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Sunday, December 18th 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday,
December 18, 1:30 -
4:00 pm., for our
holiday open house.



Meet our volunteers, view our Agriculture and Hometown Sports exhibits hear about our past year's activities and enjoy a few refreshments.

These will be our last Sunday hours until February.



MUSEUM Winter Hours

The Corinthian
GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

Museum closed Sundays starting December 25 and continuing through the month of January.

The museum will reopen Sunday, February 5, 2017.

We will maintain office hours on Mondays in January if you need to contact us.

"President's Message"



The year is nearly over and what a year it was for the Greece Historical Society! As most of you know, this is the first year since our English Road home in the early 1980s that the Town Historian has not been associated with the Greece Historical Society and with that loss, a substantial financial loss for us. Thankfully, with support from our members and the community we have received donations to cover some of the loss. With that support, along with the two pasta dinner fundraisers and ad sponsorship in our newsletter, we are managing to be financially sound.

This past year we have received recognition from throughout the State, including an award from the Museum Association of New York, a \$1,000 grant from NY State Education and a grant from the Preservation League of New York State and the Landmark Society of Western New York to fund a survey of Architect James Johnson's work. Locally one of our active members, **Marie Poinan**, received the annual History award from the Greece Chamber of Commerce and another member, **Fred Amato**, received the Senior Citizen of the Year award.

New this year was the Rochester Baseball Historical Society's vintage baseball game in May, the opening of our Hometown Sports exhibit in June, a free photo scanning day in September, the Small Business Saturday craft and book sale in November and two Pasta Dinner fundraisers.

School tours were again popular with 10 individual elementary school tours, along with the Greece Athena History Club visiting twice and the Friends & Fun group from the Greece Community Center spending an evening here.

We had nearly a dozen Sunday afternoon programs including stories about Greece farm families, Normal Rockwell's work, the making of the atom bomb and book reviews. We were also out giving programs at numerous groups including the Greece Rotary and Kiwanis, Greece Time Out for Women, retiree clubs and several historical societies. We conducted several Holy Sepulchre Cemetery tours. We published, for the first time, 12 monthly newsletters and supplied photos and information to the Democrat & Chronicle, City Newspaper, Channel 13, 585 Magazine and to several free-lance writers.

We hope that all our guests and members enjoyed our programs and exhibits this past year and continue to support the Greece Historical Society. Thank you for your support. Have a great holiday season and we'll see you next year!

Bill Sauers, President

"Museum Events"

Museum and Museum Shop hours:

Sunday 1:30 - 4 p.m.

GHS office hours: Mon-Tue 9:30 a.m.-Noon

Museum and Museum Shop also open office hours.

Sunday, December 18th, Greece Museum
Holiday Open House

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 Greece Library, 7:00 pm

The Italians of Greater Rochester: Their Contributions to the
Community by Edward Albert Maruggi, Ph.D.

Thursday, January 19th, 2017 Greece Museum, 7:00 pm
Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Greece Library 7:00 pm
Rediscovering Frederick Douglass with City Historian
Christine Ridarsky

Quote of the month

**"The more you know about the past,
the better prepared
you are for the future."**

Theodore Roosevelt



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"Museum Shop"



The holidays are just around the corner. During your Museum visit, stop by our Museum Shop. We have 1902 Town of Greece maps that are amazing for only \$20. If you can't make it to our Museum Shop, stop in at the Friends of the Library bookstore at our local Library. They also offer several of our limited-edition books.

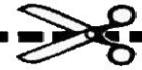
To make your holiday shopping even more special, we are offering a coupon for 10% off your entire purchase...and it's good until March 5, 2017.

From all our Museum Volunteers, have a wonderful holiday!

Wendy Peeck, Museum Shop Coordinator

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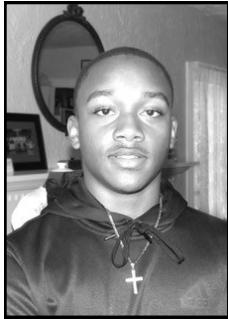
Sun 1:30-4:00, Mon-Tue 9:30-12



GHS Coupon - Expires March 5, 2017

Save 10%

On your Museum Shop Purchase
at the Greece Historical Society Museum



Meet our newest volunteer. K'Shawn Kindred is a Senior at Greece Olympia H.S. During his Jr. year, he was enrolled in AP Global Studies. As a Senior, he is currently taking Citizens in Action classes and completed the requirements for his Community Service at our facility. He has stated that he would like to stay on to help us whenever he can. His plans are to continue his interest in History by attending Finger Lakes Community College in the fall of 2017.

