor	3
Library Institutions	11
Honorary	9
Business Basic	5
Business Friend	5
Business Supporter	9
Trustee Emeriti	6
Total Membership	429

The current membership drive, as of April 6, 2017 has resulted in responses as follows:

Dues	\$18,358	Senior	75
		Individual	83
		Dual/Family	77
Donations		Supporter	25
Vedder Library	\$240	Patron	34
Bronck Museum	\$45	Benefactor	7
Capital Fund	\$470	Silver Benefactor	0
Beecher Scholarship	\$125	Gold Benefactor	3
		Library Institutions	9
		Honorary	9
		Trustee Emeritus	6
Total Dues & Donations	\$19,238	Business Basic	7
		Business Friend	2
		Business Supporter	9
		Total Membership	346

**Membership Report
Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary
Greene County Historical Society
2016 Membership**

Business Supporter

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

Business Friend

Black Horse Farms, Inc
Coxsackie Antique Center
Max S: Wood Equipment, LLC
North River Research
Washington Irving Inn

Business Basic

Deer Watch Inn Bed & Breakfast
Greene County IDA
Kingsley W. Greene Furniture Restoration
Ostertag Land Surveying P.c.
RDN Pool Supply LLC

Gold Benefactor

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Beach
Phoebe P. Bender
Magda Mininberg
Round Top Electric

Silver Benefactor

Robert C. & Ann B. Hallock

Benefactor

National Bank of Coxsackie
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Boehlke
Ann Clapper
Janet & Aiden Kaplan
Emily & Suraj Kunchala
Veronika & Wayne Marquoit
Lisa Fox Martin
Donald & Eleanor Moon
Mr. & Mrs. Hans Neugebauer
Charles Schaefer
Martin & Robin Smith
State Telephone Co.
Joseph M. Warren

Patron

Jean & Clesson Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Byas
Stephen & Donna Bauer Casey
Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Cloke
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. D'Agostino
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Day
Karen Deeter
Robert & Francine Matalon-Degni
David & Wanda Dorpfeld
Shirley & Gerald Dunn
Kathleen Durham
Christina Plattner Evola
Mr. & Mrs. Dan E. Fenn Jr
Tom & Linda Gentalen
Theron & Lisa Gunderman
Patricia Harvey
Harrison & Linda Hunt
Hon. & Mrs. Daniel K. Lalor
Jo Anne Makely
Dennis & Ruth Martin
Drs. Robert & Margaret Meyer
Nicholas & Mary Lou C. Nahas
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis O'Grady
Lynda Pisano
Hugh & Margaret Quigley
Barbara Smith Rivette
Roger V.V. & June M. Rouse
Kathy Russell
Thomas & Joan Satterlee
Mr. & Mrs. Donald K. Smith
Steven E. Sossei
Harry & Marie A. Sturges
Barbara T. Tolley
John C. Van Valkenburg
Anita Walther
Oskar & Gerry Weidel
Craig & Donna Wexler

Supporter

Karen Rothmyer & Bernard Rivers
Joseph & Irene Bertone
Brent Bogardus
Richard C. Bopp
Robert Brandow
Mary & Sai Carcaterra
Robert & Joan Carl
Robert & Marilyn Carl
Charles & Nancy Cary
Diane Ciccone
Dr. & Mrs. Edward D. Coates
William Conine
Harold & Tracie Cornine
Betty Cure
Crane Davis
Alyce Donovan
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Dunn,
Dianne Gade
Margot J. Hamill
Rick & Kathy Hanse
Karen Hopkins
Nancy L. Hughes
Douglas H. Humm
Thomas Illari
Valentine Kriele III
George V. Lampman
Cmdr. Charles R. Lampman USN (Ret)
Paul & Cyndi Lapiere
Steven A Mann
Michael H. Rausch
Deborah Allen & Robert Hock
Harry C. Sacco
G. Harvey & Nadene J Seymon-Barrett
Sarah Jane Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Warren
Chester & Jennifer Warren
Mrs. Barbara Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Williams

Dual/Family

Anonymous (6)

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Ablett

Peggy & Keith Ahwesh

Beth & Timothy Albright Sr.

John Cannon & Alta Turner

Marcia Anderson

Dorothea Backlund

Mr & Mrs. Daniel Beachler

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Bedell

Thomas Bonville

Jeffrey & Switlana Breigle

Richard & Alice Bronk

Harold R. Bronk

Judy Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Burke

Joseph & Diane Capobianco

Sidney & Marcia S. Castle

Paul & Mary Jo Cords

Lee & Eleanor Coyle

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphino C. Delucia

Linda Deubert

Victoria & Paul Dichian

Diann Terns-Thorpe & Ed Thorpe

Mr. & Mrs. John Eldred

John & Christine Flaherty

Theodore Flegel

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Fuller

Ronald & Arlene Gabriele

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Garvar

John & Kathy Gaspar

Brenda Gerry

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Haas

Mr. & Mrs. Henry I. Hamilton

Michael & Sharon Hendricks

Ted & Nancy Hilscher

Arthur & Adrienne Hochberg

Charles & Roseanne Hudson

Ellen M Jakovic & Family

David & Patrice Jenkins

Doris Jenkins

Bernard & Carol Jones

Susan & Wayne Jones

Mr. & Mrs. William Kapusta

Barbara A. Katt

Dr. & Mrs. Michael A. Krane

John & Kathleen Leggiero

James T. & Diane Lewis

Terez & Will Limer

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Mabey

Patricia & Thomas McManus

Herbert & Julia Moore

Richard & Carole Muggeo

Elizabeth & John Nickles

Msgt Raymond Johnson Jr. &

Norma Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Ostrander

Mr. & Mrs. Tomkat Palmatier

Mary Ann & Anthony Patsky

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Andrew D. Peloubet

Barbara & Joseph Persichilli

Mr. & Mrs. Christian Pfister

Donald & Carol Plank

Dan Purcara & Laura Stewart

Henry & Marilyn Rausch

Drs. Robert & Karen Rhodes

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roberg

Mr. & Mrs. David Rogers

Ralph & Edna Rominger

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ross

Judith & David S. Rundell

Richard & Beverly Schloss

Larry & Kathy Schongar

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schwebler

Jean D. Sharenow

Mr. & Mrs. Henry G. Shoddy III

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Slutzky

Clarence & Pearl Smith

Irving F. Smith

Richard & Barbara Spataro

Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Spees

Gerald Stoner

Judee & Leo Synakowski

Donald & Debra Teator

Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Teich

Robert & Johanna Titus

Larry J. Tompkins

Malcom & Brooke Travelstead

Caroline Van Zandt

Bonny L. VanVechten

Mr. & Mrs. Peter VanVechten

Willis & Jennette Vermilyea

Maureen & John VerPlanck

Dual/Family (continued)

