

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library

The Story of the Manitou Trolley
"Come along and Ride This Train" by Bill Sauers

During the summer months from 1891 to 1925 an electric trolley ran from Charlotte to Manitou Beach. All but forgotten in this 21st century, it was the major transportation route for eight miles along the lakeshore. "Come along and ride this train" and learn about a fascinating time in our lakeshore resort neighborhood of long ago and the legacy the trolley left behind.



Bill Sauers is a lifelong resident of the Town of Greece and has been an active member of the Greece Historical Society since 1998 and currently serves as president.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Log in to Greece Public Library <https://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/> then click on Events then Calendar, then March 8 or call 585.225.8951. Attendance is limited to 60. Direct link: <https://greecepubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=10609&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/03/01>

NOTE: Check our website or Facebook page prior to this event as COVID restrictions may have changed. If you are registered, you will be notified of any changes.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

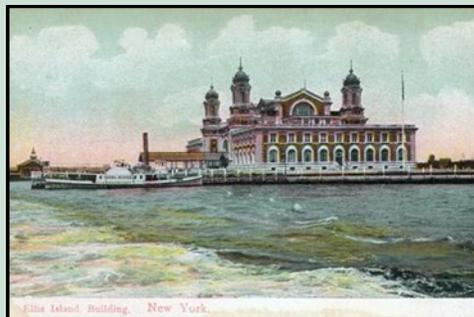
Sunday, March 20, 1:30 - 4:00 pm (or till gone)

Save the date! Girl Scout Troop #60266 will be on our front porch March 20 selling their yummy cookies. Stop by and pick up a box or two and support a great organization.



Troop # 60266 is a multi-level Troop, Brownies to Seniors, working on projects that include community service, badges to build strong young women, and outdoor activities such as camping and archery. We are thrilled to be able to offer them this opportunity again this year.

Immigration in New York exhibit in March



We are thrilled to announce that we will be featuring a New York Heritage traveling exhibit during the month of March titled **The Immigration in New York**.

This exhibit focuses on European immigration to New York State from 1650 to 1950, beginning with the arrival of Dutch settlers and continuing through the end of the World Wars. We would like to thank the Rochester Regional Library Council for the local coordination of this exhibit.

We are now open!

The Greece Museum and the museum gift shop are now open Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 (closed Easter and major holiday weekends). We have some new exhibits and a great supply of *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* and *Eight Miles Along the Shore: An Illustrated History of Greece* available for purchase along with other local history books.



The Corinthian

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



"President's Message"



Let's hope the cold snap is over and we can look forward to springtime. Our museum is now open on Sunday afternoons (closed Easter).

This past month many of us enjoyed the program at the Greece Public Library with Monroe County Historian **Carolyn Vacca**. We have been out and about while staying home. In February **Maureen Whalen** did a Zoom program for the Honeoye Falls Historical Society, I did one for the Charlotte Public Library, and **Marie Poinan** and **Jo Ann Snyder** did a Zoom program for the Interlaken Public Library. We also had an RIT photography student use our historic center as a backdrop for a photography assignment.

Marie and **JoAnn** are continuing their work on Volume 2 of *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece*. If you are a descendent of an old time Greece family and want your family's story told, check out our website for instructions or give us a call at 585-225-7221.

We are pleased to announce that we are getting a new computer server soon, thanks to a grant secured by Senator Jeremy Cooney. With the help of a grant from the New York Council for the Arts, I will be attending the Museum Association of New York conference in Corning next month.

As nearly everyone is aware, our membership year is May 1 through April 31. We will be mailing out membership renewal reminder letters in April. Some of you have already sent in your membership renewal and those have been credited for the next year.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to "Like" the Greece Historical Society" to keep up on any last-minute announcements and don't forget to download our **2021 Annual Report** from our website. It is an opportunity for everyone to see what the Greece Historical Society has accomplished and what we have contributed to the community this past year.

As a final note, we are pleased to announce that Supervisor Bill Reilich has offered us the use of the Town Hall pavilion for our June 20 Strawberry Festival. As you probably know by now the construction of the Community Center had eliminated the possibility of holding the festival next to our museum this year. More details in the coming months.

As always, thank you to all our members, sponsors, and friends for your continued support.

Bill Sauers, President



It's a Bicentennial Year!

Monroe County, the Town of Greece and the Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse are all celebrating a bicentennial this year. It is also the 200th birthday of Fredrick Law Olmsted. Listed below are links to help keep up to date on planned activities and programs.

TOWN OF GREECE: The town has prepared a Town of Greece Bicentennial Historic Resources Survey available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7a414722fef745efb0fddfad4af0bdf3>. Other activities are planned and will be announced by the Town.

See more on pages 5 and 7.



Everyone who visits our museum or participates in one of our programs is expected to adhere to all stated safety protocols, which are subject to change and may be adjusted for consistency with the latest guidance.



