

**Education Today in Greece**

with GCSD Superintendent, Kathleen Graupman

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Virtual Event via ZOOM\*

Ms. Graupman will discuss what education has looked like during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sharing some specific successes and challenges, she will discuss key areas that have impacted schools and the community such as health and safety, facilities, instruction, and parent engagement, focusing on what a “hybrid” learning model looks like.



**Ms. Kathleen Graupman** is in her sixth year as Greece Central School District Superintendent. She leads a team of more than 3,000 educators and support staff members. With almost 11,000 students in 17 schools, Greece is the largest suburban school district in Monroe County and one of the most diverse.

A product of the Greece Central school system herself, Superintendent Graupman is active in numerous community organizations including the NYS Commission for Diversity and Inclusion, Greece Rotary, Greece Kiwanis, Greece Chamber of Commerce, the Roc2Change Steering Committee, and the Monroe 2 BOCES Foundation Board. Ms. Graupman currently serves as the President of the Monroe County Council of School Superintendents.



Ms. Graupman holds a B.A. in Education from SUNY Geneseo and earned her M.A. in Education from SUNY Brockport. She holds NYS Permanent Certification as a School Administrator and Supervisor and in School District Leadership and a NYS Permanent Teaching Certification in Elementary Education.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Go to the Greece Public Library web page [greecepubliclibrary.org](http://greecepubliclibrary.org) click on "Events" then "Calendar" then go to November 17 and register. An email will be sent prior to the event with login and password instructions.

Just as we were going to press with this issue, we were saddened to learn that life member and 16 year Greece Historical Society Executive Director **Lorraine Beane** passed away on October 28th. We plan to write an article about Lorraine in our next month's issue highlighting her contributions to GHS and the entire community.



Lorraine Beane

**The Corinthian**

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



## **"President's Message"**

As everyone is now fully aware, public assembly anywhere is discouraged or, in many cases, not happening at all. That includes our Tuesday lectures at the Greece Public Library and our Sunday programs at the museum. The best we can do is hold all our future programs virtually via Zoom. Unfortunately, we realize that not everyone has the capability of using Zoom so we plan to upload as many as we can to our website for future viewing. We already have over 20 of our past programs uploaded. Go to our website and click on "Program Archives" for a complete list. It's interesting to note that several people have mentioned that they appreciate the live programs on Zoom as they no longer drive at night to attend the library programs.



In the past months we have begun to feature the history and stories of various organizations in our community. We have featured the Friends of the Greece Public Library, the Lakeshore Garden Club, Greece Performing Arts Society, the Kiwanis Club of Greece, and a few others. Each of these organizations adds to the quality of life in Greece and to its history. This month we are bringing you the story of "Jazz90.1 WGMC-FM," one of the nation's last 24/7/365 public jazz radio stations." If you belong to a non-profit organization in Greece and would like your story told, send us and email [greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com).

Like any home there is always work to do. This past month the garden clubs have been busy putting our gardens to bed for the winter. **Alan Mueller, Arnie Amering** and **Joe Vitello** cleared out some overgrown bushes in the back of the museum, and we had a basement window replaced with glass block. Technology even caused a little work, as our email had been hacked and was not receiving emails for about three weeks. Thanks to **John Gilbert** that problem has been solved and our email is now up and running again.

Also, this past month we were able to help an out-of-town historian find the best source of information she was looking for. We submitted our Annual Report to the State Education Dept. and conducted our board meeting and a Tuesday program via Zoom. We were visited by the Greece Friends and Fun group and I gave a presentation to the Henrietta Historical Society.

As always, thank you for your continued support, especially this year with no in-person events. We will continue to do our best to keep our members engaged with news and the history of our Town.

Please note that our November program is on the THIRD Tuesday in November rather than the second Tuesday.

**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

**NOTE:**

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

**Education Today** by Kathy Graupman.  
Tuesday, **November 17**

**Craft & Collectibles Show**  
Saturday, **November 21**

\*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"



It's holiday shopping time! We have many local history books in our Museum Shop. We have had many on-line sales of our local books since this corona virus interrupted everyone's shopping.