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick T. Walsh
Miss Wendy & Mr. Floyd Ward
Theresa McGee Ward
Miss Wendy Ward
Mr. & Mrs. Brent D. Wheat
Frederick P. & Patricia Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. William Wootton

Individual

Anonymous (6)
Timothy Albright Jr.
Lynn E. Alitz
Walter S. Becker
Gertrude Beecher
Adrienne Bennett
Donald Berkhofer
Gregg Berninger
Daniel W. Bigler
Loretta M. Casscies
Arnold H. Chadderdon
Lynn Vanderzee Christie
Winfred J. Clark
Daniel E. Clifton
Raymond Cross Jr.
Natalie E. Daley
Regina C. Davis
John Duda
Paul E. Eckler
Josephine D. Edwards
Gene Eiklor
Persis T. Elwood
Jane E. Erickson
Mrs. Leigh R. Falkey
Mary Farinelli
Diane Fausel
Marion Covey Fazzino
Gregory Feliz
Priscilla Fieldhouse
Beverly K. Forsythe
Jane E. Freese
David Fried
Kathryn George
Robert R. Goller
Paul W. Gromadzki
Jacqueline A. Gugliara
Richard E. Haines

Mary M. Hallenbeck
Larry M. Hallock
Rachel Hallock
Peter Hallock
Robert Handel
Carolyn Hansen
Mrs. Irene A. Hazelton
Helen C. Hendersen
Frances M. Hepperle
Kenneth A. Holdridge
John E. Hubbard
Stephanie Ingalls
Delia Israelian
Jay Harold Jakovic
Tracy Karlin
Judith A. Knoll
Wallace J. Knox
Claudia LaBuda
Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Larsen
Millicent A. Lecount
Mrs. Terence Lein
Ken & Kathy Link
Naomi R. Lloyd-Pappas
John Aust Losee
Barbara E.R. Lucas
Matthew Luvera
Sylvia Story Magin
Linda Marks
Loretta J. Martin
Shelby Mattice
Eric Maurer
Shirley R. McGrath
Peter McLaren
Kathleen Meehan
Kevin Murray
Helen C. Nelson
Lorraine O'Dell
Lorraine O'Dell
Theodore S. Overbagh
Donald R. Overbaugh
Charlotte F. Pine
Joan Popovic
Kenneth L. Porter, Jr.
Gethen L. Proper
Christine L. Reynolds
Joseph C. Rhea
Samerna Rion

Individual (continued)

Phyllis L. Ruzzi
Eugene Salvino
Rev. Phyllis Skidmore
Eldon Slocum
Jane Snyder
Catherine Sossei
Gwen Spicer
Charles J. Sutter Jr.
Jeanne Ternullo
Suzanne Thrasher
Wanda A. Traver
Jean Tremmel
Rev. Francis Turpin
Robert J. Uzzilla
Barbara Valicenti
Sarah Van Vianen
Geraldine Van Vechten
May Lyn Wake
Beverly W. Walker
Genevieve Weissman
Stanley R. Whitbeck
Edna Marie Zelasko
Benjamin Zitomer

Senior

Anonymous
Nora Adelman
Charles Adsit
Janet Angelis
Barbara B. Bartley
Mary Basagic
Joseph Battaglino
Janet Wynkoop Bazzini
Patricia A. Bilek
Marilyn J. Bilpuh
William A. Bronk
Martha F. Bush
Joesph Caro
Gloria Carpenter
Margaret Chaloner
Regina W. Daly
Denise Daly
John S. Decker
Joseph C. Eighmey
Clifford S. Evans
Lois Feldbin

Stephanie Ferrill
Karla Flegel
Maureen & Ed Forrester
Sister Mary Rose Fox, CS~
Sheila B. Gilfeather
Clifford L. Gross Jr.
Jean Daley Gwynn
Thomas Hallenbeck
Steven A. Hauck
Mary Heisinger
Anita K. Hermesdorf
Mary J. Hesley
Jean H. Horn
Lee Irwin
Claudia Lane
Katherine A. Lasher
Louise LeBrun
Linda C. Livanos
Jane E. Longstaff
Patricia H. Maxwell
Donald R. McDonald
Beverly Blenis McKeone
Richard J. Meyer
Janet Nelson
Janet Nicholls
Judy Palmer
Gayle Palmer
Jonathan Palmer
William H. Payne
Carol A. Pitsas
Bettyjean S. Poole
Mrs. Peggy Prostler
Michele B. Pulver
Nancy R. Purchase
Margaret Scarlata
Rita M. Ostling Schneider
Ms. Patricia M. Scott
Alvin Sheffer
Diane Smarro
Sandra Smith
Gordon Stanton
Linda Stanton
Charlene Stevens
Margaret Story
Sally J. Swantz
Richard M. Talay
Carol K. Thorpe

Senior (continued)

Nancy Ursprung
Linda VanVechten
Carol W. Wallace
Anna Ruth Way
Elaine Garrison Webb
Elizabeth Weidel
Jean Thomas Welsh
Lois D. Whealey
Donald H. Whitbeck
Jean Williams
Joan W Young
Carolyn Yusko
Gary A. Ziegler

