



Eight Brave Civil War Soldiers: Past Meets the Present when Fourth Graders Honor the Fallen in Pittsford

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Virtual Event via ZOOM*

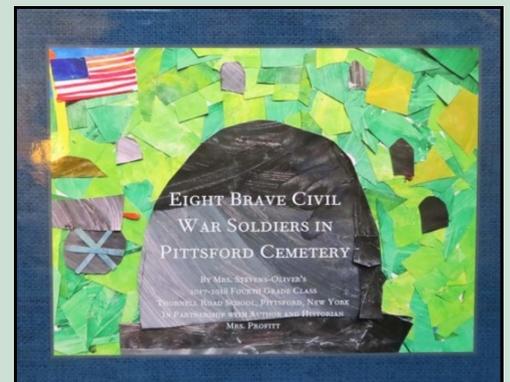
Join **Toni Stevens-Oliver**, Thornell Road elementary school teacher, and **Vicki Masters Proffitt**, author, historian, and director of the Fairport Historical Museum, as they share insights gleaned from primary source documents used to create an interactive, augmented reality picture book in tandem with a mobile app. The project details the experiences of Civil War soldiers buried in a local cemetery—researched and written by twenty fourth-grade students. New York State Archivist **Tom Ruller** will describe Civil War-related materials available to everyone held at the Archives as well as those online.

Stevens-Oliver and Masters Proffitt will also share stories about the historic Agate-Zornow House in Pittsford, the research subject of the 2019-2020 class. Project-based learning and collaborative research into the people, events, movements, property, architecture of the house culminated in a student-designed website.

Genealogists, history enthusiasts, parents, educators, historians, and the generally curious are welcome!

Please note: This program, in collaboration with New York State Archives Partnership Trust and the New York Council for History Education was originally scheduled for April 14, at the Greece Public Library. This event is now a virtual Zoom event due to current health concerns and recommendations of the state and federal government.

Registration Required, limited to 95. To register go to the NYS Archival Trust website at: <https://www.nysarchivetrust.org/>, click on "Events," then "Upcoming Events," and scroll to our October 13 event and click on the "Register Now " button. Direct link and password to the digital meeting space will be emailed to all registrants ahead of time.



"President's Message"

We are still getting used to the "new normal". Although our museum has been open for two months, attendance is still less than usual which is to be expected. We do have plenty of hand sanitizer and a no-touch policy, so we feel confident that you will be OK visiting for a short while.

We are going to miss our annual Athena History Cub tour of the season, but we did have a small home-schooled group visit in September and there is a planned "Friends and Fun" group coming in early October. Recently we welcomed a couple of political candidates for tours. I'm pleased to see potential leaders' interest in local history.

Our membership campaign is over, and we exceeded our expectations. We welcome our new members and thank all of you who renewed especially those that donated a little extra. We also gained four life members: **Audrey Cooper, Judy Price, John Gilbert, and Robert Cunningham.**

This month's Tuesday night program is in collaboration with New York State Archives Partnership Trust and the New York Council for History Education. It was originally scheduled for last April at the Greece Library, but like everything else today, it will now be a Zoom presentation. Next month on November 17, we will welcome G.C.S.D. Superintendent, **Kathy Graupman.** Watch for a description of her talk in next month's Corinthian.

Besides documenting the former Greece School No. 5 building, (*see article on page 5*) the Greece Historical Society is working on a few new unique projects that we hope to announce in the coming months.

On a personal note, this past month I had the opportunity to virtually attend the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) annual conference. I've been to many history and museum conferences these past several years, but this was the first time I was one of the presenters and the first Zoom conference I have attended.

As always thank you to every one of you who supports the Greece Historical Society and we hope to see you soon at an event, whenever that will be, that everyone can attend safely.

Bill Sauers, President



Our Calendar **"GHS Events and Programs"**

Beginning August 2nd:

Museum and Museum Shop hours: Sundays 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
and during office hours Mondays 10 a.m.- Noon

NOTE:

**All upcoming programs will be presented via Zoom
To register go to our Web page calendar for instructions.**

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Education Today by Kathy Graupman.
Tuesday, November 17

*Sunday programs are usually at the Greece Museum, 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday programs are usually 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”



The holiday season is approaching soon. We will be having a Holiday Craft & Collectibles Show at the Museum again this year. We will have vendors with masks spaced out, and we will limit the number of shoppers in the building at one time. We will all keep our space and stay safe.

Our Shop will be open so you can purchase our local history books for gifting. Join us Saturday, November 21st 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As always, we are open Sundays 1:30-4:00pm.

Masks are required for visitors so we will all stay safe.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator



Greece Museum Membership

Help us become more widely known to our community. Tell your friends and family about the Greece Museum.



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*.

