

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:00 p.m.

GCSD Transportation & Support Service Facility, 1790 Latta Road

Indigenous People's Rights in Western NY by Professor Michael Oberg

Professor Oberg will discuss Indigenous Peoples' land rights in western New York, and how state and federal governments, and legal systems, have underappreciated enduring and powerful Native American claims to the land in our part of the state.

Treaty of Canandaigua, 1794



Michael Leroy Oberg, the author of *Native America*, is Distinguished Professor of History at SUNY-Geneseo and founder of the Geneseo Center for Local and Municipal History, which he directed from 2019 until 2022.



GCSD Transportation Building,
1790 Latta Rd.



Thursday, January 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Annual Member Meeting at the GCSD Transportation Building, 1790 Latta Rd.

All Greece Historical Society members and friends are invited to our annual meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Greece Central School District's Transportation and Support Services Building, 1790 Latta Road. Receive a copy of our 2023 Annual Report, review our activities from 2023 and hear about our future plans. A financial report will be presented by our treasurer, Bill Peeck, and an election of trustees will be conducted. Trustees currently seeking re-election to serve a three-year term are **Bill Sauers**, **Gretchen Kozlowski**, **Dave Richardson** and **Sandy Peck**. Current trustee **Pam O'Sullivan** will be seeking a term of two years.



Bill Sauers



Gretchen
Kozowski



Pamela
O'Sullivan



Sandra Peck



David
Richardson

"President's Message"



Our museum is now closed for a couple of months, but there is still a lot to do; setting up a new exhibit, planning Tuesday programs, preparing our annual report for State Ed., planning our membership drive in the Spring, completing Volume 2 of *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece*, and completing the study of architect Thomas Boyde.

While our docents take a break, we will, however, maintain our regular Monday office hours. We will also conduct our annual meeting on Thursday, January 18 at the GCSD Transportation Building on Latta Road. We will still conduct Tuesday evening programs on January 9 and February 13, also at the GCSD Transportation Building.

Behind the scenes, there's always bookkeeping, membership, research, cataloging our collection and yes, maintenance of our building. Unfortunately, many of our volunteers are getting older and someday soon may not be able to help us, so we are always seeking younger people (that's anyone under 70!) to get involved and help carry out our mission for future generations. We can always use help with our membership record keeping, more docents, and people to work in the museum gift shop, and maintain our south garden next to our parking lot. If you would like to help, give us a call at 225-7221, or better yet, email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to a new and accessible parking lot once the Center project is done and the site is cleaned up, but there will be new challenges with the construction of the new 20,000 square foot Town skate park that was recently announced by the Town.

Happy New Year and, as always, thank you to our supporters from the business community and our volunteers, members, and friends for their continued commitment to preserving the past for the future!

Bill Sauers, President

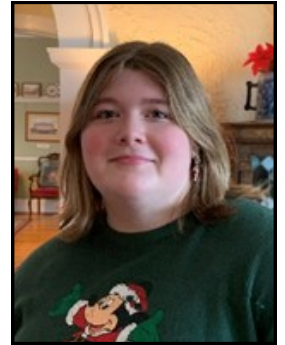
Volunteer of the Year

During our open house on December 17, we presented our annual Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023 to **Dave Seibert**. Dave is a graduate of SUNY Brockport, with a degree in Anthropology and a minor in Museum Studies. He has been volunteering with us for about 3 years. Dave stopped in one day to see how he could help us. As usual we had many opportunities for him. His first interest was to be a docent on Sunday afternoons. He was immediately trained and in no time became a permanent docent. He is always willing to help out if needed at the last minute. He also offered his services for many of our other activities, such as pasta dinners, the Strawberry Festival, and the annual craft sale. He is a valued member our staff.



