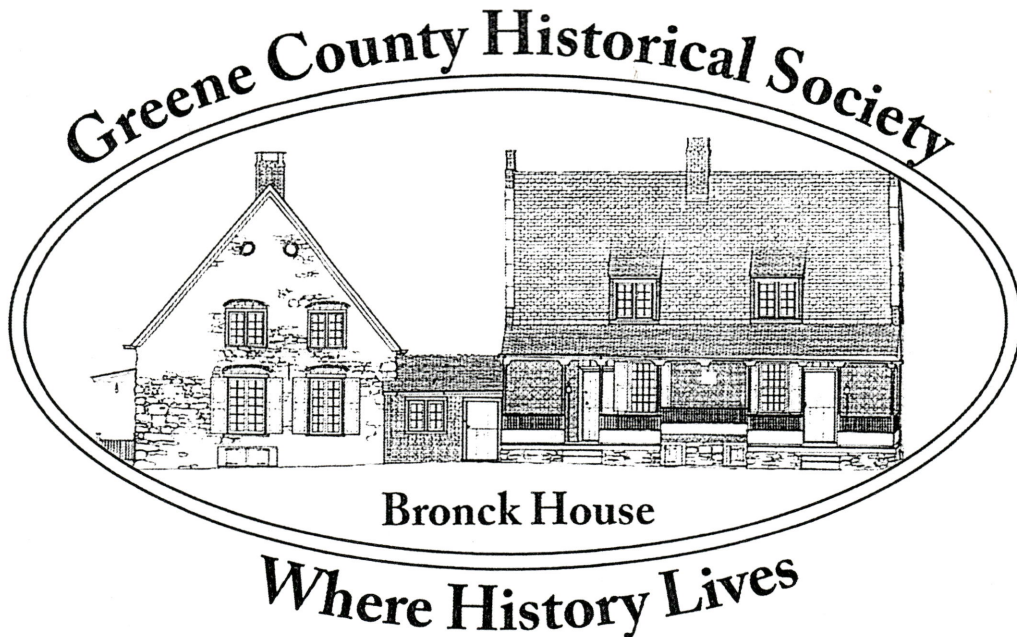


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### **The 2024 Officers of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc**

Chairman of the Board	Joseph Warren
President	Robert Hallock
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Financial Secretary	Thomas Satterlee
Recording Secretary	Open

### **The 2024 Trustees of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**

Christine Byas	Sue Maraglio
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### **The 2024 Staff of the Greene County Historical Society, Inc.**

Shelby Mattice	Curator
Jennifer Barnhart	Operations Manager
Heather Bizanos	Archivist, Librarian
Frank Fandozzi	Tour Guide and Event Coordinator
Dave & Lisa Brock	Caretakers

April 28, 2025

As another year came to a close, Greene County Historical Society continues its enduring contribution and mission to preserving local, vibrant history. It's been an honor to witness and support the work that preserves our rich heritage, ensuring that generations henceforth will understand and appreciate the stories that shape and make Greene County. This past year has seen some trying times, but it's also been one of growth, discovery, and community, thanks to your unwavering support.

The Annual Home Tour has resumed after a four (4) year absence and took place in the Town of its origin – Coxsackie. The Home Tour is being held again this year on June 7 and will feature the many beautiful and historic homes in the Village of Athens.

We're thrilled to share that the programs – which tell our story – ranging from the story of Greene County's contribution at D-Day to 'Women of the Blues' were back in full swing in 2024 and are even more lavish and exciting for this year.

As we look ahead, we're reminded that history isn't just about the past – it's about the connections we build today and the legacy we leave for tomorrow. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of the GCHS. It's volunteers (including Trustees who are volunteers) that make the GCHS special and build the bonds that bind.

Financially the Society is stable and can support itself through past endowments. There are, however, continual pressing repair and maintenance needs (such as painting, plumbing, carpentry, and addressing the Coxsackie Creek) that crop up on an annual basis, which need to be tackled and financed. If you are reading this and are not a member of the GCHS, please consider joining at a nominal annual cost and enjoy the many offerings your GCHS has.

*Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board*

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Dear Members:

On January 16, 1930, the Regents of the University of the State of New York provisionally incorporated the Greene County Historical Society, Inc., and replaced that with a grant of absolute charter on June 16, 1939. In the 95 years since that original formation, the Society has worked tirelessly to successfully preserve the County's history and promote it to visitors and residents alike, and continues to do so to this day.

Greene County's history is impressive. It is the epicenter of the Hudson River School of Painting and is home to the world-wide folk tale of Rip Van Winkle, while the "sublime" view from where the Catskill Mountain House once stood atop the Catskill escarpment, drawing thousands of visitors for more than a century, still brings them in. Since the year 2024 was the 200th anniversary of the official opening of that grand hotel, several of the Society's events accordingly focused on that.



But the most important offering to GCHS guests is always the ability to travel back in time to the Dutch setting of the mid-1600's, plus the community and family histories that are the backbone of all local history.

It is that personal experience of education and enjoyment that the Society's anchor facilities, the Bronck Museum and Vedder Library, offer which brings our visitors, including those from far beyond the borders of Greene County.

In 2024, the Museum's Guest Book has visitors from around the globe as far away as Malaysia, while nationwide, not counting New York, visitors came from 32 of America's 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico. Our New York visitors came from points far and wide across the state, and locally, they came from eight of Greene County's 14 towns.

The Museum also hosted numerous special events throughout its season, including in October an Open House Day, in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the 1624 Dutch settlement at New Amsterdam.

