

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m. via "ZOOM

"From Park Avenue to Park Ridge" by Kathleen Britton

Kathleen Britton presents the early history of Unity Hospital from its origins in downtown Rochester as the Park Avenue Hospital through its relocation to Long Pond Road and transformation into Park Ridge Hospital.



Kathleen Britton is the Curator of the Rochester Medical Museum and Archives, a part of Rochester Regional Health.

Registration required: Go to <http://greecepubliclibrary.org> click on Events, then Calendar, go to May 11 to register. Direct link: <https://greecepubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=9796&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/05/01>

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The Corinthian

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



"President's Message"

Another COVID month has come and gone. I hope you are all getting your vaccination shots. We are sorry to say that we are not holding our annual Strawberry Festival this year. This Greece tradition will have to wait another year. In this uncertain time, even if guidelines change, we just cannot take a chance and plan the event this year. Let's hope we can begin the summer of 2022 with the best GHS Strawberry Festival ever while celebrating the Town's bicentennial.

During April, the garden clubs started some gardening, we had one more Zoom Tuesday program, and our organization had a financial review and energy audit. We upgraded some computer equipment and recently were notified that we will be getting a grant soon to replace our outdated server (more on that later). Meanwhile a John Fisher student was here doing research for a County bicentennial project, Penfield historian **Kathy Kanauer** sent us some great early photos of Greece, and Brighton historian **Mary Jo Lanphear** has helped us identify some properties for our Thomas Boyde project.



To wrap up the month, I had the opportunity to join the Rochester Area Special Collections, Archives and Libraries (RASCAL) group meeting. The group is made up of various staff from cultural and archival institutions around the Rochester region who meet quarterly to discuss issues related to special collections, archives, and libraries.

Ongoing projects we are working on include the architect Thomas Boyde study, a book on pioneer families of Greece, and a couple projects with the Greece Central School District.

Watch for some small socially distant outdoor events this year. Our first one is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 about the history of the flower industry in Western NY with Nellie Gardner. It will be a BYOC event (*bring your own chair.*)

Membership renewals are coming in at a very good rate. I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships and a special thank you to those that added a little more. We are grateful for the community-wide support. Membership forms are on the last page of this newsletter.

Bill Sauers, President

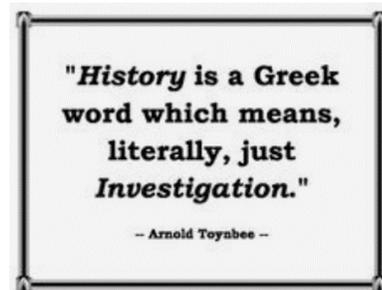


Sad News

We are saddened to inform you of the death of one of our valued volunteers. **Paula Koerner** recently passed away. She was a member and volunteer for over 20 years with our organization. She had a beautiful winning smile and personality and was always happy and willing to help in any capacity. We will surely miss her. Our condolences to her family.



The word **history** comes from the Ancient Greek ἱστορία (historia), meaning "inquiry", "knowledge from inquiry." or "judge".



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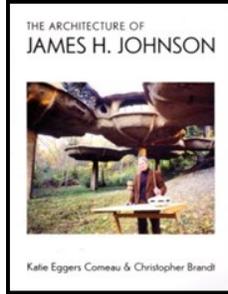
"Museum Shop"



It has been great being open to visitors. We have had many guests and, of course, they all stop in the Museum Shop. We are here to support our local history and you can find several locally written books on our town. We still have a few copies in stock of our award-winning book on the **Architecture of James H. Johnson**.

As always, we will see you on Sunday 1:30-4:00 (with masks).

Wendy Peek
Shop Coordinator



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Our Calendar

NOTE: Our museum is open Sundays 1:30–4:00 p.m..

Closed May 9, May 30, June 20 2021

We maintain office hours, Mondays 10:00 a.m. till noon

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

All programs will be conducted via Zoom. Registration required.

To register go to our web page calendar for instructions.