Visit us at our Craft & Collectibles Show on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Shop for locally crafted items. We will be socially distant, and everyone will be masked. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer available along with plastic gloves and wipes as needed and we will limit the number of people in the building at any one time. Our Museum Shop will also be open for your holiday shopping.

Mark your calendar for November 21st 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to shop our crafters. As always, we are open Sundays 1:30 - 4:00pm; please stop by (with your mask, of course).

**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](mailto: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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## Museum Happenings

Always something to do when you own a museum building!

Volunteers **Arnie Amering** and **Joe Vitello** clearing out some overgrown bushes in our back-garden area.



Lakeview Garden Club prepares our gardens for the winter.



### *History Quote*

It is very hard to remember that events now long in the past were once in the future"

*Frederic William Maitland*"



We recently replaced an old, deteriorated window with a new glass block window at one of our basement windows.



## Greece Historical Society Receives Grants to Study the Life and Architecture of Thomas W. Boyde, Jr., Rochester's First African American Architect

The Greece Historical Society (GHS) is the recipient of two grants totaling \$30,000 to fund a Cultural Resource Survey of the architecture of Rochester's first African American architect, Thomas W. Boyde, Jr. The grants were awarded by the Preservation League of New York State and their program partners at the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), and the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

Thomas W. Boyde, Jr. was Rochester's first and foremost African American architect. He was a prolific designer of Mid-Century Modern homes and businesses, but also did significant work designing buildings for economically disadvantaged communities. Several of Boyde's projects have been lost to demolition or have been severely altered. This survey will help identify his buildings, calling attention to them and hopefully averting further losses. Boyde's built work spans across Western New York, including several houses in the town of Greece.



A \$15,000 Preserve New York grant from the Preservation League and NYSCA and a \$15,000 Preserving Historical Assets Vitality Grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation will enable GHS to hire a project team that includes: architectural historian Katie Eggers Comeau and architect Christopher Brandt from Bero Architecture PLLC; independent historian and historic preservation consultant Jeffrey A. "Free" Harris from Hampton, VA; preservation consultant Gina M. DiBella of Greece; and research assistant Alexis Rivers, a 2020 graduate from SUNY Geneseo, to complete this survey.

"The Greece Historical Society is honored to be sponsoring the cultural resource survey of the life and architecture of Thomas W. Boyde, Jr.," says GHS president William Sauers. "Mr. Boyde had an important influence in the local community, not just Greece, but the greater Rochester/Western New York area. We are grateful to the Preservation League/New York State Council on the Arts and the Rochester Area Community Foundation for their support of this project."

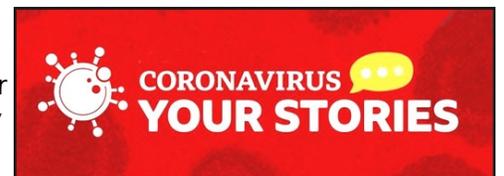
Previously, GHS worked with Bero Architecture and Ms. DiBella to complete a Cultural Resource Survey of the Architecture of James H. Johnson. Johnson is known for his mid-century designs that include St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece, Temple Sinai in Brighton, the Liberty Pole in Rochester, and the Mushroom House in Perinton. In 2019, the finished report received a New York State Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Historic Documentation from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and a Special Citation Preservation Award from the Landmark Society of Western New York.

Thomas W. Boyde Jr.  
designed this home  
on Edgemere Dr



### 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](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) or mail to Greece Historical Society, PO Box 16249, Greece, NY 14616.



## GHS Happenings

### Tours and Education

On October 1st, the Friends and Fun Group from the Greece Community Center came to the museum for their annual visit. The attendance was smaller this year due to Covid. We always have a great time with this group. I started in the living room demonstrating the phonograph, and then moved on to the museum exhibit hall. I can tell by their enthusiasm how much they enjoyed seeing the exhibits. Always a favorite is the old one room school and the 1950s classroom that was added recently. The 1930s kitchen is a big hit also with a washing machine and candlestick phone.

**Kathy Firkins**  
**Education**  
**Coordinator**



### Archived Programs

We have recently added two new programs to the "Program Archives" page on our website, <http://greecehistoricalsociety.org/>.

