



Tuesday, October 11 7:00 p.m. Greece Public Library

Rochester in the 1950s by Donovan Shilling,

A year-by-year look into Rochester's past including events, persons, and places during each year of the decade of the 1950s, including cost of living, entertainment, transportation, weather, and other changes in life over 70 years ago.



Donovan Shilling, a native of Fairport, has written more than a dozen books about the history of Rochester. He is a retired middle school science teacher and administrator, has taught classes on local history to adults at the Rochester Museum and Science Center for more than 20 years, and is a long-time member of the Greece Historical Society

REGISTRATION REQUIRED Log into Greece Public Library <https://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/> then click on Events, then Calendar, then October 11 or call 585.225.8951.

Photos and Stories Needed

GHS needs images of the Blizzard of '66, the snowstorm of February, 1978, Superstorm Sandy, October 29, 2012; the Great Leap Day snowstorm of 1984, and any other big disasters that hit the Town of Greece, including photos and stories about the Holiday Inn fire. The photos may be used for upcoming Bicentennial Snapshots later this year. If you have photos or stories you'd like to share, call us at 585-225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery Tour

Sunday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m.

The histories of the early Irish settlers in the Town of Greece and Our Mother of Sorrows Church are inextricably linked. Pioneer families such as the **McGuires, Burns, Farnans, Bemish, Read, Whelehans, McSheas, and Slaters** are buried in the church's cemetery. As one of the special programs marking the town's bicentennial, on Sunday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. volunteers from the Greece Historical Society will conduct a walking tour of the cemetery.



Photo by Joe Vitello

Although there will not be a lot of walking, come prepared to walk on uneven ground. The tour will last about an hour and is free.

Popcorn Fundraiser in November

Holiday gift season is soon. We have a solution to make shopping easy. Delicious gourmet popcorn is a perfect gift. Between November 18-22 we will conduct a Pop-Up Popcorn fundraiser. We ask that you purchase, and then simply forward and share our message with your friends, family, and associates. For every purchase GHS receives a portion of the proceeds. Your cooperation and support are appreciated. Look for more details next month.

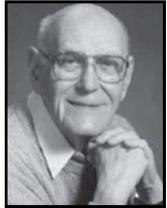


"President's Message"



This past month I was reminded of the opening sentence of Charles Dickens' *the Tale of Two Cities* "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." Our September was full of some great times with descendants of pioneer families visiting our museum, a well-attended Tuesday evening lecture, a new exhibit, a successful pasta dinner fundraiser, and the honor of receiving the Association of Public Historians of New York, **2022 Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History**. Unfortunately, within days of each other, we were notified of the untimely death of one of our board members, **Paula Smith**, past GHS president **Scott Wiley**, long-time volunteer **Pat Palumbo**, and **Eleanor Witty** who only recently supplied many photos and stories for our book *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece*.

We are saddened and will miss these special people who not only actively participated in the Greece Historical Society but contributed their careers and their lives to make our community a better place.



Dr. H. Scott Wiley. Greece periodontist, Dr. Scott Wiley died recently at the age of 95. In addition to serving a two-year term as president of the Greece Historical Society (1984-85), Scott was a loyal volunteer wherever needed. He headed up the committee to find a permanent home for the Society which resulted in Supervisor Donald Riley arranging for Wegmans to sell the former home of Gordon A. Howe to the Society for \$1.00. Also, with the help of Dr. Richard Strauss, he raised the money needed to rehab the house once it was moved to its new location on the Town of Greece Campus.

In this picture, Scott is helping his wife, Carline, create an exhibit in the Greece Museum called "The Wheel of Change," still a popular exhibit. They were assisted by Rusty Sutherland who was a model railroad buff. As mentioned, Scott was a very willing worker. Greece Historical Society grew under his leadership.



Paula Smith. On September 17, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of GHS board member **Paula Smith**. Paula joined our board in 2011 after a long library career. As an active trustee she was always ready to add advice from her long experience in managing libraries. She was also ready to help even with many of our mundane jobs, like mailing newsletters, helping with sign-in at our Tuesday evening programs, and assisting with our pasta dinners.

Paula started her library career in 1972 in Nebraska and joined Monroe County Library System in July 1984. In 2005 she was appointed as director, a role in which she served until her retirement in 2009. Under Paula's leadership, MCLS fully transitioned to the digital age, transitioning from the card catalog to online catalog, from typewriters to PCs, and oversaw the introduction of e-books and e-audiobooks.

Pat Palumbo. Patricia Sams Dornan Palumbo passed away on September 8, 2022 at the age of 90. Throughout her later life, she volunteered at Unity Hospital and Edna Tina Wilson Center, the Salvation Army, and was a longtime volunteer and supporter of the Greece Historical Society. Pat was a very social person and an active member of her community. She was always available to give her love and kindness along with a helping hand. She will be deeply missed.

Eleanor Witty passed away peacefully on September 14, 2022, at the age of 95. In her leisure and long retirement, she continued to pursue her mother's interest in historical research and genealogy. She was instrumental in supplying many photos and stories for the profiles of the Bemish, Lane, Wilder, Butts, Carpenter, and Toal families included in our book, *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece*.

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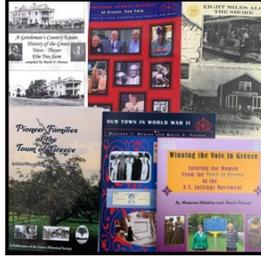
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"Museum Shop"



So many people have stopped in to purchase the *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book in memory of the 200th Anniversary of Greece. We have so much history 'in print' in our Museum Shop.

