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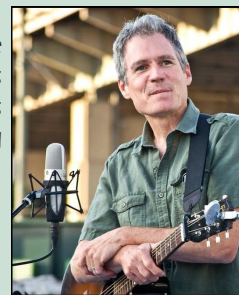
Tuesday, April 12th 7:00 pm Greece Public Library

When Music, Like Food, Was Local by Dave Ruch

In collaboration with the New York Council for the Humanities, Dave gives us a compelling window into the self-made entertainment of our ancestors by drawing a direct parallel with the contemporary local-foods movement. In the days before electronic media (and sometimes well after) New Yorkers made their own music just as they provided their own food. As often as not, this music was "locally sourced," coming from just around the corner rather than around the world. Songs were learned from neighbors, coworkers, elders in the community, grandparents, and were passed down through the generations.

Dave Ruch is a full-time musician and educator, specializing in the historical and traditional music of his native New York State. He travels regionally and internationally from his home in Buffalo NY. Dave has been featured on American Public Media, in Emmy Award-winning documentaries, and across North America and the United Kingdom.

This New York Council for the Humanities program is free and open to the general public, it is made possible through the Public Scholars program with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



*Please note that **pre-registration is required for this program**. See page 2 for directions..*

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Time to renew!

Your membership year for the Greece Historical Society runs from May 1st through April 30th.

Beginning this year, the Greece Historical Society is entirely supported by members like you and possibly a few grants.

When you renew, please consider upgrading your membership. Your support is critical to maintain our archives and museum and to continue to offer quality programs throughout the year.

For those of you who have already renewed your membership, we truly thank you.

For more information about membership see page 6. A membership form is on the back page of this newsletter and on our web site.

Thank you for your support; we wouldn't be here without you!

"President's Message"

There have been many changes at the Museum recently.

We invite you to come and see the changes our valiant volunteers have made. Without their hard work and generous efforts, where would we be?

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and all volunteers throughout our area.

Bill Sauers, President



Become an Advertiser

We invite local business owners, individuals, and organizations to support the Greece Historical Society by becoming an ADVERTISER. Take out an ad in our monthly newsletter and our website. We print 400+ copies of the Corinthian each month and distribute it to our members, advertisers, town/county officials, the Greece library and other historical societies in the area. Past issues can be downloaded from our website.

Promote your business or organization or yourself to your neighbors in the area while supporting your local Greece Historical Society. Individuals can also show your support for the volunteer work we do for our town's history. Your advertising dollars will help us to fulfill our mission of preserving the history of Greece. More importantly, it helps us with the upkeep of our historic house and museum at 595 Long Pond Rd. Ad prices start at \$100 per year.

Call **585-225-7221** or e-mail greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com for more information. We will send you detailed information on your advertising/support options.

"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.

Sunday, April 3rd Greece Museum 2:00 pm
Norman Rockwell exhibit & talk by **Gregg Redmond**

Friday, April 8th Last day to reserve Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 10th Greece Museum 2:00 pm
Norman Rockwell's "The Rookie" by **Sherm Safford**

Tuesday, April 12th Greece Public Library, 7:00 pm
When Music, Like Food, Was Local* by **Dave Ruch**

Saturday April 16th Barnard Exempts 5:00-7:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17th Greece Museum 2:00 pm
Who was Vince Tofany? by **John Tofany**

This month, we welcome **Deborah Ham Whitt** and her **State Farm Insurance Agency** as a newsletter advertiser.

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***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"

Lawn Mower needed !

Our 20+ year old lawn mower has outlived its usefulness. Although the town cuts a majority of the grass around our historic center, for which we are thankful, we still need a mower for the grass close to the house.



If anyone has a used, good working power mower that is looking for a new home please give us a call 225-7221. We will be willing to pick it up.

April Sundays, 2:00 pm Greece Museum

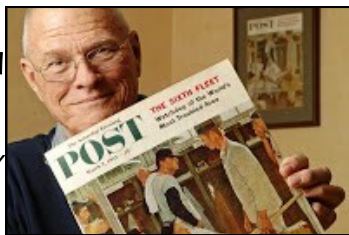
April 3rd, Norman Rockwell exhibit & talk by Gregg Redmond.