May 9 - Mother's Day, Museum Closed

May 11 - 7:00 p.m. Park Ave to Park Ridge (via Zoom)

May 30 - Memorial Day Weekend, Museum Closed

June 19 - 1:00 p.m. History of the Flower Industry in Western NY

June 20 - Father's Day, Museum Closed

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

Call us at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

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

We greatly value and appreciate your donations*.

*Tax deductible per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Financial Review & Energy Audit

A financial review of our 2020 accounts was completed by the firm of **Sean Hucko, CPA, LLC** of Greece, NY on March 23, 2021. No significant discrepancies were found. A copy of the report may be obtained by contacting the Treasurer at greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com



We also had an energy audit, conducted by **CJ Brown Energy** of Buffalo NY, on March 26, 2021.

This audit was paid for by a **Green Jobs Green New York** grant to the firm. The grant was designed to allow small non-profit organizations to get a

handle on their energy usage at no cost for the study to the organization. In the next few months, we will receive a report that will provide recommendations for improvements, their costs, and possible contractors for the work. Any improvements recommended will be at the Society's cost. Any project improvements will have to be proposed to the board and expenditures approved by the board.

Greece History

A CLOWN'S STORY, Grease Paint Alley Clowns Inc. by Jean Federico

In 1979, with the circus coming to Rochester, N.Y. and knowing how children love clowns, a few folks, mostly in the Greece and Hilton area, got together and decided Rochester should have their own clowns for parties, parades, and any event for children. So there began our history of clowning.

In the very beginning, the clowns held their monthly meetings in the basement of the old Greece Town Hall. As word got out about the clowns, many adults began attending classes until they became part of Grease Paint Alley Clown group.

There was a lot of work involved such as: hiring a lawyer to get the group incorporated as a non-profit organization, setting up clown classes, teaching the newbies, etc. At one point, the group had over 50 clowns.

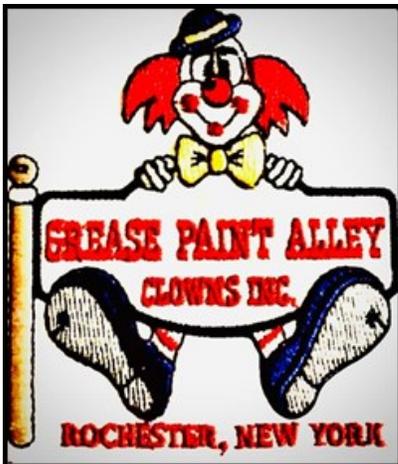
As time went on, the newer clowns got older and retired and there was a desperate need for new clowns. We spread the word through a lot of advertising, campaigning at events and just word of mouth. Eventually the Alley was full again. We did and still do no fewer than 50 events every year, performed by people who donate their time and expertise making young and old smile.

Our performances include magic tricks, balloons, face painting, workarounds, and just entertaining children. Just to mention a few of our events in Rochester: parades, Al Sigl Center, Fresh Air kids from NYC., public & private school events, and Strong's Golisano Children & Cancer floors. This is an all-volunteer group that performs free of charge to community groups. Although some of the clowns do contract individually for private events.

The clowns are dedicated members, and everyone pitches in to get the job done. A few details about being a clown: it takes about 1 hour to put your face on correctly; most clowns make their own costumes; they build their clown character and when in costume they are "A Clown". You have a sense of pride that you are part of your community, trying to make this world a better place.

In 1990, the first week in August was proclaimed by Rochester and many towns as "National Clown Week," and during this week you will see clowns at nursing homes, places of business, picnics, playgrounds, or anywhere clowns are desired.

It is now 2021 and the **GREASE PAINT ALLEY CLOWNS** are here to stay!
If you are interested in being a clown call 585-234-4711.



About our name:
Grease represents the grease paint that is applied for our makeup and Alley is the name given to a group of clowns. .



GPA Clowns at a past Town event.

