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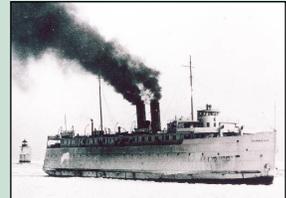
GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

February 2016

Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 7:00 pm Greece Public Library

The Story of the Cobourg Ferry by Tom Brewer

Take a Steamer Trip on Lake Ontario between Rochester and Cobourg with Tom Brewer who will present the history of the Ontario Car Ferry Co., Ltd. which operated two ships to carry railroad cars and passengers to and from Cobourg, Ontario, Canada from 1907 until 1950.



Tom Brewer is a member of the Charlotte/Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society and the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum.

Please note that **pre-registration is required for this program**. You may register online at the Greece Public Library website <http://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/> go to calendar and click on event. Or call the library at 585-225-8951. "Please register each person attending the program."

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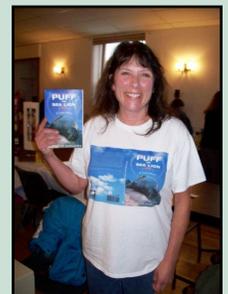
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Sunday, February 28th, 2016 2:00 pm Greece Museum

Book Review and Signing

Mary Ellen Ostrander, author of *Puff the Sea Lion, a Love Story*, will be at the museum to talk about and autograph her book.

During her 25 years+ working at the Seneca Park Zoo, Ostrander has cared for and trained Amur tigers, Bornean orangutans, polar bears, spotted hyenas, arctic wolves, Amur leopards, cougars, and California sea lions. Puff, a favorite of zoo visitors, led Mary Ellen to write his engaging story.



Ostrander's memoir was written and published independent of her job at the Seneca Park Zoo and is not affiliated with it.

Proceeds from the profits of the sale of the book will benefit marine mammal rescue centers and the Monroe County Spay/Neuter Assistance Program.

"President's Message"

For longer than I can remember the Greece Historical Society has mailed an 8 to 10-page newsletter to our members every other month for a total of 6 issues a year.



Starting this year, we will be trying something new. We plan to mail our newsletter, the Corinthian, every month, but perhaps with fewer pages. In order to finance this project, we plan to sell small business ads to cover the cost and to make up for some lost revenue that we will no longer be receiving.

We have tried to avoid selling ads for several years but as expenses increase and revenue declines we felt it was a necessary move. In upcoming issues, if you see a business ad, please support that business and let them know that you saw their ad in the Corinthian.

Bill Sauers, President

P.S. If you would be willing to spend two hours a month helping fold, seal and label 350 newsletters please give us a call at 225-7221 or e-mail greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

"Museum Events"

Museum and Museum Shop hours:
Sunday **1:30 - 4p.m.**
GHS office hours: Mon-Tue 9:30 a.m.-Noon
Museum and Museum Shop also open office hours.

Museum Reopens February 28th, 2016

Tuesday, Feb. 9th Greece Library 7:00 pm
The Story of the Cobourg Ferry by **Tom Brewer**

Sunday, February 28th Greece Museum 2:00 pm
"Puff the Sea Lion" by **Mary Ellen Ostrander**

Sunday, March 6th Greece Museum 2:00 pm
Cemetery Virtual Tour by **Maureen Whalen**

Tuesday, March 8th Greece Library 7:00 pm
Rochester's Time in the Big Leagues by **Scott Pitoniak**

Sunday, March 13th Greece Museum 2:00 pm
Lake Ontario author **Susan Peterson Gateley**

Town Historian's Office Moved to Library

The historian's office has now been moved to the Greece Public Library. It has been an honor for the Greece Historical Society to have collaborated with the Town in providing the space for and services of the Greece Town Historian for over 40 years. We look forward to continuing a cooperative relationship with the Office of the Town Historian for the benefit of the residents of Greece.

A Virtual Tour of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

On Sunday, March 6th at 2 pm at the museum, come learn about Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and some of the notable Rochesterians who are buried there. **Maureen Whalen**, on behalf of the Society, has begun conducting walking tours at this historic cemetery, where she shares insights into the art and symbolism of some of the grave markers.



