

November 2014

Tuesday November 4th* 2014 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library
"The History of the Village of Charlotte" By Marie Poinan

Older than the City of Rochester, the former Village of Charlotte was known as a port, a resort area, and a transportation crossroads. From its beginning as a hamlet in the Town of Greece, this presentation will highlight the history of the area where the river meets the lake. We will take a look at the first families and pioneers buried in its village cemetery and explore the unique assets of the Village which had a park, a baseball field and an iron foundry existing side by side at the Port of Rochester.



Marie is currently working on the restoration of the Charlotte Cemetery, is the Charlotte High School Archivist, and does monthly history programs at the Charlotte Library with Maureen Whalen. She is editor of the monthly Charlotte Community Association newsletter and a member of the Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse Museum and the Greece Historical Society.

***NOTE:** Because the second Tuesday in November is Veterans Day, this program is on the first Tuesday.

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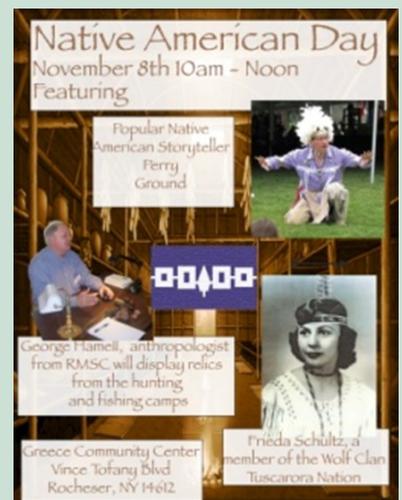
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November 2014

November 8th, 2014 10:00 a.m.—noon
at the Greece Community Center (free)

Native American Day

Join us for a fun-filled morning as we celebrate the culture of our first inhabitants in Greece – the Haudenosaunee (Seneca). Bringing artifacts found in Greece from the Native American Collection at the Rochester Museum and Science Center is anthropologist **George Hamell**. Also from RMSC and Ganondagan is storyteller **Perry Ground**, of the Turtle Clan, Onondaga Nation. Perry tells the stories of his people and the Seneca with drama and action, making them spell-binding. And, meet **Frieda Schultz**, Wolf Clan, Tuscarora Nation, who grew up on the reservation. She is happy to answer questions. Games and activities round out the morning.



"President's Message"

I can't believe the year is almost over. It sure has been a busy one at 595 Long Pond Road. This past year we have had the privilege of showcasing the stories, talents, and hobbies of several local residents through exhibits and programs.



Our Sunday programs have included: local War of 1812 stories by **Jim Fisher**, the story of an American child trapped in Germany during World War II, by **Marlies Adams DiFante**, a Tatting Demonstration by **Mary Ellen Davie**, stories of life in Greece & Parma by **Marilyn Lowden Koss Wright**, the story of making the Wizard of Oz movie by **Pamela Montrois**, and even a Beatles Anthology Movie.

Throughout the museum we featured five special exhibits: Beatlemania by **James Aker**; "War of 1812" by **Maureen Whalen** and **Marie Poinan**; "Wizard of Oz" by **Pamela Montrois**; "Robert Bilsky Photos"; and "Barns of Greece" by **Jane Grant**.

We have re-written and had approved our by-laws, prepared up-dated committee and job descriptions and had a professional financial review. Our Strawberry Festival was the most successful ever and we continued our very popular Tuesday lectures in a new location.

We have begun the second phase of our capital campaign and with the help of our honorary chair, Supervisor **Bill Reilich**, former supervisors **Don Riley** and **Roger Boily** and so many wonderful people, we have already raised over \$17,000 toward our \$25,000 goal.

This year has also sadly brought the lost some old friends, but we have gained new friends and volunteers. So we look forward to the holiday season and the future while we strive to preserve the past. Thank you to the Town of Greece, all our friends, volunteers, patrons and supporters. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Bill Sauers, President



"Museum Events"

Museum and Museum Shop hours:
Sunday **1:30 - 4p.m.**
GHS office hours: Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m.-Noon
Museum and Museum Shop are also available during office hours.