Among the year's fifteen Education Programs offered was a very well attended program in our Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn by author and Athens native Debra Bruno. Her new book, "A Hudson Valley Reckoning: Discovering the Forgotten History of Slaveholding in My Dutch American Family," has garnered well received national attention, with the Washington Post calling it "a work of genealogical truth-telling."

Ms. Bruno utilized numerous archives at Vedder Research Library to gather first-hand source information about her ancestors and their slaveholding, with documents and photographs from our files credited and illustrating the book, including its cover. The year's other Education Programs were equally excellent.

Enhancing the Vedder Research Library as a repository for Greene County's history is always a goal, and in 2024 we added the notable purchase of a "carte de visite" -- a small, 19th century card-mounted photograph -- of Civil War First Sergeant Andrew Benton, a Black Catskill resident and member of the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. The picture was taken by H. B. Aldrich, of Catskill, with 1st Sgt. Benton wearing his full uniform.

First Sgt. Benton was one of the 391 Union troops who fell on July 18, 1863, during the unsuccessful attempt to storm Fort Wagner, the southern approach to Charleston harbor, and he was afterward among the many unidentified soldiers listed as Missing In Action and buried in a nearby mass grave. After the war the Army reinterred them all at South Carolina's Beaufort National Cemetery, naming each as "Unidentified." The battle in which First Sgt. Benton fell was commemorated in the popular 1989 Hollywood movie "Glory."

Upcoming, this year of 2025 is also the 250th Anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, and the Society has several events and programs scheduled to focus on that history, with the first to follow one week from today on "Association Day," our annual commemoration of the signing of the May 17, 1775, "Article of Association," a pre-Declaration of the district residents' patriotism. Our Events Calendar for the year is full, and anticipates a good year attracting visitors to bring history alive for them. As always, please attend as many you can, spread the word about them, and, if possible, help with volunteering for them. Have a good year.

*Jim Planck, Vice President GCHS*



## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

**David C. Dorpfeld, Treasurer**

In 2024 David Dorpfeld decided to step down from the Board of Trustees and as treasurer. He served 43 years the two positions. The position of treasurer is now in the capable stewardship of Louis Martin.

Financially 2024 was a little different than in the past several years. We exceeded budgeted expenditures by \$28,499 or about 10 percent. But, there were reasons for this. Maintenance projects we had planned in prior years were not completed for various reasons and planned hiring did not work out as anticipated. As a result we moved forward aggressively on deferred maintenance projects in 2024. There is still more to be accomplished in 2025.

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. The other three columns from left to right are as follows: Calendar year 2024 budget, actual income and expenditures for 2024 and income and expenses compared to the budget (Over or Under).

Revenues were more than projected. But, because expenditures were more, we had to draw on our reserves more than we budgeted. The final draw of \$205,125 was \$3705 more than anticipated. This is not a big concern because our reserves/investments were buoyed by healthy increases in the commonly followed indexes.

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.

Historically almost 70 percent of our budgeted expenditures go for insurance and salaries. This is not a bad thing. Obviously we could not do without insurance. A few years ago the caretaker's house sustained major water damage and the insurance money helped us do the repairs and put it back in shape. Also, we have some excellent staff and they produce great value for the society. However, this does not leave a lot of money left over to support other initiatives. This is why it is important to have fundraising drives from time to time to support capital improvements and new initiatives like construction of the Meadow Ridge Barn and repair and rehabilitation of the Kitchen Dependency.

Going forward we will continue to be mindful of the economy and the stock market keeping our outlays reasonable given the circumstances.

A special thank you to Jennifer Barnhart the Society's Operations Manager. She has been assisting the treasurer for over a decade and has made his job easier and more pleasant. She always steps up for anything the society asks her to do and does it very professionally. Special thanks go to Tom Satterlee as well who handles all duties associated with membership. This is a time consuming job, and he handles it in a very efficient manner. The treasurer could not continue the job if it were not for the capable work of these the two individuals.

**Greene County Historical Society**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenses**  
For the ending 12/31/2024

	<u>Budget</u> <u>CY 2024</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>12/31/24</u>	<u>Over/</u> <u>(Under)</u>	<u>Unanticipated/</u> <u>Unbudgeted</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Donations & Grants				
Restricted Grants	11,100	2,500 <sup>1</sup>	(8,600)	10,450
Unrestricted Grants	5,000	5,000 <sup>3</sup>	-	
<i>Total Grants Received</i>	<u>16,100</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>(8,600)</u>	<u>10,450</u>
Memorial Gifts	1,000	-	(1,000)	
Museum Donations	3,000	819	(2,181)	-
Library Donations		2,363	2,363	
GCHS Donations		2,715 <sup>4</sup>	2,715	
Membership	30,000	37,171	7,171	
Beecher Scholarship	250	291	41	
<i>Total Donations</i>	<u>34,250</u>	<u>43,359</u>	<u>9,109</u>	<u>-</u>
Programs				
Home Tour	5,500	9,750	4,250	
Library Activities	3,000	119	(2,881)	
Museum Admissions	6,000	6,858	858	
Museum Events	5,000	4,823	(177)	
Shop	1,000	2,535	1,535	
Publications	150	88	(62)	
<i>Total Programs</i>	<u>20,650</u>	<u>24,173</u>	<u>3,523</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Income				
Annual Meeting	500	1,114	614	
Interest Income	500	95	(405)	
Miscellaneous Income	1,500	-	(1,500)	
Raffle		1,903		
Historic Register				165
John Ham Book				1,409
Windows/Kitchen		20,150 <sup>5</sup>		
Van Loon House				200
Barn Account				350
<i>Total Other Income</i>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>23,262</u>	<u>20,762</u>	<u>2,124</u>
Reserves needed to support budgeted expenditures	201,420	205,125		
<b>Totals</b>	<u>274,920</u>	<u>303,419</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>12,574</u>