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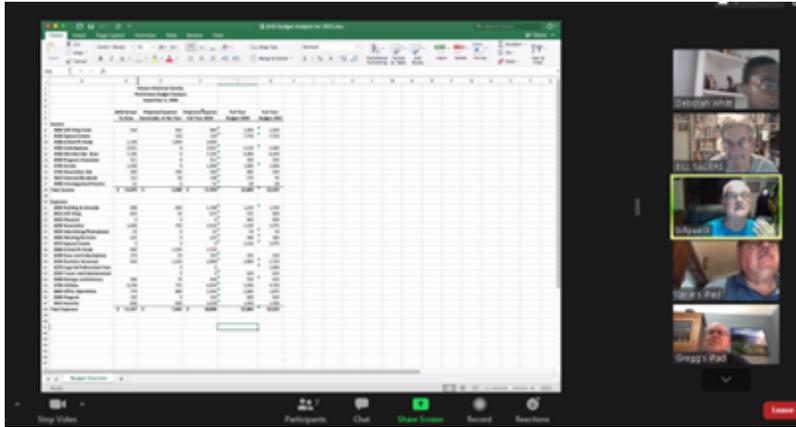
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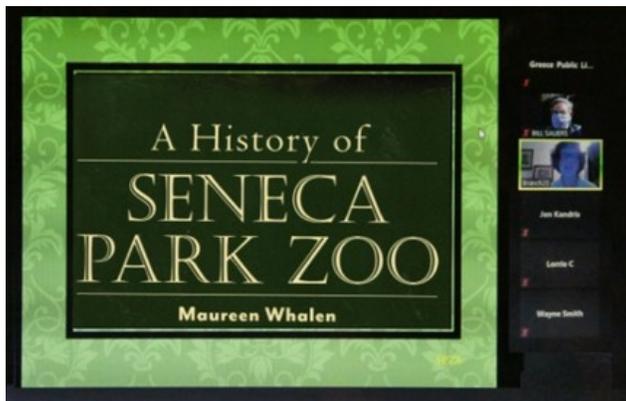
Museum Happenings

Like nearly every other organization and many government agencies, our board meetings have been conducted via Zoom which has worked out surprisingly well.



Two screenshots of our Zoom board meeting.

Arnie Amering and **Bill Peck** preparing last month's *Corinthian*. Working outside on our front porch seemed to be the safest option.



Our September 8 Tuesday virtual Zoom lecture featured author **Maureen Whalen** talking about the history of the Seneca Park Zoo.

Alan Mueller and **Joe Vitello** getting ready for a new display of recently acquired old barn making tools.



Greece Central Contracts with GHS to Document the Former Greece School No. 5 Building

The brick Greece School No. 5 building sat at the northwest corner of Latta Road and Mount Read Boulevard at the top of Paddy Hill for 90 years. Constructed in 1930 to replace a wood-frame school that had been destroyed in a fire in 1929, it served the Greece community as an elementary school through the late 1950s. In the early 1960s, after the construction of Paddy Hill Elementary School across the street, it was converted to the Greece Central School District's administrative offices and served that purpose until 1990 when District Offices moved to the current location on Maiden Lane. The building was then converted to training classrooms and offices for the Professional Learning Center and the District Facilities Operations Department.

The Greece Central School District's latest capital improvement project, approved by voters in 2018, includes the construction of a new Transportation and Support Services Facility on the site of the historic brick building, as well as recently purchased adjacent land.

Recognizing the historic and social importance of the building to both the District and the Greece community, the District contracted with the Greece Historical Society to document the history and significance of the building. GHS is working with independent historic preservation consultant Gina DiBella and District staff to complete the archival documentation process. In May, the interior and exterior of the building were extensively photographed. Photos were also taken during the demolition process in July and August. Once research is completed, a report will be written that will include current and historic photographs, recent and previous floor plans, a narrative documenting the history of the building, a statement of the building's significance, a description of the building, and a description of the redevelopment project. GHS also plans to create an exhibit in the future about the building.



Your Stories – Our History

Tell us "your story" of how you are coping with the current coronavirus situation or tell us how your organization is engaging with the community. As your local historical society, it is our responsibility to record and preserve the history of our Town. If you send us your story, an account of life in Greece (and Charlotte) during this unusual time can then be recorded and preserved in our permanent collection, published in a book, and shared with our libraries and the New York State Historian's Office. We can only do this if you tell us your stories. The stories you tell your friends or share on social media will be impossible to retrieve decades from now, but your written word and/or photographs can be cataloged and retrieved for future generations. Please help us preserve our history of this current crisis. Email us "your story" and photographs to greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com or mail to Greece Historical Society, PO Box 16249, Greece, NY 14616.