November 4th Greece Library
7pm Monthly Program
(See page 1)

November 8th Community Center
10am Native American Day
(See page 1)

"Barns of Greece" Exhibit
through November 9th
(See below)

December 2, 2014
ROC-THE-DAY for GHS
(See page 5)

Barns of Greece Exhibit



This very popular exhibit created by GHS member **Jane Grant**, has been extended through November 9th.

View the photos and stories of nearly 60 barns in Greece along with a collection of **Don Newcomb's** early tools used to construct some of these barns. Greece's barns hold stories of the humor, drama, and surprises of our early pioneer families and immigrants looking for a new life.



Jane Grant and Don Newcomb discussing Don's tool collection during the "Barns of Greece" exhibit.

Nearly 100 guests came during October to see Jane Grant's "Barns of Greece" exhibit.



"Our Museum Community"

Upcoming Events

Jan 13 - Rochester's Patent Medicine by **Don Hall**

Jan 15 - GHS Annual meeting

Feb 10 - The Political Equality Club, by **Christine Ridarsky**

Mar 10 - Untold Stories of NY's Orphan Asylums - **Michael Keene**

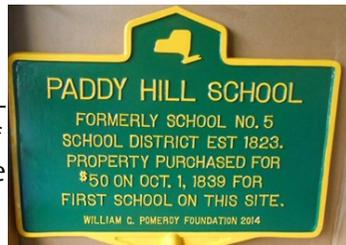
Pay your GHS Membership Dues On-Line

PayPal is now available for membership dues and donations. Save postage by going to our web site, www.greecehistoricalsociety.net and clicking "Membership."



Paddy Hill School Historic Sign

This past spring the Greece Historical Society received a grant from the **William Pomeroy Foundation** in Syracuse to fund the purchase of an historic marker noting the formation of Paddy Hill School.



Using source documents, it has been established that a 1/8 acre site was purchased in 1839 by Common School District No. 5 for a school. In 1930 the original school had out lived its usefulness and a new school was built across the street. That school building soon became too small for the growing population in the Paddy Hill area and the school district purchased additional land adjacent to its original site. The present school is the third school #5 or Paddy Hill School at that intersection. This month marks the 175th anniversary of Paddy Hill School.

The marker was "officially" unveiled on October 31st, at 9:30 a.m. on land originally purchased for the school in 1839 at the northwest corner of Mt. Read Blvd and Latta Rd. Joining us were Greece Town Supervisor **Bill Reilich**, Greece Central School District Superintendent **Barbara Deane-Williams** and many other friends.

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Vay-Schleich & Meeson Funeral & Cremation Chapels*
Wegman Food Markets (Latta Rd)
(* denotes Business Member)

Meet our New Volunteers



Patrick Worboys has been teaching us how to use newer technology to produce a better web site, create videos and slide shows with more innovative ways to communicate, and how to organize our papers and photos. He is even willing to do the work! Patrick does web designs, and has lots of good marketing ideas. We are very

thankful for his interest in what we do which is often tedious and time-consuming.

Recently, two students, **Austin** and **Adam**, from Holy Childhood School are helping us inventory items the Society owns that are not part of the collection of artifacts. Using an Excel spread sheet created by Patrick, they do a good job of organizing information such as model numbers, makers, when purchased or gifted. One of the students is autistic and the other has Down Syndrome, but both are employable. We provide a training site for them. We truly appreciate Austin and Adam for helping us get a better handle on our assets. Austin is photographing each item as well.

"Museum Shop"

The holidays are just around the corner. During your Museum visit stop by our Museum Shop.

We have many unique items that may be perfect for the person who is hard to buy for. Our Greece throw is so soft and warm you'll want one for yourself. Have you ever seen a bracelet made from piano wire? We have a limited amount, so hurry in.



