



Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library

History of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office by Todd Allen

Join us for a fast paced, informative and enjoyable look at the History of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. With their 200th Anniversary on the horizon, Todd will look back at how it all started and how they got to be the preminent Sheriff's Office in New York State.



Todd Allen serves as the MCSO Historian who recently retired with over 20 years of service as the agency's Quartermaster. Since retirement, he and his wife, Cindy, have moved to Greece.

Museum Closed Sundays in January and February

The Greece Museum will be closed on Sundays during January and February. We will re-open to the public on March 1st, 2020.

We will however maintain our regular 10:00 a.m. until noon Monday office hours. We will also conduct our annual meeting on Thursday January 16th at our historic center and have a special Sunday program on February 16th. We will also conduct Tuesday evening programs at the Greece Public Library on January 14th and February 11th.



Annual Meeting Thursday, January 16th, 2020

On Thursday, **January 16th, 2020** at 7:00 p.m., we will hold our annual meeting at our GHS center, 595 Long Pond Road.

Here you can receive a copy of our 2019 Annual Report, view a photo montage of our activities from 2019, and hear about our future plans.

Our treasurer, **Bill Peeck**, will present a financial report and we will conduct an election of trustees (see page 3).

"President's Message"

Since our last Corinthian, we had a new upgraded security system installed and we had new windows installed in our museum shop. On December 4th there was a trip to Albany along with **Gina DiBella** and **Christopher Brandt** and **Katie Eggers Comeau** of **Bero Architecture PLLC** to be honored with a NYS Historic Preservation Award from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

For our Holiday Open House, **Alan Mueller** created a new exhibit on the Old Town Hall and displayed a town quilt made by a GHS Craft club in the 1980s. These two exhibits will remain throughout the spring.

Our docents are going to take a break while we do some house cleaning and close on Sundays for January and February. We will however maintain our regular Monday office hours. We will also conduct our annual meeting on Thursday, January 16th at our historic center and have a special Sunday program on February 16th. We will also conduct Tuesday evening programs at the Greece Public Library on January 14th and February 11th.

Thank you to our supporters from the business community and our volunteers, members, and friends for their continued commitment to preserving the past for the future!

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

The Museum will be **closed Sundays through February 29th**
and will **reopen March 1st, 2020 except Sunday, February 16th**
for a special program.

GHS Annual Meeting Greece Museum
Thursday, January 16th, 2020

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A Conversation with Susan B. Anthony & Frederick
Douglass, by Barbara Blaisdell and David Shakes
Tuesday, February 11th, 2020**

Meet Dr. Martin Luther King by Freeman Brown,
Sunday, February 16th, 2:00 p.m.*

A Greece Resident's Career in the CIA by Daniel Caster,
Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

*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"



Time for a winter break. We just had new windows installed in our Museum Shop, thanks to a large estate donation. Now the room is much brighter and the sun shines in very nicely. We will be closed for a few weeks and that will give us time to do a little rearranging in the Shop and see what new and different items we can add.

Remember some of our books will still be available at the Second Hand Prose shop at the Greece Public Library. Stay in and stay warm!

**Wendy Peeck,
Shop Coordinator**

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

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Trustee Election January 16th, 2020 at GHS

Trustees serve a term of three years. Seeking re-election are: **Tom Sawnor, Cyndie Shevlin, and Gregg H. Redmond.**

Tom Sawnor, AAS,BA,MA: is a retired 30 year Rochester Police Dept. veteran. Tom authored and chaired our major exhibit and book, "Hometown Sports of Greece."



Cyndie Shevlin, joined GHS in 1998 and is our Corinthian editor since 2008. A 30 year semi retired decorator, she now has a décor/antique shop at The Shops on West Ridge. Cyndie is also a 38 year YMCA member.



Gregg H. Redmond is a life-long Greece resident and a practicing local attorney. A former volunteer fire-fighter, he also volunteers with Honor Flight Rochester, Volunteer Legal Services Project, and Habitat for Humanity.