GHS Happenings

Tours and Education

TOURS: On September 9th I conducted a tour for a Home School Group from Pittsford. There were 2 moms and 3 children. With it being a small group, we had no problem keeping the distance required. They are studying New York State History, therefore the moms have decided to visit all the towns. We started in the living room, talking about how there was no electricity. I demonstrated our phonograph. Of course, the children thought the records were large discs until I explained and showed them how it worked. Of special interest in the museum was the One Room School Room and our School Days exhibits. The kitchen is always a big hit also. After our tour of the museum I demonstrated the "dial phone" in our kitchen. What fun we had with that! The boys were fascinated with the phone ringing, talking into the receiver, and listening to the voice. After that I showed them how to dial a number by calling mom's cell phone. When the tour was over, they stayed and walked around the grounds for a while with their next stop being Braddock's Bay for a hike and lunch in the park.

I have another tour scheduled for October 1st for the Friends and Family Group who meet at the Community Center

IT'S SO GOOD TO BE BACK IN BUSINESS!!!

Kathy Firkins
Education Coordinator



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Museum Shop Activity



On August 22 the Greece Historical Society was at the Greece Kiwanis Club's Vendor Blender at Barnard Restaurant and Party House (Barnard Exempts). We had a large selection of local history books available for purchase.

Greece History

History of Historical Roadside Markers in Greece

by Bill Sauers

Roadside historic markers are our windows to the past. They educate us, they make us curious to investigate, or they provide a nice excuse to take a break and stretch our legs while we read what happened here.

These markers tell about historic events and locations and provide the public with knowledge about our history. In New York State they were first created to commemorate the American Revolution.

Although no longer funded by the State, historic markers are still being installed throughout New York State by individuals, town and county governments, historical organizations, and individuals. Historic markers have become a major way to inform the public and tourists about local history.

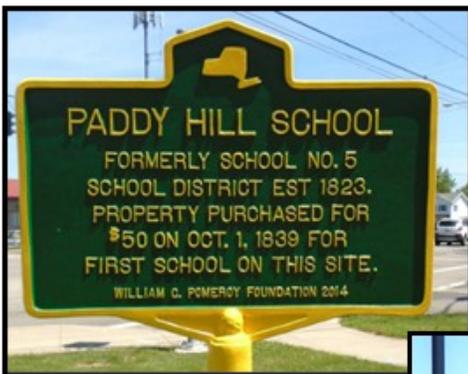
There are thousands of "official" New York State markers around the State. They were recommended by Town Historians. Because the Town of Greece did not have an historian until the mid-1940s, there are no State markers in Greece. The County of Monroe did initiate a program for a short time in the 1960s resulting in four County markers in Greece. Nearly a quarter century went by before the Canal Society installed another new one at Henpeck Park.

Nearly two decades passed until 2011 when the Town installed the Northgate marker funded by Wal-Mart. In 2014 the Greece Historical Society learned about the William Pomeroy Foundation who would fund the purchase of a marker if the information were well documented. This resulted in the first Pomeroy-funded sign in Greece noting the history of Paddy Hill School which was the Society's gift to the School.

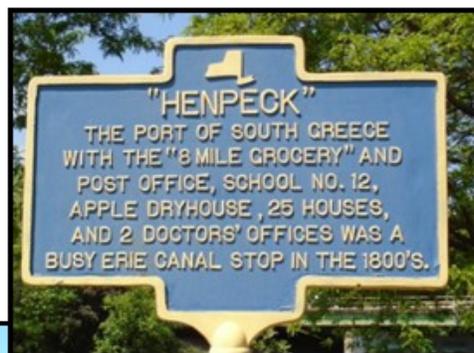
Since that time, the Town has received two Pomeroy grants for markers: for the Odenbach Shipbuilding plant in 2015 and for the Revolutionary War Veteran at Peck Rd Cemetery in 2019. GHS received a Pomeroy grant for the Jean Brooks Greenleaf marker in 2018 at the Lakeshore Country Club.

As time goes by there are few physical reminders of history in our community, so take a break and stretch our legs while we read what happened here.

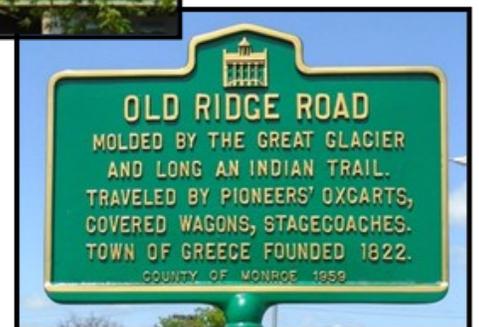
NOTE: For a photo of each of the historical markers in Greece and all of them in Monroe County check out Dick Helsey's web site at: <https://mcnygenealogy.com/pictures/2200/>



One of four Pomeroy Foundation funded markers in Greece



Walmart funded this one in 2011



One of Four Monroe County markers in the Town of Greece

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