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SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007



Dr. James S. Fleming, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at RIT, will discuss his prize-winning biography of the former western New York congressman, and World Bank president, Barber B. Conable, Jr. Dr. Fleming will talk about what it was like to get to know Mr. Conable so well



during the 15 years it took him to write his biography, read selected passages from the biography, and take questions from the audience after his presentation. Dr. Fleming will also be available afterwards to sign copies of his biography, entitled “Windows on Congress: A Congressional Biography of Barber B. Conable Jr”, which won the University of Rochester’s first Andrew Eiseman Writers Award for the best book published in non-fiction in the greater Rochester area in 2004.

7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

“HISTORY OF THE MARTIN FARM”



Ms Cathy Martin will tell the story of the Martin Farms of Brockport which started in Greece more than a century ago with the marriage of John Martin and Esther Slater. Cathy, a native of Greece, is the Vice-President of Monroe County Farm Bureau, sits on the NYS Farm Bureau Labor Task Force, and is on the Committee for the new Agricultural and Life Science Institute at Monroe Community College.

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

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hi! The painters have done a great job decorating our living room, entrance foyer, and dining room. Come in to enjoy it and admire the colonial-style new chandelier in the dining room. This old house of ours needs a good, old large rug for the living room. Hopefully, someone had one to donate to us. It takes all kinds of help to maintain a museum property as beautiful as the one you have.

Crowds will arrive again when our new exhibit arrives in early fall. It is called "The Ever Changing Ridge (ADA)" We want all of you to come to the grand opening celebration. We'll let you know the date.

Hopefully, some help will arrive soon to clean out the weeds that invaded the garden out front by our sign. HELP – it will take five people about two hours each. Call 225-7221 if you can rescue our sign area!

While I am sure that our members have heard of the humble beginnings of the Greece Historical Society, I chose to tell the story in the August 2, 2007, issue of the Greece Post on Page 9A. If you did not get the paper, we can send a copy of the article to you or you can read it online at www.MPNNow.com.

The reason for the article telling of our ownership of the buildings on land leased from the Town of Greece came about when people refer to it as Town property and refer to their tax dollars paying for our operation. That is not correct. As with all not-for-profit organizations, our income is mainly derived from membership dues, gift shop sales, grants, and fund raising. Donations are most welcome. But if we planned on donations at the Museum door, we could not even pay for one month of electricity and gas. Thanks to all of you for being members and to all of our volunteers who work hard to make us a big success.

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

GIFT SHOP OFFERINGS

Many of you are familiar with our museum gift shop. We offer books, Greece items (including shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, decorative coverlets), collectibles as well as other unique items for the casual shopper.

The Museum frequently holds special events that bring large numbers of shoppers to our quaint little shop. We work hard to make your visit to our museum gift shop a pleasant one. We welcome suggestions of new items that make our shop attractive to a wide range of shoppers. New volunteers are always appreciated, whether your expertise is buying, cashiering or even decorating for special events. If you have an interest in joining our team please call the Museum office or drop by any Sunday and we can chat. Happy Shopping!

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.

Wendy Peeck

"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

GREECE, NY THROW

Our new colorful "Historic Greece, NY" throw is for sale in the Gift Shop. It is a multi-colored tapestry and the design is a new version of the popular old buildings in Greece. The price is only \$38.00 including sales tax. They will make good gifts for Father's Day, graduations, showers, weddings, or for any other reason to give a nice gift.



MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

THE EVER CHANGING RIDGE — KNOWN AS ‘ADA’

The next exhibit at the Museum planned for early fall is called “The Ever Changing Ridge (ADA)” A thriving little community was located where Long Pond Road crossed Ridge Road around 1900. This was called Ada because the local postmaster came from Ada, Michigan, and named it after his former place. After rural free delivery was instituted, the name fell into disuse. Today, the Greece Town Mall is on the site of the old post office.

Our exhibit will include pictures and artifacts from Buckman’s, Former Greece Town Hall, Greece Grange, Greece Baptist Church, St. John’s Catholic Church, and other related homes and businesses up to the present time. A business or prominent family of that era will be featured in upcoming issues of the *Frühling*.

The “Dewey – Stone and Beyond” exhibit will be up until “ADA” is ready. 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 early fall, please come to see it early. You may wish to come a second time.

Phyllis Brown, Committee Chairperson

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



KIDS & ADULTS COME TO A GHOST PARTY

On Saturday, October 27 from 1:00 ‘til 4:00 P.M., we are going to have a special guest! It will be the author, **Sally Valentine**, who wrote the popular book, “The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse.” Sally is a former Rochester teacher and her book is a fiction story based in a real location. As an adult, I found enough facts to interest me so that I finished the book and bought it for my granddaughter. It is a special book for her because the author

autographed it. Sally will sign all the books sold on October 27th.

Because the title of the book is “The Ghost of the Charlotte Lighthouse,” we invite visitors of all ages to come dressed as ghosts. We will have ghostly decorations, refreshments, and prizes for kiddie ghosts (under 8 years of age). There is no admission fee, just come to enjoy a ghostly party!



