

# JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

## WALLENPAUPACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*"Keeping the history of Lake Wallenpaupack alive and accessible for present and future generations"*



### WALLENPAUPACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be no monthly meeting or program in July.

**Monday, August 4, 5:00 p.m. at Zane Grey Museum** - Signing of Treaty of Renewed Friendship with Lenape Nation

**Saturday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the ELC** - "Town Under the Lake" by Jon Tandy, a program about Wilsonville

**Saturday, September 13, Palmyra Township Park** - Pike 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration by Palmyra Township

**Friday, September 19, 4:00 p.m., Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort** - Annual Preservation Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 p.m., the ELC** - Dr Alberta Weber will present on her and her husband's year in Africa as missionary doctors

**Wednesday, November 19, 1:00 p.m., the ELC** - "Not Frail Flowers," a program on Pennsylvania's Civil War Nurses

**Wednesday, December 17, 12:00 noon, the ELC** - Holiday Party and Concert by WAHS Choir

### UPCOMING LOCAL HISTORICAL EVENTS

**Saturday, July 12, 10:00 - 4:00 p.m., Zane Grey Museum** - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Zane Grey Museum Festival at the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers, activities for the entire family, hosted by National Park Service and Zane Grey's West Society. Children's puppet show at noon, The Zane Grey Fishing Derby prizes in the afternoon. Free admission.

**Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13, Mt. Cobb** - Re-enactment of the Revolutionary War's Battle of Wyoming. This two day mega-event commemorates the British and Iroquois invasion of the Wilkes-Barre settlement in 1778. Over 400 settlers, children and soldiers of the Colony died, resulting in Sullivan's Expedition that went through Tobyhanna Township in 1779. Being held at Mt. Cobb, just off Exit 8 of I-84. Events scheduled from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Sponsored by the 24th Connecticut Militia Regiment and the 42nd Regiment of Foot, this is a national event. For a detailed schedule, visit the website: <http://battleofwyoming.org/index.php>. Free admission, although there is a \$5.00 parking fee per car to offset expenses.

**Saturday, August 2 & Sunday, August 3, Ten Mile River Scout Museum** - A history themed weekend with a focus on Sullivan County history and culture featuring exhibits and lectures by historians and local speakers. Topics include D&H Canal, The Lenape, Sullivan Co. History, NYC Water Supply and Reservoir System, Aviation in Narrowsburg and more. Times are from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday the 2nd and 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday the 3rd. Hotdogs and hamburgers for sale on August 3. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum will be open both days. This event is free and open to the public. The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is located at 1481 County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road) near Narrowsburg, in Sullivan Co., NY.

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**THANK YOU to  
BERNADINE LENNON**

Wallenpaupack Historical Society's board of directors has accepted the generous offer of Bernadine Lennon to audit the Society's 2013 financial records. Thank you, Bernadine!

**JOIN THE PAUPACK SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE**

The forming of a new WHS committee for the Paupack School was approved during the May board meeting. This committee will explore options for the best use of the historic Paupack School - how this treasure of the past could be used presently as an asset to the community. Please call Audrey Graybill for more information (570) 226-3663.

  
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## MEETING UPDATES

### June 12 Board Meeting

#### Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee has completed grounds maintenance of the Williams House and Taft Cemetery including removing plant debris. If there is anyone who could offer further evaluation or volunteer their advice or labor for removing tree limbs at the Williams House, please contact Dick Briden (570) 226-8231.

#### Collections Committee

Committee chairperson Ann Wiedenman has been working with WHS member Teddie Cescot, who will be relocating out of the area and donating items to the Society before she leaves. Ann has also been working with Palmyra Township to plan the Pike 200 Picnic for September 13 at Palmyra Township Park.

#### William House Open by Appointment

The Williams House will be open by appointment throughout the summer. If you would like to schedule a time to view the Society's collections, please contact Kristen Brown by calling (215) 740-8731.



### Saturday, June 21 - Traditions of The Lenape - Shelley DePaul, The Lenape Nation

Mrs Shelley DePaul, Chief of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, graciously presented to the Society on June 21 at the ELC in Hawley. Mrs DePaul's program consisted of a lecture and questions-and-answers session on the cultural traditions and current functions of the Lenape Nation, a tribal community. Many Lenape artifacts were on display at the program.