The **Holiday Crafts and Collectibles show will be November 19**, and you can purchase items in our shop when you stop by that day. Park on the front lawn and come on in.



Look at our on-line store for GHS Bicentennial merchandise at www.greecehistoricalsociety.shop.

We are open Sundays 1:30-4:00.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator

Greece Museum Open Despite Construction:

Adjacent construction has completely closed off our driveway and parking lot and created some challenges for us, but our museum is still open. If you plan to visit, just pull off to the right of the construction gate fence and park on the lawn. The manager of the construction project has assured us the access to the driveway and parking lot will be available to us once the weather changes.



Our Calendar

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

Office hours: Mondays 10am –Noon

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

- Tuesday, October 11, Rochester **During the 1950s**
- Sunday, October 23, **Tour MOS Cemetery**
- Tuesday, November 8, **Highland Park Children's Pavilion**
- November 18-22, **Pop-up popcorn fundraiser.**
- Saturday, November 19, **Craft sale**
- Saturday, December 3, **Blood drive at St Mark's Church**
- Sunday, December 18, **Holiday Open House**

*Check our website or Facebook page prior to any event for changes.

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Greece History

GHS Awarded for Excellence in Promoting Local History



We are thrilled and honored to announce that on September 20, the Association of Public Historians of New York along with the New York State Museum, presented the Greece Historical Society its **2022 Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History** citing "the promotion of local history through research, writing, and other related accomplishments." Of the several 2022 awards, this is the only one given out to an individual or organization that is NOT a government appointed historian.

Besides maintaining the Greece Museum with permanent and changing exhibits and presenting a popular lecture series, the Greece Historical Society has: published books and stories, produced videos, provided speakers to local organizations, digitized local newspapers, erected historical markers, and conducted cultural resource surveys of local architects. Most recently, in celebration of the town's bicentennial, GHS volunteers researched and published stories of pioneer families of Greece and produced weekly short multimedia podcasts highlighting various aspects of the Town of Greece history.

The Association of Public Historians of New York State is the professional organization that represents the 1,600+ government-appointed historians in the state. Its purpose is to promote and encourage a greater understanding of the history of New York State and to promote and encourage the work of the officially appointed local government historians in New York State; to support and encourage the Office of the State Historian; to foster a spirit of cooperation and collegiality among all interested in preserving, protecting, promoting and presenting the rich history of the Empire State through the heritage of all its communities.

We are incredibly proud of our all volunteers who are responsible for this honor given to GHS by the New York State appointed public historians.



Bicentennial Snapshots Schedule

We hope you have been enjoying our Bicentennial Snapshots. There has been 28 so far, since beginning on March 22, all researched, written, and narrated by **Maureen Whalen** and assembled and produced by **Pat Worboys**.

Each one of these multi-media podcasts gives a brief look at a particular aspect of Greece history, covering people, places and events that comprise the vibrant history of our Town from its earliest days to the present.

You can find the Bicentennial Snapshots on our Facebook page or on our website at <https://greecehistoricalsociety.org/200-years/bicentennial-snapshots/>



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Snapshot Schedule for October 2022

- October 4 Cobblestone Houses Part I
- October 11 Cobblestone Houses Part II
- October 18 Notable House Tour
- October 25 Halloween Special

Poster Schedule for remainder of 2022:

September/October:

Bemish, Lane, Latta, Mitchell, Upton, Veness and Wilder

November/December:

Janes, Lowden, Butts, Burns, Kirk, Newcomb, Baker and Veeder

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

Happenings at GHS

Olympia Alumni visit Greece Museum



On August 27, the 1970 graduating class of Greece Olympia High School visited our museum to see the Greece Olympia Exhibit. Because of COVID they were not able to celebrate their 50th reunion which would have been in 2020. They started with a tour of the High School given by former Principal Marc Fleming and then on to see the exhibit. One of our volunteers, **Deborah Cole Myers** who was also on the committee for the reunion, made the arrangements. They were very excited to see old pictures and yearbooks. It brought back many memories of their high school days so many years ago!!! Thanks to Faye Cole for being the docent that day. After visiting the exhibit, they went on to more festivities to celebrate their reunion

Thank you to our friends and neighbors who came out and enjoyed our pasta dinner fundraiser on September 18. **Linda Parker** won a Greece coverlet and **Carol Taylor** won the 50/50 raffle.



Modern Square Dancing Exhibit ending October 16

Our square dancing exhibit/display featuring traditional and current square dance attire along with local square dance club memorabilia will end October 16. Stop by and enjoy this unique exhibit organized by members of the Western NY Federation of Square and Round Dancers Inc.

On Tuesday evening, September 13, there was nearly a full house at the Greece Library to hear **Doug Farley** talk about cobblestone structures and the Cobblestone Museum in Childs, NY, where he is director.



On August 28 **Mary Reazor Britton** stopped by to view the Britton Family story board and share some family stories about her ancestors.

Patrick Worboys and **Maureen Whalen** recording future Bicentennial Snapshots. Because of construction noise next door to the museum, the recording sessions have been moved to the Greece Central School District Transportation building on Latta Road. We would like to thank GCSD for accommodating our needs.



*"Whether you like history or not,
there's no denying the impact it leaves on us."
~Henry David Thoreau*

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