

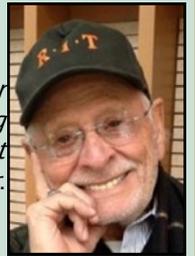
**Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 Greece Public Library 7:00 p.m.**

**The American Life of Joseph Biggio by Ed Maruggi, PhD**

**Joseph Biggio** was the first Italian immigrant name in the Rochester area that appears in the U. S. Federal Census of 1850. He was born in 1820 and emigrated from Italy in 1845. He was ordained a Catholic priest in Buffalo, New York in 1849 and his first assignment was as the first permanent pastor at "Church in the Woods," later becoming Mother of Sorrows Church at the corner of Mt Read Blvd and Latta Road.

Autographed copies of Ed's book about Joseph Biggio will be available for \$11.00 (including tax).

**Edward Albert Maruggi** is a second-generation Italian-American and a Professor Emeritus at Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a diverse writer, having authored fourteen books, including seven college level text books and six about Italians. He also writes a bi-monthly column for the Italian-American newspaper.



**Free Scanning Day**

**Saturday, May 4th 11:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.**

**Get your photos ready for scanning!**

**Sunday, April 28th, 2019 Greece Museum 2:00 p.m.**

**Colonel Patrick O'Rorke Memorial Society with Tom O'Connell**

Learn about the Colonel O'Rorke Memorial Society that was formed in 1990 with a mission to have a Memorial erected honoring the life, character, and accomplishments of **Colonel Patrick O'Rorke**. The first memorial was a bust of Colonel O'Rorke. The ultimate goal was accomplished with the dedication of the Col. O'Rorke Memorial Bridge in 2004. Since that time the group has become more of a historical society supporting efforts such as honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Irish Rising in 2016 and their present endeavor of refurbishing the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Washington Square Park.

**Tom O'Connell** is a retired Kodak construction manager; he has long been involved with community and church organizations such as the Knights of Columbus. He is past president of the St. Patrick's Day parade committee and is presently chairman of the Col. Patrick O'Rorke Memorial Society and Waterford, Ireland-Rochester Sister City Program.



## "President's Message"

We had another busy month at G.H.S.: On Sunday, March 3rd, we opened our I LOVE NY Poster exhibit for a one-month exhibit. On March 8th, **Alan Mueller** and I attended a meeting with the Museum Association of New York along with other museum and historical society professionals at the George Eastman Museum. Our Tuesday evening program was attended by over 90 of our members and friends. Later in the month **Kathy Firkins** and I met with the Athena History Club and presented a program on how to search for source documents to write a story or paper. On Sunday, March 17th, we had an interesting program on collecting antique bottles and Girl Scout Troup 60327 sold cookies at our museum on March 24th.

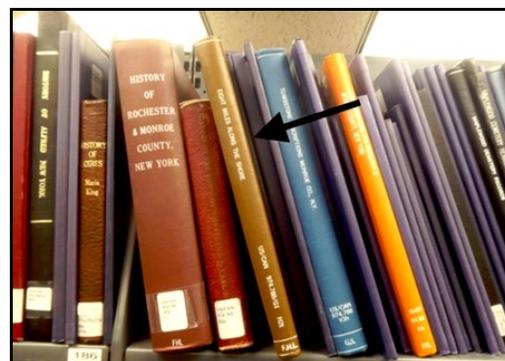


We will be sending out membership renewal letters this month. If you have already paid your dues, thank you for your support. Membership support is an important part of our budget, covering over a quarter of our operating expenses.

We have scheduled two more Tuesday evening programs for the season at the Greece Public Library and another Sunday program at the museum this month. Don't forget our fourth annual free Scanning Day on Saturday, May 4th and the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Strawberry and Dessert tasting festival is on June 17th and our 50th Anniversary dinner will be held on October 26th.

On a personal note, my wife and I attended "RootsTech 2019" in Salt Lake City during the last week of February. It was a national genealogy conference attended by nearly 20,000 people. It was quite an experience! While in Salt Lake City we had the opportunity to tour the Family History Center, quite possibly the largest genealogy research library in the world. After a very short time we were able to find the Monroe County, NY section and there among a large collection of area books was our very own "Eight Miles along the Shore" and it was library hard bound!

