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MARCH and APRIL PRESENTATIONS

PLEASE PUT THESE 7:00 p.m. DATES AND TOPICS ON YOUR CALENDAR.
MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE GREECE TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

PROHIBITION & LAKE ONTARIO RUM RUNNERS

by: Steve West

The Volstead Act may have banned liquor in the United States, but Prohibition Era Rochester was anything but a "dry" city. With City's major breweries no longer manufacturing alcoholic beverages, Rochester's citizens turned to alternative sources for their bootleg booze. City residents patronized numerous local speakeasies, which were in turn supplied by a daring group of Lake Ontario rumrunners. This program will focus especially on the local bootlegging industry that arose as a result.



7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007

DON'T TELL ANYONE I TOLD YOU

A maid from the 1890 shares her gossip

by: Fran Carisi-Paxton

Ms Carisi-Paxton will play Sophie Forrester, a maid from the 1890's. She will share gossip with you about what she overhears in the house of her employer. She'll tell you about Susan B. Anthony, Sam Patch, and Isaac Merrit Singer and his 24 children by five different women. She'll tell you...but you will have to promise not to tell anyone she told you!



VISITORS ARE WELCOME EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2:00 UNTIL 4:30 p.m.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AT THESE ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AT REGULAR MEETINGS, AN ADMISSION DONATION OF \$1.00 IS APPRECIATED FROM NON-MEMBERS

SERVING GREECE FOR OVER 35 YEARS

HELP PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

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PLEASE SUPPORT
OUR BUSINESS &
PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERS

From the Desk of the Executive Director

It looks as if 2007 will be a very interesting year for our Society because of all the events on the calendar already. We work very hard to attract members and visitors to enjoy the grounds at 595 Long Pond Road.

We are sure that the following events on our 2007 calendar will bring in many people to our facility and fund-raisers. Mark your favorites.

- Apr. 14 Book signing by Irondequoit Historian
- Apr. 22 Baby shower – rental for 50
- May 19 Greece Garden Clubs Plant Sale
- June 4 Lockport Memorial Hospital Guild Visit
- June 16 Greece Performing Arts Garden Tour
- June 17 Antique and Doll Appraisal
- June 20 Strawberry Festival and Fund Raiser
- October 20 Chili Historical Society Visits

From 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 14th, Pat Wayne, the well-known historian from Irondequoit will be here to sign her new book "Images of Irondequoit." Our gift shop will be selling her book as well as the Irondequoit Historical Society's book "Early Irondequoit Memories." The members of the Irondequoit Historical Society will be our guests so please come to visit with them.



Another large group – Lockport Memorial Hospital Guild will include a visit with us on June 4th at 2:00 P.M.

The Chili Historical Society will visit us on October 20.

Please read the column in the "Greece Post" called the "Historical Notebook." It appears

monthly and it gives me a space to talk about history.

Call 225-7221 if you would like to help or advise us.

Lorraine Beane, Executive Director



DOCENT LUNCHEON

The Museum Curatorial Committee will hold their annual Docent Recognition Luncheon on Monday, May 21, 2007, at the Greece Historical Center at 12 noon. This is the day that we thank all our docents for their dedication and the time spent at the Museum. Current docents will provide the luncheon.



GIFT SHOP OFFERINGS

The Museum Gift Shop can supply your needs for books well. New books and popular books as well as Greece shirts, Greece mugs, and other great shopping ideas are awaiting you.

The regular Gift Shop hours are Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and during office hours on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Call 585-225-7221 for an appointment for any other times.

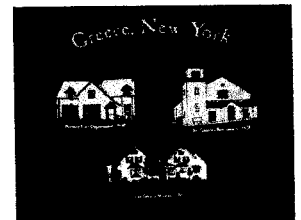
"Eight Miles Along the Shore—An Illustrated History of Greece, N.Y." continues to be one of our best selling books.

See you soon. The Gift Shop Staff



Popular Sweatshirt Design

Our popular sweatshirts feature pictures of the Barnard Fire House and the old St. Charles Borromeo Church on a denim colored shirt. Be the first on your block to wear one! Come to enjoy the exhibits too.