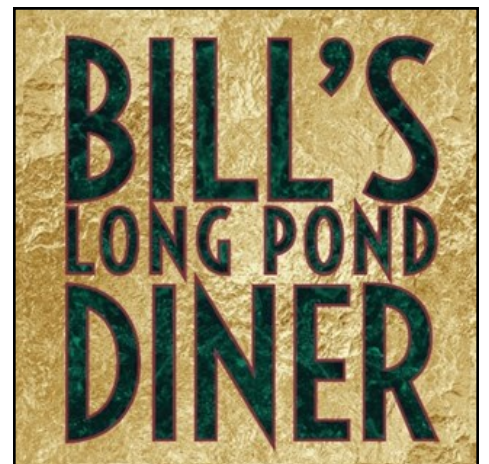
New Volunteer

Gracelyn Beachner is a sophomore at Greece Olympia. Her interest in history and looking for volunteer opportunities led her to us late last year. We look forward to working with her and the possibility of new fresh ideas from a perspective of younger person.



Lakeview Garden Club

On a cold December day, Lakeview Garden Club members braved the weather (and mud) to get our garden ready for the holidays. Thank you for keeping our place beautiful all year. (L to R) **Darlene Markham, Dottie Mason, Jackie Jandrew, Sharon Kubiak**





"Museum Shop"

The holidays are now over, and we will be closed until March. Time for a winter break. Look for our local history books, such as the *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece, Volume 1*, on our website <http://greecehistoricalsociety.org>. The books are available through PayPal.

The new *Pioneer Families Volume 2* will be available in the spring. It will be posted on our

website, on Facebook, and in our newsletter for those families waiting for the book to be printed.

While we are closed for a few weeks, we will have time to check out our inventory and look for some new/different items we can add. We always welcome any new volunteers for our Shop.

Stay in and stay warm. Looking forward to opening in March.

Wendy Peck, Shop Coordinator

Click on our QR code to shop our books



Museum Closed through February 2024

The Greece Museum will be closed through February. We plan to re-open to the public with regular Sunday hours on March 3, 2024.

We will maintain our regular 10:00 a.m. until noon Monday office hours. We will conduct our annual meeting and continue our Tuesday evening programs. If you wish to schedule a private tour, email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Our Calendar

The Museum is open Sundays 1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Office hours: Mondays 10am -Noon

To make an appointment send an email to:

greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Tuesday, January 9, Indigenous People's Rights in Western NY
by Professor **Michael Oberg**

Thursday, January 18, GHS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, History of WDKX

Tuesday, March 12, ROC 2024 Solar Eclipse: Preparing for Totality

Tuesday, April 9, Kannewischer family history

*Check our website or Facebook page prior to any event for changes.

Everyone who visits our museum is expected to adhere to all stated safety protocols, which are subject to change and may be adjusted for consistency with the latest guidance.



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Have an historic Greece-related item or photograph? We are always interested in unique items that help document the story of Greece and enhance its presentation to the public. We are a small museum with limited storage space which forces us to be very selective in what we add to our collection. If you have an item or photographs you would like us to consider, please tell us about it. Our collections team is usually available Monday mornings between 10:00 am and noon. Give us a call (585 225-7221) or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

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Greece History at GHS

George Wehner Family Photos by Marie Poinan

It is always a treat when a present or former Greece resident contacts the Greece Historical Society to share their family history with us. Earlier this year, **Ken Wehner** made an appointment to bring in his family's photo albums so that we might make copies to add to our collection. Ken, who was born in Greece, now lives in Albany and had come to town to attend the funeral of beloved and long-time Section V Hall of Fame Coach Ed Nietopski, who died at the age of 95 in March 2023.

Ken's albums contained a wealth of information on **George and Jane McGuire Wehner**, their six children and grandchildren. I scanned about 100 photos while Ken was attending the calling hours and then marked the additional pix that we wanted to copy. Ken was kind enough to scan and send them to us via e-mail once he got back home to Albany.

Another branch of the **Ignatz Wehner** family was covered in our first pioneer book. Thanks to Ken, we now have his branch preserved for future generations.

We would like to remind our readers that the Greece Historical Society accepts donations of family genealogies and materials that are relevant to genealogy or local Town of Greece history. Donated items will be added to our collection and made available to local researchers. We accept items via paper "hard copies" or digital files (e.g. photos, word docs, PDF).