Norman Rockwell continues to be America's best loved American artist/illustrator. His original paintings hang in museums that attract hundreds of thousands of visitors. When they sell from private collections, they command millions of dollars. What makes his art so appealing to so many years after his passing? Gregg will explore his biography, his body of work and examine more than a dozen of his prints.



April 10th, Norman Rockwell's "The Rookie" by Sherm Safford

The Norman Rockwell cover of the March 2, 1953 *Saturday Evening Post* featured a young rookie in the Red Socks locker room. Meet Greece resident, **Sherm Safford** who as a young man modeled as the rookie for Mr. Rockwell and hear about his experiences that day and his fame years later. The original painting sold last may for \$22.5 million.



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Meet Our Volunteers

"New College at Brockport Intern joins GHS staff"



Andrea Maples, a student at the College at Brockport, has been working with **Lee Strauss** and College Librarian **Pam O'Sullivan** to catalog and organize some of the clothing in the Museum's collection. Andrea is an energetic student, majoring in History, Anthropology, and Business Management, with a minor in Museum Studies. She is hoping to continue her work to obtain more of the technical skills that will help her find a place in a museum. Outside of school, she enjoys travelling, hiking, creative outlets such as drawing, and spending time with friends and family.

Pam O'Sullivan, who currently works at the College's Drake Library, has a strong background in Local History and archival methods. She just started her second year on the GHS Board of Trustees, and hopes to have many opportunities to work in the Museum and with other local volunteers.

"Museum Shop"



Spring is here and it's bright and sunny in our remodeled Museum Shop. We have a lot of new local history books for you to check out, so stop by before they are all gone. You can also purchase your tickets for our Spaghetti Dinner on April 16 at Barnard Exempts.

Wendy Peeck, Museum Shop Coordinator

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

April Sundays, 2:00 pm Greece Museum

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April 17th, Who was Vince Tofany?
by John Tofany

Have you driven by Town Hall and seen the name on the street entering the campus, and asked yourself "Who is **Vince Tofany**?" Join his son, **John**, for a presentation discovering Vince Tofany's life and his connection to the Town of Greece.



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"Braddock Bay Raptor Research "Bird of Prey Days"

Mark your calendar. April 22-24 marks the 28th Annual "Bird of Prey Days". The event focuses on bringing the community together to experience and learn about raptor migration. Greece is on the Northern migration flyway and every year thousands of hawks, owls and eagles pass through our area on their way to the Northern breeding grounds. The event will be held at the facilities at Braddock Bay State Park and is a free event. 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of Braddock Bay Raptor Research's scientific study and community outreach and this year's featured raptor is the Bald Eagle, our national bird. Check out the entire weekend schedule at BBRR.org.

Ruth Curchoe

Ruth is a GHS Trustee and volunteer, who is actively involved with BBRR. She is an artist who enjoys painting her beloved birds.



Please Remember

the **Greece Historical Society** in your tax and estate planning. We are a non-profit organization supported by your gifts and endowments*.

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.



Time to renew !

May 1st is our annual date to renew your membership.

Please renew your membership in Greece Historical Society and help us continue our great programs, special events and exhibits. Your dues enable the society to carry out its function to collect and preserve our history for our families and those to come. We are the only organization in town to do so. Your support is vital as membership dues and donations are our primary source of income.

Your membership entitles you to a directly mailed newsletter, free public programs, discounts on selected tours or special events, use of our reference library. Those with benefactor or life memberships receive a discount of 10% -20% on a selected item in our gift shop in addition to these benefits.

Did you know you can rent the house for special occasions? Call Bill or Lee to receive an application and to learn about the terms of house use. We will send you an application. Members receive a discount on the rental fees. Our gardens make a nice backdrop for your special photos.

We can do research for you at nominal rates or provide copies of photos or documents for a minor fee. We can provide hard or digital copies.

Group tours can be arranged by calling the office or emailing us. The fee is \$2.00 per adult; \$1.00 for children. A museum guide will provide information about each of the exhibits and answer questions. If answers are unknown, we will do our best to find the answer to your question. Informational handouts are available. You may also visit the museum shop to find the perfect read of the many local history books we have in stock.