### **Bill Sauers, President**



### **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  
CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY and MOTHER'S DAY

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019: The American Life of Joseph Biggio by Edward Maruggi \*\*

Sunday, April 28th, 2019: Col. O'Rorke Memorial Society by Tom O'Connell \*

Saturday, May 4th, 2019 10:00 a.m.: Free Scanning Day

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 The Architecture of James H. Johnson\*

\*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!

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

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## "Museum Shop"



Spring is really here. I love the warm sunshine. The I Love NY posters that were here at the Museum are gone but brought such wonderful memories. Hope you stopped to see them.

You can also purchase your tickets here at our museum shop for the May 19th pasta dinner held at Barnard Exempts...always delicious, and lots of exciting auction items.

Did you ever think about checking out our volunteer opportunities at the Museum Shop? I enjoy meeting the visitors and helping them find the perfect gift for a special person. This is how we get ideas on what type of items you are interested in – your ideas.

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

**Wendy Peeck,**  
**Museum Shop Coordinator**



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### **It's Time to Renew Your Membership!**

May 1st through April 30th is your membership year in the Greece Historical Society and Museum. We will be sending a reminder letter soon along with a return envelope, or you may use the form on the back of this newsletter. Please make your check payable to Greece Historical Society. You may also pay your dues online with Pay Pal by going to our web site at <http://greecehistoricalsociety.org/join-us/membership/> filling out the form and clicking on the Pay Pal button. A donation button is on the site also for those who would like to add a donation to their dues.

The Greece Historical Society truly appreciates your support, as membership dues are more than a quarter of our yearly income. To those of you who have already paid your dues, thank you all for your help in keeping our community's history and sharing it through programs, publications, and social media.

We hope you will continue to enjoy being a member of the Greece Historical Society. When you renew, please consider upgrading your membership. Your generosity will help us do even more in the coming year.

If you are uncertain about your membership status, give us a call at 225-7221 or email us at [greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) and we will check our records.

## Greece History

### Braddock Bay Raptor Research – A Brief History

by Daena Ford

Braddock Bay is one of the Rochester area's most treasured natural places, and has become known as one of the best spring raptor migration sites on the continent. An average of 50,000 raptors grace our skies from March through May. While the birds have been migrating through the area for millennia, human documentation and study of this phenomenon has taken place only recently.

Raptors, including hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures, become concentrated at Braddock Bay in the spring during their northward journey to their breeding grounds. These birds are following the shoreline of Lake Ontario, which is a barrier to soaring birds, forcing them to stick to land where they can find thermals to help them fly more efficiently. A few raptor counts were documented in 1949 and 1950, but it wasn't until 1977 when **Laura Moon** began the official seasonal count, and Braddock Bay became established as one of the first hawk watch sites in North America. Laurie and her husband Neil conducted these counts until 1985 when they decided it was time to retire.

Realizing the importance of the raptor counts conducted by the Moons, inspired by the sheer joy of watching the migration, and the challenge of figuring out the dynamics of it, **Jeff Dodge** founded Braddock Bay Raptor Research in 1986. Jeff, his wife **Joan**, **Richard Mather**, **John Beilman** and a few others established BBRR with the purpose of studying raptors in the Braddock Bay area, and sharing that knowledge with both the scientific community and the general public.

In addition to the hawk watch, BBRR took over the Rochester Hawk Banding Project which had been started in 1984 by **Clay Taylor**. Clay brought his experience from fall banding sites, and at first was unsure if his techniques would work at Braddock Bay. He and his crew were pleasantly surprised to learn that they did, and banded 218 raptors in just 22 days of that first season. Since then, as many as 2,000 raptors have been banded in a single season, helping us learn more about species migration, mortality, and habitat use.

Education is a major part of BBRR's mission. From the start, there was a great effort to bring the public out to the migration to witness it for themselves. Volunteer-led hawk identification workshops, banding station tours, and owl prowls are some of our most popular programs. In 1988, a week-long festival named Bird of Prey Week was implemented, drawing hundreds of people out for close encounters with raptors and the natural beauty of the bay. Bird of Prey Week has evolved into Bird of Prey Days, a long weekend event held at the peak of the migration. This year's event will be held May 3rd-5th. We now find participants from the early years bringing their children and grandchildren out to witness the joy of the migration. It is heartwarming to know that the work of BBRR has touched a few generations, inspiring some of them to learn even more about the amazing raptor migration.



