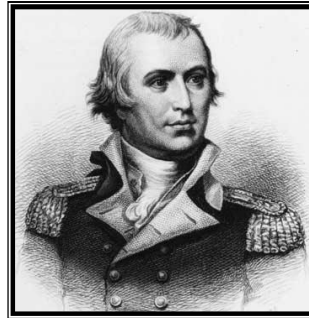


# Greene County Historical Society Newsletter



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

## **We are pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the Greene County Historical Society Museum and the Linwood A. Rhodes Gallery at 360 Main Street in Stanardsville.**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4, 2015. The opening ceremonies will start promptly at 3 PM and will be followed by a reception. The museum and gallery will remain open until 5 PM to welcome members and friends to our new location.

Parking at 360 Main Street for October 4<sup>th</sup> will be limited to handicapped individuals and others with special needs. We hope to see a crowd! So please park at the Greene County Library, PVCC or in the parking areas at Mayor Lowe's property at 308 Main Street (west of Noon Whistle Pottery). There will be parking attendants.

Subsequently, our open hours will continue as previously on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, and by appointment. The generosity of Linwood Rhodes and Ethyle Cole Giuseppe have made it possible for us to exhibit a myriad of items donated by Greene families during the 36+ years since our founding that have remained in storage for lack of space. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and making many new friends in the weeks and months to come as they enjoy different facets of the history of Greene County.

## President's Letter

Well, it has been a very busy few months!! From the outside, the most visible progress is the completion of a wonderful new gallery to house Linwood Rhodes's wildlife art collection and provide a welcome meeting space.

Since I last wrote volunteers have performed a huge number of tasks, including: with the help of Blue Ridge Movers, moved the collections from the jail to 360 Main Street and organized storage there; greeted visitors at the jail during events in Court Square ó the jail will always be our biggest and best artifact, and we plan to develop new exhibits there to explain its past; found appropriate display furniture and modified it to suit our needs; begun to develop new exhibits to take advantage of the great spaces in the house; begun organizing the books in our library, and the architecture and family history files; moved the material we had in offsite storage to 360 Main Street; with much gratitude to Linwood's widow, Mrs. Barbara Rhodes, collected the remaining items of his collection from Arlington; set up research and other material for sale in our gift shop; organized and conducted the ongoing buy-a-brick walkway campaign; and carried out countless other activities. And of course, as everyone knows, acquiring a house and grounds requires attention to a million and one other details. Many hundreds of hours of volunteer time have gone into thinking about, and acting on, ways to make 360 Main Street the best it could possibly be.

Our expectation that we would be able to open in the spring was hopelessly optimistic, but we are delighted to have now scheduled our Grand Opening for October 4<sup>th</sup>! Our Opening Ceremony will start at 3 PM, with appropriate dignitaries in attendance, and we hope that many of you will stay to peruse new displays, have some refreshments and celebrate this historic moment together.

After the opening, we will continue to welcome visitors on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM until 3PM, as well as being delighted to make appointments for other times. And there will be many more activities planned for the future. A continuous walkway to the front of the house from paved parking close to the gallery allows handicapped access to both buildings. There is additional gravel parking to the south of the gallery. Our new home ó 360 Main Street ó is on Business Route 33 at the east end of Stanardsville, a much more visible location than in the past.

Now more than ever members need to know how much we welcome their help as volunteers in a myriad of ways. Thanks to the internet and email, you don't have to be present at 360 Main Street to help with many tasks, although the house and gallery are such pleasant places to be that I for one find it hard to stay away. Please get in touch with us via [info@greenehistory.org](mailto:info@greenehistory.org) to let us know what you would like to do to help as we move forward with the next chapter of the Society's history.

This a more pictorial issue than usual; we hope you enjoy seeing how far we have come in our new location. We are sending paper copies to some of you who normally receive the newsletter electronically. Please share your paper copy!

Best wishes, Jackie Pamenter

The Greene County Historical Society is pleased to announce the completion of the Linwood Rhodes Gallery at 360 Main Street in Stanardsville.



We would like to thank the following companies for their excellent service to the GCHS in the completion of the Gallery construction project and move from the Old Jail:

Troy Coppage and family --- Blue Ridge Movers  
Larry Lam --- Nathaniel Greene Construction Co.  
Tom Crouthamel---TC2 Design  
John Davis --- Engineering consultant, PLLC  
Tom Darnell --- Garage Deconstruction  
Jamie Wayland--- OøJennings Home Builders  
Mike Deane--- D & D Floor Coverings  
Mack Morris Heating and Air Conditioning  
Sunny Pond LLC  
Mechums River Security  
Rappahannock Electric Cooperative  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
Robbie & Katherine Morris --- Performance Signs

The brick walkway is proceeding very well with more people ordering inscribed bricks each day. They will be ordered for installation as we reach our 25 brick minimum order size. Order your brick now and show your support for of the Greene County Historical Society, using the form on the next page. A \$100 or \$200 donation acknowledges your support, memorializes a loved one or commemorates an occasion.





# GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## BUY-A-BRICK ORDER FORM

4x8 Size Brick - \$100.00 (up to 3 lines of text) or 8x8 Size Brick - \$200.00 (up to 6 lines of text)

Your name or memorial can become a permanent part of the walkway to the entrance of the Greene County Historical Society Museum at 360 Main Street in Stanardsville. An engraved brick is the perfect way to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or make sure your family name is included. There are two sizes of bricks. Four inch by eight inch bricks can have up to 3 lines of engraving with 15 characters per line. Eight inch by eight inch bricks have 6 lines of engraving. Please circle size required. Please print the text you wish to appear on your brick on the grid below, using only 3 lines for the smaller brick. Allow one box for every character, space or punctuation mark. Please use all CAPITAL letters.

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All checks should be made payable to: Greene County Historical Society. You may mail the completed form, along with your check to the GCHS, P.O. Box 185, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 434-985-1409. You may also visit our website [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org) and place your order online (under "Sales" tab), with payment through PayPal.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Greene County Historical Society, which is a qualified 501 (c)3 charitable organization. The purchase of your brick may be tax deductible to the extent provided by the law. The GCHS reserves the right to refuse any inscription that is determined to be inappropriate for this project. Bricks will be placed randomly. Every effort will be made to honor grouping requests. The GCHS is not responsible for incorrectly submitted forms.

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On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jamie Wayland accepts final payment for the construction of the Linwood Rhodes Gallery at 360 Main St., Stanardsville, VA. from GCHS President Jackie Pamerter, with Bill Steo and Roger Powell in attendance. Behind them, fittingly, is a photograph of our benefactor, Linwood Rhodes, on a shooting expedition in Scotland.



## Request for artifacts

As we strive to illustrate the part played during the American Revolutionary War by patriots connected with what became Greene County, we are hampered by lack of tangible exhibits. If you would like to donate Revolutionary War artifacts that are connected to a Greene County family please contact us at 985-1834 or through [info@greenehistory.org](mailto:info@greenehistory.org).

## Financial Aid to the GCHS

If you order merchandise on-line you can use *Amazon Smile* for purchases. This program enables Amazon to donate a small amount to the non-profit organization of the purchaser's choice. The Greene County Historical Society is on their list.

It is easy to sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Choose the Greene County Historical Society from their list and a small amount of your purchase cost will be donated to the GCHS. This procedure **does not add** any additional expense to your purchase. *Amazon Smile* is a simple way of lending financial support to the Society and it will be greatly appreciated. If everyone does a little, a lot will be achieved.

## Annual Dinner – March 31<sup>st</sup>

It seems a long time since both of these very well attended functions took place. The dinner at the Rosebrook Inn, as usual a most enjoyable event, included a presentation about the long-term goals and plans of the Society, which elicited many questions and favorable comments. With thanks to Kane Kashouty of the Greene County Record for the photographs.



Above: left, in foreground, Frank and Betty Rupert discuss the Society's plans with long-time volunteer Maude Pluta; right, Long Range Planning chair Joe Freni outlines ideas for the future.



Above: left, Building chairman Bill Steo describes progress to date, with a slide showing the garage that has been replaced by the gallery; right, in foreground left to right Ethyle Giuseppe, Gathelene Rhodes, Henry Shelton and Judy Estes help themselves at the excellent buffet.

## Annual Meeting – May 17<sup>th</sup>

On May 17<sup>th</sup> member Jim Lillard of Madison gave his spellbinding presentation about life in the mountains before the Park to a full courthouse. He was preceded by demonstrations from the William Monroe Middle School students who had been chosen in very keen competition to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Annual National History Day competition in College Park MD, coming up against talent from across the United States and beyond. Their topics included the Apollo 11 Mission and a performance piece about Bill Donovan, the founder of the CIA.

Below left, William Monroe Middle School students discuss their NHD project with Gary Forrest; right, speaker Jim Lillard; bottom, a Madison County memorial to the families who were displaced.





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## Membership Form (Rev. 7/21/15)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal

Update (name, address, email address etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of yearly membership (January 1 through December 31)** *Payment deadline Feb 1<sup>st</sup> of each year*

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

Corporate \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual lifetime membership \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please send newsletters electronically to the address above Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail to PO Box 185 Stanardsville VA 22973, with a check for the chosen membership category, made payable to the **Greene County Historical Society**. Since you have an interest in history, we encourage you to support the Greene County Historical Society by participating as you desire. Joining will ensure that you are invited to all of our events; in addition you will receive our regular Newsletter, and a Magazine featuring local and family histories, which is published as material is acquired.

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 \_\_\_; Committee or Board member \_\_\_; Newsletter or Magazine Contributor \_\_\_; 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! [www.greenehistory.org](http://www.greenehistory.org)

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