Original GHS Home

For 10 years, beginning in 1978 the Greece Historical Society shared space with the Town of Greece Historian in a town-owned house on English Rd. In 1988 the

Society and historian moved to our new home on town land at 595 Long Pond Rd. We were the first building on what is now the Greece Town Campus.

THANK YOU to the citizens of the Town of Greece for nearly four decades of supporting and encouraging the preservation our Town's history.



Another "sell out" crowd of 160 guests at our January 12th program at the Greece Public Library. GHS President **Bill Sauers** took folks on a ride along the former Manitou Beach Trolley line.

*Pre-registration Required for Programs at the Library

Call the Greece Library at 585-225-8951 or go online at <http://www.greecepubliclibrary.org>, click on the calendar link, click on the event and follow the instructions. *Please register individually for each person attending the program.* The Library will e-mail or text you a reminder or advise of last minute changes or weather related cancellations.

"Our Museum Community"

Greece Press now on-line

Thanks to the efforts of the Greece Historical Society, the Rochester Regional Library Council, the Rundel Library's Local History Division and the NY Historic Newspapers website, a complete collection of the Greece Press from 1934 through 1977 is now available on-line. Since 2009 a partial collection of the Greece Press from 1934 through 1950, provided by the Greece Historical Society, has been available on fultonhistory.com. This new site now includes the complete collection using updated software. *The Greece Press*, later re-named *The Greater Greece Press* and *The New Greece Press* was a locally produced weekly newspaper that focused almost entirely on activities, stories and news about the Town of Greece.

The images on the NY State Historic Newspapers website were scanned and processed by an optical character recognition (OCR) program and converted to computer files. The contents of those files were then indexed and placed on a central server. This research resource is available for online use at no charge. The site is created and administered by the Northern New York Library Network in partnership with the NY 3Rs Association, Inc.

Resources like the NY State Historic Newspapers website and fultonhistory.com are an incredible resource for historians, genealogists or anyone researching their local history.

Go to <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/> and start exploring our Town's history!

GHS Receives MANY Award

The Museum Association of New York (MANY) of Troy, NY announced the winners of its **2015 Awards of Merit**, an annual award presented to New York State Museums and Heritage Organizations. The award recognizes outstanding work in the museum community, honors staff and volunteers, and provides encouragement for the development of new and innovative projects. A total of fifteen projects, ranging from exhibitions to educational programs, received recognition.

The Greece Historical Society received a **Certificate of Commendation** for its "Our Town in World War II" project. The other local Finger Lakes winner was the Ontario County Historical Society.



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Membership Renewal and Dues

As announced last May, beginning in 2016 all membership renewals will now be due by April 30th, for a membership year beginning May 1st, instead of the rolling membership of years past. This new policy will make it easier for our members to know their dues/renewal date and also make it easier for us to efficiently manage memberships.

Due to our rising costs, we have found it necessary to increase membership dues. Our last increase was 1988, that's 28 years ago! This modest increase will help us provide outstanding programs, a newsletter, special events and tours, museum exhibits about Greece and other activities important to preserving our town's history.

You can find a membership renewal form with the changes on our back cover page. This form and dues information is also posted on our website which will also allow payment by PayPal.

We appreciate your cooperation, patience and support as we work through these changes.

"Museum Shop"

Select titles from the Museum shop are now available for purchase in the Friends of Greece Public Library's Second Hand Prose bookstore. The titles available include the two books on the Odenbach Shipbuilding Corporation, "Our Town in World War II", "Eight Miles Along the Shore" and "Manitou Beach Trolley Days." The Friends' bookstore is conveniently located off the library lobby and is open seven days a week. We much appreciate the Friends' support and help in promoting the history of the Town of Greece.



Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator

Museum Shop hours: Sun 1:30-4:00, Mon-Tue 9:30-12

Town Historian Retires

The Office of the Greece Town Historian has been located with the Greece Historical Society for more than 40 years; for 20 of those years, the Town of Greece has contracted with the Society for the space and volunteer services of the Town Historian. For these 20 years, **Alan Mueller** has served in the position of Town Historian.

On January 1st Alan announced his retirement as the Greece Town Historian. Fortunately, he will still continue to volunteer with us at the Greece Historical Society.

