

THE CORINTHIAN

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

November 2013

November 12th, 2013 Greece Community Center - 7pm

Fury, Frenzy & Honor, War of 1812 by Raya Lee

After 200 years, the War of 1812 continues to have an impact on modern American life. Raya's presentation weaves a colorful tapestry of the war that profoundly altered histories on several continents. The overall conflict will be examined through music, art, architecture and literature, illuminating a complex event with musical snippets and stunning images. In this lecture, audiences will re-discover and remember the War of 1812's impact on America.

Ms. Raya Lee is a reference librarian and instructor with Medaille College in Buffalo. Lecturing extensively on historic and cultural events, she has authored two books, *Pan-American Exposition: a birds-eye view of sights & sounds* and co-authored, with Ed Yadzinski, *Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: First 75 Years*.
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December 2013

ROC-THE-DAY for GHS Dec.11, 2013

"ROC the Day", a day for giving, is coming up soon! On December 11th, 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 11th by going to www.roctheday.org and making your donation. Your contribution will be used for a new roof on our house along with other maintenance projects and to help fund our programs and exhibits. Thank you for your generous support.



ROC the Day will begin at 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 and end at 11:59 p.m. We welcome the early risers, the night owls and everyone in between!

"President's Message"

Corinthian Needs Your Help !

This publication, the Corinthian, is one of the many projects of the volunteers here at the Greece Historical Society. Like every other historical society, and most organizations and clubs, we publish a newsletter. The purpose is to inform our membership about our upcoming programs, activities and exhibits, to show what we have done in the past months and to give a short history lesson about our town. Nearly 350 copies are mailed every other month to our membership, local schools and several other local historical societies.



Many hours of behind the scenes work by our volunteers go into creating this by-monthly newsletter. This includes writing articles, choosing and editing photographs and the very time consuming job of layout and creating the final product. When completed, it is sent to the printer, then physically picked up and delivered to 595 Long Pond Rd.

After approximately 40 hours of volunteer time getting to the final product, there is the labor intense job of folding, taping, labeling and dealing with the US Post Office. Lee Strauss has headed up this project for the past few years but now it's time for someone else to take it on. This is where we could use some help. We need someone to take charge of the project of mailing the Corinthian, which includes organizing the volunteers. It's a bi-monthly job that takes only about three hours but it's a very important job.

We have a few volunteers willing to help but we need someone to take over the responsibility of organizing the tasks and insuring the job gets done. If you can help us by taking on this one bi-monthly responsibility, please call us at 225-7221 or e-mail greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly programs and at our Greece Museum.

Bill Sauers, President



"Museum Events"

Sunday museum hours are **1:30 - 4p.m.**
The office hours are Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

Museum Closed for the Holidays

The Museum will be closed on Dec 29th and Jan 5th so our volunteers can enjoy the holiday season with their families.

Now through Dec: Vintage Game & Toy Exhibit
at the Greece Museum
(see below)

Nov 3rd, 2013 Native American Day
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum
(see page 5)

Nov 10, 2013 Local Author's day
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum
(see page 6)

Nov 3–Dec 8, 2013 Silent Auction Holiday Wreaths
at the Greece Museum. Donate wreaths on Nov 2nd.
(see page 5)

Thank You

We would like to thank all who contributed to our new roof fund-raising campaign. We continue to work toward our \$10,000 goal.

Tax deductible donations in any amount are still being accepted at **Greece Historical Society Roof Fund**, P.O Box 16249, Rochester, NY 14616.

We are so very grateful and truly appreciate all that you do.

A small part of the Vintage Game & Toy Exhibit

See the entire exhibit at the Greece Museum

Sundays 1:30 –
4:00 p.m.



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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Our Museum Community

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Coming Events

Jan 7, 2014 Hidden Gems of Western New York by Christopher Carosa - 7:00 p.m. Greece Town Hall*
Christopher Carosa will tell spell-binding stories of Greater Western New York's hidden gems. He will reveal some of the most delicious underexposed treasures of the region. His book "50 Hidden Gems of Greater Western New York" will be for sale.

Feb 11, 2014 Cycling the Erie Canal by Democrat & Chronicle reporters Annette Lein and Justin Murphy - 7:00 p.m. Greece Town Hall*
Democrat & Chronicle Annette Lein and Justin Murphy will share with us the story of their bicycle trip along the Erie Canal as reported in the Democrat and Chronicle in July, 2013.