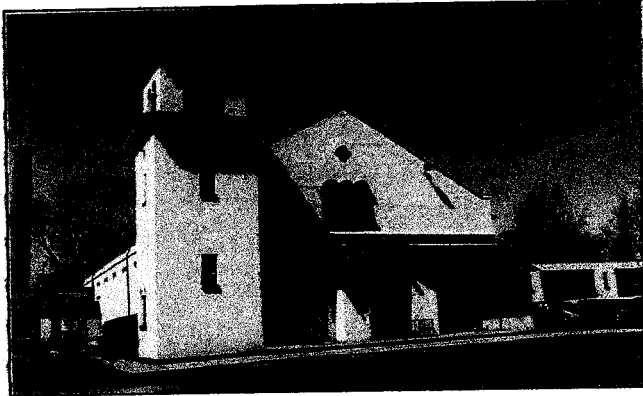


This is an interesting time to visit your Museum and to enjoy the new exhibits

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

DEWEY - STONE EXHIBIT

The "Dewey - Stone and Beyond" exhibit is a great success with many visitors on Sundays. Please come to visit the Museum to see what it's all about. Even though it has been decided to keep this exhibit open until June, 2007, please come to see it early. You may wish to come a second time.



Featured is a model dollhouse made to specifications of the houses on Strathmore Drive in the 1930's. Also, on display are pictures and articles about the original St. Charles Borromeo Church (see above) and the Bethany Presbyterian and Hope Lutheran Churches. Also for Barnard School, Barnard Fire Department, St. Joseph's Villa, Northgate Plaza, Garage Houses, and stores around the Dewey - Stone area. "Then and Now" photos will be available also. This is one of the earliest commercial areas in the Town of Greece. See how it compares to the new Dewey corridor now under review by the Town.

Phyllis Brown, Committee Chairperson

If you have questions, contact **Phyllis Brown** at (585) 865-4168 or 225-7221



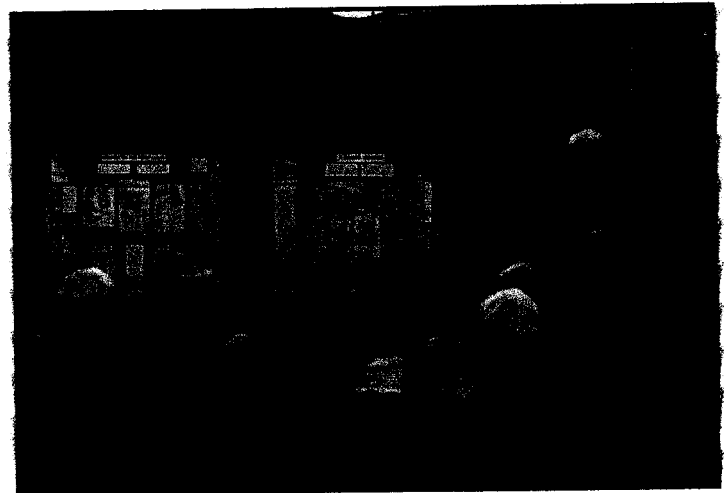
TAX FILING ALERT!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bill Sauers, our Program Chairman, has some exciting programs lined up for us. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of the Tuesday presentations at the Greece Town Hall.

- **LIGHTHOUSES - "Seeing the Light"**
By Christopher Franco
May 8, 2007, 7:00p.m.

After a very short annual meeting... Hear Chris Franco present a history of lighthouses and see a slide show of lighthouses of North America. Chris's hobby is photography and he is a trustee of the Charlotte - Genesee Lighthouse.



Bob Marcotte describing the participation of Rochester industries during WWII at the February 13 meeting.

Photo courtesy of Bill Sauers

GENERAL MAINTENANCE PEOPLE NEEDED

HELP! We desperately need several people who feel comfortable with their home improvement skills to volunteer to help around the Museum with general maintenance projects. Please call 225-7221 if you can help.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

FROM THE HISTORIAN FILE

Ancient "GEMS" from the Greece Town Clerk File Circa 1909 to 1930

Hidden away in the bottom file drawer in the office of the Historian Office is a wealth of yellowing letters, memo's, receipts, paid bills, and numerous other piffle from eighty to almost one hundred years ago, kept by various Greece Town Clerks. As an occasional series, it might be interesting to publish some of the more interesting, and sometimes amusing items. Below are four that will begin it.

F. J. Colgan, M.D.

1565 Dewey Ave.

April 9, 1920

Town Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The following cases of communicable diseases have been reported during the month of March: 1 case of Diptheria, 1 of Scarlet Fever, 2 cases of Tuberculosis, 2 cases of Measles and 2 of Whooping Cough. All complaints of nuisance investigated and corrected.