Library Institution

Allen County Public Library
Bethlehem Public Library
Catskill Public Library
Columbia-Greene Community College
Greenville Public Library
Heermance Memorial Library
Hudson Area Association Library
NY State Library
NYSHA Library/Serials
Palenville Branch Library
RCS Community Library
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Honorary

Delaware County Historical Society
Dutch Settlers Society
Eliza B. Miller
Gilboa Historical Society
Library of Congress
NYSHA Library/Serials
On-Ti-Ora Chapter NSDAR
Schoharie County Historical Society
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Natalie E. Daley

2016-2017 Committee Reports

BRONCK MUSEUM

Wanda Dorpfeld and Ann Hallock, Co-Chairs

The 2016 Season opened on May 28 with the restored West Wing (1690) ready for Visitors. In order to get the restoration work done after the temperature had risen, it was necessary to cancel Association Day when the signing of the Coxsackie Articles of Association is celebrated. This has traditionally been a "free day" and attracted many visitors. The hot, humid summer weather and the grey, cloudy weather on the day of the Heritage Craft Fair also reduced attendance at this "free day." The attendance at the Bronck Family at Home events was also reduced with members reporting that it was too hot to come to the Museum.

All promotion of Museum activities from previous years was continued. Local newspaper coverage, despite the Museum's timely submission of articles, was poorer than in the past. There were some comprehensive articles about the programs presented after the events had been held. The Museum Committee expanded the brochure distribution to the east of the Hudson River, resulting in more people from those areas signing the guest book.

Each year Curator Shelby Mattice produces a year-end report which compares the current year with five previous years. Unfortunately, only 1723 people visited the Museum in 2016, the worst attendance in 6 years. Museum Income from all sources was \$7,087.13, also the lowest in 6 years. The Museum does not collect addresses for all attending, but the Museum continues to be a destination for people from out-of state and out-of-country. Passes recognized included NARM (North American Reciprocal Museums), and the local Libraries in Coxsackie, Bethlehem and Hudson Areas.

Group Tours were as follows:

- 2016 Home Tour. 91 Participants--June 4.
- Warwick Road Scholars--September 20, Warwick Center will not come to the Museum next year. Road Scholar policy requires that programs cannot be repeated annually for more than 5 years. They hope to be able to return in 2018, since their Dutch--Hudson Valley tour is popular.
- East Greenbush Historical Society--October 15
- Bethlehem Historical Society--October 21

Representatives of the Black Heritage American Tour Group visited the site in the Fall. It is hoped that they will schedule tours with us in the 2017 Tour Season.

School Tours. The following schools visited the Museum: E.J. Arthur (Athens) 4th Grade, Coxsackie Elementary, 4th Grade, Catskill 6th Grade ("Greater Sense of Place") and Greenville Central School, 4th Grade. New curriculum developed for these tours included "Buying Beans" which used the County Store and a student version of the Chilly Willy Tour.

Special Events in 2016. One of the important components of several Bronck Museum Programs is the musical entertainment and supporting items such as the costumes for guides and presenters and the wagon rides. It would not be possible to offer these without the support of the County Initiatives Program (CIP) Grants, administered by the Greene County Council on Arts, Kay Stammer, Director.

Events were as follows:

The Bronck Family at Home Programs–Amusements included three events as follows:

- "Great Games" on June 19 featured games that were enjoyed by colonial Americans.
- "Parlor Prose" on July 17 included three historic tales from the area.
- "Doubleday Doings" on September 18 focused on early baseball in Greene County.

"By the Light of the Silvery Moon", a Museum tradition on August 20 offered period refreshments and musical entertainment on the grounds.

The Heritage Craft Fair on October 2.. This is a "free admission day" but donations are solicited. Refreshments are available free of charge, but food is offered at a charge. Crafters and other vendors give the Museum 10% of their sales up to \$25. The Silent auction continues to be a popular fund raiser, thanks to Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart. The income generated this year was lower than in previous years due to the lower attendance.

Of Great Sorrow. This program on October 29 presents an early American funeral followed by a walk to Bronck Burying Grounds. A funeral biscuit, an early American tradition, is presented to each participant.

Chilly Willy Tours. The traditional tour was given in six sessions on November 12 and 13. Based on a request from the Greenville Central School, a special Chilly Willy tour was developed for 4th grade students and given on November 15 and 16.. They rotated among the heated spaces of the Visitors Center and Education Center and the non-heated space in the House.

Museum Shops. The Bronck Museum Gift Shop, located in the Victorian Horse Barn sells site related items and craft and food items from the Museum Craft Fair crafters. This shop is managed by Operations Manager, Jennifer Barnhart. The Bronck Museum Shop is located in the grassy area past the Visitors Center. This Shop which is opened for the Heritage Craft Fair, offers slightly used items donated by members and friends of the Society. This shop is managed by Chris Byas. Revenue from both shops help to support the Bronck Museum.

Off-Site Presentations. Such presentation were given to the following groups:

- Women's History–Victorian Period by Shelby Mattice on May 23 to the Catskill Mountain Quilters Guild.
- The Van Bergen Overmantle by Wanda Dorpfeld at the Ravena Coeymans Historical Society on September 11.
- The Chocolate Program by Shelby Mattice on October 22 for the Lexington Historical Society.
- "Winter Life" by Shelby Mattice on November 11 for the Bethlehem Historical Association.
- "Tulip Mania" by Shelby Mattice at the Town and Country Women's Network on Feb. 2.
- "Tulip Mania" by Shelby Mattice at the Stepentown Historical Society on February 5.
- "Dutch Foodways" for students and teachers at the 4th Grade, Cocksackie Elementary School on Feb. 16. This is the first time in 3 years that this program has been given due to the curriculum demands of the school.
- "Your Local History" by Bob Hallock for the Cocksackie Seniors on March 13 and for Athens Seniors on April 17.
- Wanda Dorpfeld used "The Van Bergen Overmantle" program developed several years, for 5th and 6th grade girls at an event sponsored by the Teachers Honor Society at Columbia Greene Community College.

