

THE CORINTHIAN

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

September 2013

September 10th, 2013 Greece Town Hall - 7pm

History of Elmtree (Yates-Thayer) Farm by Marie Poinan

This presentation explores the history of 710-720 Latta Road as a country estate and a working farm. Property owners over the past 100 years include an Irish immigrant, the son of a bank president and a coal baron. Members of the Thayer family will be on hand to contribute memories and answer questions. Vintage photos will show why this property deserves to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Marie Poinan, a local historian and author of eight books on Charlotte and Greece, is a member of the Greece Historical Society.

Reservations are not necessary. Greece Historical Society members FREE. A \$2.00 donation is appreciated from others.

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October 2013

October 8th, 2013 Greece Town Hall – 7pm

Clara Barton performed by Eleanor Stearns

Eleanor Stearns' portrayal of Clara Barton will give glimpses of her life, her involvement during the Civil War, and her role in the founding and activities of the American Red Cross. She will also read portions of a Memorial Day address which Miss Barton gave in Dansville, NY in 1879.



Ms. Stearns, a graduate of Drew University, was a school psychology technician with the Geneva City Schools until her retirement. She is active in the Geneva Theatre Guild. In May 2004 she portrayed Clara Barton on the 100th anniversary of Miss Barton's resignation as President of the American Red Cross at Red Cross Headquarters in Maryland.

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"President's Message"

July and August are usually our slow months, but this summer was an exception. After the Strawberry/Dessert Festival we prepared for our Community Yard Sale which was held on July 27 & 28. Next we launched our fund-raising campaign with a special fundraising event at the **Legacy at Park Crescent** to raise funds for a new roof. *Thank you so much to those of you who sent in contributions and to all who attended the event at the Legacy.* On the same day of the fundraising event, our volunteer, **Maureen Whalen** presented a program at the Greece Library. Meanwhile our education committee planned and created a new exhibit on vintage toys and games and held a vintage game day on Sunday August 11th.



In July, **Marie Poinan** published a new booklet on the Blast Furnace at Charlotte and presented a program for the residents at Unity Senior Living Community on the history of Northgate. Volunteer **Joe Vitello** has continued scanning our collection of photos and slides, Shannon Shields has been researching the War of 1812 for a future exhibit and **Alan Mueller** had another story in the Democrat & Chronicle's Our Towns West.

Also this summer we coordinated with the **Glen Curtiss Museum** in Hammondsport and the **Rochester City Historian** to have a book on Blanche Stewart Scott scanned, and assisted the **Trinity Episcopal Church** of Greece with their annual history-hunt road rally which will be held on September 27th. We've planned our Tuesday evening programs for the winter season and have scheduled several special Sunday programs at the Museum.

All our activities could not be accomplished without our dedicated volunteers here at the Greece Historical Society. However, we are well aware of the age and health of some and like it or not, we lose a few every year. New volunteers are the future of our organization. If you can help with your time or talent please don't hesitate to give us a call.

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.

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

Oct 13, 2013 Thirteen Ghosts of Greece
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Greece Museum
(see page 3)

Oct 21, 2013 Docent Luncheon

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

Nov 10–Dec 15, 2013 Silent Auction Holiday Wreaths
at the Greece Museum
(see page 8)

Thank You

We would like to thank all who contributed to our new roof fund-raising campaign and all who attended the event at the Legacy at Park Crescent on August 8th. So far we have raised over \$6,200 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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Lorraine Beane, Beverly Bell, Nick and Mary Lou Borrelli, Delores DeConinck, Ardelle Goulding, Gordon A. Howe II, Mary Graupman, Sue Hodge, Luigi Latragna, Lorna Logan, Fred and Phyllis Meredith, Bethann Mitchell, Donald Newcomb, Morris Richardson, Gretchen Howe Russo, Richard and Lee Strauss, Virginia Tomkiewicz, Beverly Tulloch, Deborah Whitt, Scott Wiley.

