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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

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October Program CANCELLED



Due to unforeseen circumstances our October program, *An Oasis in the Desert: Amy Post's Sophia Street Circle* has been cancelled. We are envisioning this as a postponement and hope to reschedule at a later date.

250 Years of American Home Cooking

Saturday, October 17, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m., Greece Museum

What were people cooking and eating in the American past? In this 2-hour gathering, we will look back at some of the foods and food preparations occurring in American kitchens in the colonial and post-1776 eras. We will sip some Liberty Tea and sample dishes made by our forebears. There will be hands-on activities, too, and an opportunity to browse old cookbooks. Please bring your treasured cookbook(s) to share with attevndees. There will be a prize for the cookbook with the oldest publication date!

This event is organized and conducted by former Greece teachers **Kathie Firkins** and **Jane Grant**. Registration is limited to 15 participants. Cost is $5.00 for members, and $10.00 for non-members. **Registration required:** Email janegrant4@gmail.com or call 585-225-7221. When your registration is confirmed payment instructions will be sent to you.



Kathie Firkins and Jane Grant

Craft Fair October 26



Join us for our annual Holiday Craft & Collectibles Sale, Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have a full house of crafting vendors. Items available for sale will include; knitted pumpkins, snowmen, owls, penguins, pillow toys, table runners, crocheted doilies, afghans, charms, earrings, stocking stuffers, crocheted towels, dish clothes, holiday décor, mug rugs and towels.

This is a perfect opportunity to avoid the Mall and find a unique gift for your family and friends. The museum exhibit hall and our museum gift shop will also be open. Hope to see you there.

From the President



Murphy's Law sometimes comes knocking on your door when you least expect it. After months of planning, our October program had to be cancelled at the last minute which gave us no time to plan a replacement. We do hope to reschedule at a later date. Then two weeks ago we discovered an infestation of yellow jackets near a back entrance that required a professional exterminator to eliminate the problem and last week our 11-year-old office printer died so we will be shopping for a new one very soon. The good news is that we had our HVAC system checked out this past month and we should have no problem heating our building this coming winter.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Greece Historical Society. We hope to see you at our annual craft show on Saturday October 24, and our Thanksgiving program on Tuesday November 10.

Upcoming GHS Schedule
The museum is open on Sunday afternoons 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday October 17 - 250 Years of American Home Cooking *(Greece Museum)*
Saturday, October 24 – Craft Sale *(Greece Museum)*
Tuesday, October 27 - Amy Post's Sophia Street Circle *(Lakeshore School)* **CANCELLED**
Tuesday, November 10 - The True Story of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, January 12, 2027 – Houdini Family Stories - Keeping the Legend Alive

Tuesday programs are held at the Greece Public Library at 7:00

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Museum Gift Shop News



It has been a busy summer. Lots of visitors came in to check out our displays. We are still selling a lot of Pioneer Families books. Many people who have relatives in the books are happy to see them.

Visit our Holiday Crafts and Collectibles show on Saturday, October 24. We will have a full house of crafting vendors (including me). Our Museum Shop will be open for you to do some holiday shopping. See you there.

Wendy Peeck
Museum Shop Coordinator

Rochester's Founders, or How the Revolution Created Rochester



On September 8 more than 110 guests filled the community room of the Greece Public Library to hear **Dr. Timothy W. Kneeland** present an excellent and fast-paced talk about the profound ways that the American Revolution affected Rochester and near-by areas. Through interesting anecdotes and a splash of humor here-and-there, Dr. Kneeland outlined the good, the bad, and the ugly events of this era. He emphasized the civil war aspect of the revolution, reminding us that a large segment of the New York "colony" considered themselves to be British and were intensely loyal to the mother country.

He did not gloss over the genocidal aspect of the war, recalling George Washington's order to Gen. Sullivan to go after the Native Americans who had sided with the Brits.

With Native populations diminished, white settlers began westward movement into our area, including the founding fathers of our city—Ebenezer Allen, Nathaniel Rochester, Charles Carroll, and others.

Dr Kneeland's presentation reminded us of the importance of learning all our history—both positive and tragic so that we can go into the future with greater clarity and wisdom.