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Fall 2019 Quiz Answers

Answers to the GHS Fall 2019 contest*

"Name all these famous people of the Prohibition Era"

**see the November 2019 Corinthian for the photos*

Bessie Smith: blues singer, "Empress of the Blues"

Babe Ruth: professional baseball player, "The Bambino," Home Run King

Al Capone: gangster, "Scarface"

Dorothy Parker: poet, writer, critic, and satirist; member of the Algonquin Round Table

Al Skinner: Monroe County Sheriff, 1938-1973; member of one of Greece's pioneer families.

J. Edgar Hoover: First Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States

Rudolph Valentino: Italian actor in America who starred in silent films, *The Sheik*.

Duke Ellington: Edward Kennedy Ellington was an composer, pianist, and bandleader

John Dillinger: gangster, "Dillinger Gang"

Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey: World heavyweight boxing champions; opponents in the most famous bouts of the '20s

Lillian Gish: star of stage and screen

Al Jolson: singer, comedian, and actor

Henry Ford: industrialist, the founder of the Ford Motor Company

Margaret Sanger: birth control activist, sex educator, writer, and nurse

Zora Neale Hurston: Author, anthropologist, and folklorist

Clara Bow: silent and talkies film star, "The It Girl"

Louis Armstrong: jazz legend, trumpeter, composer, vocalist and actor, "Satchmo"

Harry Houdini: illusionist, escape artist, and stunt performer

F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald: Author of *The Great Gatsby* and wife Zelda, the original flapper,

Clarence Darrow: Defense lawyer during the Scopes Trial, a leading member of the ACLU

Warren G Harding: 29th President of the United States

Langston Hughes: poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist

Thomas Edison and George Eastman: Edison, inventor; Eastman, inventor and industrialist

Eliot Ness: Prohibition enforcement agent in Chicago along with his "Untouchables"

Charles Augustus Lindbergh: American pilot, first to fly non-stop solo across the Atlantic

Louise Brooks: silent film star, later in life lived in Rochester

Walt Disney: entrepreneur, animator, voice actor and film producer

Charles Chaplin: film star, silent and talkies; the Little Tramp

Herbert Hoover: 31st President of the United States

Mae West: film star

Greece History

Johnson Survey Receives NYS Historic Preservation Award

The Architecture of James H. Johnson Historic Resource Survey, a project sponsored by the Greece Historical Society, received a New York State Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Historic Documentation from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation on December 4 at the New York State Museum in Albany.

Created in 1980, the State Historic Preservation Awards are presented each year to honor excellence in the protection and revitalization of historic and cultural resources. The historic resources survey documenting the life and work of Rochester's iconic late 20th century architect, was presented to **Christopher Brandt** and **Katie Eggers Comeau** of Bero Architecture PLLC, **Gina DiBella**, preservation consultant, and **Bill Sauers**, GHS president.

Johnson worked in the Rochester area from 1957 until his death in 2016. During this period, he was responsible for a remarkable body of work, designing and constructing some of the area's most distinctive public, private, and religious buildings, as well as an iconic piece of public art. He is known locally as the designer of St. John the Evangelist Church and Our Lady of Mercy Rectory (Greece), the "Mushroom House" (Perinton), the Liberty Pole (Rochester), and Temple Sinai (Brighton).

"The thoughtful research and recordation of Johnson's work has resulted in a document that provides invaluable information about the life and legacy of the prolific local architect," said **Erik Kulleseid**, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

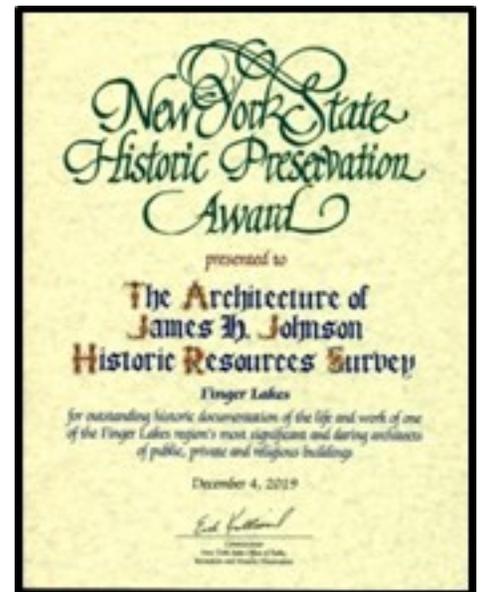
The loss through demolition of one of Johnson's early designs, the rectory of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, was the impetus behind the Greece Historical Society's sponsorship of the survey. "We did not want to lose another of his buildings," said Bill Sauers, GHS president. "Knowing where those buildings were located, was an important first step in preventing that from happening again."