History-Hunt Road Rally

Trinity Episcopal Church, 3450 W. Ridge Rd. will hold their third annual History Hunt Road Rally for Charity starting at noon on Sept 28, 2013. Participants will be guided by a catalog of over 60 sites. The object is to photograph your group at as many sites as possible and share the photos at a pizza dinner held at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The top three winning teams will get to designate a percentage of the proceeds to go to the charity of their choice. The remaining proceeds to go to the mission and ministry fund of Trinity Episcopal Church. Cost: \$30.00 per car, *limited to first 25 cars*. Bring your digital camera, proof of insurance, license and registration. For more information call **Sandy Pacyga** at 585-225-4366 or e-mail spacyga@rochester.rr.com.

Celebrate Halloween with
Thirteen Ghosts of Greece



On Sunday, October 13th at 1:30 pm, **Maureen Whalen** will be telling stories of the ghosts and spirits of Greece, including Our Mother of Sorrows Church phantoms, the hound of hell that plagues sailors on Lake Ontario and the Grey Lady of Dewey Avenue. At 2:30 pm, following the storytelling session, will be a scavenger-type clue hunt; participants will track down thirteen clues to identify the ghost who is haunting the museum. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. There will be no tricks, but there will be treats!



Coming Events

Nov 12, 2013 **Fury, Frenzy & Honor, War of 1812** by Raya Lee, - 7:00 p.m. Greece Community & Senior Center. *Funded by the New York Council for the Humanities.*

Jan 7, 2014 **Hidden Gems of Western New York** by Christopher Carosa - 7:00 p.m. Greece Town Hall

Feb 11, 2014 **Cycling the Erie Canal** by Democrat & Chronicle reporters Annette Lein and Justin Murphy - 7:00 p.m. Greece Town Hall

"Museum Shop"

It's been a fun summer here at the Greece Museum. We've enjoyed so many events and have more planned for the coming months. Every week we have visitors that have never seen our beautiful home, Museum and Museum Shop. Events are an opportunity for you to visit our Museum Shop to see what's new or plan to stop by on a Sunday afternoon. We have lots of interesting items – books, t-shirts, coverlets, and many items that have historical reference for Greece.



Come on in for a visit, you'll be glad you did.

Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator

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

H-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”

VINTAGE GAME DAY

In conjunction with the grand opening of our Vintage Game Display in the museum we held a Vintage Game Day on Sunday, August 11, 2013. The event turned out to be a huge success. Games were offered both indoors and outdoors.

Indoors, the Cootie game and Tiddly Winks were a big hit. The dining room table was filled with game choices such as Old Maid, Sorry, Chutes & Ladders plus many more.

Outdoors, we had Croquet, Bean Bag Toss, Bocce, Toss Across, Twister and several others. Croquet and Bean Bag Toss seemed to be the favorites. Prizes were awarded based on completing a game (not necessarily winning).

We awarded vintage prizes such as Kool-Aid wax bottles, wax mustaches, rubber ball and paddle sets, puzzles, etc. The weather cooperated and all that attended enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day to play games that have gone by the wayside.

Lee Strauss was on hand in her vintage dress with matching bonnet. She and volunteer **Judith Chaffel** were prize handlers. I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make this possible: **Linda Evans, Jack Heller, Maureen Whalen, and Suzanne Peters.** **Richard Strauss** and Suzanne's friend **John** were also there to help us get things set up and ready for the day. Thanks also to **Wendy Peeck & Lorraine Beane** for volunteering their time to sell some items from the gift shop. Special thanks go to **Bill Sauers** for all of his advice, help and expertise in planning this event.

The display in the museum is complete now with many Vintage games and toys. On your way to the exhibit be sure to stop and look at the American Girl Tree House built by Kathie Firkins dad (**Thomas Hanley**, who was 87 years old when he built it). He made it for his great-granddaughter, **Caroline Firkins**, who has donated it to the museum for all to see.



