

THE CORINTHIAN

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

September 2014

September 9th, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Greece Public Library

The War of 1812: Songs and Stories from New York and Beyond

A lecture/Concert by Dave Ruch

In this lecture/concert, Dave Ruch presents a fascinating portrait of the War of 1812 through the songs and stories of the people themselves. Ruch has dug deeply into archival recordings, diaries, old newspapers and other historical manuscripts to unearth a wealth of rarely-heard music which, alongside some of the classics from the war, offers a rounded and fascinating picture of this "second war of independence."



Special emphasis is given to New York State's important role in the conflict.

Dave Ruch is a special musician and performer from Buffalo, NY widely noted for his ability to engage audiences of all kinds. He is equal parts historian, entertainer, educator, humorist and folklorist. He last performed for the Greece Historical Society in Sept 2011.

This program is free and open to the general public. It is made possible through the *Speakers in the Humanities* program of the New York Council for the Humanities with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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October 2014

October 14th, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Greece Public Library

Early Aviation in the Rochester Area

By Bill Sauers

Learn about the first aero plane flights in the Rochester area which were conducted on area fields that were used before 1920. Included in the program will be the history of our current airport and stories about some of the local characters that tried to, or actually did fly those early aero planes. An earlier version of the program was presented at our Museum in January 2013.



Bill Sauers, a lifelong resident of the Town of Greece, is currently president of the Greece Historical Society. He has written numerous articles for the Greece Post, Discover the Harbor, Charlotte, NY, the Glenn Curtiss Museum and the Democrat & Chronicle Roc-Roots column.

"President's Message"

Nothing ever stays the same, history of full of changes and we have to accept these changes. The new administration of our Town has decided that the Eastman Room is no longer available for public use, so after 16 years, the Town has moved us from the Eastman Room at the Town Hall to the meeting room at the Greece Public Library. Some challenges and adjustments may have to be made, which may include required reservations, restrictions on the time length or our programs and room configuration. The good news is that we plan to keep our schedule of the second Tuesday of the month. *Except Nov 11 will be changed to Nov 4*, there will no longer be a problem of competing with a program at the library on the same evening.

This past summer, I hope everyone had a chance to view Bob Bixley's photos, buy some needed stuff at our yard sale, play some games during our vintage game day and see the Wizard of Oz exhibit. We look forward to seeing you at the museum for our Barns of Greece exhibit and future Tuesday night programs.

Through this by-monthly newsletter we continue to keep you, our members, informed and up to date on our events. We also send an email blast at the beginning of each month and when last minute announcements and reminders have to be made. We are also on Facebook. If you have an email address, please let us know on your membership form so we can keep you up to date on happenings at GHS or follow us on Facebook.

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.

September 9th, 6:30 p.m. Greece Public Library Special Membership Meeting

(See below)

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

"75 Years of the Wizard of Oz"

Exhibit thru September 21

"Barns of Greece" Exhibit opens October 5th

(See page 8)

November 4th, 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library History of the Village of Charlotte by Marie Poinan

November 8th

Native American Day

(See page 4)

Special Membership Meeting

September 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

at the **Greece Public Library**

(prior to our scheduled 7:00 p.m. program)

Greece Historical Society members will vote on the proposed new by-laws at a general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m., prior to the 7:00 p.m. September 9th program. Existing and proposed by-laws are available on our website, at the museum or by calling 225-7221. Please try to attend this important meeting.

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."