Gregg H. Redmond PLLC

ghredmond@yahoo.com
www.RedmondLegal.com

GREGG H. REDMOND, Esq.
Attorney At Law
1379 Long Pond Road
Rochester NY 14626
(585) 225-0520 Fax (585) 225-0145



Bartolomeo & Perotto
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Pledging to serve you with the greatest care

www.bartolomeo.com
585 • 720 • 6000
1411 Vintage Lane, Rochester, NY 14626

"Museum Shop"



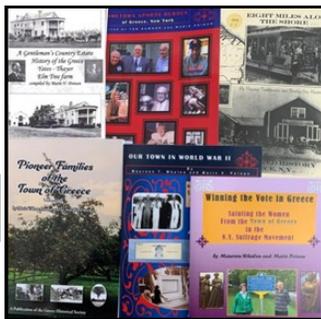
Spring is coming. We are anxious to open our museum and gift shop. Our newest book, *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece, Volume 1* is available in our shop, along with other books about our town ...lots of history.

Our winter break is over, and we look forward to opening our doors for everyone. Stop by on Sundays 1:30-4:00. Don't forget the Girl Scout

Cookie Sale on March 20!

Wendy Peek
Shop Coordinator

Books about Greece
in our Museum Shop



We now have items with the Greece Historical Society logo celebrating our Town's Bicentennial. These items are available **ONLY ONLINE**. We do not carry them in our museum gift shop! All orders include **FREE SHIPPING***

***Enter code: FREESHIP at checkout for free shipping.**

Order men's and women's t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies (*many colors and sizes*), pillows and mugs!

<https://www.greecehistoricalsociety.shop/>



Our Calendar

The Museum is open Sundays 1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Office hours, Mondays 10am -12pm

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. The Manitou Trolley

Sunday, March 20, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Girl Scout cookie sale

Sunday April 10 1:30-4:00 p.m., Book Sale

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. The Architecture of Thomas W. Boyde Jr.

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. Stories of Pioneer Families of Greece

We greatly value and appreciate your donations*.

*Tax deductible per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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.

State Farm™

Deborah Ham Whitt Agcy Inc

Deborah Whitt CLU LUTC, Agent

Rochester, NY 14616

www.deborahwhitt.biz

Bus: 585-663-0960 Fax: 585-663-2031

State Farm, Bloomington, IL
1211999



TAYLOR
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
CALL 500-HELP
4 3 5 7

1775 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Vay-Schleich & Meeson
Funeral and Cremation Chapels

Our Family is Here for Yours
Katie, Doug & Mark Meeson

Greece Chapel 1075 Long Pond Road Rochester, NY 14626 (585) 227-2700	Hilton Chapel 38 East Avenue Hilton, NY 14468 (585) 392-1500
--	--

Celebrate life. MeesonFamily.com

GHS Board of Trustees

William M. Sauers (President)

Gretchen Kozlowski (Secretary)

Bill Peek (Treasurer)

Cynthia Shevlin (Newsletter Editor)

Ruth Curchoe

Pam O'Sullivan

Bridget O'Toole

Sandy Peck

Gregg Redmond, Esq.

Paula Smith

Deborah Whitt

Donald C. Newcomb (Honorary Trustee)

Greece History



The Blizzard of 66

For those of you who thought we had a lot of snow this past February, let's look back to February 1966. These photos were taken in the Dewey Stone neighborhood on February 2, 1966



There are many untold stories about Greece. If you have a story to tell, give us a call 585-225-7221 or email us at greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

History Quote

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give a fuller understanding of ourselves and our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."

~Robert Penn Warren

Volunteers needed!

We can always use some extra help. If you have a little extra time and a skill you'd like to share, we can use your help!

Interested? Give us a call at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com



The Bicentennial at GHS

March and April Pioneer Families on Display

We will be highlighting several of our Greece pioneer families throughout this bicentennial year. The family history is taken from our *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book. Posters will be on display in the dining room starting in March and April. Each family will remain on display for two months and then be replaced in May by a new set of families. The families who will be highlighted during the months of March and April are FLEMING, BURNS, PRESTON, FARNAN, HOGAN and THORPE. We hope you visit these rotating displays throughout the year to learn more about the pioneer families who settled in Greece before 1872.

Looking for info on these Pioneer Families by Marie Poinan

Jo Ann Ward Snyder and I are busy researching Volume 2 of our pioneers of Greece book. We have several families eligible, but we are looking for additional descendants to participate in this new book to be published this fall. We encourage you to contact us by the end of March if you would like to be a part of this bicentennial celebration of the first families of Greece. Our most wanted list includes info on and descendants of these following pioneers: Buckman, Davis (North Ave settlers), Flanagan (Mount Read), Glass (Ridge, Dewey and Lake), Walker (Long Pond Road settlers), Beattie (Patrick), Colligan/Colgan, Bygrave/East, Coffey, Faker, Kintz, Rigney, Rowe, Whelehan, McMannis/McMannus, Lewis, Filer, Pearson, Buckley, Brazill, Hadlock, Gallery, and Stone.