TOURS

On October 24th, we had a great group of 2nd graders tour the museum. We had 55 students and their teachers from the Dr. Walter Cooper School #10 in the City of Rochester. They are learning about and comparing different communities, calling it their Communities Expedition work. They split their time between the Library and our Museum. **Mr. Frank Thomas** graciously volunteered his time to talk with the students about farming. I would like to thank both him and **Faye Cole** for their help. On November 29th **Bill Sauers** and I traveled to their school. I talked about what I do at the Greece Historical Society and what impact it has in the community.

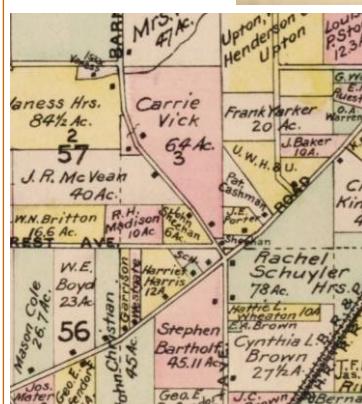
**Kathie Firkins,
Education Consultant and Tour Director**

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Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

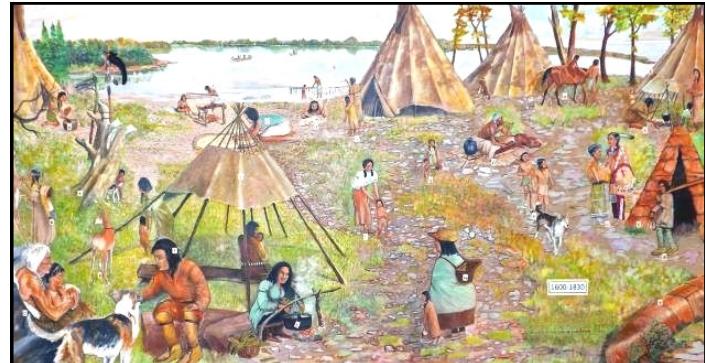
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Remembering Walter and Ardell Goulding

Walt Goulding, one of our very active past presidents, will long be remembered for the art work which is his legacy in our museum. As part of the Suburban Art Group, he and other volunteers – not all of them members, Walt painted the mural depicting one of many Haudenosaunee fishing and hunting camp on our shores after 1600 when they began trading with the Dutch. The iron kettle pictured over the fire pit is an example of a trade item. They also painted the murals depicting ice harvesting on our ponds in the Winter on the Ponds exhibit. More artwork is hung in the bathroom and upstairs offices. Walt was very creative.



While president, he gathered some of us who like crafts to form a craft group that made items to sell at the Charity Bazaar at the Mall. He taught us how to carve apple head dolls which dried and we could dress in costume. He painted a scene of the Manitou Trolley on a 4x8 sheet of plywood that was used as a backdrop for selling our books and other items; he constructed and painted the sides of a flatbed to look like the trolley in which we rode wearing period costumes during the Barnard Parade. He was full of ideas.

Ardell Goulding was an enthusiastic participant in the activities of the society and a dedicated supporter who used her good organizational skills as secretary on the Board of Trustees. They were both equally essential to the growth of the Greece Historical Society.

Recently Ardell passed away after a long life. Several memorial donations attest to her devotion to family and friends. We are very grateful for their generosity and will certainly use the funds to further the work that they started and nurtured. Their past will always be a part of our present.

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Greece Museum Community

Greece Historical Society Receives Preserve New York Grant

The Greece Historical Society received a Preserve New York grant from the Preservation League of New York State this fall to conduct a cultural resource survey of the work of Rochester architect James H. Johnson.

Pictured here at the presentation announcing the grant are: (left to right) New York State Senator **Joseph Robach**, Preservation League of New York State Director of Preservation **Erin Tobin**, President of the Greece Historical Society **Bill Sauers**, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, and Executive Director of the Landmark Society of Western New York **Wayne Goodman**.



Volunteers Needed

The Greece Historical Society needs a few volunteers who can commit their time and talent to help us serve the community, continue to provide stimulating programs, create new exhibits, and preserve the history of our Town.

Most jobs only require a few hours a week and we will provide the training. Our most pressing needs now are for a membership coordinator, gift shop help and as always docents for Sunday afternoon.

Give us a call at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com if you want more information and we will explain the details of each of these jobs.

Michele Rowe, for her Master's Degree project, reviewed GHS policies with volunteer **Maureen Whalen**.



Students from Dr. Walter Cooper School #10 in Rochester visited our museum on October 23rd.

New Web Site

Check out our new web site at www.greecehistoricalsociety.org



Members of the Thayer family

Annual Meeting Thursday, January 19, 2017

On Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., our annual meeting will be held at our GHS center, 595 Long Pond Rd, where you can receive a copy of our 2016 Annual Report, view a photo montage of our activities from 2016 and hear about our plans for the future. A financial report will be presented by our treasurer Bill Peeck and an election of trustees will be conducted. Trustees serve a term of three years. Those currently seeking re-election are:

Tom Sawnor, Gregg H. Redmond, and Cyndie Shevlin.