PayPal



"Our Museum Community"

Thank You Festival Volunteers & Guests

This past June we had our most successful Strawberry Festival ever. Besides the generous support of our vendors, it could not have happened without all the wonderful volunteers. So a big THANK YOU goes out to: **Jack Heller, Linda Evans, Judith Chafel, Shaina Sarkis, Faye Cole, Dennis Ruger, Irene Cavallaro, Kathy Firkins, Maureen Whalen, Terry Robach, Marie Poinan, Sandy Peck, Carol Weilert, Fred Stock, Sue Hodge, Pat Palumbo, Terry Lefeber, Jack Wallenhorst, Keith Kroon, Lee Morelli, Bill Peeck, Bill Coe, Keith Kroon, Tom Kolb, Alan Mueller, Lorraine Beane, Joseph Vitello, Bobbie Young, Emily Kolb, Lyn Heard, Dagmar Doland, Karen Henry, Molly Ives, Joanne Ristuccia, Paula Kosiorek, Barb and Joe Giancursio, Jennifer Petrello, Paula Smith, Ruth Curchoe, Cynthia Shevlin, Tom Sawnor, Wendy Peeck, Amanda Akyuz, Moira Cunningham, Morgan Cunningham, Justin Keller, Vinnie Vetromile, Bret Woodruff, Rob Cunningham, Krista Keller, Julie Malley, Rob Vetromile, Brian & Nancy Hardick, Frank Adams, the Greece Special Police and anyone else that we may have missed on this list.** Also let's not forget the over 500 guests who came to enjoy a great summer family picnic while supporting the Greece Historical Society.

CAPITOL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

With the help from **Legacy Senior Living Communities** and our campaign leadership team we have begun the second phase of our capital Campaign.

This month letters are being sent to businesses, community leaders and the general public. Our goal is to reach \$25,000.00 to help finance a new roof and other major repairs and upgrades to our historic building.

The trustees and volunteers thank each of you who have so graciously donated to the first phase of our campaign last year.

THANK YOU to the BUSINESSES that have SUPPORTED the GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fleming Point
Greece Chamber of Commerce*
JackCin Tax Service*
Legacy at Park Crescent
Long Pond Auto Body
Long Pond Family Restaurant
Mark DeNeve*
Mark IV Enterprises
Mel's Diner
North Ridge Glass
Northwest Savings Bank (Long Pond Rd)
Party Productions*
Special T Cakes & Desserts
The Signery
The Villages at Unity*
Tim Horton's (Long Pond Rd)
Tops Friendly Markets (Mt Read Blvd)
Ultimate Interiors*
**Vay-Schleich & Meeson Funeral &
Cremation Chapels***
Wegman Food Markets (Latta Rd)

(* denotes Business Member)

In Memoriam

Life member and benefactor **Dr. Richard Strauss** passed away in June.

Dr. Strauss initiated the Society's Endowment Fund with a donation of \$5000 and remained a contributor to the Society's operating fund. He served as a trustee at the time of the acquisition and move of our house from Latta and Long Pond Roads.

In 1989, he and Lee purchased and restored a cobblestone school house in Parma, selling it 10 years later. Most recently, Dr. Strauss supported the fund campaign for a new roof. When not practicing orthodontics, he enjoyed sailing, fishing and collecting marine antiques of the Napoleonic War Period. His dedication was much appreciated by the Society.

Our condolences go to his family; he will be missed.

"Museum Shop"

After you tour our new museum exhibits, please stop in. We'd love to see you.

Stay tune for updates and new gifts in our Museum Shop.

Wendy Peeck, Museum Shop Coordinator



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

SAVE THE DATE! November 8th 10 a.m. to noon.

Native American Day at the Community Center

We are pleased to have with us **Perry Ground**, a very popular Native American Storyteller. Perry is of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation. He tells Iroquois stories with drama and animation. Also, anthropologist **George Hamell** of the Rochester Museum and Science Center will display relics from the hunting and fishing camps along Greece's ponds, the Genesee River, and even Latta Road near Mother of Sorrows Church. You can also meet **Frieda Schultz**, a member of the Wolf Clan of the Tuscarora Nation, who grew up on the reservation. More details later.



Museum Gardens

Our gardens need help.

For the past six years the **Woodside Garden Club** has taken care of our Cupola garden on the front lawn and for almost two decades **Thyme in the Garden** garden club has maintained the back yard rose garden.