1 CIP (\$2500)

2 Graypoint (\$1200), FAM (\$3000), Civil War Photo (\$4210), Jeff Flack (\$500), Cemetery (\$40), BOGC (\$1500)

3 County Grant

4 Hertzman (\$1000), Schaeffer (\$1000)

5 Plymouth (\$5000), Bender (\$15000)

6 Powell's Tree Service (\$7250)

7 \$880 NY Heritage Database 2-year subscription

8 CIP (\$2250)

9 Civil War Photograph (\$4000), VRL Supplies (\$544), Landscape (\$2790), Grant (\$3000)

10 KevMark (\$24,500), Dimensions North (36,014), Excel Electric (\$1,380)

11 Structi Construction

Kitchen/Windows on History	-	Van Loon House	(4,064)
Permanent Exhibit/Signage/Virtual Tour	6,611	VRL Supplies	4,426
Publication Fund	12,615	Civil War Flag	2,179



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<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Maintenance				
Library	2,000	2,920	920	
Museum	13,000	12,858 6	(142)	-
Staff Residence and Lawn Care	2,000	2,282	282	
Other			-	
Total Maintenance	<u>17,000</u>	<u>18,060</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>-</u>
Utilities				
Electric	5,000	6,641	1,641	
Fuel Oil/Burner Service	11,400	9,772	(1,628)	
Phones	1,600	2,241	641	
Other	-		-	
Total Utilities	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,654</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>-</u>
Wages				
Curatorial	52,000	27,300	(24,700)	
Museum Assistant	5,000	540	(4,460)	
Tour Guide/Events Coordinator	23,000	25,409	2,409	
Librarian	36,120	29,498	(6,622)	
Operations Manager	46,150	46,150	-	
Total Wages	<u>162,270</u>	<u>128,897</u>	<u>(33,373)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Expenses				
Annual Mtg./Special Events	500	1,787	1,287	
Beecher Scholarship	1,000	1,000	-	
Collection Enhancement/Acquisition	3,000	-	(3,000)	
Computer		2,007	2,007	
Contingencies - General				
Contingencies - Museum				
Dues/Subscriptions	500	1,616 7	1,116	
Exhibits and Education	8,000		(8,000)	
Expenditures from Restricted Grants	3,200	2,250 8	(950)	10,334 9
Furniture & Fixtures	1,000	599	(401)	
Home Tour	800	1,135	335	
Insurance	22,000	24,994	2,994	
Membership/Assoc. Expense	200	-	(200)	
Miscellaneous	100	482	382	
Office Supplies	900	1,420	520	
Payroll Service	2,200	2,134	(66)	
Postage	2,000	772	(1,228)	
Promotion and Outreach	3,500	4,596	1,096	
Purchases for Museum Shop	1,000	2,127	1,127	
Publications/Printing	3,000	4,919	1,919	
Security System	750	1,834	1,084	
Charges - Credit Card	1,000	1,171	171	
990 Preparation	2,500	2,350	(150)	
Health Insurance	4,000	3,888	(112)	
Payroll Expenses	16,000	14,627	(1,373)	
Sales Tax	500	206	(294)	
Property Purchase				-
Windows/Kitchen		61,894 10		20,000 11
Van Loon House				
Barn Account				-
Total Other Expenses	<u>77,650</u>	<u>137,808</u>	<u>60,158</u>	<u>30,334</u>
Total Expenses	<u>274,920</u>	<u>303,419</u>	<u>28,499</u>	<u>30,334</u>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Thomas Satterlee, Financial Secretary**

For January 1 - December 31, 2024, the total moneys the financial secretary collected for dues and donations were:

Dues	\$28,363
Donations	
Vedder Library	\$415
Bronck Museum	\$1,521
Beecher Scholarship	\$326
Barn Project	\$240
Kitchen Dependency	\$125
Dr. Willard's Exhibit	\$90
General	\$200
Total Dues & Donations	\$31,280

\$17,300 of this amount relates to dues and donations for 2025. \$28,363 was collected for the 2024 dues year in 2023 and 2024. Membership for 2024 was down slightly from 427 to 406. At least 6 members passed away in 2024 and there were 16 new or rejoined members. An additional \$5,795 was collected by Staff, or Square Space for dues and directly deposited. The addition of Square Space to our website for payment of dues has been successful as a payment method for new members and renewals. SquareUp is now our vendor for credit card charges which has saved us on credit card fees. Members are encouraged to solicit memberships whenever and wherever possible.

Membership by category for the year 2024 was:

Senior	148
Individual	24
Dual/Family	68
Supporter	36
Patron	56
Benefactor	16
Silver Benefactor	3
Gold Benefactor	9
Library Institutions	10
Honorary	6
Business Friend	5
Business Supporter	6
Business Benefactor	5
Trustee Emeriti	6
Complimentary	7
Business Complimentary	1

**Total Membership                      406**



The Journal is emailed to 161 members. About 183 members receive the Messenger via email. Our general email list for various notices and information is sent out to about 850 addresses. The number of members receiving the Journal and/or Messenger via email is increasing.

Members are encouraged to promote and expand membership whenever possible, individually and at Society functions held at the Bronck Museum or the Vedder Library. Forms are available at all sites or from me.