Kathie Firkins, Tour Director and Education Consultant

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT 595 LONG POND ROAD

A special evening at Legacy at Park Crescent

Our host for the evening, current VP at Mark IV Enterprises and former Greece Supervisor **Don Riley**, emceed the event with kind words, fond memories and humorous bits of information about some of our well known community leaders. **Mark IV Enterprises**, owner of **Legacy at Park Crescent**, generously provided the chef-prepared refreshments, a selection of soft beverages and **Four Seasons Wines & Spirits** wines. **Elaine Matthews**, Executive Director, and **Laura Jachimiak**, Senior Housing Specialist, were very helpful in providing the perfect setting for the event. We brought from the Greece Museum several history display boards and slide shows for our guests to enjoy. The favorite was an "Al Skinner for Sheriff" campaign poster from our archives. He was a Favorite Son of Greece and served as Rochester's sheriff for a number of years.

In one story, **Senator Joe Robach** told about growing up in the city, but coming to the country – which was Greece at the time – on a Sunday afternoon. He said his dad would pile them into the family car, drive the country roads, and stop at a farm along the road until one of the horses came to the fence. Joe said he would pet the horse and his dad would say, "Alright, let's go home!" That was the afternoon outing.

Another tale involved **Rick Antelli**; it seems Don Riley was his camp counselor. Don also shared memories of Gordon Howe with **Gretchen Howe Russo**. Gretchen has been a generous contributor to our roof fund. **Vince Campbell** and **Dave Wegman** shared some kind words about our Society. **Bill Sauers** thanked everyone and mentioned he never wanted a cottage or second home to care for, but somehow ended up caring for the Historical Society's home and museum and loves it. **Fran Carlisi-Paxton** donated her time to come in costume and act as our greeter.

Such was the good humor and fellowship of the evening. This event also raised a substantial amount towards our roof fund. We are nearing our goal of \$10,000. Thank you, members, for your generous gifts.



Our host, Former Greece Supervisor Don Riley with Legislator Rick Antelli



Senator Joe Robach, Gretchen Russo, Terri Robach, Ron Arndt



Town Clerk, Patty Anthony



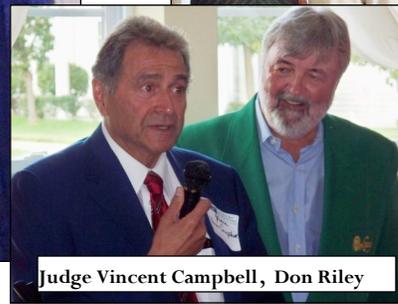
Fran Carlisi-Paxton, our greeter



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City Historian, Christine Ridarsky,
V. Pres. Paula Smith,
Pres. Bill Sauers,
Treas. Roberta Young



Don Riley, Gretchen Howe Russo, Bill Sauers, Dave Wegman



Judge Vincent Campbell, Don Riley

"FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

"The Main Street of Greece" Ridge Road in photos: 1909 -1960

Every few years, if not sooner, a news article about the Ridge being expanded or improved pops up in newsprint or other media. From what was once the eastern edge at Lake Avenue to the western edge of Greece at Manitou Road, Ridge Road has always been in a state of fluctuation.

