



Author of Zoo History at Museum on July 12th

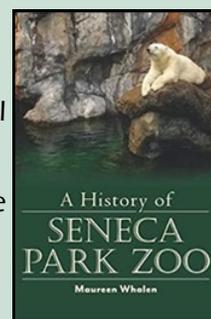
1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the museum front porch



Since it appears likely that our September program, *The History of Seneca Park Zoo*, will be presented via Zoom, we have invited **Maureen Whalen**, the author of the first and only comprehensive history of the zoo and a long-time Society volunteer, to sell copies of her book on Sunday, July 12 between 1:30 and 3:30 pm at the museum. We will be following social distancing and masking guidelines. Maureen will be selling the books from the front porch of the museum and visitors will be able to stay outdoors while waiting to purchase a copy.

The history retails for \$25.00 and a portion of the sale of each book will go to the Greece Historical Society.

Selections of other books from our Museum shop will also be available that day. Cash or personal checks only.



Archival Storage Show & Tell by Kate Jacus

Saturday, August 1st, 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)

Back yard of the Greece Museum 595 Long Pond Rd

Get a close up look at various storage options for your family heirlooms, from photographs to newspaper clippings, books to textiles. We'll talk a little about the science behind "archival-quality" and then show you various boxes, binders, and enclosures and how to safely pack objects. We'll have plenty of time for questions so you'll leave with storage recommendations for your own collection.

This program will be outside in the shade of our back yard. Please bring your own lawn chair and a mask. Social distancing will be maintained and hand sanitizer and plastic gloves will be available if you wish to touch any of the storage options.



Kate Jacus is the marketing coordinator at **Archival Methods**, a local manufacturer and supplier of archival storage and presentation products. She is also the founder of **The Photo Curator, LLC**, and a certified professional photo organizer helping families and businesses manage their photo and heirloom collections. She was our guest at the June 9th Zoom presentation.

"President's Message"

We have been busy around the museum this past month. **Bill Peeck** and **Tom Sawnor** finished painting the front porch. **Joe Vitello** worked on the side exit porch and did some maintenance inside. **Terry LaFeber** trimmed the front bushes, **Lakeshore** and **Lake View Garden** clubs have been busy sprucing up the gardens and a long planned back deck project was finished by **Kash Home Improvements**.

We have tentative plans to open our museum on Sunday, August 2nd, but in the meantime we have planned two outside events. **Maureen Whalen** will be selling her new book on the history of Seneca Park Zoo on Sunday, July 12th and **Kate Jacus** will show us various storage options for your family heirlooms, on Saturday morning August 1st. We are still collecting food for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. If you stop by for one of these events or when we are open please remember to bring something to share with those in need.



I am happy to announce that we received a \$1,000 grant from the Pomeroy Foundation to help with our general operating expenses. The Pomeroy Foundation is well known in the New York history community, most notably for their funding of historic markers (four of their funded markers are in the Town of Greece). This past spring they have awarded a total of \$100,000 to historical organizations in New York.

Please note that this is a July-August issue of the *Corinthian*. It's time to take a one month break and enjoy the summer. Please visit us after we open on August 2nd and check out the new books in our museum shop.

I want to thank all of you who renewed your memberships. Without our Strawberry Festival, pasta dinners, donations from visitors, and loss of gift shop revenue, there's a good chance that memberships will be 98% of our income this year. Your membership support this year is more important than ever.

Bill Sauer, President



Please help us.
Renew promptly.



Our Calendar **"GHS Events and Programs"**

Beginning August 2nd:

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

History of Seneca Park Zoo Book Sale

Sunday, **July 12**, 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Greece Museum

Archival Storage Show & Tell by Kate Jacus

Saturday, **August 1**, 10:00 a.m. Greece Museum

History of Seneca Park Zoo by Maureen Whalen,

Tuesday, **September 8****

Eight Brave Civil War Soldiers: Past Meets the Present

Tuesday, **October 13****

*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.



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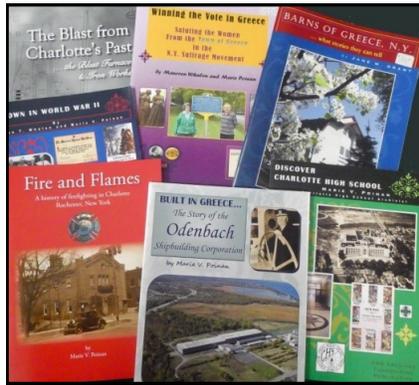
"Museum Shop"

We have some new books in our Museum Shop. Do you remember the Charlotte Blast Furnace, or Firefighting in Charlotte, and of course, the Seneca Park Zoo? We have so much about our local area.