Tom Sawnor: Retired with 30 years as a Rochester Police Officer. A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice-Police Science from M.C.C.; B.A. Degree from Empire State College in Political Science and M.A. Degree in American History from Brockport. Recently chaired our current major exhibit "Hometown Sports of Greece."



Gregg H. Redmond is a lifelong Greece resident and a practicing attorney. He attended Cardinal Mooney High School, St. John Fisher College and John Marshall Law School. A former volunteer fire-fighter, he also volunteers for Honor Flight Rochester, Volunteer Legal Services Project and Habitat for Humanity. He and his family reside in Greece and are members of St. Lawrence Church.



Cyndie Shevlin: Cyndie is a 30 year resident of Greece and has been active in the Greece Museum more than 15 years. She has owned her decorating business helping clients fine tune their home decor for 27 years and has a shop at The Shops on West Ridge. Having avid health and fitness interests, Cyndie has been an active participant in the YMCA for 35 years. She is a member of the GHS marketing committee and has been the Corinthian editor since 2008.

If you have the time, talent and desire to help lead the direction of the Greece Historical Society & Museum, consider becoming a board member. Give us a call at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com We will be glad to discuss the responsibilities of a board member and the contributions you might be able to add to our organization.



November Craft Sale on Small Business Saturday



Greece History by Alan Mueller

Truck Farming on Stone Road - The Thomas Farm

Seventeen-year-old William J. Thomas immigrated to Greece from Cheddar, Somerset County, England, in 1882. The following year, he purchased 11 acres of farmland on Stone Road, not far west of the intersection of Eddy Road (now Mt. Read Boulevard).

At that time, the average size of a Greece farm was less than 100 acres, only rarely exceeding 200 or more acres.

By the late 19th century, Greece farmers were principally raising root vegetables, such as carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips, etc. Some farms with larger acreage had apple and peach orchards as well.

The Thomas farm had a large greenhouse, kept warm by hot water piping,

the heat coming from a coal-fired boiler. Here, early spring crops such as radishes were raised.

A large root cellar (an insulated building, partly underground) stored the root vegetables through the winter. Gradually, these vegetables were taken to market all through the non-growing season.

Several times a week, the horse-drawn wagon (shown in the circa 1912 photo with William at the reins) would be loaded with produce and taken to the public market or several wholesalers in Rochester. The wagon left at 4 a.m. for the market, and the wagon and driver often did not return until early afternoon.

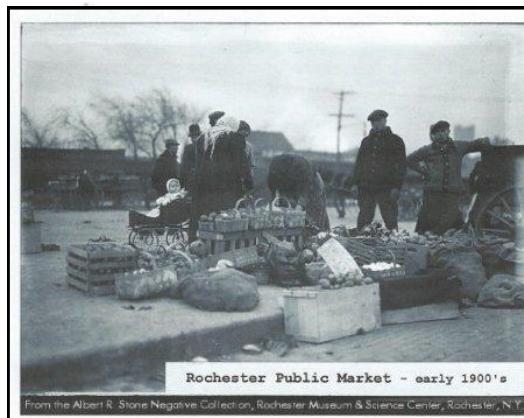
By the late 1930s, tractors were replacing horses

for farm work, and by the 1950s, horse-drawn equipment and wagons were completely gone.

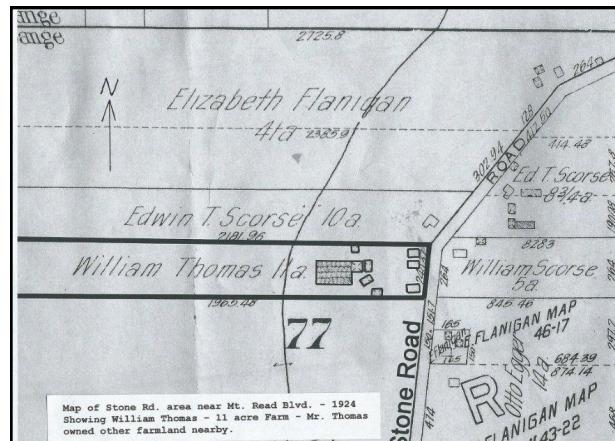
Through the years, more farmland was added to Thomas' original 11 acres, and his three sons continued to operate the farm after their father's death in 1938.

By the 1960s, however, it was apparent that a moderately large-sized farm could no longer be profitable in Greece. After more than 65 years, farming finally ended on the Thomas property in 1960. By 1963, the land had been sold to developers.

Similar to the majority of former farms in Greece, only the sturdy 2½-story farmhouse remains, shielded from the road by tall shrubs. These farmhouses remain as ghosts of an important era in local history. □



Photos of the Thomas farm from Mr. Frank Thomas, grandson of William.



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