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November's Program

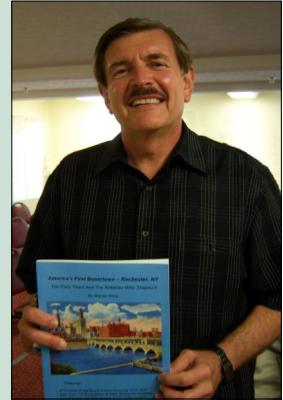
"America's First Boom Town- Rochester NY"

By Warren Kling

Warren Kling is a native local historian specializing in the early pioneer history of Rochester. He has written and published a number of articles on pioneers of the area and has a large collection of images which are used to illustrate his slide presentations. While active in the Landmark Society, the Rochester Historical Society and the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, much of his time is spent sharing his passion for the early pioneer history of Rochester as a speaker throughout the area.

On Wednesday, November 12th (7:00PM, Greece Town Hall) he will lecture on Notable Rochester Men & Women from his book, answer questions and personally sign a copy for those interested in purchasing it. The book sells for \$38.95 +tax and is not available in area book stores. The lecture and signing will last about 90 minutes.

Read more about Warren and his book at his "Rochester History Alive" website:
www.rochesterhistoryalive.com



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Festive Holiday Table Settings

The Greece Historical Society & Museum will feature "Holiday Table Settings" **November 2 through December 7, 2008**. More than dozen tables will be displayed throughout the house and museum providing you with new ideas for your holiday decorating.

Shorewood, Hilton, Woodside and Lakeview Garden Clubs members Sue Oakden, Molly Posato, Susan Burot, Mary Kofron, Jessie Smith, Carol Snook, Dolores Carbone, Angela Pronte, Mary Lyke, Martha Marchand and Vi White are contributing their talents, along with the curatorial committee and Carline Wiley for Wise group (Women Involved Seeking Enrichment).

Mark your calendars. Enjoy decorating and refreshments Sundays 2-4:30 pm Nov 2nd through Dec 7th. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

"President's Message"

Your Greece Historical Society volunteers and board of directors have been very busy these past few months.



We conducted an audit and although no significant problems were discovered, recommendations were made for our business procedures. These have been or are currently being enacted. An endowment committee is also being organized and will soon recommend an investment strategy for our modest endowment fund.

Recently, some directors have attended the American Association of State & Local Historians annual conference (funded by a grant from Upstate History Alliance). The board members attended a grant writing workshop, scanning and digitizing workshops, and a program promoting the use of archives for presentations and celebrations. We are discussing various options to have our photograph collection digitized for preservation.

In September we spent two days at the Hilton Apple festival promoting the Greece Museum.

Meanwhile, our parking lot has been re-striped courtesy of the **Town of Greece**, a broken window was repaired, courtesy of **Straight Line Contractors** and the cupola has received a much needed paint job.

With all our activities, we have not been able to schedule a holiday party or open-house this year, so we will try to schedule a special event in the spring.

The directors are generous with their volunteer time helping to improve our organization. While the Greece Historical Society is an all volunteer organization, the collection, preservation and presentation of Greece History depends on volunteers, donations and memberships. Please think about giving 2 hours a month when you check your renewal date and renew your membership to help "preserve the past for the future". Thank you.

Bill Sauers

****Happenings****



Just a few of the beautifully detailed wood carvings at the Museum's "**Artists in Wood**" event.



Alan Mueller promotes the Greece Museum at the Hilton Apple Festival.

Allen Hopkins entertains with Erie Canal song and story.



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our local businesses.**

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

We truly appreciate your donations.

"From the Desk of the Executive Director "



It's early October and the leaves are turning beautiful colors as they fall.

Speaking of things falling, our membership is lower than in the past. If you are reading this newsletter, you know that your dues are paid. We keep hoping that the dues can stay low but in order to do that, we need better donations at the door when visitors come to enjoy programs or the beautiful exhibits and pictures in both the buildings.

The woodcarvers "Artists in Wood" show each Sunday draws many interested visitors. Despite the obvious signs and donation boxes, we see just a few putting in even a dollar. Last week we had 18 people, served free coffee and cookies, and escorted throughout the exhibit hall. We had \$7 in the boxes after 18 people visited. We know we should charge admission like most museums but what is your opinion?

You members are appreciated, and any advice from you will help. We need to hear from you.

You can drop a note or call me at the office 225-7221. You can come in on Sundays 2-4:30 pm or Monday & Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am. We'll listen to you.