### **Greene County Historical Society Members Deceased**

William A Bronk (8/5/24)  
Muriel Falkey (2/21/25)  
Gerald Dunn (2024)  
Ann Hallock (2/10/25)  
Kathleen Lasher (2024)  
Lisa Fox Martin (3/25)  
John Nickles (6/24)\  
Ralph Rominger (2/10/25)  
James Schumacher (2025)  
Steve Schwebler (2024)  
Gary Slutzky (6/25/24)  
Ted Wright (2021)

## **Minutes for Greene County Historical Society Annual Meeting May 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the deceased members in the past year.

Introductory remarks from Joseph Warren, Chairman of the Board and Robert Hallock, President.

Volunteers were recognized by President Bob Hallock. Dick Muggeo was awarded the Beecher Award.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Byas and seconded by Tom Satterlee.

Treasurer's Report: GCHS came in under budget due to the fact that some maintenance projects were not completed in 2023. David indicated he hoped the projects would be completed in 2024. The market has been up so financially we are in good standing. He concluded that he has been the treasurer for 43 years.

Financial Secretary Report: Membership was down slightly. We need to bring in new members. Tom thanked Sue Maraglio for assisting with membership.

### **Committee Reports**

Bronck Museum: Report was included in package. Curator's tours will continue again in 2023. Frank Fandozzi was hired as the Tour Guide and Event Coordinator. Ann Hallock discussed Museum programs for 2024.

VRL: Heather said it was a productive year at the library. She was grateful for all the support she received from everyone including the volunteers and Jonathan Palmer. The main focus of her time so far has been on research appointments. She will be going on maternity leave in August.

Buildings & Grounds: GCHS applied for a \$15K grant from the Bender Foundation for work on the cupola and Kitchen Dependency. Greene County Soil & Water will be partnering with us on a few projects on the grounds.



Hay Press: The barn is in good shape. We had several programs there in 2023. Tom indicated they are working in cooperation with the site plan to make improvements to the barn including bathrooms and landscaping. Concrete and radiant heating were installed in 2023.

Publications: Winter issue was just completed. Working on the spring issue which will be out in a couple of weeks. Found a new printer in Hudson called Pro Printers. Summer issue will be out in early June.

Education: Judee discussed lectures held in 2023 and upcoming for 2024.

Beecher Scholarship: There are four entries this year. Meeting next week to decide on the winner.

Site Plan: This was completed last year. Ken Gifford met with everyone at GCHS. Delaware Engineering will be working with us to apply for a federal grant.

Historic Register: Update included in report. David indicated more books were ordered.

Home Tour: After a hiatus of 4 years home tour returns on June 1. Tickets are still available. Meadow Ridge Heritage Barn is on the tour. Jennifer and Tom have assisted committee. David was especially grateful for the work of the committee members; Laura, Carol, Eileen, Linda and Brooke. 13 sites will be on the tour. Still need docents. Lunch will be provided by the Methodist Church. New Baltimore and Athens are under consideration for next year. Ann Foster is working with Bob D'Agostino on reprinting her book

Board Development: Members of the class of 2024 who wish to return as trustees in the Class of 2029 are Robert D'Agostino, David Dorpfeld, Tom Satterlee and Judee Synakowski. New trustees elected to the Board were Jonathan Palmer, John Froebel Parker and Gretchen Zufall on a motion by Chris Byas and seconded by Jim Planck.

Meeting adjourned.

# **2024 Business and Institutional Members of the Greene County Historical Society**

## **Benefactor**

National Bank of Coxsackie  
Owls Hoot Barn  
Williams Lumber & Home Centers  
GNH Lumber  
State Telephone Co.

## **Supporter**

Catskill Collectibles  
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North River Research  
KPS Services Inc.

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Greene County IDA  
RDN Pool Supply

## **Honorary**

Library of Congress  
Ulster County Genealogical Society  
Delaware County Historical Society  
NYSHA Library/Serials  
Dutch Settlers Society  
Gilboa Historical Society

## **Library Institution**

Palenville Branch Library  
Columbia-Greene Community College  
Library  
Schoharie County Historical Society  
Bethlehem Public Library  
Heermance Memorial Library  
NY State Library  
Poughkeepsie Public Library District  
Allen County Public Library  
Catskill Public Library  
Wisconsin Historical Society

## **With Thanks**

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Nicholas Juried  
Joyce DeMasi  
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Tommy Prasenski & Lesley Carr  
Josh Lipsman  
Barbara E.R. Lucas  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth E. Mabey  
Gretchen Maresco  
Lucille & James Margiasso  
Loretta & Louis Martin  
Julia C Moore  
Richard & Carole Muggeo  
Elizabeth Nickles  
MSgt Raymond Johnson Jr. & Norma Johnson  
Hettie & Kenneth Overbaugh  
The Veteran in a New Field  
Donald & Carol Plank  
Drs. Robert & Karen Rhodes  
Deborah Allen & Robert Hock  
Mr. & Mrs. David Rogers  
Ralph & Edna Rominger  
Mary Jane Serfilippi  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry G. Shoddy III  
Robert Spain  
Michele Tarsa  
Donald & Debra Teator  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Teich  
Dennis & Karen Templeton  
John Thorn  
Janice & Dave Tranberg  
Caroline Van Zandt  
James & Linda Varelas  
Aaron Waid  
Brent & Nancy Walker  
Chester Warren  
Craig & Donna Wexler  
Brent & Donna Wheat  
Mr & Mrs Emily Wheeler