During Alan's 20 years as Town Historian he has organized the office and archives and along with assistance from society members and friends has added greatly to the archives. He has helped countless people throughout the country with their research projects and has written more than 25 original researched articles for the *Democrat & Chronicle* and nearly 100 for the Greece Historical Society's newsletter, the *Corinthian*. Alan has regularly met with other municipal historians within the area and has assisted the Society with numerous projects and exhibits and has even loaned many personal objects for Society exhibits.

This past summer Alan received a History award from the Greece Chamber of Commerce. The board of trustees and all the volunteers at the Greece Historical Society thank Alan for his many years of dedicated service.

"I Never Knew That"

When you are working on a historical research project such as *Our Town in World War II*, you learn some interesting facts. For example, did you know that the U. S. Postal Service devised the postal zone numbering system during the war years? Experienced postal workers knew immediately where a street was located in the Rochester area, but when many of them went into military service a way to help inexperienced workers sort mail was invented. Remember how mail used to be addressed: Rochester 12, New York? This zone number was replaced by the zip code in the mid-1960s. Although the World War II exhibit is over, portions of it will be retained as part of the ongoing museum exhibits; the home front and Odenbach Shipbuilding.

Maureen Whalen

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**We sincerely appreciate
your donations.**

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Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

This newsletter is published monthly by the editor for the Greece Historical Society and Museum.

“Museum Update”

Kathy Firkins, Maureen Whalen, Marie Poinan, Alan Mueller, Jack Heller, Linda Evans, Joe Vitello, Arnie Amering and I are putting our heads together to plan new exhibits. Joe and Arnie will be moving wall panels and adding two others, moving artifacts to other locations, figuring out how to add electrical outlets to the museum and, in general, give the museum a new look. We have wanted to increase the size of the agricultural exhibit for a long time.

We can tell about the life and times of early settlers from Charlotte and King’s Landing, namely William Hinchler, the Latta family of the Latta-Meach house in Charlotte (which is the oldest dwelling in what was once Greece), the Rowe family, and the King family who settled in the area of Kodak Park (which was then part of Greece). We know about the various types of farms we had in Greece, where farmers sold their crops and how they got them to market. We have been busy digitizing the minutes of the first town meetings dating back to 1796, when we were Northampton, and the Town of Greece Supervisors reports in which Asa Rowe is mentioned in 1835 and other early records. We can then produce enlarged and enhanced copies, which are more easily read, to put in our exhibits.

2016 is the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of WW II. We plan to show how life changes for Greece families as a result of the war. The Home Front exhibit will use artifacts not seen before to tell the story – a new slant on the present exhibit.

The Odenbach Shipbuilding exhibit will remain but with added photos of the demolition of the building.

We plan to rent a “trolley” tour bus to tour some of the historic sites of Greece and Charlotte.

These exhibits will open in February.

Tom Sawnor’s committee continues to research and plan what promises to be a fun exhibit – “Home Town Sports” – due to open in May. Programs and events will not only entertain us but give us more information about the sports and those who played them. A preview of some of the exhibit information is forthcoming.

We can always use extra help if you would like to join us in the planning and installation of the exhibits. Please call Bill, Lee or Tom or email us at greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Lee Strauss

Student Intern Assistance

The Greece Historical Society was pleased this past year to have local high school students complete their “Citizen in Action” commitment with us. They were a great help as they served, on Sunday afternoons, as door greeters guiding visitors to the exhibits, counting attendance, or helping with computer data entry. Some college students helped us do research for our exhibits and even assisted with the newsletter mailing.

Hannah Podulo spent part of her Christmas break sitting in on the planning of our next exhibit, Hometown Sports, and will be contacting one of the former Greece students who achieved acclaim as a professional basketball player, whom she just happens to know. Hannah is an American History major at Elmira and will continue her education by entering a two year Masters in Museum Studies program. She will help us as a museum docent in the summer. **Shaina Sarkis**, a student at St. John Fisher, continues to help us as a museum guide from time to time.



Andrew Easterly, a graduate in American History and Library Science, volunteers two afternoons a week, doing research and helping to plan exhibits. He completed an assignment with the CIA in Washington, DC and is hoping to find a position with the FBI. He is very good at managing records.

We are so appreciative of our student interns!

Lee Strauss