To make your holiday shopping even more special we are including with this newsletter a coupon for **10% off your entire purchase at our Museum Shop Nov. 2 through Dec. 21.**

Check us out Sunday afternoons 1:30-4:00 p.m. From all of our Museum Volunteers, have a wonderful holiday season.

Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator

Museum Shop hours: Sun 1:30-4:00, Mon-Wed 9:30-12

**GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
10% OFF**

ANY MUSEUM SHOP PURCHASE

NOV. 2, 2014 THROUGH DEC. 21, 2014

New Membership Renewal Date

The Greece Historical Society would like to announce a revised membership renewal policy which will make it easier for our members and our volunteers who keep the records. Beginning in 2015, all memberships will now be due on May 1st.

This may inconvenience some for a short time but will eventually make it easier for us manage and hopefully eliminate errors. To ease the burden for those whose membership is about to expire, we have decided that beginning this month any paid renewals between November 2014 and May 2015 will be extended to May 2016.

If your renewal date is in this period and you want to throw in a little extra, it would be greatly appreciated. Your membership and donations are tax deductible.

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We sincerely appreciate your donations.

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Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by the editor for the Greece Historical Society and Museum.

"Tours and Education"

Tours

Our "Barns of Greece" exhibit has drawn a great number of people to our museum. I was on hand for the Grand Opening on October 4th at which time the owners of the various barns were invited to see the display first hand. It was a busy day with many staying to visit our beautiful museum.

Next was a tour from the Greece Christian Church School. The students were 6th graders - 10 boys and 4 girls. The boys very curious, enthusiastic and asked many questions. The girls were polite, quiet but also enthusiastic. Many of the comments made were: Wow!!, Awesome!!, and of course, they always ask if I live in the house. The boys especially liked the display of the tools used in the barn. It was hard to sustain their excitement. After the tour was over we were walking out of the museum when I noticed a boy sitting at the desk in the kitchen trying to figure out what the black instrument was. When I explained that it was "rotary telephone" he could not believe that it was a phone. The teacher had her cell phone with her so we proceeded to use it to call the number at the museum and then use the rotary phone to call her cell phone. They had not seen such a device!!! Most homes today do not even have a land line and therefore depend on their cell phones. I showed the teacher how to scan the bar code so that when they got back to school they could see the video but she said that the hands on experience would be what stayed with the students. The entire tour was a great experience for all of us!



The last tour was the Leadership of Greece, class of 2014/2015. This is a group of business leaders sponsored by the Greece Chamber of Commerce. We were their first stop of the day before proceeding to other parts of Greece. It is always an interesting group of people. **Bill Sauers, Lee Strauss** and I were there to guide them.



Education

Our next big event will be Native American Day, which will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the Greece Community Center. **Mr. Perry Ground**, a story teller who is a member of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee, along with **Mr. George Hamell** from the Rochester Museum and Science Center will be our featured speakers. **Freida Schultz** a member of the Tuscaroras will be there in costume. On November 3rd, **Kathie Firkins** and **Maureen Whalen** will appear on **Rebecca LeClair's TV10** noon news cast to promote this event.

Kathie Firkins, Tour Director/Education Consultant

ROC-THE-DAY for GHS December 2, 2014

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Choose. Give. Matter.

"ROC the Day", a day for giving, is coming up soon! On December 2nd, the United Way of Greater Rochester will hold a 24 hour donation drive 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 2nd by going to www.roctheday.org and making your donation. Your contribution will be used for a new roof on our house, other maintenance projects and help fund our programs and exhibits. Thank you for your generous support.

“More at the Museum ”



On Aug 17th Pamela Montrois talked about her Wizard of Oz collection and the movie.



Dave Ruch entertained us on Sept 9th with stories and songs from the War of 1812.