## Individual

Anonymous (1)  
Michele Brown  
Rodeania Bulson  
J. Stephen Casscles  
Matthew Draiss  
David Fried  
Blayne Gundrman  
Lucinda Hastings  
Marla Hoskins  
Tracy Karlin  
John Aust Losee  
Ronnie McCue  
Christine Mickelsen  
Charlotte F. Pine  
Thomas Smith  
Jane Snyder  
Charles J. Sutter Jr.  
Jeremy Taylor  
Larry J. Tompkins  
Sarah Van Vianen  
Alica Vasilow  
Raymond Ward  
Walter R. Wheeler  
Aly Younge

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Dana T. Ackerly  
Nora Adelman  
Charles Adsit  
Peggy Ahwesh  
Lynn E. Alitz  
Paul M. Barrett  
Barbara B. Bartley  
Donald Berkhofer  
Joseph & Irene Bertone  
Marie Bitter  
Dr. Linda Smith Bohan  
Alice Bronk  
William A. Bronk  
Thomas J Burke  
Charlotte Carter  
Charles Cary  
Stephen J. Casey  
Lynn Van Derzee Christie  
Kathy Story Ciampa  
Winifred J. Clark  
Daniel E. Clifton  
Mayrose C Coyle  
Raymond Cross Jr.



Wayne David  
 Nancy Halstead Davidson  
 David H. DeWald  
 John Duda  
 Paul E. Eckler  
 Diane Fausel  
 Lois Feldbin  
 Priscilla Fieldhouse  
 Arthur Fries  
 Carole Garvar  
 Kathryn George  
 Brenda Gerry  
 Robert R. Goller  
 Paul W. Gromadzki  
 Jacqueline A. Gugliara  
 Richard E. Haines  
 Richard Haines  
 Mark Hallenbeck  
 Doris Hallock  
 Larry M. Hallock  
 Jan E. Herdman  
 Mary J. Hesley  
 Arthur & Adrienne Hochberg  
 Kenneth A. Holdridge  
 Jim Hoon  
 Karen Hopkins  
 Jean H. Horn  
 Catherine M Horvath  
 John E. Hubbard  
 Stephanie Ingalls  
 Lee Irwin  
 Deborah Johnson  
 Bernard & Carol Jones  
 Susan Kalkan  
 Judith A. Knoll  
 Claudia LaBuda  
 Claudia Lane  
 Carol Lane  
 Linda C. Larsen  
 Louise LeBrun  
 Mark Levanway  
 Linda C. Livanos  
 Rae Louis  
 "Peter Luke, Antiques"  
 Sylvia Story Magin  
 Linda Marks  
 Ilene Marzi  
 Shelby Mattice  
 Susan McCuen  
 Peter McLaren  
 David W Medlar  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Medlar  
 Kathleen Meehan  
 Patricia Morrow

Kevin Murray  
 Mary Lou Nahas  
 Linda Newerla  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter J.  
 Ostrander  
 Mary Palazzolo  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tomkat Palmatier  
 John Parker  
 Robert Patterson  
 Mark Peckham  
 Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Peloubet  
 Ralph J. Perry  
 Carol A. Pitsas  
 Michele B. Pulver  
 Nancy R. Purchase  
 Marilyn Rausch  
 Andrew Reilly  
 Christine L. Reynolds  
 Roberta Roberg  
 Marie A. Rogers  
 Cliff Sailer  
 Sherrie Salisbury  
 Eugene Salvino  
 Margaret Scarlata  
 Beverly Schloss  
 Rita M. Ostling Schneider  
 Marian Schwebler  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen  
 Schwebler  
 Katherine Shaw  
 Alvin Sheffer  
 Diane Smarro  
 Clarence Smith  
 Sarah Jane Smith  
 Catherine Sossei  
 Charlene Stevens  
 Marie D. Sturges  
 Judee Synakowski  
 Richard M. Talay  
 Margaret Taylor  
 Edward Tessitore  
 Jean Thomas  
 Carol K. Thorpe  
 Steven Tomasik  
 Patricia Tracey  
 Carolyn Troise-Pedersen  
 David Tschinkel  
 Nancy Ursprung  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Uzzilia  
 Barbara Valicenti  
 David Van Denburgh  
 John C. Van Valkenburg  
 Linda Van Vechten  
 Thomas Van Wie

Beverly W. Walker  
 Wendy Ward  
 Elaine Warfield  
 Anna Ruth Way  
 Elizabeth Weidel  
 Aurora Wennstrom  
 Steve Whitesell  
 Jean Williams  
 Cyntnia Willis  
 Linda Wootton  
 Carolyn Yusko  
 Edna Marie Zelasko  
 Benjamin Zitomer  
 Susan Zweighaft



## **BRONCK MUSEUM**

### **Chris Byas and Dick Muggeo, Co-Chairs**

Current Members: Chris Byas, Dick Muggeo, Co-chairs; Lex Grey, Judee Synakowski, Shelby Mattice, Curator; Jennifer Barnhart, Operations Manager

Former Members: Ann Hallock, Bob Hallock, Frank Fandozzi Tour Guide and Event Coordinator

Ann Hallock, long time chair of the Museum Committee and GCHS Trustee passed away earlier this year. Her contributions to the Museum Committee and the Society over the many years she served were tremendous. We will miss her.

2024 was a busy year at the Bronck Museum. In the spring we interviewed several candidates for the Tour Guide and Event planner position. We hired Frank Fandozzi to fill the position and he quickly landed on his feet, giving tours of the museum and organizing our many educational lectures and musical events. Frank has since resigned.

