

Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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Nathanael Greene
Major General of the Continental Army
Born 1742--Died 1786

Announcements

The **GCHS Annual dinner** will be held at the **Rosebrook Inn Sunday March 24th, at 4:00 PM**. The price is unchanged from last year at **\$27 per person**. Make check payable to GCHS and mail to P.O. Box 185, Stanardsville, VA 22973 by **March 19th**.

The **GCHS annual meeting** will be held in the **Greene County Court House on May 19th at 4:00 PM**. Nominations will be voted upon. Our program particulars were not available at this time. Please, look for information concerning the program in the *Greene County Record*.

Nominations 2013

At the Society's regular Board meeting on January 8th 2013, three potential board and officer vacancies were identified: the terms of Directors Eugene Powell and Carlyle Hystad are ending, as is that of Secretary Cheryl Ragland. Carlyle has declined to run for reelection, and we thank him for his past service. Both Eugene and Cheryl are willing to continue to serve, but the Eugene's re-election requires special notice and a special vote at the Annual meeting to make this possible. The relevant by-law is shown below:

Section 4. A person who has been elected as an Officer or Director for three consecutive terms shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year elapses between the end of his last term and the beginning of the term for which he is nominated, provided, however, that this limitation may be waived by a two-thirds vote of Voting Members at a regular or special meeting of Members of the Society after prior written notice to Members of such proposed waiver."

Member Joe Freni has agreed to have his name put forward as a Director to complete our slate. The election will take place at our Annual Meeting on May 19th. We thank Nominating Committee members Julie Dickey and Bill Jones for their work.

President's Message

Greetings to all members and friends in this first Newsletter of 2013. The year has certainly started with a bang for your Society ó sometimes I find it quite hard to keep up! First I should tell you that in December my husband Don and I went up to Northern Virginia to meet Barbara Rhodes, widow of the late Linwood Rhodes. We lunched at Mount Vernon, and Barbara handed me a check for more money than I have ever held, over \$600,000, the bequest from her late husband. The board is working diligently to find the best possible way to fulfill the requirements for a new museum that Linwood set out in his will. Stay tuned.

Next we turned our attention to the publication date of *Images of America: Greene County*, which was January 28th. We've already had two extremely well attended book signings, one at Noon Whistle Pottery on Main Street in Stanardsville and another at the Visitor Center in Ruckersville. Bill Jones has been filling orders placed on our website from people as far away as Texas; other buyers have found the book at local retail outlets; we really hit the big time with Amazon; and we have another book signing in a few daysøtime at Barnes & Noble in Charlottesville.

Thank you to all who provided the pictures that make this book what it is ó meeting with you while gathering and documenting the photographs was a true delight. Although there was only room in the book for about 200 images, all 600 that were scanned can be seen at the museum on the public computer. I do like to think that in this book, long-time county residents will find memories jogged, and newcomers will be informed about our county's long history. And for everyone, there should be at least one thing to find that they didn't know before. We are still scanning and archiving photographs ó please bring them in!

As if all of that wasn't enough, on the domestic front, so to speak, we've been having a very busy maintenance season at the museum ó or more accurately, Bill Steo has been spending many hours waiting for and working with the contractors for the HVAC system and the security system. Both have been having problems. I can't thank Bill enough for spending so many days on this. It seems that circuit boards have failed in both systems, making one wonder if a power surge was to blame. Should we wish for the return of wood heat and lockable jail bars ó I guess not. So we have to work with today's technology. You'll be pleased to know that hand and foot warmers are no longer needed for museum-minding. I thank the volunteers who have been putting up with a very chilly morning or afternoon.

Stay warm ó spring is coming!
Jackie Pamerter

Membership Request

Anyone wishing to receive the GCHS Newsletter by Email in PDF form and in color should contact the Greene County Historical Society at info@GreeneHistory.org. Receiving your Newsletter by Email will save the Society the cost of printing and postage.

