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## Calendar

December 5

GPS Meeting  
Galway Town Hall

7-7:30 Social Half Hour

7:30 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

December 7

Pear Harbor Day

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## December GPS Update

From Virginia Sawicki and Bonnie Donnan

Strange weather. Early snow, abnormally warm temperatures. I'm not complaining, but the gardeners will fret about how confused the plants will be about whether to go to sleep or start growth.

Our November meeting was a program by Paul Perreault speaking on "Elmer Ellsworth: The Most Talked About Man in the Country". Elmer Ellsworth, said to be the first Union officer killed in the Civil War.

A moment of silence was observed during the business meeting in honor of the passing of our longtime member Mary Packer.

The December meeting will be at the regular time, at our regular place, Town Hall. The program will be presented by Rick Reynolds, Town of Ballston Historian. His topic "Heroes, History, Honor" will be presented in the person of Samuel Meredith, first Treasurer of the United States, 1789-1801.

We are continuing our custom of collecting contributions for the annual Christmas Basket project. Nonperishable food, paper products, new toys, toiletries, and monetary contributions will all help to brighten the season. The project, supported by many community organizations, the area churches, the

school, and Greater Galway Community Services Association, is headquartered at West Charlton United Presbyterian Church. Checks may be made out to WCUPC Basket Fund. Donations will be collected at the meeting.

A new display was installed in the Town Hall lobby display cases in October entitled "Brookside Museum: A Galway Retrospective". Scans of documents and photos in the Brookside collection were provided by the museum, as well as some local artifacts. Thanks to Patty Kay for all the work she did printing many of the scanned items. The display will be in place until spring. We welcome any suggestions for future displays.

Thanks to Patty Kay for submitting the photo of Mary Packer, and also to Mary Cuffe-Perez for the Mary Packer poem from the Library's *Story Quilt* book for the newsletter.

Keep our editor Kurt Johnston in mind. He is always in need of interesting local material for the newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and a Joyous Holiday Season to all!



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