Some of the lectures this past year include the annual Olga Santora Lecture in March in honor of Women's History Month, the Twilight Park lecture, the Rise and Fall of Greene County Resorts by Lex Grey; D-Day by Dick Muggeo, "The Catskill Mountain House" by Jim Planck and Jonathan Palmer and Ron Gabriele's "History of Old Time Radio".

Two book signings were held; John Ham's "Narrow Gauges" and Debra Bruno's, "A Hudson Valley Reckoning."

Musical Events included the "Providence Brigade Brass Band", "Lace", "Running the River" and Lex Grey and the Urban Pioneers, "Women of the Blues".

Our biggest event of the year was the Heritage Craft Fair in October with over 600 people coming out to enjoy the beautiful fall weather, taste some period food and visit the many vendors on site.

Shelby Mattice, semi-retired curator, continued giving her Special Curator Tours throughout the summer and early fall.

The total attendance for all events was 1,272 people plus the crowd at the Heritage Craft Fair. Total tour attendance was 547. Total income from all sources was \$13,822.60.

This past year Dimensions North repaired the Cupola on the 13 sided barn and the Horse Barn was painted by KevMar. Empire design was chosen to complete the Doctor Williard Exhibit in the Barracks with a completion date by early June of 2025.

The Museum Committee revised and updated the School Brochure. Copies were distributed to Cocksackie-Athens, Ravena and Catskill School districts.

The Bronck Museum received the following grants: \$15,000 from the Bender Foundation, \$5,000 from the Plymouth Foundation, \$2,250 from the CIP Grant, \$600 from Graypoint and 1,500 from FAM.

2025 promises to be a busy year. We have a full calendar of events and lectures planned. We recently hired Samantha Siri as our tour guide and Vicki Puccio to manage the Visitor Center. We are looking forward to the opening of the Bronck Museum on May 24th.

## **VEDDER RESEARCH LIBRARY**

**Heather Bizaros, Librarian/Archivist**

**Library Volunteers:** Clesson Bush, Jean Bush, Robert Hart, Jim Hoon, Francesca Pratten, John Parker, Kes Stefanik, Larry Tompkins, Pat Tracey.

**Volunteers** - Our volunteers were truly the heartbeat of the Vedder Research Library (VRL) this year. While I (Heather Bizaros) was on maternity leave from August 9 to November 4, Cless Bush and Larry Tompkins worked with patrons during research appointments, answered reference questions, and kept daily operations running smoothly in my absence. Their knowledge of Greene County history and our collections is a tremendous asset to the library, and I owe them a debt of gratitude for serving our patrons so well.

In addition to managing these extra tasks, our volunteers proceeded with their unique projects every Thursday. Cless continued processing and cataloging our growing collections. Bob Hart is nearing the completion of cataloging our extensive manuscript files, with documents dating as early as 1667. Jim Hoon continues to describe photographic collections, making our vast collection of over 15,000 historic photographs infinitely more accessible and practical. John Parker is learning the ArchivesSpace program as he catalogs our Steamboat General Collection. Francesca Pratten is still working through the J. Ruben Garcia Memorial Collection, cataloging materials that capture her parents' legacy. Kes Stefanik digitized two manuscript volumes, one of which is an invaluable account of whaling in Hudson, N.Y. Larry Tompkins continues his ongoing work of numbering photographs as they are donated or found in other collections, along with countless other projects. Patricia Tracey continues to transcribe the fascinating Elisabeth Miller diaries, which meticulously document daily life in Greene County.

**Research & Visitation** - Public access to our collections through appointments and reference work remains our primary focus at the VRL. In 2024, we facilitated 128 research appointments and received more than 120 reference inquiries through our website. Genealogists and owners of historic properties make up a large percentage of our patrons. However, authors, local business owners, municipal historians, and hobbyists also regularly make use of our collections. Additionally, the VRL serves as a resource for Bronck Museum tours, programming, and research done by Society employees, trustees, and members.

**Collection Management** - Since our collections include a wide variety of items made from different materials, sizes, and levels of fragility, no single catalog has historically met our needs perfectly. Consequently, we maintain several working catalogs for different purposes. Our goal is to consolidate our multiple spreadsheets, catalogs, and indexes into a single searchable database that patrons and volunteers can access remotely. Our volunteers and staff are diligently working toward this goal using ArchivesSpace, an online information management system. Our growing website and PastPerfect catalog currently remain the primary tools for managing and searching our collections.

It is important to note that our shelves are quickly reaching their capacity. Due to the diligence and generosity of our community, our collections are constantly growing. Many of our patrons trust the VRL to preserve and protect their family's historic documents, photographs, business, and personal materials. Due to the finite space available, we began looking into mobile shelving solutions this year. Mobile shelving will nearly double the space available for storing the materials that are central to our mission. We hope to continue fundraising efforts toward this end in the coming year.



**Social Media** - Our social media presence has continued to grow this year. At the end of 2024, "The Vedder Research Library" Facebook page has 1,755 followers (up 25 from Dec. 2023), the "Greene County Historical Society" Instagram has 3,060 followers (up 99 from Dec. 2023), and the "Greene County History" Facebook group has 8,145 members (up 241 from Dec. 2023). The private Facebook group is our most active social media space where members can share photos, research, and memories of Greene County history. By using Facebook's search feature, this group also serves as a rich local history database.

