

# THE CORINTHIAN

## GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

### September 2009 Program

Tuesday, September 8, 2009    Greece Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

#### Forging the Freedom Trail Through the Genesee Country

By Dr. David Anderson,  
Chairman-Rochester/Monroe County  
Freedom Trail Commission



Congruent with the advent of the Erie Canal, New York State experienced a steady increase in the number of people taking leave of slavery. Federal legislation to curb such offenses was matched by stronger and more organized aid given to those fleeing the bonds. The abolitionist's movement in the Genesee Country increased agitation to end the damnable institution. This presentation cites instances and narrates actions of a few that made Rochester a major factor in delivering the nation from the great evil. (con't p2)

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### October 2009 Program

Tuesday, October 13, 2009    Greece Town Hall 7:00 p.m.



#### The American Arts & Crafts Movement in NYS

By Dr. Bruce Austin, Chairman and Professor  
of Communication at RIT.

*(A program of the New York Council for the Humanities.)*

The American Arts and Crafts Movement, or "mission," was a popular decorative style 1900-1920. Arts and Crafts, however, was also a philosophy, an ethos, a way of living, and significantly, an enormous business. Artists and manufacturers of objects in the Arts and Crafts style - furniture, ceramics, metal, lighting, textiles, and jewelry - found like-minded creators in a few U.S. locations. Among the most significant centers of creativity for Arts and Crafts was New York State. This presentation, accompanied by slides, affords listeners an opportunity to gain (con't p2)

## "President's Message"

On September 30th, 1969 a group of community-prided people formed the Greece Historical Society with a dedicated goal: "To preserve the past for the future."



For the first decade they participated in parades, exhibited at the mall, conducted adult education classes and looked for a permanent home. That "permanent" home was found on English Rd in 1978.

The next decade involved organizing their collection of artifacts and documents while setting up their new home, which became the first Greece Museum. Then, in 1988, the Howe house was donated to the Society and the third decade began with the restoration of the old house. No sooner was that done than a new museum exhibit hall was built, which eventually opened in 1998. Then, in its fourth decade, it was time to run that museum, which has been done quite successfully and with the admiration of the community and other local historical societies.

Now the Greece Historical Society is beginning its fifth decade as all of our great volunteers look forward to the future, Weekly the historian's office is helping citizens and groups with local history questions. The education committee is working closely with the Greece School District. We are digitizing our photo collection, photographing and cataloging electronically our collection of artifacts, indexing stories and updating our web site and we are planning more special events at the museum. We will soon begin collecting e-mail addresses so we can send information and reminders of upcoming events between editions of the Corinthian.

As always, we thank you for your continued financial support, and the valuable time of our volunteers, but we could always use your ideas to improve our society. Send me a note at the museum or e-mail me at [bill\\_1061@yahoo.com](mailto:bill_1061@yahoo.com) with your ideas and suggestions. Don't forget, when you are going through that old shoe box of photos, we are always looking for photos and stories of Greece's people, places and events.

**Bill Sauers**

## \*\*Museum Happenings\*\*

### "October ART SHOW"

We are presenting the artwork of the talented students of **Tracy Doerner** on Saturday, Oct. 17th, 6-9pm & Sunday Oct 18th, 2-4:30pm. Please join us for this Art filled event. Refreshments will be served and artwork will be available for purchase.

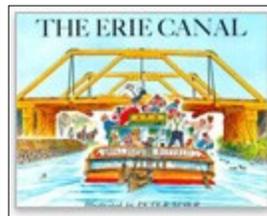
**Vi White, Curator**

### RUTH ROSENBERG-NAPARSTECK TO VISIT MUSEUM

On Sunday, September 13th from 2-4:30 pm, former City Historian, **Ruth Rosenberg Naparsteck** will greet visitors at the Greece Museum.



Ruth will tell interesting stories about the historic Erie Canal and will make available the limited edition of Peter Spier's classic Caldecott Award winner, *The Erie Canal*. (Sales will benefit GHS) She will tell tales of the Erie Canal and lead the audience in singing "Low Bridge, Everybody Down."