Apply for a Bicentennial Pioneer Certificate



If you have documentation that proves that your family was living in the Town of Greece before 1872, you can apply for a PIONEER CERTIFICATE to be issued by the Greece Historical Society. The certificate will be issued to you with your family name, a GHS bicentennial logo, an embossed seal, and an engraved cover. Additional copies will be available for purchase.

If yours is one of the featured families in the *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book, you will automatically receive a certificate for that family and do not have to supply this paperwork. If you have another family who was in Greece before 1872, you will have to submit an application and pedigree chart for that surname.

Download the application form along with a "fill-in" pedigree chart from our website. Submit those two forms and any additional documentation and e-mail your completed packet to greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. If you do not have internet access, call us at 585-225-7221.

Bicentennial Snapshots Begin on March 22

Bicentennial Snapshots will debut on March 22 on the Society's Facebook page and YouTube Channel. It is one of a variety of programs and projects planned by the Greece Historical Society to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece. Each Snapshot video is a brief look at a particular aspect of Greece history.

Over the course of the next year, we will cover people and events that comprise the vibrant history of Greece from its earliest days to the present. Included are segments on the establishment of the town, Underground Railroad, Prohibition, Gordon Howe and Albert Skinner, notable women from Greece, the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, iconic businesses, the beginning of the nursery industry, Odenbach shipyard, members of the military who gave their lives in service to our country, and more.



Two longtime GHS volunteers are producing the Snapshots; they are narrated by **Maureen Whalen** and the Society's video technician, **Patrick Worboys**, is creating the composition. **Bill Sauers, Joe Vitello, Lee Strauss, Alan Mueller, Marie Poinan,** and **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** are contributing ideas, information, and photographs.

Continued from page 2



GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Has already published one book and working on the second, weekly bicentennial snapshots will start on March 22. and exhibits are planned for the museum. <https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/200-years/>

Volunteer Teams at GHS

Your GHS Membership Team by Lee Strauss

GHS Membership Team, **Lee Strauss**, **Bobbi Roberts**, and one of our newest member **Dave Seibert**, have been busy this winter designing letterhead stationery and forms for membership renewal and volunteering and writing letters to our members that the new membership year will begin May 1 and it is time to renew. The letters are sent out the beginning of April. **Jeanne Colt** (bless her!) will be working from her home preparing the material for bulk mailing this month. Bobbi and Dave will stand ready to process payments as they come in. Lee will be "coaching" by telephone and emails while recuperating from surgery. Another new volunteer, **Deborah Cole Myers**, will assist with mailing receipts and membership cards. Several members have already paid their dues for which we are most grateful. Our membership income for 2021 exceeded the budgeted amount thanks to members who upgraded their level of membership and some of our Trustees who chose to become Life Members.



Lee Strauss, Dave Seibert & Bobbie Roberts

Dave Seibert is a new member who is anxious to learn all he can about the museum field and is an enthusiastic volunteer. He is also a museum guide on Sunday afternoons, and he will be helping Joe Vitello, Alan Mueller, and Lee set up new museum exhibits. Dave graduated from MCC and SUNY Brockport with a degree in anthropology. He said anthropology is really about life stories. Where did our pioneer families come from? What was happening in their lives that prompted them to leave their families and homeland to come to a new land? How did they build new lives? Dave also volunteers at the CCC/WWII POW camp in Hamlin. He is employed by the Hilton School District. Dave will be an asset to the Greece Historical Society.

You may have seen **Bobbi Roberts** at the Greece Museum when you visited. She has been a museum guide for a couple of years. She carried the bulk of the work for membership processing in spring of 2021. Bobbi also helps with other office tasks. She also volunteers at Unity Hospital and one of her hobbies is crafting bisque dolls. Bobbi enjoys visiting her new grandchildren in Vermont when she can.

Deborah's pioneer family is featured in our newest publication, written by Marie Poinan and Jo Ann Snyder, about the pioneer families in Greece. It is one of the projects for the Bicentennial. The book is available in our gift shop and on Amazon. The Cole/Kenyon families were early settlers in South Greece. Deborah will be training as a docent in the museum and she will help Lee create an exhibit about South Greece and the impact of the Erie Canal on Greece's population and economy. The canal was finished in the Greece/Brockport area in 1822, the year the town was founded.