**Conclusion** - In conclusion, 2024 has been a year of significant progress and growth for the Vedder Research Library, primarily driven by the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Looking ahead, we remain committed to preserving and sharing Greene County's rich history through our collections and community presence.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**Jim Planck, Chair**

Attending to the physical plant of GCHS' Cocksackie campus in 2024, numerous items were accomplished. Repair of the 13-sided barn's siding and cupola was completed, and the threshold sill and entry door on the "hyphen hallway" – the connecting link between Pieter Bronck's original 1663 stone house and his grandson Leender Bronck's 1738 brick house – have been repaired.

Work on the Kitchen Dependency has been finished and needful mortar areas on the main house's 1685 stone addition have also been repaired. In addition, the Victorian Horse Barn has been painted in keeping with its historic status, and tree removal or trimming work was done behind Vedder Library and the campus' Country Store, the latter being a number of stately ashes unfortunately killed by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer,

Our campus, however, suffered two serious events during 2024. In December, a difficulty with incoming basement water at the 1927 L. H. Lampman House, which as most know served for years as a caretakers' residence, finally exceeded the long-standing and non-costly temporary fixes that had kept the structure useable, and it had to be closed and shut down. The caretakers were accordingly provided paid monthly housing at a location of their selection through the end of March, and for the foreseeable future the Society will no longer utilize onsite caretakers. Trustees solicited for mowing, janitorial, and groundskeeping services to address the oncoming operating season, and the Lampman House basement water issue is being examined in full now that the warm weather season has arrived.

The second matter is that significant damage has unfolded with the failing state of the 1738 Leender Bronck House front porch. The Society has been professionally informed that it is unsafe and will need cordoning off prior to and during repair for this upcoming season. Cost estimates are in development. Since the porch is traditionally used for many of our outdoor events, including as a speaker's platform and musician's stage, those will temporarily occur elsewhere on the grounds. The cordoning may also require adjustment in the Bronck complex's interior house tour path, but Museum Committee Trustees note that will not present a difficulty.



**HAY PRESS**  
**MEADOW RIDGE HERITAGE BARN**  
**Thomas Satterlee, Chair**

The heating system for the radiant heating for the concrete floor was installed which allows the use of the barn when the weather cools. Several events have utilized the barn including musical events, a book signing, dance rehearsals and educational programs. Additional upgrades for electricity and water access are being considered as funds become available

**PUBLICATIONS**  
**Jim Planck, Chair**

Greene County History, the Society's quarterly journal, has almost recovered from a lapse in publication due to personal matters in 2024 and is just about back on track for its seasonal timely releases.

Subjects covered for 2024's Volume 48 are Trustee Richard Muggeo's excellent article of Greene County residents learning about D-Day, a multi-part article on the history of Cocksackie foundryman James Newbury and his family's manufacturing of printing presses, and an informative look at an 1885 wintertime visit to the county's summertime locations.

But the year 2024 was also the 200th anniversary of the official opening of the Catskill Mountain House, so there was a strong focus on that featuring a three-part article on the early 19th century Staffordshire earthenware plates depicting the hotel, and which included plates from the Bronck Museum's holdings. The issues also included a number of images of Catskill Mountain House artwork at that time, plus additional Bronck Museum CMH-related items and the re-telling of an 1828 visit to the site.

Also published, of course, was the Society's 2024 winner of the Raymond and Catharine Beecher Scholarship, Rogan Byrne, of Catskill Central School District, who told of the importance of Greene County's history and its tourism.

Coming up this year, 2025 is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the 1775 Declaration of Independence, so the journal will feature several Revolutionary War Greene County-related articles, along with a mix of other subjects from a mix across the county.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Judee Synakowski, Chair**

The programs for 2024 and beginning 2025 were very educational and well attended.

In 2024 the programs included America's Wars in Song, D-day, Freeing the Bronck Slaves, Twilight Park, Catskill Mountain House, The Later Years, The Heyday of the Catskill Mountain House, Hudson Valley Reckoning, Old Time Radio In 2025, so far the programs have included Women Patriots, the Political Rhetoric of the Founding Era and Civil War Music and Mrs. Lincoln.

Upcoming Education Program for 2025 include:

June 22: The War Begins Greene County in 1775 by Jim Planck

July 20: Women in World War II – Different Countries, Different Roles by R. Muggeo

August 6th: The Enola Gay Atomic Bomb Mission by Ron Gabriele

August 17: The Canajoharie and Catskill Rail Ways by Jonathan Palmer

August 24th: Greene County in Quebec Campaign by Jim Planck

September 2nd: World War II Campaigns and How Greene county Reacted to the Surrenders by R. Muggeo

September 14th: Songs of the Saloon by Lex Grey

November 11: Stories of the WWII Veterans by Ron Gabriele

## **BEECHER SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Christine Byas, Chair**

The annual Beecher Scholarship was first given in 2007 to honor Dr. Raymond Beecher's 90th birthday. Every year since the GCHS has awarded a scholarship to a deserving senior from Greene County whose essay researched an aspect of Greene County history. This year we had 3 candidates apply for the \$1,000 scholarship.

Andrew Holliday from Catskill High School wrote an article titled, "Sailing Through History: The Hudson River Day Line and its Everlasting Bond with Greene County". In his article, Andrew discussed the beginning of the Day Line as the invention of the steamboat led to travel up and down the Hudson River. He mentioned that his great grandfather, Charles Senior, was the second pilot on the Robert Fulton in 1925 and later captained one of the Day Line steamships. Andrew wrote, "As the Day Line meandered its way along the Hudson River, it showcased some of Greene County's most iconic landmarks."