A membership form is on the back page of this newsletter and on our web site. You can also pay your dues via Pay Pal by going to www.greecehistoricalsociety.net, filling in the membership form, and clicking on the Pay Pal button. A donation button is available for your donation, too. For those of you who have already renewed your membership, we truly thank you. If you are uncertain about your membership status, give us a call at 225-7221 and we will check our records. To those of you who will heed our call to renew, our heartiest appreciation.



On March 8th **Scott Pitoniak** entertained us with stories and the history of the major league sports in Rochester.



On March 6th nearly 40 guests filled our living room to hear **Maureen Whalen** talk about Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



There's always time to catch up on old times in our kitchen.



On March 13 Lake Ontario author **Susan Peterson Gateley** talked about her new book, "*Saving The Beautiful Lake A Quest For Hope.*"

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday

April 16, 2016

5:00-7:00 pm

Barnard Exempts
360 Maiden Lane



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Pre-paid tickets will be picked up at the dinner... Space is limited! Please purchase by April 8, 2016

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Greece Historical Society - Dinner Tickets

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Greece, NY 14616

"History Report"

The Ridge Road Hotel was once located on Lake Avenue opposite what was then the start of West Ridge Road. When the hotel was built in the 1820s it was located in the sparsely settled Town of Greece. Its owner (and perhaps builder) was Elias Avery, from Connecticut. He was Town Supervisor in 1853 and 1854 and also the Town Clerk at various times before 1852. He is listed as a farmer in the 1850 and 1860 census, owning extensive farm property on what would later become Kodak Park. The 1850 census lists the hotel as housing six boarders in addition to he and his wife, Mary, and five of their extended family. After Mr. Avery's death in the early 1870s, the hotel passed to several relatives, as his wife died in 1860.

A small article in the Rochester Union Advertiser, July 3rd 1894, had this to say of the almost 75 year old hostelry: "About midway between the beach and the city, near the famous old Ridge Road, stands this old hotel, known 75 years ago as an inn of the first class and known as such today. It is here where all the parties driving down stop for a rest.... The house is finely furnished and equipped, and the viands, wines and liquors of the best.... Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J Laufer are so well known as successful popular entertainers that it is unnecessary to say that the Fourth will be memorable for fireworks, and balloon ascensions.... Wheelmen (bicyclists) have long recognized this hotel is a semi-official place to stop and rest."

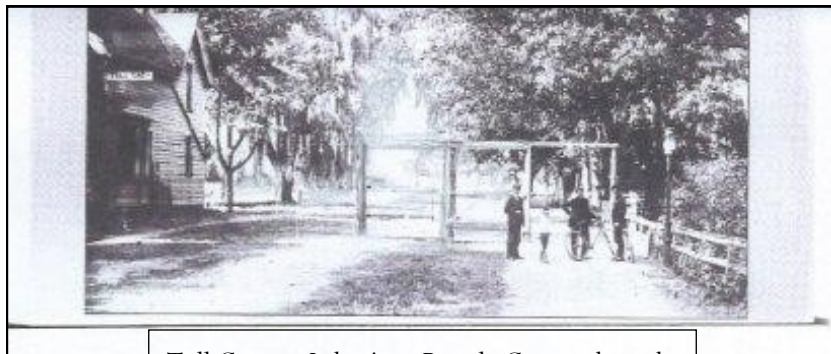
The bicycle craze was at its height in the 1890s until the early years of the 20th century. The young ladies shown with their "Wheels" are resting after cycling down a bicycle path on Lake Avenue. It appears to be a spring day at the yet to open Ontario Beach Park. A popular halfway stop from Main and State Street would have been Laufer's - Ridge Hotel. Ladies would have always entered the Woman's Lounge side entrance. Ginger Ale, Hires Root Beer, Sarsaparilla or the new drink, fountain Coca-Cola would head the popular soft drinks list. The toll gate in the photo was some distance north of the "new" Kodak Park. The money raised from the bicycle tolls was used to maintain the bike path. Monroe County had extensive bike paths all over the county during the bicycle mania of more than 120 years ago..... "What goes around, comes around!"



Group of young ladies with their
Wheels at Ontario Beach Park



Ridge Hotel in the 1920s



Toll Gate on Lake Ave. Bicycle Gate at the right

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Your donations and memberships help keep our Museum open.
Thank you for your support.

Membership Application

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