We appreciate their efforts and thank them for beautifying our home. Unfortunately neither club is able to continue this work. If you know of another garden club, business or civic organization willing to take on the responsibility of one or both of these gardens, please let us know. Give us a call at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. We are happy to place signage acknowledging your work.

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Please Remember

The Greece Historical Society in your tax and estate planning. We are a non-profit organization supported by your *gifts and endowments.

We sincerely appreciate your donations.

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

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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"

We held our 2nd Vintage Game Day on Sunday, Aug. 3rd. The weather was not cooperative that day; therefore, we played most of the games inside. Still, the most popular game was "Cootie". We thank Wendy Peeck for loaning it to us. Other games such as Twister and Dominoes were also favorites. Tickets were given for just trying the games and prizes were awarded. It was a fun day for those who attended. We appreciate, with a big thank you, our volunteers who gave their time to help.



On Tuesday evening, August 19th **Linda Evans** and **Maureen Whalen** did a presentation at the Greece Education Center for the ESOL program. These are Kindergarten through 12th grade students learning to speak and understand the English language. Linda talked about Native Americans and Maureen about Vintage Games.

Our next venture will be our Native American Day which will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Greece Community Center. **Mr. Perry Ground** will be there to tell stories and **Mr. George Hamell** will bring his collection.

Kathie Firkins, Tour Director/Education Consultant

Administrative Assistant Needed for the GHS Office

We realize time is precious, and folks are reluctant to commit to a full weekly schedule, but we are betting that the work can be handled by several taking responsibility for a part of the task of managing Society's office.

The job description is as follows:

Answering the telephone and directing callers

Filing

Correspondence

Data entry

Assist membership team when needed

Preparing bulk mailings, such as the newsletter

Maintaining office supplies

Greeting and assisting visitors

Scanning documents and images to the computer

Managing the maintenance of the computers' hardware and software. (IT within call)

Coordinating the Society's events schedule and the master calendar

Entering on the web site Google Calendar the important happenings at GHS.

Copying – booklets, pamphlets, and other needed items for the public and volunteers.

Assisting the president as needed.

The time requirements range from weekly to monthly to get the above tasks completed. While **Lee Strauss** has been keeping the office open and performing many of these tasks three mornings a week, she will finally be retiring. The work is enjoyable and an opportunity to learn much about Greece History.

There is much more to do to build the data base for the artifacts we own, our contact base, volunteer hours, etc. If you have time to work three mornings a week – great! If you only have time for a weekly commitment, or can only come in once a month, it will fill a much needed void. Training is available. Please consider helping the Society with your time and talents. Please let us know of your interests. Phone numbers you may call are Bill Sauers, 225-3760, Lee at 227-5305, the office at 225-7221 or email the office at greece-historicalsociety@yahoo.com. Please visit our office and see us in operation.

"More at the Museum "

Follow the Yellow Brick Road "75 Years of the Wizard of Oz"

Exhibit thru September 21st

Greece resident Pamela Montrois has been enthralled with the movie *The Wizard of Oz* since she was a young child and that interest led her to amass an impressive collection of memorabilia. This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the movie and Pam will share her memorabilia and artifacts in a new exhibit.



Jane Grant is a retired educator, beginning her career as a Social Studies teacher in Greece and later serving on the staff of a Rochester city church. Her interest in local history led her to write a booklet about Greece's KodaVista neighborhood. She serves as a docent at the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House, and also volunteers with our community's refugees. The best part of this project, she says, was meeting so many helpful and delightful Greece residents.

Special Thank You



For the past several years, Steve and Mark Magnanti of "The Signery" at 25 Stonewood Avenue have been donating their services by creating our special exhibit signage for our "A" frame sign on our front lawn. They have also helped with other graphics including the large Strawberry Festival sign. THANK YOU STEVE & MARK for your continued support to the Greece Historical Society.

Guess What ????

Here is another "Guess What ?"

The last one we did was in May 2013 on the Hop Barn that was on the Eddy Farm at Stone & Long Pond. That Hop Barn is now at the Genesee Village Museum.