The Museum Committee doubled its Community Outreach, reaching 156 persons in 2015 and 316 in 2016.

Off-site programs were seen originally as a way to increase the visibility of the Museum and provide more revenue. A brochure with rates was developed. Over the past year, it has been found that the current rate does not cover expenses and mileage. Also many organizations requesting programs offered an all inclusive rate which exceeded the Museum's rate schedule. The current brochure is being rewritten with new rates.

Exhibits.

Duncan Meat Wagon. The wagon, which is currently in the 13-sided barn, is being moved into an exhibit space next to the Education Center. The space will have walls depicting streets in Athens with the wagon and a cut-out of Mr. Duncan standing in the middle. Information about Mr. Duncan and his delivery of meat in Athens will be mounted on the railing across the front of the exhibit, which will also include several interactive sections on "Thank you ma'ams" and tripe. Thanks to the Athens Bi-centennial Committee, Lynn J. Brunner, Chair for allowing the copying of the street scenes and to Robert Uzzilia, Cairo, who provided the glass negative of Mr. Duncan selling meat in Athens. It is hoped that the exhibit will be ready when the Museum opens.

Bronck's Bees. Richard Muggeo has kept bees at the Museum for 2 years. A plastic hive in a bee exhibit in the Dutch Barn allows visitors to see the bees at work in an exhibit space area with signage about bees and their work. Another hive is placed in the area west of the Library. This year, the first Bronck Honey was harvested from that hive. History Lives!

Pokemen Visit. Last summer, the Museum was one of those historic sites where pokemen were placed. Museum staff were unaware of the placement until two young visitors made the discovery from the public highway, running through the Museum grounds.

The Collection. During the past year, the Museum has received items for the collection from the following people: Jean and Clesson Bush, Patricia Spath, Mary Jane Sotanski, Yvonne Mabey, Philip Boscherini, Shelby Mattice and Annette LaValle

Items on Loan. The Society has 10 items which are on permanent loan to the Thomas Cole National Historic Site. When any of these items are loaned to other Museums, the Society must approve the loan. From November 18, 2016 to February 12, 2017 Thomas Cole's sketch box was on loan to the Columbus Museum of Art. The sketch box and Thomas Cole's hat with carrying case will be loaned to the Metropolitan Museum for the exhibit, "Thomas Cole's Journey: Atlantic Crossings" from January 29 through May 13, 2018. The sketch box will go on to London for an exhibit to be held from June 13 through October 7, 2018.

"Windows on History". Since the construction of the oldest part of the Museum in 1663, the site has seen much history. Based on this idea, the name for this campaign was developed to help the Society raise the money necessary for capital improvements in the Bronck Houses. Much has been accomplished, especially the work on the foundation and walls of the West Wing (1690) and the 1738 House. This Spring, the final new shutters will be painted and hung. The project will be completed. Thank you to the Society Members, Trustees and Volunteers who have made all of this possible through your contributions to the campaign.

Coming up in the 2017 Museum Season. The 2017 season will focus on the 400th birthday of Pieter Bronck. Events reflecting two aspects of Pieter's life will be held during the season.

- **"Pieter's Brew"**. Pieter, with his wife Hillejtje Jans owned and operated a tavern in Beverwyck (modern day Albany) and brewed beer. The cover of this report pictures a typical Dutch tavern. To further present this aspect of Pieter's life, Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart has arranged for Crossroads Brewing to produce "Pieter's Brew", which will be a wheat-based beer. Several events have been scheduled involving this beer, including several fund-raisers.
- **Bronck Genealogy.** Eight generations of the Bronck family lived at the Bronck Museum. There is a good chart showing those descendants who inherited the house, but the genealogy records of the family are far from complete and existing information has not been organized. MaryAnn Patsky, a Library volunteer, who has done the genealogy for her husband, Anthony, a Bronck descendant, has been working on this project with help from Curator Shelby Mattice. Currently, they are on the third generation, but Pieter's son, Jan had 9 children with 8 of those having children of their own. MaryAnn and Shelby have gone to the Albany Institute of History and Art and the State Museum as part of their search. A fund raising campaign to finance work with the genealogy is being developed. It is envisioned that more accurate and useable Bronck genealogy information will be the lasting gift of Pieter's 400th Birthday.

Conservation of Collection Items. Conservation of items in the Museum's collection is an important component of the operation of the Society. Necessary to the conservation are finding people with the expertise needed for early, specialized items at an affordable cost within a reasonable travel area. Recognizing the potential costs, the Museum Committee has requested that some money be allocated for conservation each year so that sufficient money will be available to undertake big, expensive projects. This year the Museum Committee is in the process of two conservation projects as follows:

- **The Model of the Mountain House.** As a result of time and several moves, the model, built by Robert Saxe of Palenville is in need of repairs of windows and window frames; replacement of unattached gutters; cleaning and installation of new cross pieces in the foundation to enable easier moving. This Spring Ron Stetkewicz has begun the needed work on the model.
- **The Dutch Scripture Painting.** This painting which was given to the Society by Reuben Garcia in memory of his mother, Maria Garcia, is one of less than 40 original Dutch Scripture Paintings in existence. In March 2017, the painting was assessed by Joyce Zucker who has extensive experience in studying the thin pigment used in these paintings. The assessment has provided information about the painting and recommendations for conservation. It is hoped that the painting can be conserved during the off-season from October 2017 to May 2018.

Volunteers. Twenty-six volunteers gave 565 hours to the Museum in the past year. Without their contribution, the Museum could not achieve our motto "History Lives". Thanks to all the volunteers.