We especially invite families to bring school age children. It will be held on Grandparents Day and can be a fun visit for all. Cookies will be served. (There is no admission charge, but donations are always appreciated.)

(con't from p1, September) For more information on the Underground Railroad Heritage Trail – Upstate New York visit [www.rmsc.org](http://www.rmsc.org).

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(con't from p1, October) awareness and knowledge of the Movement, its creative product, and philosophy and focuses on the unique contributions of Arts and Crafts creators from New York State.

## “From the Desk of the Executive Director “

It was a pleasure to see the tremendous growth of the Greece Historical Society in the year following the opening of Newcome Exhibit Hall in 1995. Membership has been steady but not as large as we need. Income from memberships operate the facility and maintain the upkeep of this old house. We have 210 memberships (418 people) but only 11 businesses in the community are members.



It is surprising that we haven't had a big response from the small and large companies that we have contacted. We tried to impress upon them the wide coverage that our newsletter reaches. We send out 400 newsletters that not only go to members but also to all visitors at our well-attended monthly programs. Sixty complimentary copies go to schools, teachers, other historical societies and are available at events such as the Hilton Apple Festival. Our newsletter is on our website and we are linking and emailing it to various organizations. We have members in all age groups that need a variety of services and we prefer to promote our area businesses. We recently received these new business members: **Vay, Schleich and Meeson Funeral Home** and **Flower City Printing**.

We also have 29 life memberships of which two are fairly new. **Gordon Howe II** received a life membership from his family and friends to celebrate his birthday. Deborah Whitt joined as a personal life membership. She owns **Deborah Ham Whitt Insurance**, a State Farm agency, at 3953 Dewey Ave.

We have received many memorials in honor of Art Beane and Dottie Schommer. The funds are directed to our endowment fund as requested. Honorariums can be made for living persons as well. All donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Beane

## Please support our local business members and affiliates

*We want to thank them for their support:*

**Flower City Printing, Greece Chamber of Commerce, Long Pond Auto Body, Wolfert-Butler Agency, Carolyn Stiffler Realty, Pettis Pools, Straight Line Contractors, Fedele's Restaurant, Long Pond Family Restaurant, Savage & Son Roofing, and Vay, Schleich and Meeson Funeral Home.**



**Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009**  
“Leadership and Groundwork in Preparation for the Town of Greece entering the 21st Century”

by Don Riley, Town of Greece Supervisor 1972 – 1989

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010**  
“The War of 1812 at Charlotte”

By Jim Fisher

**Tuesday, Feb 9, 2010**  
“The River Ramble – Revisited”

By Jeff Blackwell and Max Schulte, Democrat & Chronicle journalists

## Museum Shop

On your next visit to our Museum please stop and see what's new at our Museum Shop. We have several new books about New York State. "Wild New York" is a collection of photographs celebrating the beauty of New York State. "Backroads of New York" is your scenic guide to the adventurous back roads of our state. And let's not forget "Weird New York", strange stories and little-known facts of our Empire State. Each has a different glance at our beautiful state. What a great gift idea!

Don't forget to take a look our collections of Murano glass pendants, lighthouses, local history books, and collectibles. Stop by soon, we look forward to seeing you.

**Wendy Peeck**



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



Our volunteer docents enjoyed a visit & lunch at Adams Basin Inn this past summer.

**l to r: Jack Wallenhurst, Dori DeJaeger, Linda Evans, Jack Heller, Lorna Logan, Bernie Wallenhurst, Faye Cole, Kathy Anderson, Bill Coe, Betty Fetter, Kathy Firkins, Vi White, Sharon Logan, Bill Sauers. Missing from photo: Lee Strauss, Lucy Kraemer, Carolyn Brewer, Betty Smith.**

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<b>President</b>	Bill Sauers
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### Committee Chairs:

<b>Museum Shop</b>	Wendy Peeck
<b>Grounds &amp; Building</b>	NEEDED
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**The Greece Historical Society** in your tax and estate planning. We are a non-profit organization supported by your \*gifts and endowments.