The Lenape, meaning "original people" in the Lenape language, are the tribe of Native Americans who are indigenous to southern New York State (the Catskills, southern Hudson River Valley, Manhattan and eastern Long Island), the entire State of New Jersey, the entire Delaware River region of Pennsylvania extending to the Susquehanna River watershed and Allegheny Mountains, and the river and bay region of northern Delaware State.

The Lenape are known for being the oldest tribe, a peaceable tribe, and neighboring tribes would come to the Lenape to settle disputes. During the era of organized deportation of the late 1700s and 1800s, members of the Lenape compulsorily moved to areas outside of their homeland. But some Lenape remained here in secret, and some Lenape parents left children with caretakers.

At that time other places such as Stockbridge, Mass., Ohio and Oklahoma became the home of Lenape Indians. The Delaware Indians, who are descended from the Lenape, are named after their Lenape homeland of the Delaware River region. Unlike the Lenape Nation the Delaware Indians have federally recognized tribal status, which is possible only for those who relocated to western reservations and recognized those new lands as homelands. Lenape who never left their native land, or who left for western reservations and have come back, comprise the Lenape Nation. Many people

who have roots in the Delaware River region, especially early German roots, have Lenape ancestors.

Mrs DePaul spoke about the cultural traditions of the Lenape, of their upright moral code that is the backbone of tribal religion and culture and how it envelopes not only the humans, but includes all animals and plant life. One cannot overstate the love the Lenape have for the Earth. It is an admiration and care that extends to all members of the ecosystem, with utmost respect for the ecosystem's functioning and renewal. When Europeans arrived at the land of the Lenape, not one discovered a dire imbalance of fuel supplies and fuel consumption as was taking place in England in the early 1600s, resulting in widespread deforestation (*Imagining New England* by Joseph A. Conforti, 2001, page 26). Nor did anyone find landfills of discarded materials as there had been in Continental Europe since the time of the Romans ("Romans in France," *National Geographic Magazine*, April 2014).

The Lenape do not believe in leaving an imprint on their environment and carefully balance their daily and yearly needs with what is provided to them. All of nature is sacred to the Lenape and complete stewardship of the land is as normal as breathing air, eating food or drinking water.

The Lenape tradition upholds social ideals of equality, respect, provision and inclusion. Respect according to one's age is an unwavering tribal custom, and the tribal Elders occupy the most revered place in Lenape society. The Elders are responsible for imparting the tribe's traditions to the grandchildren and guiding the children to fulfill their individual paths and calling. During meals, Elders are always served first, women and children are always next, Warriors (young men) following, and the Chiefs last, knowing that the entire tribe has been served.

It is the Lenape Nation who carries on the little-known tradition of tribal women electing the Chiefs, the men and sometimes women who become the leaders of the tribe. Tribal decisions are made during a circular meeting with all members present, even children. The final decision rests with the elder women, the Clan Mothers, who rely on the Chiefs and Warriors to carry out the decisions. The Clan Mothers have this power in order to keep the balance within society.

There are several clans within the Lenape Nation, namely the Wolf Clan of the Pocono Mountains, the Turtle Clan of the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia, and the Turkey

## The Prophecy of the Fourth Crow

**Lomewe, luwen okwes xukshihele xkwithakamika.**

*Long ago it was said a fox will he run on the earth.*

**Ok luwen newa ahasak xu peyok.**

*and it was said four crows will they come.*

**Netami na ahas kenthu li guttitehewagan wichi Kischelemukonk.**

*first the crow he flew the way of harmony with Creator.*

**Nisheneit na ahas kwechi pilitu entalelemukonk, shek palsu ok ankela.**

*second the crow he tried he cleans the world, but he became sick and he died.*

**Nexeneit na ahas weneyoo xansa ankelek ok koshiphuwe.**

*third the crow he saw him his brother he is dead and he hid.*

**Neweneit na ahas kenthu li guttitehewagan lapi wichi Kischelemukonk.**

*fourth the crow he flew the way of harmony again with Creator.*

**kenahkihechik xu withatuwak enta xkwithakamika.**

*Caretakers will they live together on the earth*



Clan of the Delaware Bay. Throughout these regions, there are many place names that are derived from Lenape words, such as Pocono, Wallenpaupack, Tobyhanna, Equinunk, Kittatinny, Susquehanna, Neshaminy, Conshohocken, Manyunk; -ink, -unk, -hanna endings are Lenape origin.