When **Maureen Whalen** is here to sell her History of Seneca Park Zoo book on July 12th, we will also set up some of our other books outside for you to review; or you can enter our Museum Shop to check out our books [one at a time, with a mask, of course]. The rest of the museum will not be open.

We look forward to returning to our normal schedules in August. Stay safe.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator



Greece Museum to Re-Open August 2nd (We Hope!)

With phase 4 beginning, museums are allowed to be open with certain restrictions. We need time to prepare and make decisions on the protocols we will be following, and prepare plans. With that in mind our tentative plan is to re-open the museum to the public on Sunday, August 2. There will be a limited number of guests at any one time, of course patrons will need to wear masks, and we will have a "No Touch" policy. If you plan to visit us you may need to ring the door bell and wait for a docent to let you in. Please watch our Facebook page and website for updates or call us for more information.

"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived,
but if faced with courage, need not be lived again."

~ **Maya Angelou**

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If you have the time, talent, and desire to help the Greece Historical Society & Museum, consider becoming a volunteer.

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We will be glad to discuss how you could contribute to the success of the Greece Historical Society.

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Museum Happenings



Lakeview Garden Club

Lakeview and **Lakeshore** Garden Clubs have been busy this spring caring for our gardens. We certainly appreciate their efforts. Volunteers like these make our Town more beautiful.



Lakeshore Garden Club



Tom Sawnor and **Bill Peeck** finished painting our porch. Just like at your own home, maintenance never stops. If you would like to help we have several other painting projects that need to be done.

This past month, **Kash Home Improvements** replaced the wood floor with composite material, replaced the railing and rebuilt the steps to our back exit porch, finally finishing a project that we have been planning for the past few years.



Current History



On June 20th a peaceful and well organized **Black Lives Matters** rally was held at the Greece Town Campus. Nearly 200 people, heard speeches, prayed and played music while they marched down Long Pond Road. History happens every day, and with the lack of local reporters today, it is the responsibility of all historians to collect and preserve our current history for future generations. Your Greece Historical Society was there!

Name these Famous People of the Prohibition Era Contest Winners

Our March issued featured a "Name These Famous People of the Prohibition Era" contest. Rob Cunningham and Kevin Monaghan were the winners who each received tickets to a future GHS Pasta Dinner. Congratulations Kevin and Rob.

The answers are:

1. **Calvin Coolidge:** 30th President of the United States
2. **Franklin Roosevelt:** New York Governor 1929 to 1933, 32nd President of the United States
3. **Vladimir Lenin:** Russian revolutionary and head of Russian government
4. **Greta Garbo:** star of stage and screen
5. **Ernest Hemingway:** journalist, novelist, short-story writer, and sportsman
6. **Bonnie and Clyde:** criminal couple, bank robbers
7. **George Kelly:** "Machine Gun Kelly," gangster
8. **Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd:** bank robber
9. **Albert Einstein:** theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity
10. **John Barrymore:** star of stage and screen and radio
11. **Zasu Pitts:** star of stage and screen and radio
12. **Claudette Colbert:** star of stage and screen
13. **Joan Crawford:** star of stage and screen
14. **Gloria Swanson:** star of stage and screen, movie producer
15. **Josephine Baker:** American-born French entertainer, French Resistance agent, and civil rights activist
16. **John Scopes:** high school teacher, defendant in the Scopes Monkey Trial
17. **Sacco and Vanzetti:** Italian immigrant anarchists, executed after controversial trial
18. **Will Rodgers:** entertainer, radio personality, writer, screen star
19. **George and Ira Gershwin:** songwriting brothers
20. **Coco Chanel:** fashion designer and businesswoman
21. **Leopold and Loeb:** kidnapers and murderers, unsuccessfully defended by Clarence Darrow
22. **Rudy Vallee:** musician, star of stage and screen
23. **Knute Rockne:** college football player and coach at Notre Dame
24. **Joseph P. Kennedy:** businessman, investor, politician
25. **Cecil B. De Mille:** movie director
26. **Clinton Howard:** Rochester based, nationally known Prohibition advocate
27. **Gertrude Stein:** novelist, poet, playwright, art collector
28. **Sara and Gerald Murphy:** Americans in France hosted parties with famous people
29. **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr:** Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, 1902-1933
30. **Lou Gehrig:** New York Yankees baseball player, "The Iron Horse"



Shorewood Garden Club —37 Years Caring for our Garden

In 1992 the **Shorewood Garden Club** landscaped the south side of our historic center. A weed control barrier and top mulch were installed to provide low maintenance for, what would be a two-year commitment for the care and maintenance of the garden. "I guess we didn't get the memo" said **Marcia Marano**, the President of the club, because Shorewood Garden club took care of this garden up until the end of the 2019 season when the club was dissolved. It is a beautiful garden with perennials, box woods, flowering bushes, sedums, and roses. With giant dahlias and annuals being the highlight for summer color. The location has full sun, lots of wind and is next to a parking lot, which means it needs lots of water, "it would never be low maintenance. What were we thinking?" said Marcia.