In Memoriam

Larry Zarnstorff Remembered by Gene Preston

We buried past North Greece F. S. Chief and Commissioner, **Lawrence C. Zarnstorff** on September 30, 2014 at Parma Union Cemetery on Parma Center Road. He passed away September 25, 2014 at age 90. He was the sixth fire chief.

A bright sunny sky and warm temperature made for a wonderful tribute for a longtime friend. Past member and past fire department chaplain **Reverend Gene Weis** officiated at Burger Funeral Home in Hilton. Beginning with a roll call, Father Weis recalled Larry's legacy and serving with him back in the 1960s. Larry's son-in-law, **Bruce Boyle**, sang *Amazing Grace*. Larry was "Mr. North Greece Fire Department." A bell ringing ceremony of fire department custom and tradition using my old fire bell concluded the eulogy. Big on fire department lore, Larry would have liked that. Past Chief **Tom Piazza** lead uniformed personnel in a moving final salute.

Larry was serving as dispatcher at the time Greece Historical Society obtained its new home which Wegman's moved to its present location. The Greece Historical Society is indebted to him for his leadership during that busy time. He and his wife, Ann, served as volunteers in various ways for a number of years. He was a wealth of knowledge on local history. We add our words with those of **Gene Preston** and say, "Hail to the Chief".



Guess What ????. and another Buckman's Dairy Pic

See story page 7



"FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

Homer J. Buckman - Sold Milk, Cream and *LOLLIPOPS!!!*

It might be a surprise to learn that a man that founded one of the first dairies in Greece also sold "suckers" in his very modest store, attached to his dairy barn. Last month in the Corinthian was a "Guess What?" photo. Readers were asked to identify, what looked like an over turned, double sifter. No one ventured a guess but it was once used to hold Lollipops on Buckman's dairy store counter. It might well have been fashioned by Mr. Buckman or made for him (one of a kind). (See more pictures on page 6.)

A short biography of the Buckman family seems in order, since the recent Buckman's Dairy and Donut Shop may not be known to the younger generation.

The Buckmans came from England in the mid-19th century. The Buckman name appears in the 1875 local census with Job and wife, Harriet Benedict, and their three children, George, Jennie and J. Frank living in Greece. Job is listed as a farmer with the eldest George being a farm laborer. George is married to his wife Lucy about 1881 and Homer Jay Buckman is born two years later. Moving ahead to the twentieth Century, we find the Buckmans on a Road north of the Ridge which will bear their name. Papa George farms a rather modest plot of 9 acres, plus maintains a modest greenhouse. When a 50 acre plot becomes available on the north side of Ridge Road, just west of Long Pond Rd., he purchases it from a Sarah Walker. 1911 is an important year as he sells almost all of the fifty acres to son George. A house and sturdy barn are already on the property, so George moves in with his wife, Lucy and year old daughter, Emeroy. He soon adds twelve cows....George is in the dairy business! He does fairly well, but finds he has competition selling milk. By 1914 the competition is gone as George buys that small business and starts to pasteurize milk and deliver it to customers in a one horse wagon. Business increases and his own cows can't produce enough milk for the demand. He soon is receiving raw milk dropped off at the North Greece "Hojak" railroad station. He needs a better delivery system than "ole Bessie and wagon". A Ford Model T truck does the trick for a few years until a more rugged REO truck takes its place. Homer adds a small cash & carry business store next to the barn. Milk, cream and in season, ice cream are the main products with a small assortment of gum and candy (hence the suckers). By the late 1920s his driver is delivering 300 quarts of milk per day, 7 days a week. Because of ill health Homer sells his business in 1931 to Robert Peters. Buckman still owns the buildings and continues to live in the house just to the west of the business.

In later years Homer moves to Walker Street (once part of the Buckman pasture) and dies in 1972, at the age of eighty-eight. Ralph DeStephano Sr. had purchased the dairy and property in 1950. The DeStephano's Buckman-Bonney Brook Dairy story has been told a number of times in the past. It could be retold in the near future....



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