The Johnson survey, which was funded by grants from the Preservation League of New York State, the Landmark Society of Western New York, and the Johnson family, was one of ten preservation awards presented by the state this year. Other award recipients included: the TWA Hotel at JFK Airport (New York City), the Colored Musicians Club (Buffalo), the Village of Wyoming Gas Light Restoration, the Marshall Bice House (Schoharie), the Coeymans Stone House (Coeymans), Libertad/former Jones Court Public Housing (Elmira), Innisfree Public Garden (Millbrook), Programmatic Agreement with the New York City Housing Authority, and the Sag Harbor Hills, Azurest & Ninevah Steering Committee.



Photo by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).

From left to right:
Daniel Mackay, New York State Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Wayne Goodman, Executive Director, The Landmark Society of Western NY
Christopher Brandt, Architect, Bero Architecture, PLLC
Katie Eggers Comeau, Architectural Historian, Bero Architecture, PLLC
Erik Kulleseid, New York State Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Gina DiBella, Historic Preservation Consultant
Bill Sauers, President, Greece Historical Society



Museum Photos

After years of putting up with a cold drafty museum gift shop we finally had new windows installed this past month.

Thanks to **Rochester Colonial** for a great job.



On November 12th, **Michael Lasser** entertained us with his stories about City songs and the Great American Song book.

Our kitchen was the busiest room of the museum during our December 15th Holiday Open House.



Joseph Vitello presenting **Rob Cunningham** with a gift basket for winning our Prohibition Era "Name the famous people" contest. Rob was able to correctly name ALL 30 of the faces in the contest. The contest was in our November Corinthian and distributed in the museum. See page 4 for the answers.

New Security System

After several false alarms and malfunctions with our 30+ year old security system we finally upgraded to a new state of the art security system. Sonitrol Systems gave us a great deal and were very professional during a day-long setup and a few extra visits installing the new system. Our control panel was the oldest one in the Sonitrol system; they joked that it belonged in a museum!

Nearly all our volunteers met for an instructional class and after a few glitches it was fully operational by the beginning of December. We also recently installed a door chime that lets anyone in the building know when someone enters the building.

A special thank you to the North Greece Fire Department for being so patient with us during the malfunctions.



Historic Koda-Vista

The Koda-Vista neighborhood was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 16th, 2019. Sponsored by the Koda-Vista Community Association, The Koda-Vista Historic District is the very first National Register Historic District in the Town of Greece. Koda-Vista is located south of West Ridge Road between Route 390/Hoover Drive and Elmguard Street.

Four years in the making, the new District is a result of an Historic Resources Survey completed by Preservation Studios of Buffalo. The former Greece Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) applied for and received a Preserve New York grant from the Preservation League of New York State in 2015 to fund the project. The National Register nomination was also completed by Preservation Studios. **Gina DiBella**, preservation consultant and former chair of the Greece HPC, and **Jane Grant**, from the Koda-Vista Community Association, both GHS members, assisted the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in finalizing the nomination.



The National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal and/or state income tax benefits. Because Koda-Vista is in a qualifying census tract, homeowners may qualify for state income tax benefits for approved work.

Those who supported the Koda-Vista Historic District are hoping it will become a model for other neighborhoods and properties in the town that may be eligible for listing in the National Register and prove to elected officials and town administration that historic preservation is positive for our community.

If you would like to know more about National Register Historic Districts, visit <http://www.parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register>.

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