It is the first thing you see when you come to our museum. Marcia said they "enjoyed taking care of it for all these years and hope that it provided a welcoming place for people visiting your lovely museum."



Shorewood Garden 1992-2019



Shorewood Garden Club members in 2012

The Greece Historical Society would like to thank the members of the Shorewood Garden club for their years of dedicated service and for making the Town of Greece a more attractive community.

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Welcome Lakeshore Garden Club

We were informed this past winter that the **Shorewood Garden Club** has disbanded and no longer would be caring for our South garden. For nearly four decades the club has been maintaining that beautiful garden. It was not unusual to see people photographing the garden or the occasional wedding couple having their picture taken in front of the garden. We so much appreciate the years of effort the ladies of Shorewood gave to improving our grounds.

Fortunately, when the **Lakeshore Garden Club** heard about the need for someone to take care of the garden they volunteered and by mid May they were busy preparing the garden for this year.

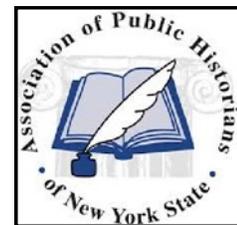
We welcome **Lakeshore Garden Club** and thank them for volunteering to take over the care of such a great garden and look forward to enjoying their work for years to come. The history of the club is on page 9.



Networking with Others

It is imperative that the Greece Historical Society maintains relationships with professional and community organizations. The following are the organizations that the Society is a member of: The Association for Public Historians of New York State, Greece Chamber of Commerce, The Landmark Society of Western New York, Museum Association of New York, and the Rochester Regional Library Council.

We also meet regularly with local and state historians and maintain a close co-operation with the Greece Public Library and local and regional historical societies, especially the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, the Parma-Hilton Historical Society, the Rochester Genealogical Society the New York State Historian, and New York Archives Partnership Trust.



Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf



The Greece Historical Society is still collecting food for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. If you can spare a few items, drop off your donations of canned food (and only canned food, please) at any time on the front porch of the Greece Museum. Thank you for your help during this time of critical need. For more information about the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, go to <https://www.facebook.com/greecefoodshelf/>

Reopening Prep

We're preparing for our re-opening by stocking up on needed supplies. We are still trying to find disinfecting wipes. If you know where we can purchase some please let us know.



The Rochester Park Band at Manitou Beach in 1906

by Lisa Kleman

Want to have some fun? Let's go on a company picnic to Manitou Beach in the summer of 1906. We'll join the nearly 1,000 employees of James Cunningham & Sons, a huge company with several factories, which, in 1906, was still making horse-drawn carriages, but by 1908, would transition to that new kind of horseless carriage called an automobile.

"We'll meet at 7:30 am in front of the main factory on Canal Street. And then the celebration begins! We'll march together, grouped into our different factories, each one with its large silk and gold banner, from Canal Street to the New York Central train station. And what is a parade without a band? And why not two? The Rochester Park Band with its handsome director, **Theodore Dossenbach**, and all its musicians in their glorious cream-colored suits, will lead us today, with **Fred Zeitler** and his 54th Regiment Band. And as we march along, people rush to the streets from their houses, or watch us pass from the windows of their workplaces, perhaps wishing they worked for James Cunningham & Sons."

"We have a special train waiting for us at the station which brings us to Manitou Beach, and right away we join in the many sports and contests. Want to see how we had fun in 1906? Well, there was the baseball game between the married men and the single men. There was the married women's race, the little girls' race, the old men's race, and who can forget the fat men's race? And so many prizes — for the oldest man present, the youngest man, and the man having the reddest nose!"

The Rochester Park Band played often at Manitou Beach in the first few decades of the 20th century. On July 14th, 1920, the annual Orphans Day, sponsored by the Automobile Club, was held at Manitou Beach. It began with the car parade, starting at East Avenue and Brunswick Street, with Theodore Dossenbach and the Rochester Park Band and autos filled with excited orphans.

At Manitou Beach, the orphans rode the loop-the-loop and scenic railway and felt so much joy, which we hope lingered in their memories in their days to come. They were given lunches with two sandwiches, a banana, cake and candy, and there was orangeade and ice cream sandwiches free throughout the day. There were games and dances and contests, and at the end of the day was the grand march with 1200 children. **William Bausch**, such a goodly man, chaired this event; we are so thankful to him.