Thank you, **Lorraine Beane**

Museum News

EDUCATION COMMITTEE DEVELOPS

GREECE HISTORY BOXES FOR IN- CLASS LOCAL HISTORY LESSONS

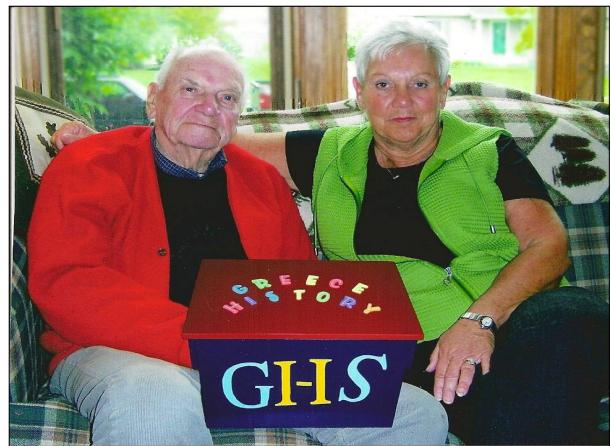
The newly formed Education Committee has put together New York State archives from our files and other sources teachers can use in lesson planning when teaching local history. The first subject to fill the five boxes is The Erie Canal. Maps, photos, copies of old ledgers and wage receipts, oral history accounts and census records tell of the creation and building of the very successful Erie Canal and its impact on our town as well as towns like Brockport and Rochester, the first boom town.

The boxes can be borrowed free of charge by teachers at Greece Central, private schools and home-schools. The materials are aimed at second grade level at this time. Fourth grade materials will be added next year. The boxes also contain music of the Erie Canal and a songbook, examples of the items shipped on the canal and activities.

Please contact Kathy Firkins at 621-8269 or the office at 225-7221 to borrow a box.

Our next unit will be on Native Americans. A new Erie Canal exhibit and an expanded Seneca exhibit will be opened in January. The Committee is exploring other subjects, such as A Child's Life in the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century.

The Education Committee



Thomas Hanley, 88, of Cheektowaga, NY and his daughter, Kathleen Firkins, display one of the five boxes he made.

The Education Committee consists of Kathleen Firkins, Linda Evans, Dory DeJaeger, Carol Riesenberger, Fay Cole and Jack Heller – all former teachers – and Lee Strauss.

Museum Shop

The Museum Shop has new items for Holiday giving. And new orders of books are arriving daily. Make this the first stop when you think books!

As the holiday season fast approaches, many of us rush through the Mall looking for that perfect gift for a loved-one. Take a break from that hectic scene and drop by our Museum on a Sunday afternoon. Our Museum Shop has a wide variety of items that are sure to please the people on your gift list. What better gift than a wonderful book that can be enjoyed over and over again! Our Manitou Trolley book is very popular. Many Greece residents still see evidence of the trolley tracks in their neighborhoods. 8 Miles Along the Shore is a wonderful documentation of our Greece history.

Need to replace your travel mug? Ours says *Greece, NY* and makes a great stocking stuffer.

We will soon be all decked-out for the holidays. Stop by when you come to see the festive **Holiday Table Settings** throughout the Museum and House.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Wendy Peeck

Museum Shop Coordinator



Museum Shop hours: Sunday 2:00-4:30 pm

Enjoy a delightful experience!

Newsletter “News”

If you have any questions, comments, or other important information for the Corinthian, please email me at: corinthedor@yahoo.com (type GHS in Subject line) or call me at 227-1391. Thanks for your input.

Cyndie Shevlin, Editor

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GREECE HISTORY

Early Town Supervisor was the Owner of Lake & Ridge Hotel

The Ridge Hotel, was once located on Lake Avenue opposite what was then the start of West Ridge Road.

When the hotel was built in the 1820's it was located in the sparsely settled town of Greece. It's early owner, if not the builder was Elias Avery, the Town Supervisor of Greece in 1853 and 1854. He also owned extensive farm property on what would later become Kodak Park. Just recently I have had some interesting correspondence with several descendants of Avery. One is from Norwich, England and the other from Rancho Palos Veres, California. They shared important family history relating to their family in early Greece, plus a charming photograph of an elderly woman, Charity Avery Saiman. Charity Avery came to live with her father's brother Elias and his wife Mary Jane in the 1830's. Charity married and had six children. She lived her entire adult life in Rochester, dying in March 1912 at the age of 92. At the time of her death she was one of but a few who could remember that area of Greece from the 1830 to 1850 period.

The Ridge Hotel passed through a number of owners and in 1925 was remodeled into the Lake Avenue branch of the Rochester Public Library. By 1930 the library was forced to move since the building, along with several others on the east side of Lake Avenue, were to be demolished. The extension of Ridge Road to the newly constructed Veterans Memorial Bridge runs through the general area where the old hotel once stood.



The Ridge Hotel, Lake Ave. at Ridge Rd. as it appeared circa 1915.



Charity Avery Saiman - in her mid-80's - circa 1905.

Alan Mueller

The Greece Historian's Office

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Greece Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

The Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) Influence on Women's Rights — A lecture by Sally Roesch Wagner

Imagine that women had the right to choose all political representatives and to remove from office anyone who didn't address the wishes and needs of the people. Haudenosaunee /*traditional Iroquois*/ women have had that responsibility - and more - since long before Christopher Columbus came to these shores. Native American women generally had a pre-contact status which would be the envy of United States women, even today.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Matilda Joslyn Gage, the two major theoreticians of the early women's rights movement, had direct knowledge of the Haudenosaunee, writing about the superior social, political, religious and economic status of women in the Iroquois nations. Their work for women's rights, Wagner argues, was inspired by the vision they received from the Haudenosaunee of gender balance and harmony.

Join us January 13th for more...

A program of the New York Council for the Humanities.



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