***NOTE:** A newly elected Town administration may, or may not, require us to change the date or venue. Be sure to check the date and location in the next Corinthian or give us a call the first week in January 2014.



On October 21 nearly 30 of our volunteers enjoyed lunch in our living room followed by a presentation about the Manitou Trolley by Bill Sauers.

Cupola Garden Needs Help



For the past six years the Woodside Garden Club has taken care of our Cupola garden. We appreciate their efforts and thank them for beautifying this very prominent feature on our front lawn. Sadly, they are no longer physically able to continue this work. If you know of another garden club or civic organization willing to take on this responsibility please let us know. We are able to place signage to credit your work.



"Museum Shop"

The holidays are just around the corner. You have to see the new books we've added to our collection. Remember our ever popular *Eight Miles Along the Shore* is only available at our Museum Shop. Other special Greece items are travel mugs and t-shirts. Find special gifts for the person who has everything.

To make your holiday shopping even more special we are including with this newsletter a 10% coupon.



Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
10% OFF
ANY MUSEUM SHOP PURCHASE
NOV. 3, 2013 THROUGH DEC. 22, 2013

Museum & Museum Shop hours: Sunday 1:30-4:00pm

H-E-E-E-L-L-L-P!!

OK, I am begging!

I need help with a few jobs that won't take too much of your time. If you can help, please call Lee at 225-7221 or 227-5305. Or, email me at greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.



1. Newsletter preparation for mailing:

Time required ½ day every other month. Fold and seal the newsletters, put on the labels, put them in a tray provided by the USPS, count them, weigh one piece and multiply by the number of pieces to determine the total weight, and put the information on the 3602N or 3602NZ form. Could it be easier? It is best with four volunteers. It also is a time to visit and get to know one another.

2. Maintain the paper products:

Someone needs to shop for paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, cleaning products and garbage bags periodically. We have a Wegmans' charge card. We also need supplies from Staples or Office Max. Again, we have a business charge card. It needs to be done about every 2 months.

3. Answer the phone, filing, copying:

We need help on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to noon. Come weekly, or just one or two days a month. The files on local history are very interesting.

4. Caring for the artifacts and archives:

Like old things? This is for you. Cataloging our artifacts, photographing them, and storing them in archival boxes. We can work to fit your schedule, but no more than one morning or afternoon a week. Less often is fine, too.

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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.

“Education and Tours Committee”

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 1:30 to 4:00 P. M.
Greece Museum, 595 Long Pond Rd.

Featuring, Iroquois Historian, Storyteller and Flint Knapper, **Frank Grad**

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Frank Grad, whose has a life-long interest in Eastern Woodland Indians, will demonstrate how to “knap” (or make) arrowheads. He will talk about the way of life and the tool making of Eastern Woodland Indians. View his vast collection of artifacts, tools, bows and arrows.

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Have fun with children’s activities and crafts. Browse Mr. Grad’s collection and the museum’s exhibit, “Seneca Fishing and Hunting Sites in Greece” and our newest exhibit “Vintage Games.” Each child will take home an arrowhead.

Kathie Firkins, Tour Director and Education Consultant

Wreaths and Swags Silent Auction

Crafters hand-made holiday wreaths and swags will be available for bids. Various materials have been used for the wreaths: natural, silk, or fabric. Stop in at the museum any Sunday afternoon between Nov 3th and Dec 8th. We are also available on Monday mornings if you can’t make it on a Sunday. **Winners will be announced Dec. 8th.**

Donations may be brought to the museum on Saturday, November 2nd, 10am -1pm. For more information or to schedule a different delivery time, contact **Vi White** at 663-1991 or e-mail **Cathy Anderson** at cander-son22@frontiernet.net.

Thank you
for your help for this museum fundraiser.

Curatorial Committee



The Greece Chamber of Commerce Leadership Greece class of 2014 visited the Greece Museum on Oct 11th



Legacy’s Elaine Matthews and Laura Jachimiak presented Jane Grant with a gift basket she won at our August 8th Celebration. Joining them are Bill Sauers and Alan Mueller.