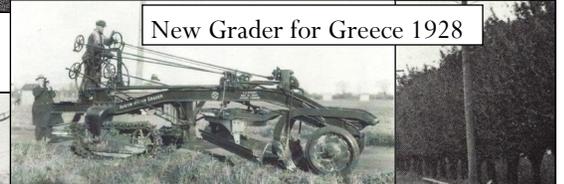
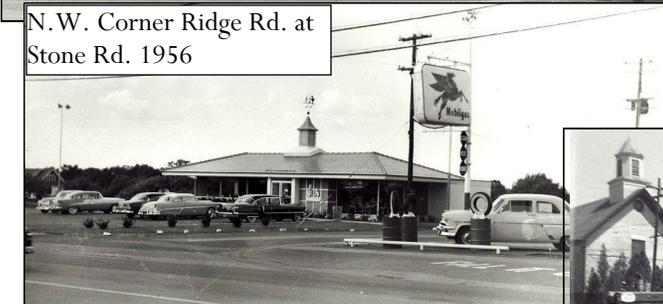
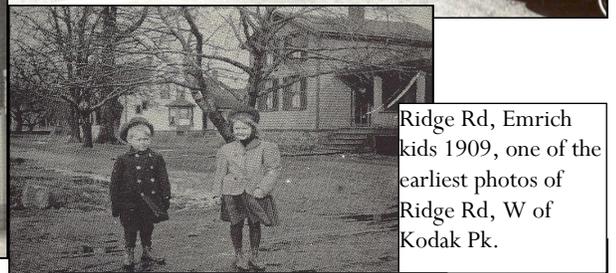
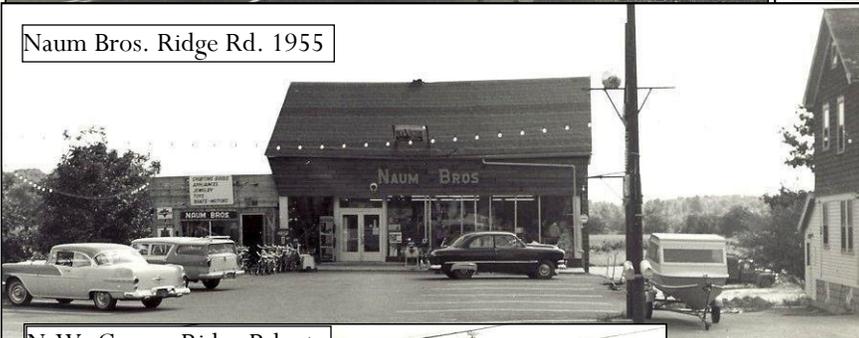
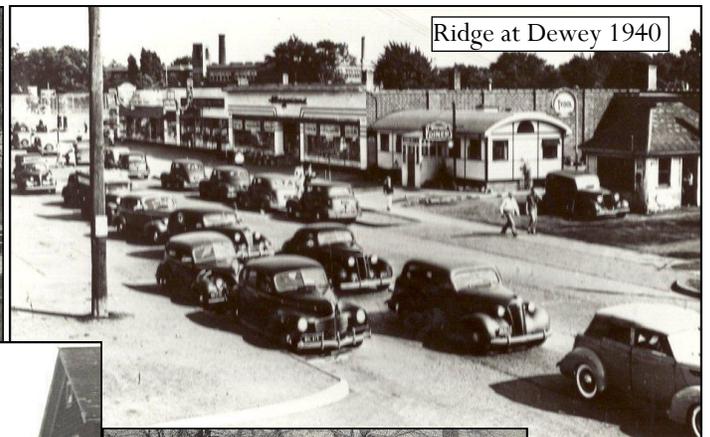
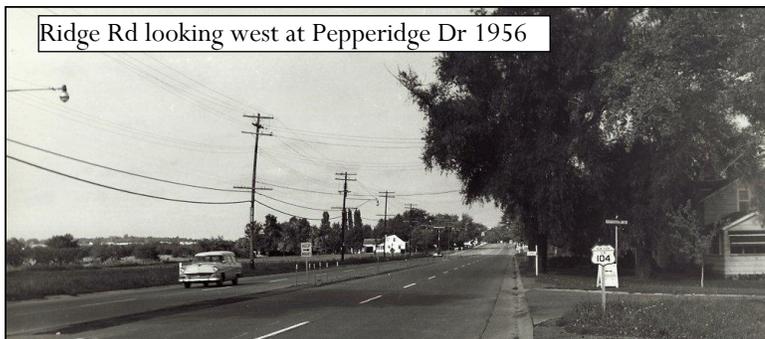
The early 1800s saw what had been a narrow Native American trail turn into a muddy dirt or occasional wood plank stretch of road by the mid 1860's. The fifty year span from the early 1900s saw the fastest transformation of the Ridge in the 20th century.

