

The Corinthian GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



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**Monday June 17th, 2019 Greece Museum 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
45th Annual Strawberry and Dessert Festival
See page 5 for details**

Maureen Whalen Receives Greece Regional Chamber of Commerce 2019 History Award

On April 25, Greece Historical Society volunteer **Maureen Whalen** received the "History" award at the Greece Regional Chamber of Commerce Community awards banquet. The award was presented by Master of Ceremonies **Doug Emblidge** and Chamber President & CEO **Sarah Lentini**.

Maureen has been involved in the Charlotte/Greece community and the Greece Historical Society for many years. She helped organize the first Thursday History program at the Charlotte Branch Library and also has facilitated a book club at that library for over 22 years.

As a member of the Greece Historical Society since 2012, she has curated several major exhibits at the Greece Museum including "Winning the Vote: The Women of Greece," "The Underground Railroad in Charlotte & Greece" and "Our Town in World War II," and is now preparing an exhibit on Prohibition which will open in the fall. In addition, she co-wrote books for two of the exhibits, "Winning the Vote" and "Our Town in WWII" which included interviewing and writing the stories of a dozen local WWII Veterans.

She has researched, organized, and conducted several tours of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and is now preparing a tour of the Mother of Sorrows Cemetery for later this year. For several years Maureen has re-enacted the life of local aviatrix Blanche Stewart Scott (America's first aviatrix), presenting talks in the first person style on Blanche's life including her participation in last year's VoteTilla along the Erie Canal.

In 2018, she researched and prepared a grant to secure a new roadside marker noting the summer home of suffragist Jean Brooks Greenleaf. Maureen is also a long time volunteer at the Seneca Park Zoo and is currently finishing a book on the history of that zoo.

CONGRATULATIONS to Maureen, a true unsung hero in the local history community.

Also, at this year's Chamber award banquet, in recognition of its contribution to the community for the past 50 years, the Greece Historical Society was awarded the "Arts & Culture" award.



"President's Message"

Summer is almost "officially" here and what better way to celebrate summer then with a community picnic! Yes, our annual Strawberry & Dessert Tasting Festival will be held again this year on the grounds of the Greece Historical Society. We will have some of our regular vendors, **Wegmans**, **Long Pond Family Restaurant**, **Tim Hortons**, and the **Dutch Mill**. New this year will be **Special T Cakes and Desserts**, and for the over 21 crowd, **Lake Ontario Winery and Vineyards**. After eating your desserts first, you will be able to purchase great hots and burgers from **Barton's Parkside Hots**.

Jeremy Carter will return with his special blend of music and songs and, weather permitting, we'll have a square dance demonstration by the **Silver Squares**.



The **Corvette Club of Rochester** will display some of their prize cars and the **Wegmans Zoo Mobile** will set up shop with several of their exotic animals. This is a family event so games and old fashioned technology for the kids will be available (*Do you remember typewriters, dial phones and manual adding machines?*)

Community groups will be on hand to offer information on their organizations, including, **Veterans Outreach Center**, **Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse**, **Honor Flight**, **GPAS**, **Greece Food Shelf** and **Greece Clothing Closet**, and others.

During the event, random door prizes will be given out and our famous **Chinese Auction** will again be available with chances to win some valuable prizes.

In order to keep our festival an affordable family event, the price is still \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5 -12. Your ticket includes a \$1.00 coupon for our museum gift shop and a chance to win a gift basket from Dell's Market. See you at the Festival, June 17th!

Bill Sauers, President

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

We greatly value and appreciate your donations*.

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Our Calendar "GHS Events and Programs"

Museum and Museum Shop hours: Sundays 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
and during office hours Mondays 10 a.m.- Noon

*The Greece Museum will be closed Sunday June 16th
In preparation of the Strawberry Festival*

Memories of Longridge School Exhibit Opens Sunday, June 2nd, 2:00 p.m. Greece Museum

Strawberry Festival Monday, June 17th, 4p.m. - 7p.m.

Irish Families of the Town of Greece, Sunday, June 23rd, 2:00 p.m. Greece Museum

The History of the Greece Police Dept. Tuesday, Sept 10th, 2019 **

50th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, October 26th, 2019, Red Fedele's Brook House

*Sunday programs are at the Greece Museum, 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday programs are at the Greece Public Library, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for any or all of these events. We are here for you. If you've been curious about something in Greece's past, please let us know. We might be curious, too!