**Daena Ford**, the president of Braddock Bay Raptor Research, has been watching hawks and educating all ages about raptors for 27 years. She has a B.S. in biology and an M.S. in secondary science education.

Bald Eagle: One of 17 different species of raptors seen in the spring at Braddock Bay.



### 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](mailto: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.

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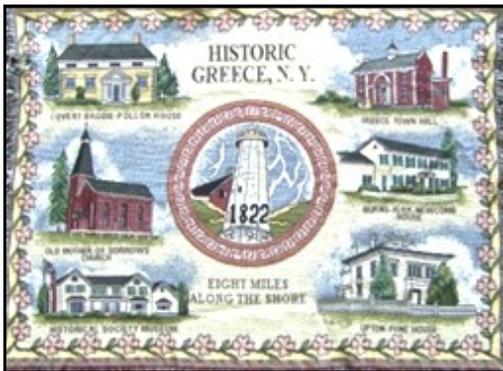
## Museum Happenings

### Pasta Dinner, Sunday, May 19, 2019

Barnard Restaurant & Party House (*Barnard Exempts*)

Join us for our next Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Barnard Restaurant and Party House (*Barnard Exempts*). Please help us with this major fundraiser by ordering your tickets now and your tickets will be waiting for you at the dinner.

Tickets may also be purchased at our museum during normal open hours or call 225-7221. Although **walk-ins are welcome**, we appreciate pre-orders, as we need to guarantee a minimum number to reserve the facility.



Every ticket ordered before May 11 will be eligible for a drawing to win an Historic Greece, N.Y. 36" x 48" coverlet.

#### GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PASTA DINNER, MAY 19, 2019 — ORDER FORM

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## Museum Happenings



On March 8th, GHS volunteers **Alan Mueller** and **Bill Sauers** had the opportunity to meet, at the George Eastman Museum, with the Executive Director of the Museum Association of New York (MANY) and several others from area museums and historical societies. One of the topics discussed was the economic impact that museums have on their communities.

On March 17th we hosted **Jack Stecher** of the Genesee Valley Bottle Collectors Association, who talked about collecting antique bottles and the history of the companies that made them and the places they came from. Several guests brought some of their own bottles for identification.



On March 13 **Kathy Firkins** and **Bill Sauers** met with the Athena Middle School History Club and presented a program on how to search for source documents when doing history research.

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## Museum Happenings

### Free Photo Scanning and Preservation Event

Saturday, May 4, 2019, Greece Museum, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, this is the fourth year GHS is hosting a free photo scanning event. Local members of the Association of Professional Photo Organizers and experts in scanning and preserving photos will be on hand – **Kate Jacus, The Photo Curator**; **Bruce Holroyd, Digital Scan Solutions**, and **Nancy Carr, Preserve a Photo** – will be using professional scanners at each station. Visitors can stop by any time during the day with up to 50 photos or slides. Be sure to bring your own USB flash drive or USB thumb drive.

**Angela Blauvelt** from **Archival Methods**, a manufacturer and distributor of archival storage material, will also be here to answer any of your archival storage questions.

The Museum will be open during the event for visitors to tour our latest exhibits. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day by preserving your family memories.



It was nearly a full house at the Greece Public Library on February 12th as our members and friends enjoyed the performance by the **FirstLight Players** of "An Equal Right to Act: Remembering the Rochester Woman's Rights Convention of 1848." The play was a re-creation of the Rochester Woman's Rights Convention of 1848, which was held at the old Unitarian Church on Fitzhugh Street.



The FirstLight Players cast of " An Equal Right to Act: Remembering the Rochester Woman's Rights Convention of 1848"



The women who led the convention: Left to right: Elizabeth McClintock (**Beth MacLaren**), Abigail Bush (**Julie Kleinhans**), Amy Post (**Lynn Kinsman**), Elizabeth Cady Stanton (**Sue Morgan**), Lucretia Mott (**Susan Walsh**), Ruth Roberts (**Joellen Kuhl**).

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