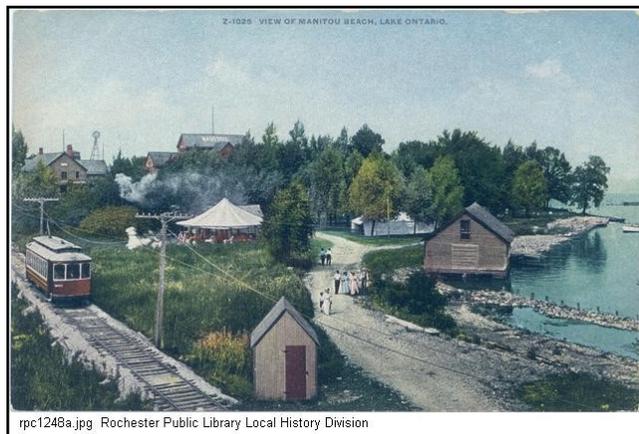
The amusement park at Manitou Beach existed roughly from the 1890s to the 1920s and boasted some of Lake Ontario's grand hotels, including the Manitou Hotel and the Odenbach Hotel. Reachable by the Manitou Beach Trolley until 1924, with its trestle over Braddock Bay, the park and beach lingered long in the memories and stories of those who were fortunate to experience its special good times.

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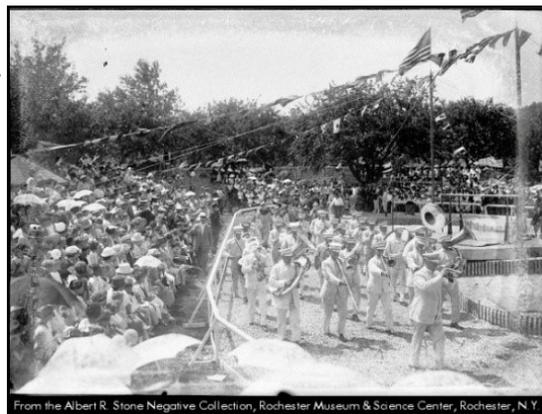
D&C, "Big Picnic at Manitou Beach", 8/18/1906

D&C, "Wonderful Time for Orphans on Outing of 1920," 7/15/1920

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1900s Manitou Beach Post Card



Rochester Park Band at Manitou Beach



Orphan's Day Picnic at Manitou Beach

Greece History

Lakeshore Garden Club History

by Ann Weitzel

"The Lakeshore Garden Club is one of the oldest garden clubs in this area. It was founded in June of 1935 at Charlotte High School under the leadership of Mr. Walter Bennett, who was its first President. The purpose of the club was to develop and promote an interest in gardening and landscaping; the use of flowers and plants in the home; the protection of trees, plants, shrubs, wild flowers, birds and natural surroundings; and to enjoy the advantages of association with one another. Mr. Bennett served as president of the club from 1935 until 1944."

The club joined the State Federation of Garden Clubs in December 1935. In 1943, programs were devoted to victory gardening. The Club was active in the establishment of the Garden Center of Rochester in 1945, contributed to the landscaping of Northside Hospital in 1956 and started the restoration of the kitchen garden at the Campbell-Whittlesey House in 1963. The club also participated in the restoration of the lighthouse at Charlotte by joining other garden clubs in the landscaping and gardening.

The club meets monthly from April to December of the year. There is a planned program for each month. Examples for 2020 are a visit to Homesteads for Hope, rehabbing wild creatures, a tour of the Foodlink Garden, ticks and other interesting bugs and an update on recycling. Dessert is always an important part of our meetings! We close the year with a Christmas Luncheon. At present, we have 20 members. The current Co-Presidents are Cindy and Lou Rossi.

Lakeshore Garden Club is one of the only clubs in the District that includes men. The club makes regular donations to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and contributes Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families through the food shelf. Until this year, the club has regularly maintained the gardens at the Unity Adult Day Care Center on Lake Avenue. Since that program has been moved, the club has taken over the care of one of the gardens at the Greece Historical Society. We were also able to donate and move two raised beds from the Unity Garden to Homesteads for Hope on Manitou Road. It is a delightful group which continues to "promote an interest in gardening and landscaping," protection of our environment and "enjoy the advantages of association with one another."

For more information about Lakeshore Garden Club, call 351-1138 or email cidnycrossi1955@gmail.com

Information taken from "Lakeshore Garden Club 1935-2010 and current meeting minutes.

Walter Bennett of Nye Park, president of the Lakeshore Garden Club which held its first annual flower show yesterday, pauses to admire the prize-winning arrangement of datures entered by Miss Olive Slater of Beach Ave. *D&C September 24, 1935*



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