Thank you for renewing, Members!

THANK YOU to all our friends and neighbors who have become new members and to our current members who have renewed in a timely manner.

You were quick to respond to the reminder letter sent to you about renewing your membership....only 70 to go! You were resourceful in finding a form to use despite the snafu of the form being missing from quite a few of the envelopes we mailed. Thank you for your ongoing support. You may use the form on the back of The Corinthian or print one from our website to send with your check. Or, renew online. We will accept membership dues payments at the gift shop during the Strawberry and Dessert Tasting Festival in June as well.

"Museum Shop"



It's time for our Strawberry Tastings Festival. Your ticket will have a \$1.00 coupon, good on any purchase in our Museum Shop. We look forward to everyone coming to enjoy our event.

Also, mark your calendar for November 23rd. We will be having our 'annual Craft and Collectibles sale. If you are a crafter and would like to participate, please let us know and we can add you to our list of vendors. This event draws a lot of shoppers for the holidays.

See you soon. We are here on Sundays, 1:30-4:00.

**Wendy Peeck,
Museum Shop Coordinator**

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It was a busy day at the Greece Museum on Saturday, May 4th for our fourth annual Scanning Day.

On Sunday, April 28th, we had the pleasure of hearing **Tom O'Connell** talk about the life of Colonel Patrick O'Rorke and the accomplishments and future projects of the Colonel Patrick O'Rorke Society.



Greece History

North Greece Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary, 75 years of service.

by Donna Preston

The Ladies Auxiliary unit of the North Greece Fire Department was chartered by the State of New York in the winter of 1944. It was through the tireless efforts of charter member **Marion Gould** and president of the Fire Department, **Ed Cleveland**, that this complex task was achieved. Original charter members were **Edna Badge, Betty Cabic(Vatter), Luella Cobic, Eleanor Cleveland, Marion Gould, Ruth Henchen, Dell Kuhn, Marguerite Lemcke, Florence Lockner Bell, Theo Lockner, Ada Miller, Carolyn Miller(Fisher), Esther Waldock, Florence Whelehan, Elsie Wolff, Del Wood, Eleanor Vatter(Horgan), Rose Kluth(Toal), Rowena Thompson, Nola Speer, Rita Sine, Charlotte Roberts, and Myrtle Rickman.**

As stated in their constitution, the Auxiliary's objective for the organization "*shall be to assist the North Greece Fire Department in every way possible and to be of service to the community.*" To this end, the resourceful ladies in the infant organization purchased a copper clothes wash boiler. Through the kindness and expertise of one of the firemen, a spigot was installed, and this vessel, full of hot coffee, was, throughout many of the early years, transported to the scenes of working fires. It is recalled that during one particularly disastrous dairy barn fire the boiler was placed on the burning embers of the barn beams to keep the coffee hot on a four-below-zero morning.



Most of the current members of the Auxiliary

No organization operates without money and the Auxiliary was no exception. Numerous fundraisers were conducted through the years, including member produced amateur talent shows in the late 1940s and early 1950s. The shows, at the time, were popular and "taken on the road" to the Batavia and Canandaigua Veterans Hospitals. As time moved on other types of fundraisers were held. Profits from fundraisers were used to purchase uniforms for the marching unit which added zest to many parades during the '50s and early '60s. They wore hats, capes, and skirts. As the cost of uniforms increased, the Auxiliary stopped marching and used their money to furnish and improve the kitchen at the old Station #1 on Latta Road. Today you can see the Auxiliary marching in the Spencerport and Hilton parades although without the fancy hats, capes and skirts.

The Auxiliary, under the leadership of **Patty Williams**, took over fund raising by holding the annual garage sale at the old Station #1. This quickly became a tradition at North Greece. No discarded item was safe, nor was any fireman who owned a truck immune from a call to pick up items for the sale. This gigantic effort enabled the Auxiliary to make numerous contributions to the firehouse kitchens, and since 1978, to the Firemen's Pavilion.