VEDDER RESEARCH LIBRARY
Barbara Spataro, Chair

In the past year:

- A \$5.00 entrance fee to the Library was approved by Trustees and enacted beginning January 2017. GCHS members and students are exempt, as are researchers visiting for the sole purpose of accessing Greene County Surrogate Court records.
- The 1882 Catskill Mountain Railroad Elevation Map was evaluated for restoration at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, MA. Cleaning, restoration, and digital imaging have been completed, funded in part by a grant from Fenimore Asset Management. It will be exhibited at a special event in 2017.
- A User's Guide providing an orientation for first time researchers to the Vedder's collection has been created by volunteer, MaryAnn Patsky. It describes in detail the type and chronological range of records, as well as how to use the catalogs to locate desired topic, divided into three main categories, people, places, and subjects.
- Jonathan Palmer, a University at Albany Graduate student in Archives, created finding aids for 25 major collections in the Library, using Document Archival Content Standard (DACS) fields, as part of his internship at the Vedder. These can be seen on the website at vedderlibrary.org.
- In October 2016, Czech author, Adam Hradilek, presented a program at the VRL about the late Dr. Frantisek Polak, a former Coxsackie resident buried in Riverside Cemetery. Mr Hradilek had previously consulted Library staff and volunteers while working on his book concerning Dr. Polak.
- The Vedder has subscribed to *Ancestry* including national, international, military and selected newspapers access.
- Coxsackie-Athens high school student, Frank Fandozzi, has been researching Greene County history concerning World War I, since last September.
- A new and improved copier replaced the older machine in February 2017.

Projects continuing in 2017:

- A gallery of photographs in the main room, of individuals who have been influential in the Historical Society and Vedder Library, is in progress. Librarian Linda Hunt has located photos and Committee members have chosen the most appropriate. These will be scanned in black and white to same size and mounted in matching frames.
- Committee members continue to organize a "Best of" program to be held in the Library on Thursdays, when one or two of recorded education programs could be shown to the public once a month. Details regarding equipment and staffing are currently being ironed out.

A few (among quite a number of) interesting and welcome donations to the collection:

- A collection of scrapbooks, notebooks and folders concerning the Garden Club of Catskill
- An 1856 map of Greene County
- 6 DVDs of the long version of "They Answered the Call" November 2010
- Ephemera concerning the 40th reunion of the Class of 1932, Coxsackie High School
- The book Two Lives, Many Dances inscribed by author Francesca Garcia Pratten

Visitors from Near and Far:

The Vedder Research Library sign-in book shows that in 2016, 87 visitors from Greene County stopped by, another 72 came from elsewhere in New York State, 45 arrived from other US states, and one visitor traveled here from another country.

Our hard-working volunteers:

Stephanie Altomer, Clesson Bush, Jean Bush, Kathleen Durham, Karla Flegel (deceased Feb. 2017), Kathleen Hintz, Harrison Hunt, Evelyn Lein, Shirley McGrath, Jonathan Palmer, Mary Ann Patsky, Judith Rundell, Joan Satterlee, Tom Satterlee, Stephen Schwebler, Stanley Whitbeck

Without these loyal volunteers, the Vedder could not operate at the level it does, would not function at all. Many, many thanks!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Robert C. Hallock, Acting Chair

In July 2016, the Committee agreed to seek proposals for a heating and cooling service contract for the Vedder Research Library building. Proposals were sought from 5 companies. After reviewing the proposals, Kool Temp was chosen for regular maintenance, replacement of air filters and changing belts as needed. The contract would be renewable in 3 years.

Discussion had been held with CIA Alarm System about replacing the original Scott Alarm equipment in the Visitor's center with new equipment. After a few proposals, it was decided to replace the existing equipment with new and have an app installed on a tablet for the Curator and Operations Manager to use to turn the alarm system off and on. The final cost for this option was lower than the earlier versions. The system has been installed and is working well.

Prices were sought for a new zero turn mower for the 16+ acres GCHS campus complex. Prices for a commercial mower ranged from \$7,300 to \$10,000. Those plans were set aside when it became necessary to terminate the Caretakers in August. It was decided to review the cost of hiring a lawn service for mowing rather than having a caretaker do it, plus buy a new mower and have the expenses for gas, repairs and service. Without the lawn mowing, the caretaker's job could revert to housing in return for cleaning, light maintenance, security and assisting the Curator with exhibits and events. When the caretakers received a 2 month notice, it was decided to hire a lawn service to mow for the remainder of the 2016 season—September and October. Jason Irwin was engaged for the mowing and leaf renewal. When the cost of this service was considered versus the cost of maintaining a mower with the related costs and paying the Caretaker for the lawn mowing, it is cost effective to use the service. In addition, the service used multiple mowers so all of the lawn work is done at one time and not spread over days.

The Caretakers failed to leave and were legally evicted in late November. The furnace was cleaned and started. Plans were made for some renovations over the winter.

In mid-January, it was discovered that a pipe had frozen in the second floor bathroom. The water had flooded the carpeting in the upstairs hall and rooms, cascaded through the ceiling into the kitchen, damaging the appliances, kitchen cabinets, kitchen flooring, carpeting in the living and dining room and wicking up the wallboards in the kitchen, dining room and bathroom. ServPro of Catskill was called for mitigation work (clean up) and responded immediately. Our

insurance company, Chubb Group, was notified and the Insurance paid the bill for the cleanup which included shut-off of the water in the house; vacuuming of all water; and removal of carpeting, baseboards, wall board, appliances and sundry furniture left by the caretakers. The insurance adjuster agreed that this work was necessary and also recommended changes to bring the electric service and outlets up to current code. The Society received a check for about \$39,000 after our \$5,000 deductible. ServPro is now beginning the restoration work in the House.

Prices were sought for a new furnace, adding a second heating zone for the second floor. Five companies were asked and three submitted bids. Huber Enterprises of Catskill was the low bidder and has installed a new furnace. This must come from Society funds since it could not be established that the failure of the old furnace had caused the pipes to fail.

The Caretaker's House has not been on the current security system so smoke, heat and water detectors will be added also at the expense of the Society. It is believed that this is necessary since the Caretaker's House is so close to the West Wing of the Bronck House and to the Visitors Center.