The program was video recorded and is available on our web site

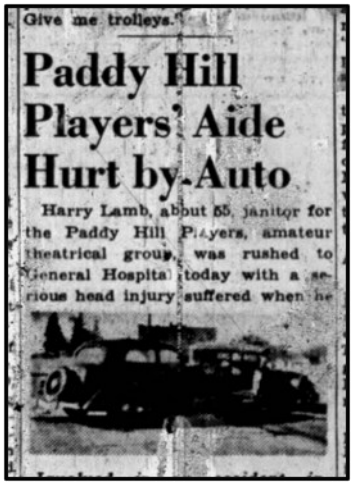
Paddy Hill Legends & Lore

In October, and especially around Halloween, retellings of legends and lore seem to resurface and are told time and again. Greece is rich in stories, especially tales connected to the area of Paddy Hill. One such story, as told by Walter Whelehan in an interview January 4,1955, is about a man who, as the story goes, made his bed after he died.



Paddy Hill Players "Shanty"
(GHS Archives)

The Paddy Hill Players, a Greece theatrical group from 1931 to 1950, had a clubhouse or "shanty" back in the woods between Dewey Avenue and Mt. Read Blvd. on Latta Rd. They used it for social functions, business meetings, and as a spot for friendly, informal gab sessions. Because it was used so often, it became quite a chore seeing that it was always picked up; so they acquired a caretaker. The man was in reality a wanderer but proved his worth and was given a room in exchange for keeping the clubhouse clean. He earned his meals and little extras by doing odd jobs around the neighborhood. He was always neat and tidy around the clubhouse, and he never went away without making his bed.



Give me trolleys.

Paddy Hill Players' Aide Hurt by Auto

Harry Lamb, about 55, janitor for the Paddy Hill Players, amateur theatrical group, was rushed to General Hospital today with a serious head injury suffered when he

Times Union
April 10, 1940

One day a member of the club stopped in and found the caretaker had gone out, but the place had not been picked up and his bed was unmade. She thought this was very strange and wondered what had happened. Later in the day it was reported that the old fellow had been hit by a car and had died shortly after. Yet, when she returned to the clubhouse everything was in order and his bed was made.

Did the spirit of the caretaker come back after his deadly demise or did someone else make his bed? You can believe what you want, that's the beauty of local legends.

Legends whether true or not almost always have some measure of fact. In this case the caretaker, whose name was Harry Lamb was in fact hit by a car on Dewey Ave. on April 9, 1940, and died soon after; he was 55 years old. We don't know much about Harry other than his brief association with the Paddy Hill Players. He now rests at Mt Hope Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

Learn more about the Paddy Hill Players at:
https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/looking-back/living-in-greece/they-gave-their-talent-for-the-benefit-of-the-community/

Listen to Bicentennial Snapshot #32 to learn about more ghosts that haunt Greece at https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/2022/10/25/bicentennial-snapshot-no-32-ghost-legends

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Congratulations, Gene Preston



This past month, the Monroe County Volunteer Fire Police Association presented a 65-year active service certificate to **Gene Preston** of the North Greece Fire Dept. Congratulations Gene and thank you for your service to our community.

Gene is a long time Greece Historical Society member and still farms a portion of the old Preston farm. You may have seen him from time to time in the summer months at his roadside stand on Long Pond Road.



Pilgrims, Pumpkin Pie & Politics: The True Story of Thanksgiving
with Christopher Bensch,
Curator Emeritus,
Strong National Museum of Play

Greece Public Library November 10, 2026,
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

As we sit down to our turkey dinners and football bowl games, we're actually following a mix of historic traditions that precede even the Puritans landing in New England. And, at the same time, there are some completely American and surprisingly new elements to our Thanksgivings. Learn about the lobbyists and laws, the predilection for pies, and the source for cranberries that go into our November holiday.

Christopher Bensch recently retired after 37 years at the Strong National Museum of Play as Vice President of Collections, overseeing the museum's curatorial, conservation and library functions and more than 560,000 objects that make it the largest, most comprehensive collection of toys, games, dolls, and video games in the world.

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https://greecepubliclibrary.org or call (585) 225-8951















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Donald J. Riley Park

On September 17 friends, community members, and local officials honored former Greece Supervisor Don Riley at the dedication ceremony renaming the park at Braddock Bay in his honor.