L. Beane



SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Greece Historical Society annual Christmas Party will be held at the Lake Shore Country Club, 1165 Greenleaf Rd. at 6:00 P.M. Musical entertainment, door prizes, and drawings will round out the evening. Details in the next *Frühling*.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2007 — 2008 MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE

Sep. 11 “Life of Barber Conable,” James Fleming

Oct. 9 “History of Farming,” Cathy Martin

Oct. 20 Chili Historical Society Visits GHS (Saturday)

Nov. 13 “Slow Ferry to Fast Ferry,” Gerard Muhl

Dec. 7 Annual Christmas Party, Lakeshore Country Club (Friday, 6:00 P.M.)

Jan. 8 “History of Monroe County Sheriff’s Office,” Todd Allen

Feb. 12 “History of the City Parks,” Jim Farr

Mar. 12 "The Street Car System," Charles Lowe

Apr. 8 "Adventure with Antiques," Bob Klein

May 13 "Annual Meeting"

Monthly programs are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Greece Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Blvd (off Long Pond Road, north of Latta Road). Reservations are not required. Society members are FREE, a donation is appreciated from others. For more information, visit our website at: <http://historicalsociety.greeceny.org>;

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SOCIETY MEMBERS EARN KUDOS AT ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION CEREMONY and RECEPTION

Lorraine Beane, Executive Director, and **Carol Fumia** were honored as outstanding volunteers on August 25th at the Greece Town Hall during the annual Greece Community Volunteers Organization Recognition and Reception ceremony. They work in association with the Town of Greece to arrange the presentations. Twenty-nine people were honored this year.

Both ladies have volunteered many hours to help keep the Society wheels moving. **Lorraine** has been working tirelessly since the beginning of the Society. She is our most ardent fan and supporter. **Carol** has helped with membership, worked in the office, and has been on the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, she is moving all the way to Hilton and will do volunteer work there. We are proud of both **Lorraine** and **Carol** and thank them very much for all they have done for the Society. See Page 5. Sorry, no photo available of Carol.

REGIONAL HISTORY FAIR

On Monday, Sept 17th there is a Regional History Fair at the German House, 315 Gregory St. It will bring together people who love history of all kinds, in an attractive city setting that has decent parking.

The Greece Historical Society has reserved a table with the Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse. (Cost for table \$30.00)

I plan to take a day of vacation to man our table, but I am also looking for anyone who can volunteer some time so I don't have to be there all day. Set up begins at noon with a box lunch provided! Please let me know if you can help. Call Bill Sauers at 225-3760



Summer Interns in the Historian Office.



Julie Sawnor (L) and **Allison Hopkins** (R), both college history majors have spent part of their summer vacation volunteering in the Historian office. They discuss with **Alan Mueller** how to sort and classify some of the many archival papers in need of preservation. Julie and Allison are both residents of Greece. Their able assistance is greatly appreciated.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP AT THE GREECE MUSEUM

Below is a photo of some of the teacher's at the workshop. On Tuesday July 24, 2007, **Dr. Jennifer Gkourlias**, Director of Social Studies for Greece Central Schools, and Mentor, **Jennifer Solomon** recently led a workshop in local history curriculum development at the Greece Historical Society as part of a \$750,000+ 3-year grant. New York State has mandated that local history be taught using New York State Archives. Eighteen teachers searched through the subject, genealogy and photo files of the Greece Historian's office, the maps drawer. They toured the museum choosing census records, early settler records, including family recorded marriages, births, and deaths in the original Latta Family Bible, maps, photos, and



other documents to copy. Population growth, immigration, economic growth, the Erie Canal, and early settlers were topics of interest. **Alan Mueller** and **Lee Strauss** did their best to help them find what was needed, offering their on-going support. Thankfully, **Lorraine Beane** manned the gift shop which was also popular with the teachers. A large order was placed for "Images of Greece" by Shirley Cox Husted, former County Historian and Parma Historian, along with "Eight Miles Along the Shore" and "Ghosts of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse" by Sally Valentine and several other single books. We look forward to productively working with the teachers on their various projects. They will share with us their finds in the archives in the Rochester Public Library and other repositories they visit as part of the grant. It was a fun day.

Lee Strauss



VERY SUCCESSFUL DOLLS – ANTIQUES - COINS APPRAISAL DAY

On Sunday, June 17, a large crowd lined up at the Museum with dolls,



antiques, and coins to learn their value. The dolls were examined by **Helen Marlowe**, the antiques were inspected by **Price Prazar**, and the coins were graded by **Doug Musinger**. We thank the appraisers very much for sharing their expertise. Watch for Appraisal Day next year. In the picture, **Doug Musinger** discusses the merits of a coin with a patron.

NOTE: All photos courtesy of Bill Sauers and Alan Mueller. Watch for pictures of more summer activities in the next issue.



Art and Lorraine Beane