Jason O'Donnell a former caretaker, has been coming in one day a week to help clean the Library, assist the Curator in some tasks; and remove snow for the Library and Museum. Jason Irwin was contacted to remove snow from the driveway and parking lot after the two large snowstorms in February and March. President Robert Hallock, Treasurer David Dorpfeld and Library Volunteer Clesson Bush have removed snow as needed on the Library path.

Requests for proposals were sent out to several lawn mowing operations in the area. Several did not respond. The bid from Jason Irwin was accepted and he will do the mowing of the grounds this summer. His bid was within the budget and allows some leeway for extra mowing, if needed. We will ask for bids again for 2018.

Further work around the caretakers house is needed. A new bilko door for the cellar entry is needed; the artesian well is overflowing and a drainage ditch has to be constructed to get the water away from the house; and the water treatment system has to be evaluated, serviced or replaced.

In addition, plans have to be made to seek proposals for a new air conditioning system for the Visitor's Center; several building's siding and window trim have to be painted; the parking lot needs to be striped for the season; a new rail fence must be installed to replace the wooden panel fence at the 13-sided barn; and minor repairs and maintenance work are needed.

The flooding of the Caretaker's House and the subsequent removal of the wall board revealed several interesting facts about the house. The walls are solid brick except for the south wall which was rebuilt over 25 years ago. This means that the wall board was directly attached to the brick with no insulation. In the current work, special insulation for all brick walls will be applied before the wall board is attached.

Tom Satterlee has taken pictures of the damage and the original interior walls for Society files.

AD HOC BRONCK HOUSES RESTORATION

Robert C. Hallock, Chair

The hyphen hallway roof between the 1663 and 1738 houses was set with scaffolding and planking to access the south wall of the 1738 house. Spalled bricks were removed and new bricks, from the supply ordered for the 2015 work on the north 1738 house wall, were set as needed. Tuckpointing of the bricks was done with the same mortar mix as the north wall. After curing and cleaning the cap on the south wall had cracks sealed and then the whole cap was sealed with a clear Siloxane base sealer. The final cost from the contractor, Renaissance Restorations, was \$9,765, \$525 over the estimated cost. The increase was due to more brickwork replacement than estimated.

Jim Parmiter built two more sets of shutters for the west wall of the 1738 house. They were to be painted over the winter by Ray Hamlin, but medical problems prevented this and Jason O'Donnell has agreed to paint the shutters so they can be installed this Spring. New sills have been installed in the basement windows of the west side of the 1738 house.

Renaissance Restorations will be contacted for a review of some of the remaining work in the Bronck Houses – some plaster removal; evaluation of the old mortar sifting in the north window frame of the 1685 house window; and an evaluation of the Kitchen Dependency.

The restoration work has been paid for with funds from the Windows on History fundraising campaign. Renaissance Restorations and the John Waite Architectural Firm have worked together on the Bronck Houses Restoration work.

40TH ANNUAL TOURS OF HOMES

Terez Limer, Chair

The 40th tour was held in Coxsackie, with twelve sites on the tour. Headquarters was at the Bronck Museum/Vedder Research Library. The Society grossed \$7,190 on the tour - \$5,665 from ticket sales, \$1,000 from ads and \$525 from sponsors and donations. The amount estimated for the gross in the 2016 budget was \$7,500.

41ST ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES

Terez Limer, Chair

The Greene County Historical Society's 41st Annual Tour of Homes will be held in the Town of Greenville from 10 am to 4pm on Saturday, June 3.

The Town of Greenville has had a long agricultural as well as tourism history. The tour, being held in collaboration with Community Partners of Greenville, includes sites within the scenic hamlet of Greenville as well as along several country routes that will take visitors into some of the most beautiful areas of the town. Headquarters will be at the North Barn at George V. Vanderbilt Town Park just off Route 32 in the hamlet of Greenville.

This year tickets will be \$25 for advance sale and \$30 for day of the tour sale.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Robert D'Agostino, Chair

1. 2016 marks the 41st 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 specific editions may be completely sold out.

2. Preparing each edition for publication is a complex task, and our "many hands" make for much lighter work. Operations Manager Jennifer Barnhart always does an excellent job designing the layout on computer and then preparing the file for the printer. She, more than anyone else, is responsible for the "look" of the publication. In addition to the editor (that's me!), our Publications Committee includes Greene County Historian (and Society trustee) David Dorpfeld, Society president Bob Hallock, trustee Jim Planck, who brings his experience in journalism, and trustee/membership secretary Tom Satterlee.

3a. We have gotten into the habit of publishing a "double edition" every year, looking deeply into various aspects of a subject. Such was the case with our Spring/Summer 2016 edition... Volume 40, Numbers One and Two. We began with a wonderful article by David Dorpfeld, our County Historian. "From the Farm to the Doorstep" gave us great detail on the once-ubiquitous practice of home delivery of milk in Greene County. Thanks to Lynn Brunner of the Athens Museum, we were able to show a number of bottles from those local dairies. David also compiled a list of Greene County dairies, which was accompanied by some of the local dairy bottles in his collection, for inclusion here as well. The edition also contained an excerpt from Joseph Battaglino's memoir, regarding his memories delivering milk with his uncle. Also included was an article on a 1980s New York State investigation of a dairy, which was prompted by the persistence of Greenville School's nutritionist, aided by the school's science department, running experiments to prove that the milk containers delivered to the school – and many other schools – were underfilled. The edition rounded out with an article on the value and importance of purebred cattle, using White's Gayhead Guernsey Farm as an example; and finally an article on the Dairymen's League, focusing on Dairylea's Catskill production plant.

3b. The Fall edition took us back to the Hotel Kaaterskill through a very special article by George McKeon Harding, the great-great-grandson of George Harding, the man who built the Hotel Kaaterskill.

3c. The Winter edition became sort of a tribute edition to Karla Fiegel, who had become one of our consistent writers for the Journal. She was an amazing researcher, and had written an article on Greene County's response to the polio epidemic. Due to her background in health care, medical subjects were her forte. But then she asked if we'd be interested in an article on the Sarah Phillips House, more formally known as the Greene County Home for Aged Women. We were, and she wrote the wonderful article which led the Winter edition. Her polio article also ran in that edition. But sadly, as we were in production for that edition, Karla passed away.