Lee Strauss and Terry LeFeber selling our books at Ontario Beach Park during River Romance weekend on Oct 6th

GHS Author Day

Sunday, Nov 10, 2013 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The Greece Historical Society will host a local author day at the Greece Museum, Sunday, November 10th. Patrons can visit the museum, talk with 12 local authors and purchase autographed copies directly from the authors. This is an opportunity to let the public meet local area writers whose books primarily highlight local history. It is also an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts. The following is a list of authors and their books:

Rulon E. Simmons - *I Love Rochester New York*

Rose O'Keefe - *Historic Genesee Country: A Guide to Its Lands and Legacies*.

Linda Bartash-Dawley - *Horses in Motion: The History of Carousels in Monroe County, NY and Beyond* and *Carouseling New York: A Historical Glimpse of New York State's Carousels*

Richard O. Reisem - *Myron Holley: Canal Builder/Abolitionist/Unsung Hero, Gravestones in Mount Hope Cemetery, and Frederick Douglass and the Underground Railroad*

Dennis P. Bielewicz - *Heroes in the Attic - the Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers*

Michael T. Keene - *Mad-House-The Hidden History of Insane Asylums in 19th Century New York, Murder, Mayhem and Madness-150 Years of Crime and Punishment in Western New York, Folklore and Legends of Rochester and The Mystery of Hoodoo Corner and Anthology* -three complete audio books with DVD..

Marilyn Lowden Koss Wright - *Patchwork Pieces of my Life, Vol I and Vol II.*

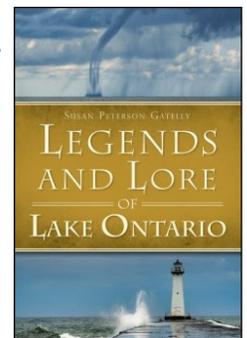
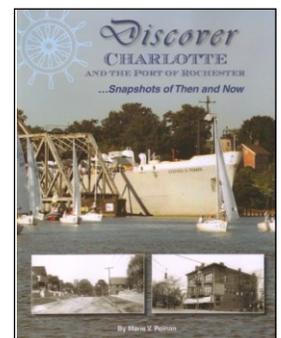
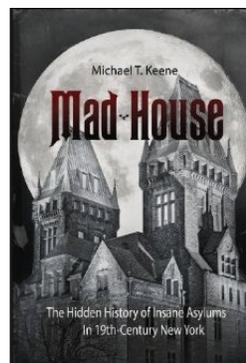
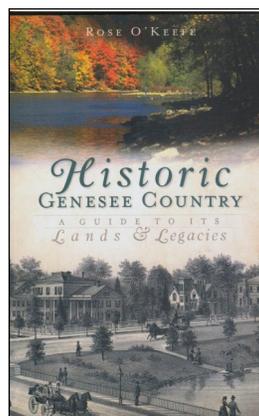
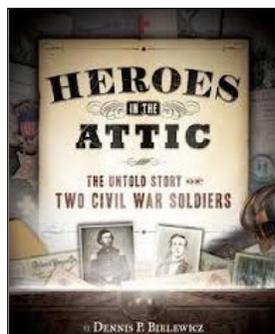
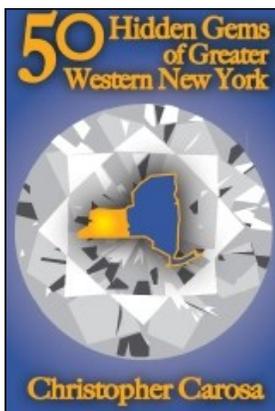
Christopher Carosa - *50 Hidden Gems of Greater Western, New York*

Donovan Shilling - *A Rochester Ramble, A Towpath Tale and Rochester's Movie Mania*

Marie Poinan - *Discover Charlotte, History of Northgate Plaza, Fire and Flames-History of Firefighting in Charlotte, History of the Elmtree/Yates Thayer Farm, A Blast from Charlotte's Past, Life in the Past Lane-Pictorial History of the Charlotte Community Association and Four Bridges - Story of the Bridges in Charlotte*

Susan Gateley - *Maritime Tales of Lake Ontario Shipwrecks, Legends and Lore of Lake Ontario, Twinkle Toes and the Riddle of the Lake, Passages On Inland Waters, The Edge Walker's Guide to Lake Ontario Beach Combing, Ariadne's Death Heroism and Tragedy On Lake Ontario Living on the Edge with Sara B*

Sally Valentine - *There Are No Buffalo in Buffalo, The Ghost of the Charlotte Light-house, Theft at George Eastman House: What Stinks? An Adventure in Highland Park, and Lost at Seabreeze*



"FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

"A stone is a stone is a Cobblestone!"