Editor's note: This is continuing a series about organizations in and around our town. History is not just about things that happened years ago, history happens every day. Organizations, especially nonprofit ones, are what makes a community so great. Organizations featured in past Corinthians are: Greece Performing Arts Society - Feb 2019, Kiwanis Club of Greece - May 2019, N. Greece Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary - July 2019, Greece Ecumenical Food Self - Feb 2020, Friends of the Greece Public Library - April 2020, Lakeshore Garden Club - July-Aug 2020, Jazz 90.1 WGMC-FM - Nov 2020. If you would like your organization featured here, send an email to greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

More Greece History

Water, Two Brothers-in-Law, Two Ladies that paint, and a Shelf Clock by Alan Mueller

Midsummer last year our society was gifted several interesting artifacts from the Gordon Howe family. One of the most interesting was an imposing shelf clock from the early 1800s. Gordon Howe Jr. mentioned that it came down through the family from his grandfather, Frank Howe. Gordon recalls the clock but does not remember just where in their home or his where Grandfather's clock was used.

As soon as the clock was unpacked from a rather large box, and I had a chance to examine the interior, my interest was intrigued. I wanted to know more about the clock and where it was made and by whom? Here is where the long title of this page starts to make some sense, (we hope?). We'll start with water. In the early days of the industrial revolution in the late 1700s and early 1800s the easiest form of power was through a water wheel.

When **Edward Hopkins** and **Augustus Alfred** (brothers-in-law) of Harwinton, Litchfield County, Connecticut decided to form a partnership and make clocks, they turned to the Naugatuck River running through the west side of town. They dug a canal from the river to their shop and installed a water wheel to run the various early machines driven by the water wheel, line shafts and belting. The factory is long gone, but the canal, and parts of the dam and wheel foundation can still be seen. Harwinton is about 20 miles west of Hartford and also northeast of Bristol, the heart of clock making in western Connecticut.

Our shelf clock is a thirty-hour double weight drive. The mechanism is mostly made from hardwood with a correct gong on the hour. The proper name is column and scroll shelf clock. The case style was very popular, and is ornamented with three brass finials at the top. That wooden case design was made by another clock maker in the area. All clocks of American make were generally weight driven because it was difficult to manufacture a reliable spring wound drive. Tall case clocks (Grandfather) were tall to accommodate the long drop necessary to operate a seven-day mechanism. All the metal clock faces were hand painted by two of Mr. Alfred's grown daughters, Louisa and Cynthia. More than likely they did the reverse paintings on the glass below the clock faces. An estimated 3000 clocks and wooden works were made between 1820 and 1827 or up to 1844 (the dates very more than slightly).

Edward Hopkins turned his part of the business, along with the land and factory, over to August Alfred in 1841. Mr. Alfred stopped making clocks about a year later but continued with the clock faces and special tools for rifles, carpenter, and blacksmith's tools. The business was sold before August Alfred's death in 1864 to the well known, Seth Thomas Company. One of the machines he devised for making small machine parts is now in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C.

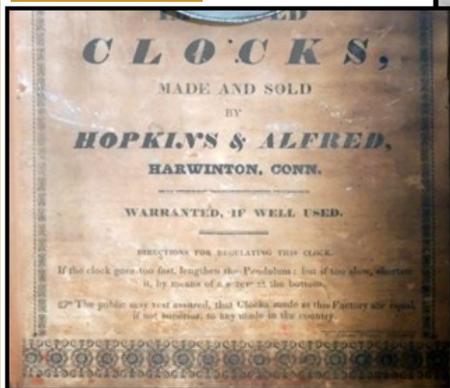
Our vintage Hopkins and Alfred Clock is about the same age as the County of Monroe (1821) and the Town of Greece (1822)! When you visit the Greece Historical Society, soon we hope, you can see our two-hundred-year-old clock around the corner in the "parlor."

Our vintage Hopkins & Alfred Clock



Alan Mueller and Gordon Howe Jr.

Inside label of our Hopkins & Alfred clock



Typical hardwood mechanism



Happenings at GHS

Patrick Worboys Donation by John Gilbert

Patrick Worboys, a long-time technical support volunteer at the Greece Historical Society, recently donated new computer networking equipment to the Society.

Patrick installed the new equipment, and activated many of its features including extending the capabilities of the internal network. Reliable access in the exhibit hall will enable us to consider broader use of technology in designing our exhibits and presentations. Patrick also set up a separate internal network that will, for the first time, provide visitors with a public internet access capability similar to what is now available at many commercial establishments.