Reese Taylor from Cossackie-Athens High School wrote an interesting history of Sunny Acres Farm which has been in her family since 1897 when it was purchased by her great, great, great



grandparents, William and Francis Hallenbeck. Reese noted that originally there was no electricity, an outhouse for a bathroom and a woodstove for warmth. Horses were used to pull plows and balers, and hay was shipped by rail to New York City. At the time most everything they ate was grown and made on the farm. Sunny Acres became a dairy farm in the 1920's and the milk was sold to the local dairy cooperative. During World War II the farm was used as a spotting site for enemy planes. Today, Reese's family raises goats and laying hens. She reports that "the farm has changed to fit the times, adding to its infrastructure and phasing through different livestock and produce."

Rogan Byrne, from Catskill High School was the winner of the 2024 Beecher Scholarship. His well researched essay was a composite of people, and historical events that have made Greene County not only a great place to live but an important destination for the growing tourism industry. Rogan mentioned the Cole House, the previously notable Catskill Mountain House visited by Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Grant and Arthur and our own 1663 Bronck House as important houses in Greene County. He included famous people; General Nathaneal Greene, an important Revolutionary commander whom Greene County is named after, and Marquis de Lafayette whose visit after the war is commemorated in front of the Courthouse on Main Street in Catskill. Rogan revealed that the Catskill Middle School was funded by Roosevelt's New Deal Program and christened by his wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, at the building's opening. Eighth President Martin Van Buren got married inside a home on West Main Street. Reese's essay is filled with other interesting information on Greene County people, places and events. You can read his complete essay in an upcoming edition of Greene County Lives, the GCHS's quarterly journal.

Our committee always has a hard time choosing a winner. The essays are well researched and applicants often use family history or choose a unique or interesting topic in Greene County history to write about. We look forward each year to see what topic the applicants will delve into next. The deadline for this year's applicants is May 1st so we will soon be choosing another winner.

## **HISTORICAL REGISTER COMMITTEE**

Volunteers: Harrison Hunt, *Treasurer*; Joan Satterlee, *Secretary*; Nick Dellisanti; Jean Bush; Linda Hunt; Ken Mabey; Mary Lou Nahas

Although we have not met in person, the Register Committee still is accepting applications from any willing property owners. The past year has been somewhat slow, as has seemingly been the general case since the pandemic. We hope to soon coordinate the freestanding Committee bank account more fully with the main Society account for more efficient bookkeeping. Despite the overall impediments, applications still are being reviewed. We now have a total of 293 properties on the Register.



## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Joseph Warren, Chair**

### **Trustee Emeritus Nominee**

Robert C. Hallock

### **Current Trustees nominated for re-election to a 5-year term (Class of 2030)**

Richard Hanse

Matthew Luvera

Richard Muggeo

### **Current Trustees nominated for re-election to a 4-year term (Held Over Re-Election: Class of 2029)**

Robert D'Agostino

Thomas Satterlee

Judee Synakowski

### **Trustee Nominees for Election:**

#### **Nancy Gifford**

Nancy Moore Gifford, retired, has a fundraising and non profit management career that spans four decades. She has worked for the National Endowment for the Arts, served as the Director of the Friends of the Folsom Library at RPI, Director of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations at the College of Saint Rose, and she has been a member of the advisory board of the Greene County YMCA and the Capital Region Sponsor a Scholar. She has had extensive experience in both reviewing and awarding grants, preparing fundraising applications, and working to devise successful strategies for fundraising. She is the author of "Regional Events" and an editor for the monthly Sleepy Hollow Lake newsletter *The Legend*.

#### **Lex Grey**

Lex Grey is well known for her accomplishments in music, (ASCAP) Award winning songwriter, New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee, front woman of international touring band Lex Grey and the Urban Pioneers. Attended NYC's School of Visual Arts and The New School for Social Research. Became an "unofficial historian" conducting tours of abandoned tunnels under the Brooklyn Waterfront and New York City's Lower East Side. Created the first prototype for what is now the Brooklyn Reliquary. Spearheaded the Coney Island oral history project. Was a great influence in New York City's Burlesque revival where her attention turned to the music that defined American culture, the Blues.

Since moving to Greene County in 2005 she has volunteered for the Catskill Fortnightly Club (17years) and has been their in house de facto historian. Her passion for the connection of

Brooklyn to Greene County led to her extensive research about bootleggers, burlesque and vaudeville. Lex has been a volunteer and presenter for the Bronck House Museum bringing stories, lectures and musical programs to our area raising funds and awareness about the rich and diverse legacy of our region.

Lex Grey is married to Victor Deyglio , recording engineer and current president of HOCA (Heart of Catskill Association). They reside full time in Catskill NY.

### **Louis Martin**

Louis T. Martin has been a resident of Greene County, residing in the Village of Coxsackie since 1972. He possesses over fifty years of experience in the financial services industry and recently retired from the National Bank of Coxsackie as Chief Compliance Officer in 2023. Mr. Martin has been actively involved in numerous community organizations, currently acting as Board President for Bethany Village Housing, Trustee and Finance Committee member of St. Mary's Church, Finance Officer and County Baseball Chairman for Greene County American Legion, and as Chaplain for Coxsackie Post #166 in Coxsackie. Mr. Martin is married to his wife Loretta, retired from State Telephone Company after forty-three years employment. They currently reside in Coxsackie, New York

### **Jonathan Palmer**

Jonathan is the former Archivist of the Vedder Research Library and the current Greene County Historian, as well as being the Archivist of Ulster County. A graduate of Coxsackie Athens High School, with a Masters in Archival Science from SUNY Albany, he has local roots growing up in Athens with roots in Greene County.