Mailing information

The U. S. Mail address for the GCHS is P.O. Box 185, Stanardsville, VA 22973

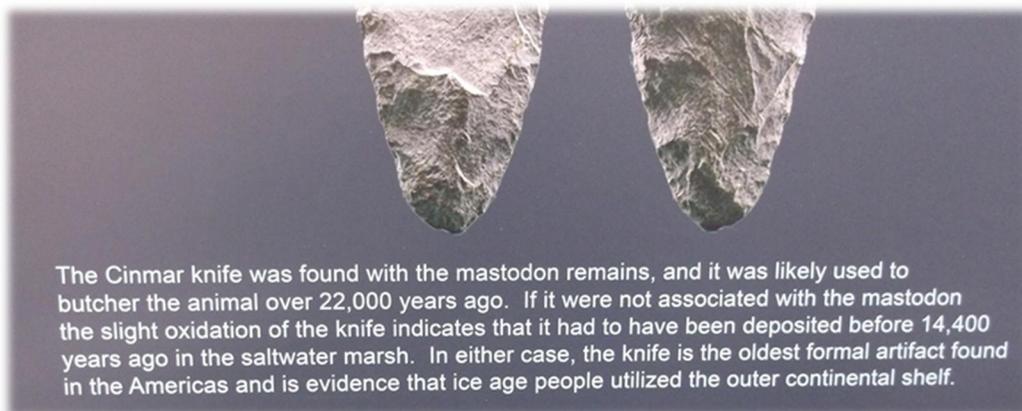
Museum Visit

Reported by Bill Steo



While on vacation this past October some of the members of the GCHS visited the Gwynn's Island Museum located on Gwynn's Island in the Virginia section of the Chesapeake Bay. In attendance were, Bill and Ann Bohn, Jerry and Lori Gore, Ed and Sharon Lumadue, Don and Jackie Pamerter, Carl and Priscilla Schmitt, along with Bill and Sharon Steo.

It's always encouraging to see a local Historical Society so involved in preserving their heritage. Among the displays and artifacts at the Gwynn's Island Museum was a stone knife dating back to over 22,000 years!



The Cinmar knife was found with the mastodon remains, and it was likely used to butcher the animal over 22,000 years ago. If it were not associated with the mastodon the slight oxidation of the knife indicates that it had to have been deposited before 14,400 years ago in the saltwater marsh. In either case, the knife is the oldest formal artifact found in the Americas and is evidence that ice age people utilized the outer continental shelf.



The group was escorted by the Museum's volunteer Director Jean Tanner who gave an outstanding presentation of the artifacts and displays in the Museum. A special thank you goes out to Jean for a very educational visit.



For more information concerning the Gwynn's Island Museum and its Cinmar knife and Clovis point artifacts visit their web site at, www.gwynnsislandmuseum.org .



Inquiry Request

We received a note from Marilyn Durham of Waynesboro asking for help in locating a photograph. If you can help, please email us at info@greenehistory.org and we will pass on the information to Marilyn. Here is her request:

I need some help and hope someone can provide it. I have been trying to obtain a picture of Benjamin Franklin Lamb, born about May 1844 and died 15 May 1925. He served in the Civil War in the Cavalry. I do have a picture of his wife, Mary Ann (Mollie) Sandridge. If anyone has a picture of Lamb with his wife, a copy would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Marilyn D. Durham, Waynesboro.

Artifact Donations November 2012 – January 2013

Dorothy (Skip) Bundy of Springfield VA	Brill Shop papers
David Crowe of Hood VA	2 New Testaments, a marble and dice from the Brill house
Ethyle Giuseppe of Stanardsville	Hand-woven coverlet from Lacuta Powell
Clara Deane Herring of Charlottesville	Original receipts for purchase of a c.1909 sewing machine donated previously
Ed Lumadue of Bluffton SC	Paper ephemera from the Parrott farm, Parker Mtn Rd
Robert McDonald Walker of Winchester VA	History of the Virginia United Brethren and Evangelical United Brethren Conference, 1800-1969, on DVD
Jackie Pamerter of Stanardsville	1910 Caloric Cookstove ad; VA Cavalcade Summer 2002 (Bela Lam article); chart of Selected Points & Blades of the Southern and Middle Appalachians
Katy Wimer of Whitewater WI	1909 ad for Caloric Cookstove
Ginny Reese of Keswick	1970 reprint of Nathanael Greene biography by Francis Vinton Greene, published 1893

New Members

We are delighted to welcome eleven new members to the Society, and look forward to seeing them, if geography permits at events, and we very much hope as volunteers.