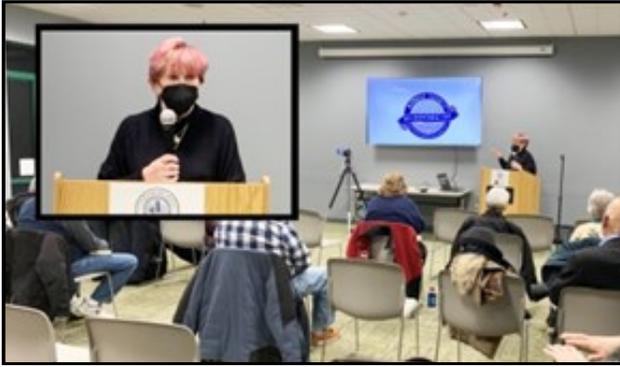
The Society is greatly appreciative of the dedication and help they all provide in keeping the organization running smoothly.

Happy 100th Birthday, Betty Fetter!

Betty Fetter is a life member of the Greece Historical Society and past volunteer who served the Society for a number of years as registrar of the collection of artifacts, photographs, and archives, assigning each an accession number and recording the acquisition in the collection files, placing them in archival materials for storage. She was also a volunteer at the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse and secretary of the marine history group there. She still maintains her interest in both organizations. Currently, Betty resides at the Villages at Unity on Long Pond Road.



Happenings at GHS



On February 8, in honor of the Bicentennial of Monroe County, county historian **Carolyn Vacca** shared her reflections on the history of our county.



On February 13, RIT photography student, **Ben Berkens**, spent the afternoon at our museum creating a photo assignment.

Finding the Proper Home for Donated Items



Dave Richardson,
Hoffman Clock Museum
curator

Occasionally our Society is offered items that do not meet our mission or that we cannot properly care for. With storage space at a premium and keeping in mind the cost of caring for these items, we insist that any object or document we acquire help to tell the story of Greece. However, if we feel we cannot accept a donation, we can reach out to our network of historians, museums, and historical societies and often find the proper "home" for many of these documents or items.

A few months ago, someone dropped off two 1950s German-made clocks, with the instructions that if GHS did not want them to donate them to the Hoffman Clock Museum in Newark. Having nothing to do with the Town of Greece, we contacted HCM. On January 31, **Dave Richardson**, the curator of the Hoffman Clock Museum, stopped by and gladly picked up the clocks to add to their collection. We gave him a tour of our museum and he inspected our heirloom living room clocks that had previously been owned by the Howe family.

This was just one example from the past year when we coordinated finding the best "home" for several items. If you are downsizing and looking for a home for that precious heirloom of yours, give us a call. We may be able to help.

Continued from page 2



MONROE COUNTY: Although Monroe County was established in 1821, Due to the COVID pandemic the county postponed any bicentennial celebration activities to this year, 2022. Visit their website <https://www.visitrochester.com/bicentennial/> to follow the County's bicentennial activities.



CHARLOTTE GENESEE LIGHTHOUSE: After two hundred years guarding the Port of Rochester, preparations are being made to celebrate the bicentennial of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse in 2022. A celebration event is in the planning stages. The lighthouse opens for the season on June 4th <https://geneseeighthouse.org/>



CELEBRATING OLMSTED: 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, social reformer and founder of American landscape architecture. Join the National Association for Olmsted Parks, partners, friends and the public as we explore Olmsted's living legacy. <https://olmsted200.org/>

Greece Historical Society
 Greece Museum
 595 Long Pond Road
 P.O. Box 16249
 Rochester NY 14616-0249



Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 Rochester NY
 Permit #1188

Electronic Service Requested

Greece Historical Society
 Celebrates



CONTACT US

GHS Office: 585-225-7221

Office Email:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Website: www.greecehistoricalsociety.org

Your tax deductible membership in the Greece Historical Society is available at several levels. To join, renew, upgrade your membership or to donate a gift, fill out and mail the form below or bring it to our next program meeting. To pay via PayPal, visit our website at www.greecehistoricalsociety.org

Only your donations and memberships keep our Museum open. Thank you for your support.

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

Membership Application

(Please print)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Spouse, if applicable)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code + 4)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

<u>Membership Classifications</u>	<u>Annual Rate</u>	<u>Select</u>
Senior (62+, Each) Student	\$15.00	_____
Individual Adult	\$20.00	_____
Senior (62+) Couple	\$30.00	_____
Family	\$35.00	_____
Business, Professional	\$50.00	_____
Benefactor (Each)	\$100.00	_____
Senior Life (62+, Each)	\$350.00	_____
Life (Each)	\$500.00	_____
Donation		_____

New Application
 Renewal
 Upgrade
 Donation
 Memorial Donation
 My donation is in memory of _____

Memberships are tax deductible. Please pay online via PayPal or make check payable and mail to:

Greece Historical Society
P.O. Box 16249
Rochester NY 14616-0249

You will receive your membership card and receipt by mail.