Webster's New World Dictionary (College Edition) has the following: *Cob-ble-stone* (*kab' l ston'*) *A rounded stone of a kind formerly much used for paving.*

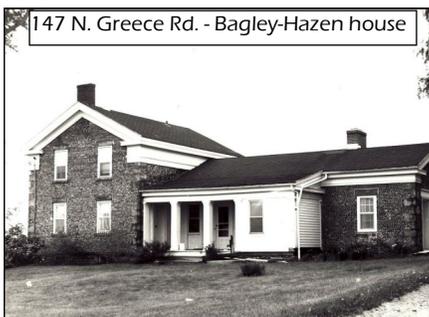
Well that is fine, but mention Cobblestone to the average Western New York resident (especially those living in the northern counties) and your answer could well be; "Oh, those buildings from the 19th century faced with round stones all in rows". The Town of Greece is fortunate to have four surviving Cobblestone buildings. All are private homes, but there once were several schools and at least one church that are now long gone from Greece. In western New York they are concentrated along route 104 from Wayne County westward to Niagara County. Workers who mainly learned their trade working on the first Erie Canal, which opened in 1825, built most of these beautiful stone buildings. The sandy soil near the Ridge Road and northward to Lake Ontario yielded stones (formed by the Glaciers) of rounded or oblong shapes in the recently cleared farm fields. A special mix of slow drying cement was used to set the stones. Patterns of stones and the way the stones were set varied for the 25 year period this type of construction was in vogue. Although Western New York has the largest concentration of Cobblestones, they can be found in Ohio, Michigan and as far west as Wisconsin, plus the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Cobblestone buildings were costly to build so only the more prosperous could afford to have them built. The rising cost of labor and the further distance it was necessary to travel to acquire the proper stones eventually caused this unique type of construction to be obsolete. Variations of the Greek revival style were common at this period. The costly, but sturdy Cobblestone style and cheaper wood frame construction prevailed during the 1830s to 1850s.

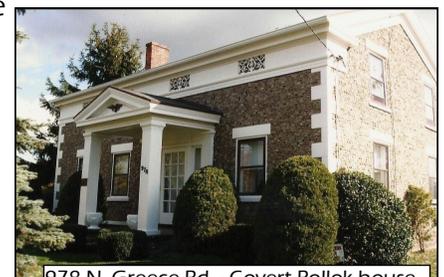
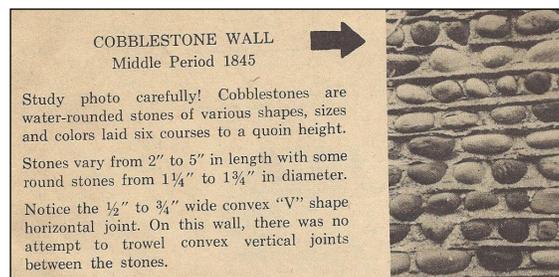
The four Greece buildings shown are all on the Historical Survey of 101 selected sites in the Town of Greece, completed by the Landmark Society in 1995. One, the Covert-Pollok house is also listed on the National Landmark site.

Sadly, the Westfall-Mercier house at 4350 West Ridge Rd. may not be standing much longer. It has been offered to anyone willing to move it off the property as a development is planned for that site. Thus far there have been no takers. It will more than likely end a casualty of progress. That is what tragically happened to a Cobblestone at Parma Corners on Ridge Road West at route 18. For more information about these four buildings or the other 97 sites, go online to Historic site survey, Town of Greece: <http://greece.ny.gov/ghcp/main>.

For more interesting details about Cobblestone buildings and their construction go to The Cobblestone Society web site at www.cobblestonemuseum.org. The Cobblestone Society complex in Childs, N.Y is closed for the season, but if you travel west on Ridge Road you can easily view that complex and 40 plus Cobblestone homes along the way to Niagara County. Going eastward out of Monroe County on old Route 104, you can easily pass just as many, if not more than the West Ridge route. Don't forget that a Cobblestone building is just as often found on a side road as on the main roads. Enjoy our unique concentration of Cobblestone structures here in Western New York State.



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



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Check your address label for your next membership renewal date. When it is time for your renewal, please consider upgrading.

Membership Application

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

(Please print)

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(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Spouse, if applicable)

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