We will again try and stump you with another "Guess What ?" This is not as easy. A few hints: it isn't for household or farm use. It is from the first third of the last century and measures about 24" high and 11" wide. It could be used on a counter or table.

The first person to respond with the correct answer will receive a GHS tee shirt. Call 225-7221 or email greecehistoricasociety@yahoo.com



"Pictures at the Museum "

Mark DeNeve, our IT guy, doing what he does to keep our computer system working!



3rd Annual Community Yard Sale



Alex and John Haag completing a much needed paint job on the cupola. Many thanks, fellas!



Bob Bilsky's "Visions of Home" photo exhibit.

"FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

Back to School "A blast from the past" 1948 -1984

These school photos from the historian office archive range in age from the late 1940s to the beginning of the 1980s. We will let the photos speak for themselves with a hint of the age of some. The group of young children and their teacher is from the late 1940s. The swimmers are the team from Olympia High in 1964. Note both views of kids getting comfortable using computers. You might compare the change in dress from the 1948 group photo. The girls all wear skirts while most of the boys are in sweatshirts. The kids waiting to board the bus, circa some twenties beyond, are casual with "sneaks", tee shirts and sweat shirts.....

Enjoy these tiny glimpses of Greece school days (not so long ago for some) and remember these eager young faces are now in their late forties and some are edging closer to age seventy.



Photos, data supplied by [Alan Mueller](#), Greece Historian's Office. If you have any information on our photos, call Alan at 663-1706.

Happenings at the Greece Museum

Lost History of King's Landing

Dr. Jeffrey Ludwig, Tina Gouvia, Marilyn Malinka and Joe Vitello teamed up to research the lost history of King's Landing, the earliest settlement in the Rochester area and was the beginnings of Greece. In looking ahead to our town's bicentennial, we are exploring our earliest history. Thanks to the extensive research the team did, Jeff created a power point program for our Tuesday night monthly series in June. A narrated slide show is available for visitors to view on our recently added touch screen computer. In addition, a 20 page booklet is available in color in our museum gift shop for \$4.00 including tax which covers the printing costs. A black and white copy is \$2.25, tax included. The efforts of these folks prove what volunteers can do to preserve history working on line from home, or in the society's office, and visiting reference libraries in the area.

The settlement was founded by Gideon King and Zadock Granger and their families along with the Rowe family, the Grahams and a few other daring souls. The landing site is where Kodak treatment facility is now and the settlement took in the area from Kodak Park to Driving Park approximately. Genesee Fever brought a tragic end to the community, but Greece benefitted with some of the survivors moving west to establish farms and orchards and a tavern or inn. The information in the programs and booklet comes from primary source materials, copies of which are now in the Society's history files for the public to access.

Left to right: Dr. Jeffrey Ludwig, Tina Gouvia, Marilyn Malinka, Joe Vitello.



"Barns of Greece" Exhibit opens October 5



How many barns are there in the town of Greece? 20? 50? 100?

In 2011, with a realization that the barns of Greece were disappearing, **Jane Grant**, a town resident, began taking photos of our town's barns. She was working on the same idea that Historical Society President Bill Sauers had some years before: *if the structures cannot be saved, at least their photos will be preserved.*

It became apparent that the buildings themselves were a small part of what needed to be preserved. More interesting to her were the stories that gave life to the boards and beams. Greece's barns hold stories of early pioneer families, of immigrants looking for a new life, stories of humor, drama, and surprises. Jane will share the photos and stories in this new display opening on October 5th at our museum.

Residents who have pictures or memories of these disappearing agricultural buildings are invited to be part of the celebration of THE BARN. You are invited to share your photos, family memories, newspaper clippings and more during this exhibit.

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Meet Jane at our museum on October 5th and talk to her about her two year effort to create this exhibit.

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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.net

When you receive your renewal letter, please consider upgrading.

Membership Application

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

(Please print)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: (_____) _____

(Last)

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(M. I.)

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Student-Senior (65 & over)	\$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Business/Professional	\$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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