## 2014 Treaty of Renewed Friendship

The Lenape Nation upholds a Treaty of Renewed Friendship, begun in 2002 and valid for four year terms, with area organizations whose mission would enable a reciprocal friendship and partnership for the furtherance of Lenape traditions in environmental and historical stewardship, social and spiritual harmony, and acknowledgement of the Lenape Nation as original stewards of the Delaware River watershed. The Treaty Signing takes place from August 1 through 17 and spans the length of the Delaware River beginning in Hancock, NY and culminating in Cape May, NJ. Voyaging down the river, the Lenape Nation will stop along the way to meet with area organizations for the Treaty Signing.

Wallenpaupack Historical Society has been invited by Chief Shelley DePaul to participate in this year's signing, as stewards of history. For example, modern history rarely mentions the first European explorers, the Norse, who traveled to Greenland in the first millennium and to Newfoundland (Canada). There is belief that Norse seamen also landed on Massachusetts and land southward, although doubts in the archeological community remain about corroborated evidence for this claim. It is Christopher Columbus who is correctly credited with being the first known person in history to sail directly across the Atlantic instead of navigating the coasts of Greenland and Canada. Columbus and his three ships sailed for five weeks from Spain to [what is now called] the Bahamas and then to Cuba in 1492, asserting that the islands were India and its inhabitants were Indian.

One other important though rarely mentioned piece of history: the Lenape never fully left their homeland. Some left, but not all. Those who remained did so in secret and assimilated into European-American culture, but did not forsake Lenape traditions and language.

Wallenpaupack Historical Society will be signing the Treaty of Renewed Friendship on August 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Zane Grey Museum on the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers. The Delaware Highlands Conservancy will be presenting. Please join the Historical Society in attending.

**Chief Bob Red Hawk explains the Prophecy in the following way: "We now know that the First Crow was the Lenape before the coming of the Europeans. The Second Crow symbolized the death and destruction of our culture. The Third Crow was our people going underground and hiding. The Fourth Crow was the Lenape becoming caretakers again and working with everybody to restore this land."**

**Now is the Time of the Fourth Crow**

# Volunteer with Wallenpaupack Historical Society

Wallenpaupack Historical Society has many volunteer opportunities available for people interested in participating in the mission of "Keeping the history of Lake Wallenpaupack alive and accessible for present and future generations." Volunteering is a good way for students and young professionals to gain experience and build resumes. It could also be an opportunity to work on a project together with your family, or an occasion for retirees to spend time for the betterment of their community.

There are many different types of activities that are available, such as organizing and displaying collections and artifacts, working outdoors on upkeep of the Williams House or historic Purdytown and Taft Cemeteries, organizing annual programs or fundraisers, writing or transcribing articles for the monthly newsletter, updating the Society's website, serving on the Board of Directors, and many other possibilities.

For anyone willing to donate your time, WHS has a place for you to contribute either on a single project or for an ongoing basis. If you would like to volunteer, please complete this form and mail to:

WHS, P.O. Box 345, Paupack PA 18451

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

### VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

- Organizing or displaying Society artifacts
- Facilities upkeep for the Williams House and historic Purdytown and Taft Cemeteries
- Planning special programs or fundraising events
- Contributing to the monthly newsletter
- Website maintenance
- Yearly financial auditing
- Serving on the Board of Directors
- Other interests such as:



## Give a Gift of Membership or Recommend WHS Membership to a Friend

Membership benefits include a monthly newsletter, special notices of upcoming programs of interest, and the right to vote in the corporation. Memberships are for the calendar year. New membership applications received in the final three months of the fiscal year (October, November and December) are automatically extended until the end of December in the following year.

Please complete the following form and mail with your payment, payable to Wallenpaupack Historical Society, to:  
Wallenpaupack Historical Society  
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- Student \$5.00     Individual \$15.00     Family \$25.00     Corporate \$50.00

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