In the coming days and weeks, we will be enabling additional features of the new equipment. We will share these with you as they are implemented. Among the most significant features we will be pursuing will be the ability to provide remote access to internal society files. This is a long-time goal which will allow staff members to work from home and will potentially enable us to attract administrative and research volunteers who would otherwise be turned off by the current need to come to the Museum to complete work.

All features of the new equipment are highly secured by accompanying software and manageable onsite or remotely by authorized GHS support personnel.

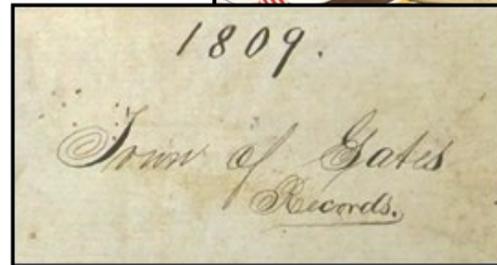
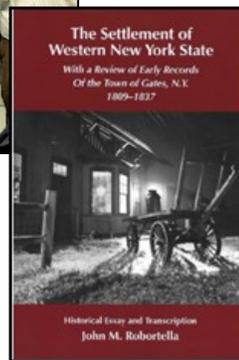
Taken all together, this equipment and its related software represents a significant modernization of the management of the Society's technical infrastructure. **Thank you, Patrick.**

Patrick Warboys and John Gilbert



Early Records of the Town of Gates

Last month GHS president **Bill Sauers** had the opportunity to meet with the Town of Gates Historian, **Bill Gillette** and Supervisor, **Cosmo Giunta**, to review original handwritten town records dating from 1809-1837. Although this document is not about Greece, the area that is now Greece was part of Gates until 1822. The entire handwritten document has been transcribed into a book and is available through the Gates Historical Society. <https://gateshistory.org/product/the-settlement-of-western-new-york-state>



photos by Lily Alberto



Alan Mueller and **Dave Crumb**, Parma/Hilton historian, sharing stories about our adjacent towns. Alan was able to give Dave some documents relating to the Town of Parma.

Of Interest at GHS

Your Greece Pioneer Family by Marie Poinan

We are celebrating our roots here at the Greece Historical Society as we receive our first submissions for our upcoming book. For this bicentennial project, you can submit your family genealogy or write the story or vignette of your pioneer family for inclusion in the book, coming in November 2021.

Please visit our website to download a 4 or 6-generation pedigree chart to document your Town of Greece family. Also on the website are two release forms to download and sign- one for the book and one for the family trees/photos that allows the Greece Historical Society to accept your donations.

JoAnn Ward Snyder and I are the co-editors, and we are willing to help you document your family research and help you to submit family photographs.

If you need help in filling out the charts or have any questions, please feel free to email GHS or me at mariepoinan@gmail.com and please put "PIONEER FAMILIES" in the subject line.

If you are a descendant of a pioneer family, we want to hear your story. More names next month, but here is a short list of some of the pioneer families that were living in Greece before 1872:

Beal - Beatty/Beattie - Britton - Buckley - Burns - Butts -
Carpenter - Colby - Cook - Doty - Ducolon - Farnan -
Fetzner - Filer - Fleming - Flynn - Gallery - Hillman - Hincer -
Hogan - Holden - Kintz - Kirk - Latta - Logan - Lowden -
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rish - Rigney - Rowe - Sexton - Sage - Slack - Slater - Stace -
Stone - Stowell - Thorpe - Tiernan - Toal - Upton - Vance -
Wagner - Watters - Whelehan - Veeder



Whelehan Family



Katie Amato of Lakeview Garden Club took advantage of our great weather in late March to begin work on the garden in front of our sign. A crew from **JD Lawn Service** gives her a hand transplanting a few plants.

On April 18, Girl Scout troop 60266 ended the 2021 cookie sale season with a highly successful sale on our front lawn. Hosting events like this is our way of promoting and helping other organizations in our community.



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