4. Each edition of *Greene County History* presents historical research. Each of us has at least a few interesting stories to tell. 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.
4. The name, address, and telephone number of the author must be given.
5. We reserve the right to accept or reject material submitted.
6. We reserve the right to edit accepted material for historical accuracy, clarity, and/or space considerations.
7. Photographs:
 - * Photographs submitted as part of the article, will be returned after being copied.
 - * If the author sends photographs as image files, those files must be in either JPG or TIF format, at a resolution of 300 dpi.
 - * Any image taken from the web, must identify the website source where it can be found.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Judee Synakowski, Chair

The Education Committee plans and organizes diverse historically related programs which attract many residents of Greene County and from a wide area around the county.

Programs that were presented this past year were Fort Crailo and the Van Rensselaers, By Shirley Dunn; Helen Dorch Longstreet (Confederate General Longstreet's second wife) Working on B-29's During WW II, by Ron Gabriele; and The Catskills in the Ice Age, Johanna and Robert Titus.

The Olga Santora Women's History Lecture was held on March 26th. Joanna Titus presented the program on the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State. All women who attended the program received a *Vote for Women* pin.

Programs for the 2017 year are:

- Thursday, May 11 – 7 pm – VRL – *Model Trains*, Ron Gabriele
- Thursday, September 14 – 7 pm – VRL – *Zaddock Pratt's 5 Wives*, Carolyn Bennett
- Thursday, October 5 – 7 pm – VRL – *Great Fire of Catskill* – speaker TBA
- Thursday November 9 – 7 pm – VRL – *WW I and Its Effects on Greene County*, Richard Muggeo

The Committee always welcomes new volunteers, presenters and topics.

HISTORIC REGISTER

Harrison Hunt, *Chair*

The Historical Register Committee lost three members by resignation in the past year: Diane Fausel, Karen Deeter and Mary Heisinger all resigned. We appreciate their efforts on behalf of historic preservation in Greene County. Nick Dellisanti, who joined the Committee last year, has taken on the position of Treasurer. We are looking for new Committee members and since Nick is Supervisor of the Town of New Baltimore, he will publicize this among his fellow Town Supervisors.

The Committee met four times over the past year. We will now meet at various locations around Greene County, as we did in Windham in February. The Register now includes 273 sites, with four applications pending. One application came from a homeowner who had been on the Society's Home Tour.

We also worked with Jean Bush and Jennifer Barnhart to develop the Society's 2017 calendar, *Les Toilettes* which features photographs of outhouses and a brief description of the Register itself.

BEECHER SCHOLARSHIP

Christine Byas, *Chair*

This year is the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Beecher Scholarship by the Greene County Historical Society. This \$1,000 scholarship is given annually in honor of Dr. Raymond Beecher, author, Trustee Emeritus of the Greene County Historical Society, Librarian Emeritus of the Society's Vedder Research Library and the driving force behind the GCHS saving of the Thomas Cole National Historic site, who passed away in 2008.

In the spring of 2016, three students applied for the Beecher Scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to Nathanael Savasta, a student at Coxsackie-Athens High School. Nathanael chose to write about Nathanael Greene, in whose honor Greene County was named. I found it interesting that they both use this very unusual spelling for their names.

In his article, Nathanael wrote about Greene's early life and how he became one of General Washington's most trusted officers. He referred to his appointment as Quartermaster General and how later he was named second in command of the Continental Army. Nathanael mentioned the many places across the United States named after Nathanael Greene, which show the high regard in which he was held". He referred to the many memorial statues of Greene including the two most recent, one a six-foot tall bronze statue in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and the other, a statue on the Washington Memorial Chapel grounds in Valley Forge. From his research it was clear that Nathanael enjoyed learning about his namesake and gained a deeper understanding of the important role he played in the Revolutionary War.

By the time of our annual meeting on May 6th, the deadline for applying for the 2017 scholarship will have passed. The scholarship committee will have begun the process of choosing this year's winner, often, not an easy task. Each year Bob, Matt and I look forward to reading these interesting articles on Greene County history.

Do you know a high school student living in Greene County who will be a senior next fall? If so this student is eligible to apply for the 2018 Beecher Scholarship.

AD HOC HAY PRESS
Thomas Satterlee, Chair

In 2012 the Society was gifted a hay press dating from the late 1800's. It was planned to house the press in the 13 sided barn, but logistical problems arose. It has been temporarily housed and exhibited at the AGFest in New Baltimore. The Committee is now actively pursuing a permanent home for it on the old auction barn property. Funds for the project will be raised through grants, donations, in kind work and other activities.

Research has identified approximately twenty hay presses from that time period in the Coxsackie-New Baltimore area. The Society's press is the only remaining one and will be available for public viewing. Hay presses enabled hay to be more efficiently shipped down the river to supply the thousands of horses in NYC.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES
David Dorpfeld, Chair

The Board Development and Resources Committee has reviewed the current list of trustees, reviewed the attendance records, and contacted those whose terms are expiring or have missed more than one-half of the meetings without an excused absence and recruited two new candidates to propose for election.

Board Resignations

Barbara Spataro
Emily Kunchala

Special thanks to Barbara and Emily. They have both contributed greatly to the operations of the Greene County Historical Society and will be missed.

Members of the Class of 2017 who wish to return as trustees in the Class of 2022

Robert Hallock

New trustee candidates for the class of 2019

Jonathan Palmer
Justin Snow

Following are biographical sketches of the new trustee candidates:

Jonathan Palmer

Jon is a lifelong resident of Athens with deep family roots in Greene County. He received an Associate's Degree in 2012 from Columbia-Greene Community College, his BA in American Studies at Siena College in 2014, and recently completed his MS in Information Science through the University at Albany. His distinct passion for local heritage and his desire to help connect people with the stories of our collective past have shaped many of his professional and private endeavors. Most recently he has completed time as an intern at the Vedder Research Library and as a seasonal tour guide on the USS Slater in Albany, NY. Jon joins the board of the Greene County Historical Society excited for the chance to continue channeling his love for history in a productive way with other motivated residents of his home county.