The Auxiliary has participated in the department's Breakfast with Santa by purchasing gifts for the department children and cooking the breakfast. Prior to the community Easter Egg Hunt each year, the Auxiliary feeds the Easter egg workers breakfast. During a large fire, the Auxiliary will be asked to provide breakfast, lunch, or dinner for fill-in crews or the firefighters. For the past 4 years the Auxiliary is found ringing bells for the Salvation Army kettles at Wal-Mart Plaza for their contribution to the community. They have been known to sing to the shoppers.

The Auxiliary meets monthly and has a membership of 22 ladies.

Donna Preston is a 50 year member of the North Greece Auxiliary and wife of a 57 year member of the North Greece Fire Department. **NOTE: This story was also published in the Messenger Post on May 15th, 2019.**

Share Your Stories and Memories

We love to read stories and memories by YOU, the average Greece resident. Each of you has a story to tell. You (or your group) can submit a local history story or memories of growing up in the Town of Greece. Email your story to: greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com along with a photo and brief bio. Your story should be no more than 500 words. Don't worry if you're not an English scholar — we will edit as needed for continuity, grammar, punctuation, etc.

share your
story with us

Greece Historical Society's Annual Fundraiser "Sweet Sensations" Strawberry & Dessert Tasting Festival

Monday, June 17, 2019

595 Long Pond Road
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Admission \$7.00



\$3.00 Children 6- 12, Free 5 & Under

Includes Strawberry Shortcake from Wegmans

and dessert samples from Long Pond Family Restaurant,

Tim Horton's, the Dutch Mill, Special T Cakes & Desserts

and Lake Ontario Winery & Vineyards



Hots, burgers, sausage, etc. will also be available for purchase from
"Barton's Parkside Hots"

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Door
Prizes

Chinese
Auction



Music & Songs by Jeremy Carter
Children activities - Community Displays
Wegmans Zoo Mobile

Visit museum exhibits inside



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Where people make the difference.



New Museum Exhibits

Sunday June 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Irish Families of Greece

The Irish were among the earliest settlers in the town of Greece. Some came after the War of 1812 and the building of the Erie Canal. Many families were here long before the potato famine drove millions to emigrate to the United States in the 1840s.

Marie Poinar's presentation will look at some of the Irish families of Mother of Sorrows parish who settled on or near Latta Road and have given rise to many familiar names in the town of Greece: **Hogan, Fleming, McShea, Dobson, Tiernan, Burns, Read and McGuire**. Many rare photos included in the presentation are from families who have shared their family histories and have donated them to the collection of the Greece Historical Society.



Two new photo exhibits will open in June featuring two prominent early residents of the Town of Greece. **George Ruggles** held patents for his invention of the rotary snow plow and a racing canoe. He also served as President of the Village of Charlotte.

Terry Burns helped to build the Erie Canal and then bought land in Greece in 1827. His house still stands off Kirk Road. This expansive exhibit features the **Burns, Kirk, Veeder and Newcomb** families and their eight generations of contributions to the town.



To me, this is about preserving history and making it available to everyone.
~ Sergey Brin

Museum Happenings

Tours and Education

On May 10th I had the pleasure of having the ladies from Beatrice Place Senior Facility tour the house & museum. What a delightful group!!! It's always fun to have the seniors - they know so much history. The 1930s kitchen was the favorite. They all said that they remembered using the utensils in their own kitchens. Hopefully, they will return at another time with some who could not attend that day.

On May 29th I did a presentation to the 2nd graders at Longridge Elementary School, giving them an idea of what they will see when they come to the museum in June. They are learning about the community and how it has changed.

On June 2nd we hosted an open house featuring Longridge Elementary School's history. Several former principals, teachers and staff members attended.

Kathie Firkins
Education Coordinator

On May 10th, we were visited by a group of women from Beatrice Place.



The Greece Regional Chamber of Commerce held their 34th Annual Community Awards Banquet, on Thursday, April 25th. The awards recognized exceptional individuals and organizations whose business and volunteer activities demonstrate significant contributions to our community. **Maureen Whalen** received the "History" award and the **Greece Historical Society** received the "Arts and Cultural" award.



Thank you to the members of the **Lakeview Garden Club** for a wonderful job with our front gardens and to the **Shorewood Garden Club** for their work on our beautiful side garden.

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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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