**Public Shortcuts:** Wally Rust talks about public shortcuts and sidewalks focusing on the Music Box Steps that were featured in Laurel & Hardy movies and other unique walks including some in the Rochester area.

**Eight Brave Civil War Soldiers: Past Meets the Present when Fourth Graders Honor the Fallen in Pittsford.** This was our October 13 Tuesday evening program. **Toni Stevens-Oliver**, Thornell Road elementary school teacher, and **Vicki Masters Proffitt**, author, historian, and director of the Fairport Historical Museum, shared the story of a fourth-grade project detailing the experiences of Civil War soldiers buried in a local cemetery. *This program was in collaboration with New York State Archives Partnership Trust and the New York Council for History Education.*

We hope you enjoy these two new additions along with the more than 20 other programs that we have made available to you.

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### ROC-THE-DAY for GHS on December 1st, 2020

On Monday, December 1st, the United Way of Greater Rochester will hold a 24-hour donation drive "ROC the Day," for not-for-profit organizations in the Rochester community. On this epic, one-day giving event, thousands of community members will be able to make an end-of-year gift to help advance their philanthropic passions. We are asking you to support the **Greece Historical Society** on December 1, by going to [www.roctheday.org](http://www.roctheday.org) and making your donation. Your contribution will be used to help fund our programs and exhibits, for basic utility expenses, and for maintenance projects on our building. Thank you for your generous support.



# Greece History

## History of Jazz90.1 WGMC-FM

by Rob Linton, M.Ed.

Did you know that one of the nation's last 24/7/365 public jazz radio stations resides in Greece, New York? Jazz90.1 WGMC-FM has been an important part of the town's history since 1971, providing jazz, blues and big band music, community events, concerts, public service programming, and instructional opportunities for students.

In 1971, The Greece Central School District sought out community involvement in the establishment of a community FM radio station. On August 31, 1971, the Greece Central School District Board of Education approved the concept of launching a community radio station and the process to apply for a FCC license began.

On November 1, 1973, 90.1 WGMC went on the air for the first time. Broadcast hours for the first ten weeks of operation were 2:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., and on Monday December 17, 1973, WGMC expanded its hours to run from 12 – 7 p.m. During the early years, the station was run mainly by students, under the direction of faculty advisors at Greece Athena High School. Community members were also able to host programs on the station during school breaks, evenings, and weekends. At just 10 watts of broadcast power, WGMC was heard only within the immediate Greece area. The station broadcasted Greece Town Board meetings, Board of Education meetings, and more.

Over the years, WGMC-FM – now called Jazz90.1 – has seen significant growth moving to 2,050 watts, then eventually to 15,000 watts of power after an extensive multi-year fundraising effort in the early 2000s. The station does not receive any funding from the Greece Central School District, however the license for WGMC-FM remains under the school district and is housed at Greece Olympia.

Jazz90.1 is one of the last full-time community jazz radio stations left in the United States; it relies solely on donations from listeners and area businesses. The station will celebrate 47 years on the air in November and continues providing its listeners unique local programming such as the Live Studio Concert Series, Greece Olympia Jazz Radio Hour, and more. Jazz90.1 prides itself on also providing great learning opportunities for Greece students who wish to pursue careers in media and broadcasting. Staff of Jazz90.1 work hand in hand with district teachers and leaders, giving Greece students a one of a kind learning opportunity, both behind the scenes and on the air.

At Jazz90.1, they believe that jazz is a living music. Half of their broadcast hours are focused on current artists who are committed to moving the music forward. Jazz90.1 plays more new music than any radio station in the U.S., but also offers a heaping portion of the classics, like Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Wayne Shorter, and many more.

Jazz90.1 is also an important outlet for music and voices that don't make it onto commercial radio. Their longest-running show is The Polka Bandstand Show heard every Saturday from 10 a.m. – noon. The station also features the Lithuanian-language Dainos Aidas and the German Radio Program.

More information can be found at [www.jazz901.org](http://www.jazz901.org).



Students work on the air on WGMC in the early 1970's at Greece Athena High School



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