Respectfully submitted, F. J. Colgan

Charlotte, N. Y. 1/10/1911

To The Hon. Town Board of The Town of Greece, Gentlemen: - Among the improved roads of my route, I would recommend the Long Pond Road as the most Logical Road to improve this season, as it bears more traffic than any other improved road of my route.

Leonard L. Billings, R.F.D. Carrier
(Filed Jan. 17, 1911)*

** Rural Free Delivery - mail route*

JOY, CLARK & NIER, INC., successors

Fred S. Todd Shoe Co.,

Manufacturers LADIES SHOES

17 N. Water St., Rochester, N.Y. 3/20/19

To the town of Greece Directors

I am asking for some kind of repairs to be made to my road in front of my place (NORTH AVE) which has caused my Auto to be laid up for one week and damaged to the extent of \$58.00, been hauled out of nine holes, four times and some days not being able to get to my place of business in Rochester, all on account of just a few loads of rock to be hauled in some of the worst spots on //NORTH AVE// NORTH AVE// I don't believe that one Town Board member even see NORTH Ave since Dec. 10th 1918, and if this road is not repaired sometime before long, you will have to buy somebody a new horse or an Automobile because they do get badly mired on this road their is no excuse for this carelessness where one team (2 horses) for one day can do can do as much good. The next Auto repair bill I shall have the Town of Greece settle for me. Also the Mail Man is lucky so far but he has to back up as much as he goes ahead when he makes North Ave. Now you Gentlemen get together and do something to NORTH AVE. ROAD; The worst sticky soft road anywhere. Such roads need improving worse than sandy roads and hope to see something done at once.

But Town of Greece will pay Auto repair bills from now on so you better file this letter for future references.

Yours very truly, J. C. Berna

Jos. Reuter
 Scientific and Medical
 Instruments

Greece
 Rochester N.Y. July 17th 1917

Superintendent and Town-board of Greece, N.Y.
 Gentlemen:

Since the first of July the big house and property on Nursery Lane and Lexington Ave, formerly belonging to Mr. Patterson has been sold, and is inhabited by a Mrs. Holmes of former Hill-street* fame under the name of Donovan. This woman conducts there openly a Dive of the worst kind with woman-inmates. Soldiers and other people flock there day and night, Sunday and weekdays. The woman themselves are parading the lane in the most daring costumes; a red light shows the way at night. In the present vacation-time our children are constantly seeing and hearing things and words most Dangerous to their young minds. So for inst. Last Sunday three young loafers came from the city and asked a neighbor of mine in the presence of a group of children of both sexes: Say, where is that new (W)H___-house around here?

But not only is this scandalous business harmful for moral minds, our very property will decrease in value if this unlawful and shameful Den is allowed to continue.

I therefore, after taking the views of the property owners of this section, in their name and mine, protest earnestly and vigorously against the conduct of such a place and pray you Gentlemen to do everything in your power to eliminate that nuisance.

Very sincerely yours,

P.O. adres.
 R 1 Box 188
 Spencerport, N.Y.

Jos. Reuter
 Lexington Ave., corner Nursery Lane

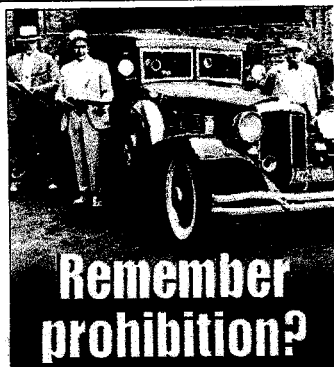
Ans 7/30/17

* Hill Street, early in 1900's, was notorious for numerous "houses of ill repute". A small portion of the street remains off Cascade St., near West Main and Route # 490. The Western portion of Lexington Avenue near Mt. Read Boulevard is now part of the City of Rochester.

Alan Mueller - Office of Historian

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

_____ "Manitou Trolley" @ \$10.00, incl. Tax (Shipping: \$2.00 for one; \$0.50 each add'l.) \$ _____

_____ "8 Miles Along the Shore", Std. Cover, @ \$26.81, incl. Tax and Shipping \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Plus Shipping - Call 225-7221

TOTAL \$ _____

(please print)

DATE _____

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

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

See <http://historicalsociety.greecenyc.org> for additional information.

Membership Application

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Application Renewal Upgrade

(please print)

DATE _____

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Spouse, if Family Membership)

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student - Senior (65 & over) \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Contributing \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Professional \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Supporting \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$150.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Members (Each) \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$75.00 |

Please Make Check Payable and Mail to:

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(Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive your membership card.)

OR BRING COMPLETED FORM TO THE NEXT MEETING