



## WALLENPAUPACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### JUNE MEETING LOCATION

The Dorflinger Museum and Sanctuary has invited WHS members to have a joint meeting on Wednesday, June 15th at the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary is located in White Mills. Turn left at the blinker light and go to the top of the hill to the red blinking light. Carefully cross the road and take the first road on the right into the Sanctuary. Park in the parking lot and enter the building to the right of the parking lot.

Events begin at 10:30 am with a program on the Pennsylvania Gravity Railroad given by expert Sal Mecca. Following this program, a lunch of soup and sandwiches will be served. Lunch will cost WHS members \$10.00 and non-members \$12.00. After the lunch, we will be given a tour of the Glass Museum's Summer Exhibit.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon, you must pre-register. If you have not already signed the list at the April meeting, call Audrey at 226 3663. You may also sign up at the Spring Buffet on the 27th.

### HISTORIC BUS TOUR

APRIL 27TH

With Tom Kennedy as the guide, 17 members and others toured several sites within the School District that are historic in nature. Wallenpaupack Area School District provided the transportation. This is a repeat of last year's trip; it will be repeated as long as



We thank Tom and the WASD for their help with this program.

**SPRING BUFFET AT SETTLERS' INN FRIDAY, MAY 27 6:00P.M.  
COST : \$ 30.00/PERSON. CASH BAR- 6 PM, BUFFET 7 PM  
PROGRAM BY GRANT GENZLINGER: History of the Settlers' Inn  
and future plans for Hawley**

**CALL NANCY GUMBLE, 226-6596 FOR RESERVATIONS.  
MAIL CHECK TO NANCY AT PO BOX 303, TAFTON, PA 18464**

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## NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

The WHS Publishing Committee announces the publication of a new book featuring local history. *Historic Homes of Palmyra Township* features the twenty-two structures in Palmyra Township that were built before 1900 and are still occupied. The oldest house may well have been built in 1810 but materials from the log cabins, made in 1774 and abandoned when there was Indian unrest, can be found to be incorporated in many of the older homes.

The price of the book is \$20.00, which includes tax. Shipping costs are \$3.00 extra. This book and other publications will be available in several venues this summer, including the Antique Fair and Wally Fest.

An added feature of the book is a map insert that shows the Manor Tract, the original warranties and lot owners, flood lines of the Lake, and

other points of historical interest.

You may order the book by writing to WHS, PO Box 345. Include shipping costs with your check, payable to WHS. The book will be shipped to you.

You may place an order on the WHS website [www.wallenzaupackhistorical.gov](http://www.wallenzaupackhistorical.gov).

Books will be available at the Palmyra Township Building Office during regular business hours.

## SECOND EDITION OF *MARGARET'S DIARY* AVAILABLE SOON

An additional chapter of *Margaret Gilpin's Diary* that was recently found by family members and made available to the Greene- Dreher Historical Society will be included in this second edition, as well some new photographs. Publication of this edition is a joint project of the Wallenzaupack and Greene- Dreher Historical Societies.

The first edition was sold out last summer. When the new chapter surfaced, it was decided to print a second edition. This publication will be available at the various venues this summer. Order procedures are similar to those mentioned above

## PURDYTOWN CEMETERY AND TAFT CEMETERY

Work on the cemetery has been delayed because of an exceptionally wet April. The trees that were fallen in late fall of last year need to be removed when the ground dries.

Spring maintenance for the Taft Cemetery is planned for Saturday, May 7th in the afternoon, according to Director Rolf Moeller. Grass mowing, some tree trimming and general maintenance are planned. If you can help for an hour, stop by in the afternoon or call Rolf.

### EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

A slightly smaller crowd than last year's participated in the PPL' Earth Day Festival. Outside events were scaled down. People of all ages visited the various vendor stands and inter-active displays. This is very popular with young children every year.

WHS displayed projectile points that recently came into our Collection, as well as all of our publications. Several Directors took turns at the table, making it a pleasant, profitable day.

## Hey, You There!

**Have you signed up to volunteer at the quilt table this summer yet? The quilt will be ready by the end of May and a dozen dates have been planned. Dick Briden is coordinating the volunteers. He would appreciate your offering to give two hours of your time to sell the tickets.**

**This is a fun thing to do!! The quilt sells itself because it is soo –00 beautiful. WHS**

A hungry bear decided that the wheelchair ramp at the Williams House looked particularly appetizing!



## DONATED WATERCOLOR TO REMAIN IN PPL'S LEARNING CENTER

Ray and Joan LaTournous donated a Joseph Stegner watercolor from their private collection to WHS to be used to benefit the Society. Mr. Stegner was a native of White Mills and a neighbor and close friend of the LaTournous family. The subject of the watercolor is the Wallenpaupack Dam and the grounds of the Learning Center from the Wayne County side of the dam. It is particularly fitting that the painting will be on display at the Learning Center.

In the photo, Paul Canevari, Community Relations Director for PPL is shown giving a check for \$350.00 to Audrey Graybill, President. WHS is very grateful to Ray and Joan LaTournous for their generous donation.



## SUMMER PROGRAMS MEAN A VERY BUSY SUMMER FOR VOLUNTEERS...CAN YOU HELP?

HOSTING AT THE WILLIAMS HOUSE EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS 10-12 DAYS THROUGHOUT SUMMER

ANTIQUA FAIR TWO DAYS BOOK TABLE AND QUILT TICKETS

WALLY FEST AT PPL'S DAM TOUR 2 DAYS IN AUGUST

CIVIL WAR PROGRAM AT WILLIAMS HOUSE

PURDYTOWN CEMETERY WORK