**We truly appreciate your donations.**

\*Tax deductible per (Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code

## THE TOUR and EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We finished up the school year at the end of June. We had several tour groups from various Greece Schools who enjoyed not only our Greece Museum but also tours through various Town Departments. We've had Senior Facilities also take advantage of seeing our beautiful museum. I am thoroughly enjoying the seniors – they have so much knowledge and can relate to so many of our exhibits. We met two women in their 90s who attended Greece Schools when we had One Room Schoolhouses. When we have our next school tour they would like to participate, which will be so interesting for the school children.

Our Education Committee has met several times throughout the summer. We are working on getting together a catalog of information that we can pass on to the teachers to let them know what we have available. Lee Strauss, Bill Sauers, myself, three teachers from Parkland School and Jennifer Solomon recently met. They informed us what things they were looking for and were most impressed by some of the materials and books we had about the Erie Canal. We shared our information with them and guided them on ways to access it. We are so pleased to be able to share and be a part of their curriculum.

KATHLEEN FIRKINS, Education Committee

### See The Corinthian in color.

Look online at our website, [greecehistoricalsociety.net](http://greecehistoricalsociety.net)

### Wild Weather Exhibit

Ever wonder why we get such 'interesting' weather here in Western New York? Well, it's all explained in our exhibit 'Wild Weather'. Winds from Lake Ontario and Lake Erie can be deceiving even to the weatherman. Do you remember the year we had 36" of snow in just 2 days? Or when the temperature rose above 95°? We have photos from 1944. Snowplows? What snowplows?

This Wild Weather exhibit is brought to you by a Greece Museum volunteer, **Andrea Peck**. Andrea is a Junior at Niagara University and a volunteer at the Castellani Museum on the Niagara campus. She was inspired to create this display when she saw nickel-size hail in June! Stop by and check it out!



### Newsletter "News"

If you have any questions, comments, or other important information for the Corinthian, please email me at: [corintheditor@yahoo.com](mailto:corintheditor@yahoo.com) (type GHS in subject line). Thank you for your input. **Cyndie Shevlin, Editor**

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by the editor for the Greece Historical Society.

## **FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE**



*Who do you recognize in the photo below?*

***The renovation team on the steps of the new Historical Society home, 595 Long Pond Road, 1989***



*Remember this?*  
***The first home of the Greece Historical Society on English Rd. c.1978***



***Members of the Greece Historical Society costumed to march in the Barnard Fire Dept. parade July, 1973***

***Moving of the Howe house from Long Pond & Latta to 595 Long Pond Road to become the new home of The Greece Historical Society, Sept. 1988***



Photos supplied by Alan Mueller, Greece Historian's Office, Greece Historical Society

# ***Greece Historical Society***

*Join us for our*

# ***Fortieth Anniversary Party***



***Friday, October 9, 2009  
Golden Ponds Restaurant  
500 Long Pond Road, Greece, New York***

***Cash Bar 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Broiled Orange Roughy ~ Chicken French  
Roast Sirloin of Beef au jus ~ Dessert***

***Musical Entertainment ~ Historical Displays  
Door Prizes ~ Drawings  
Adult Friends and Family Welcome!***

***\$23.00 per person including gratuity***

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## ***Reservation Form for the Greece Historical Society 40th Anniversary Party***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.00 each/ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation form, your check(s) and a stamped, self-addressed envelope no later than October 2, 2009 for tickets to Roberta Young, Co-Chairperson, 337 Drumcliff Way, Rochester, NY 14612, Telephone: 227-0694

All checks payable to: Greece Historical Society

For information, please call Lucia McEntee, Chairperson, 857-0124 or Phyllis Brown, Co-Chairperson, 865-4168

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for the Future*

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Family Supporting	\$50.00	___	Life Members (Each)	<b>\$500.00</b>	___

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

(Please include a self addressed stamped envelope to receive a membership card)

or **BRING COMPLETED FORM TO OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**