Shelviajean Allen, Stanardsville
 Virginia Brooks, St. Paul MN
 Alex and Mick Carrier, Stanardsville
 John and Leslie Davis, Stanardsville
 Jane Dennison, Ruckersville
 Carole Edwards, Stanardsville

Peggy McLean, Charlottesville
 Glory Nash, Stanardsville
 Glen and Doris Richards, Ruckersville
 Joseph Shipp, Barboursville
 David Teel, Stanardsville

Over the holiday season the Greene County Library had a display of toys from the past. It included a pair of Skyline dolls from our collection. The dolls, a boy in blue and girl in calico, have painted faces and rug yarn hair, with sewn joints and soft stuffed bodies. They were designed by Miss Mae Hancock, who taught crafts at the Blue Ridge Industrial School in Dyke and who started craft shops to help resettled citizens from Shenandoah Park. Brooks Silvette and Mozelle Brown painted the faces. All the dolls were made using the same cardboard patterns (which are also in our collections), with different hair styles and dress. Our two dolls wear clothes made by Jean Thurnau.



Donations

We thank Robert De Luca of R&R Printing in Ruckersville for a -while-you-wait- overprinting so that we could make use of a duplicate set of flyers announcing a book signing. Robert did this on very short notice and at no charge.

Thanks also go to Audrey Morris, Patti Baugher, Lori Gore, Joann Powell and Cheryl Ragland for baking cookies for the book signings (and on very many other occasions).

Thank you to John Pluta and Holly Horan for generously hosting our first book signing at Noon Whistle Pottery

Thank you to Tracey and Michele for being our gracious hosts for the second signing at the Visitors Center.

Financial donations

We are most grateful to the following members and friends for their financial donations.

Nina Catalano, Stanardsville

Gwen Conklin, Richmond

Cheryl Dean, Madison

Tom and Louise Hayes, Stanardsville

Jay Johnston, Richmond

Martha Leclere, Stanardsville

Frances Walker, Stanardsville

Al and Joan Stratford, Cape May Court House, NJ

Melvin Morris, Sodus NY

Local Historical Trivia

Those of you who are familiar with the PBS series, Downton Abbey have seen Mrs. Hughes played by actress Phyllis Logan. As it turns out there is a Greene County connection to Downton. Jackie Pamerter is the granddaughter of the real Mrs. Hughes. It's not such a big world after all.



Florence Hopson Hughes



Actress Phyllis Logan as Mrs. Hughes

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Membership Form (Rev. Feb. 28, 2012)

Telephone: 434 985-1409 or < www.greenehistory.org >

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Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Telephone Day _____ Evening _____ Date _____

Email address _____

Contact information update, (if necessary), Name, address, Email address etc. _____

Membership Status: New ____ or Renewal ____ Membership is on a calendar year basis starting Jan. 1st with a payment deadline of Feb. 1st. Your current membership is valid through the date on your address label.

Individual \$15 ____ Family \$20 ____ Institution \$35 ____

Individual lifetime membership \$300 ____

Please, complete this form and mail to the GCHS P.O. Box 185 Stanardsville, VA 22973 with a check for the type of membership desired, made payable to the **Greene County Historical Society**. We encourage you to support the GCHS by becoming a member, and participating as you desire. Joining will ensure that you are invited to all of our events, and in addition you will receive our Newsletter, (Printed three times a year), and the GCHS Magazine, (Published as material is acquired), both publications featuring local and family histories.

As a member of the GCHS, I am interested in the following. Check all that apply:

Museum Minder* ____, Genealogy ____, Family Cemeteries ____, Events ____, Historical Buildings and Structures ____, Officer or Board member ____, Submit Articles/photographs for the Newsletter or Magazine ____, Other _____

** Museum Minding requires a commitment of only 2½ hours a month on a Friday or Saturday, either 10-12:30 or 12:30-3:00. Training is given, schedules are flexible, you meet interesting people, and we thank you for helping us to keep the doors open!*

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