Justin Snow

Justin Snow has lived in Greene County for the better part of his life. He completed his bachelor's degree in Communications from Marist College in 2004, and recently completed his Master's degree in Business Administration at the College of Saint Rose. He currently resides in Athens, with his soon-to-be wife and their cat and dog. Justin is a member of both the Greene County and Saratoga County Chambers of Commerce. Being a long-time local resident, Justin has taken an interest in the rich history of the area. He enjoys visiting local historical sites, especially while hiking in the beautiful Catskill Mountains. During his free time, he enjoys fishing, golfing and playing frisbee with his Australian Shepherd.

2017 Schedule

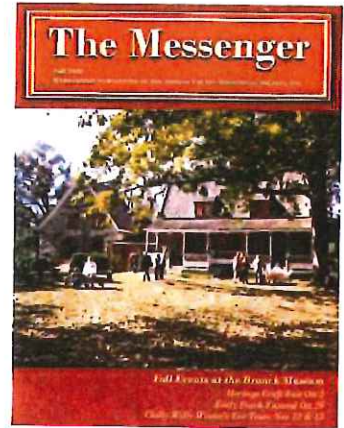
Bronck Museum. The season for Guided Tours at the Bronck Museum begins on the Saturday before Memorial Day (5/27) and extends to 10/15. The schedule is as follows: Closed Monday and Tuesday. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12pm to 4pm. Open Saturday 10am to 4pm. Open Sunday 1pm to 4pm. The last tour leaves at 3:30pm. A modest admission fee is charged. The Museum is open on Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day Mondays. Specific events at the Museum are listed below.

Vedder Research Library (VRL). The VRL is open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 4pm and on Saturday from 9am to 12pm. A modest research fee is charged. The VRL will open on the Saturdays of the long weekends for Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Easter and Columbus Day and will be open on Election Day. The VRL will be closed on the Saturdays for the long weekends of Memorial Day and Labor Day and will be closed on July 4th. The VRL will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22rd before Thanksgiving through Saturday, November 25th. The VRL will also close for the holidays on December 23, 2017 and re-open on January 2, 2018.

2017 Schedule of Events
www.gchistory.org

- May 6** **Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition**, Greene County Historical Society, Inc. Washington Irving Senior Center, 15 Academy Street, Catskill, NY. 10am. Vedder Research Library is closed.
- May 11** **Education Program. Model Trains.** Ron Gabriele. Vedder Research Library, 7pm
- May 21** **Celebrations! Association Day and Pieter Bronck's 400th Birthday.** Bronck Museum. 1pm-4pm. Free admission.
- May 27** **Bronck Museum opens** for the season. 10am.
- June 3** **41st Annual Tour of Homes. Greenville.** Headquarters at Vanderbilt Barn, 10am to 4pm. Tickets required.
- June 4** **Bronck Family at Home in Pieter's World – Brewing, "To hop or not to hop".** 2pm. Admission charged.
- July 16** **Bronck Family at Home in Pieter's World – Building,** Program will be held in the cellar of the 1663 House. Tours at 1pm and 3pm. Admission charged.
- August 12** **Pieter at the Crossroads. A Fund Raiser.** Come for an evening at the Crossroads Brewery in Athens and enjoy Pieter's special brew.
- August 19** **Tavern Night at the Bronck Museum.** Enjoy Pieter's brew made by Crossroads Brewery with period tavern fare served by costumed interpreters in a recreated Dutch Tavern. 7pm. Admission charged.
- Sept 10** **Bronck Family at Home in Pieter's World – Living,** Program will be held in the cellar of the 1663 House. Tours at 1pm and 3pm. Admission charged.
- Sept 14** **Education Program. Pratt's Five Wives.** Carolyn Bennett. Vedder Research Library. 7pm.
- Oct 1** **Heritage Craft Fair.** Crafts, music, food, silent auction, wagon rides. 12pm-4pm. Free admission.
- Oct 5** **Education Program. Great Fire of Catskill.** Speaker to be announced. Vedder Research Library. 7pm
- Oct 15** **Bronck Museum closes** for the season.
- Oct 21** **Onrust at the Cossackie Landing.** Visit 17th century Dutch Ship. Admission charged.
- Oct 28** **A Great Sorrow, An Early American Funeral.** Tours begin at 4:30 & 5:30pm. Admission charged
- Nov 9** **Education Program. WWI in Greene County.** Richard Muggeo. Vedder Research Library. 7pm.
- Nov 18 & 19** **Chilly Willy Winter's Eve Tours.** Cold season tour with costumed guide. Tours begin at 11am, 1pm & 3pm each day. Admission charged.

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From the Farm to the Doorstep
by
David Duerfeld
Greene County Historian



This was the full-size front page of the early 1900s. It is the cover of the first issue of the journal. The cover features a photograph of several cows in a field. The text on the cover includes 'REXCROFT DAIRY, Dbl. IN HEALTH DAIRY PRODUCTS' and 'ASA EGGE D.D. ARDEN, N.Y.'.

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The Hotel My Great-Grandfather Built
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The Kaaterskill Hotel, built in the Catskill Mountains, was a grand structure that served as a major resort for the region. The article by George McKean Harding details the history of the hotel, from its construction in the late 19th century to its decline in the early 20th century. The cover features a photograph of the hotel, a large, multi-story building with a prominent tower.

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The Sarah Phillips House:
aka The Greene County Home for Aged Women
by
Karla Flegel



The Sarah Phillips House, also known as the Greene County Home for Aged Women, was a significant building in the region. The article by Karla Flegel details the history of the house, from its construction in the late 19th century to its use as a home for aged women in the early 20th century. The cover features a photograph of Sarah Phillips, a woman in a white dress.



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