Eastman Kodak, introducing folding and box cameras near the turn of the century, made outdoor photography simpler and cheaper to take satisfactory photos. Hence, we began to have photos similar to the circa 1909 view of Richard and Katherine Emrich standing in muddy Ridge Road (east of Dewey Ave.) with their home behind them. The other photos from the early 20th century speak for themselves. How many of the shops and stores do you recall? If you are younger than a certain age.....all would be foreign to your eyes....

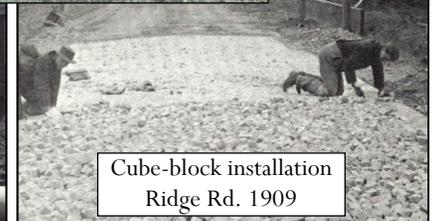
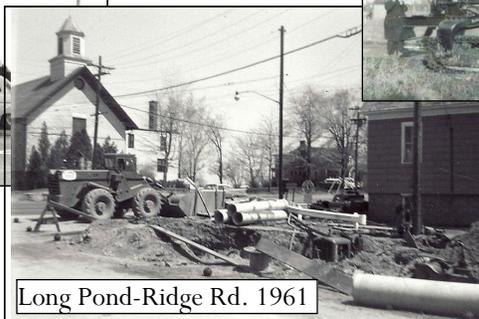
Alteration, transition, variety and diversity would apply to "The Lewiston Road", one of several variations given to Ridge Road as it traversed our town. For further information and history about the Ridge, check out our ever popular publication, Eight Miles Along the Shore, available in several formats at our museum shop.

"Things changed, people changed, and the world went rolling along right outside our windows."

- Nicholas Sparks, Message in a Bottle



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



“ Happenings at the Greece Museum”

Shorewood’s Garden – A Work in Progress

In 1997, a group of women from Shorewood Garden Club came to the Greece Museum to reclaim an aging overgrown garden. The soil had clay rocky subsoil. We put down a large piece of black plastic, the Town of Greece delivered a giant load of compost to put over it; we planted perennials, geraniums and annuals from our own gardens. It was an instant garden and a great success! Over the years it has evolved based on the tastes and interests of our members.



Annually, the Greece Historical Society kindly allows our club and other Greece garden clubs to have a perennial plant sale on the last Saturday before Memorial Day. We use the profits to fund our club and this year we voted to spend some of it on revamping the garden.

Phase One 2013: Overgrown bushes and their roots removed. Rebuild stone border using the original medina sandstone from the homestead. Purchase new plants and bushes having a lifespan of ten years plus. These include new and hopefully low maintenance roses, lilacs, buckthorn, weigelia, bitter-sweet, boxwood, Joe Pye Weed and a weeping Japanese maple. Also add new stepping stones and a watering system.

Phase Two 2014: Build an arbor to highlight the beautiful cobblestone and brick chimney, add a new signpost, a wooden box to cover the large electrical meter and purchase more plants and bushes in the Spring.

When you visit the Greece Museum, take a moment to enjoy our garden. It is a work in progress, as all gardens should be.

Marcia Marano
Shorewood Garden Club

Wreaths and Swags Needed for Silent Auction

Attention crafters! The Greece Historical Society needs holiday wreaths or swags for a silent auction to be held November 10 through December 15, 2013. Any materials can be used for the wreaths: natural, silk, or fabric. Please bring your donations to the museum on Saturday, November 2 from 10-1pm. 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

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale



Heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, vendors and shoppers for making our 2013 Community Yard Sale a success! It was great fun to visit, shop, sell and enjoy the weekend.



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

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