Don was supervisor from 1973 to 1989. Among his many accomplishments: he acquired Braddock Bay Park from New York State, purchased about 80 acres of the Snell farm that became the Town Campus, and convinced Wegmans to give the old Howe House to the Greece Historical Society.

The ceremony was video recorded and is available on our web site.



Volunteers Needed



Many of our volunteers meet monthly to discuss issues, plan future activities, and develop procedures. We could surely use a few new volunteers, especially to act as docents and assist in the gift shop on Sunday afternoons. If you would like to help, call us at 585-225 -7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Behind the Scenes: The Preservation of Rochester's Photographic History

By Pat Worboys (with AI assistance)

Recently, I had the privilege of taking a behind-the-scenes tour at the Rochester Museum & Science Center to experience one of its most fascinating collections, "Photographing Rochester: Views Through the Lens of Albert R. Stone." While the public exhibit highlights the incredible work of Rochester's first staff newspaper photographer, the tour provided an even deeper appreciation for the work that goes into preserving our region's photographic history.



Collection of prints from Albert Stone glass negatives at RMSC

Albert R. Stone documented Rochester during a period of tremendous change in the early twentieth century. Over the course of his career, he captured more than 14,000 images, recording everything from everyday street scenes and neighborhood life to major events that shaped our community. His work remains one of the most important visual records of Rochester's history.

The highlight of the tour was visiting the museum's Media Vault, where Stone's original glass plate negatives preserved. Seeing these historic negatives up close was an unforgettable experience. While these negatives produced exceptional image quality, they are extremely fragile and require specialized handling and storage to survive for future generations.

Every aspect of the storage environment is controlled. The museum relies on an environmental control system to regulate temperature and humidity This system operates continuously to protect irreplaceable historical objects, photographs, documents, textiles, and artifacts from deterioration.

One of the first principles of archival preservation is that everything possible should be stored using acid-free archival materials to help prevent the chemical deterioration that naturally occurs when artifacts are stored in ordinary paper or cardboard. Like museums around the globe, RMSC uses a trusted adhesive B-72 because it is stable, reversible, and does not permanently alter artifacts. When conservation work is necessary, materials like B-72 allow future conservators to reverse treatments if improved techniques become available.

One statement made during the tour has stayed with me: preservation is not simply about storing old objects, it is also about preserving the stories they tell. Every object represents a connection to the people who came before us. Protecting those connections requires thoughtful planning, proper environmental controls, archival-quality materials, and ongoing stewardship.

As the Greece Historical Society continues to care for its own growing collection, many of the techniques demonstrated during this behind-the-scenes tour provide an excellent model for future preservation efforts.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Rochester Museum & Science Center for providing such an informative and insightful behind-the-scenes tour. The opportunity to see Albert R. Stone's remarkable collection and the dedicated work that goes into preserving it was both educational and inspiring. It served as a reminder that preserving history is about far more than displaying artifacts—it is about ensuring that future generations will be able to experience the same stories, photographs, and memories that connect us to our past.

Thank You Greece DPW!

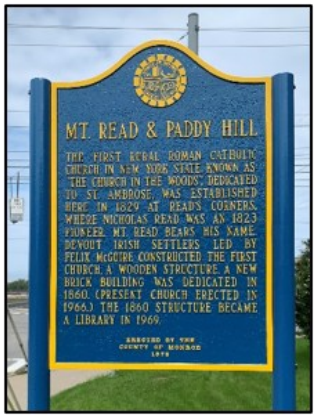
Our DPW Building Maintenance crew has done it again! Take a look at the transformation of these two historical markers at Paddy Hill. A little TLC goes a long way, and these markers are now looking great.

Our Town believes that preserving the history of Greece matters. These are the places and stories that connect generations of residents to the community we call home.

A big THANK YOU to our DPW Building Maintenance crew for taking the time to restore this piece of Greece history and keeping our community looking its best.



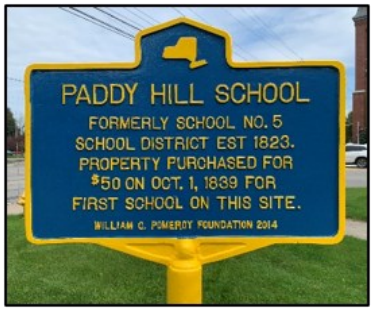
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