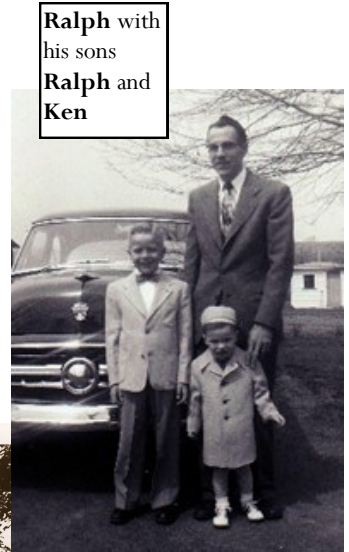
A small example of the photographs from **Ken Wehner**, *courtesy of Ken Wehner*.



George Wehner
married Jane McGuire
of Scottsville



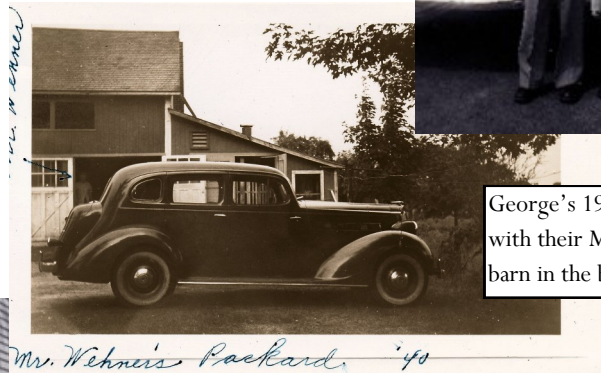
George and Jane's children:
Edward, Helen, Agnes,
Margaret, Jane, and Ralph



Ralph with
his sons
Ralph and
Ken



Ralph and Audrey
Wehner with sons Ralph
(left) and Ken (right) in their
Cravenwood Ave. home.



George's 1940 Packard
with their Mitchell Road
barn in the background.



George and Jane in their later years



George and Jane, son
Ralph with wife
Audrey and their sons
Ralph and Ken (Ken
held by Grandpa
George).



Ken Wehner visits GHS in March
2023 with family albums that were
scanned by **Marie Poinan**

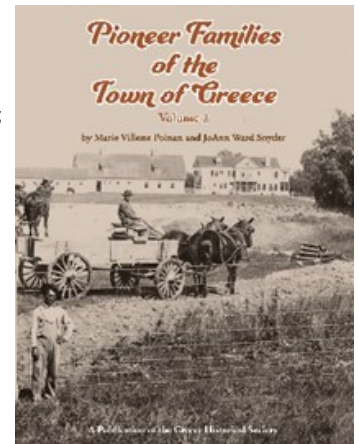
Photo by **Bill Sauers**

Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece Volume 2

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JANUARY 18, 2024

Our long-anticipated book *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece Volume 2* will be published later this spring. The project has been a labor of love for authors **Marie Poinan** and **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** but has proven to be much more difficult and time consuming than Volume 1. If you are waiting for the book, please be patient, the book **WILL** be available soon.

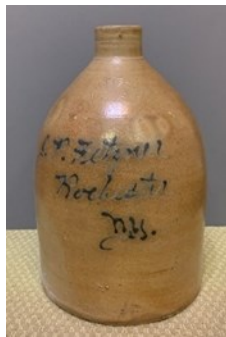


Hidden in Plain Sight

In the December Corinthian, **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** wrote a story about **J.P. Fetzner** and his wine making business on Long Pond Road in the late 1800s. Illustrated in the article was a photograph of a J.P. Fetzner wine jug that we recently acquired because of its rarity and importance to our town's history.

For the past three years our museum has had a prohibition exhibit. As part of the exhibit our volunteers constructed a model still (see arrow) that helped to illustrate a homemade distilling process.

In late December, while dismantling the exhibit in preparation for our new baseball exhibit, the jug was turned around and to our surprise J. P. Fetzner name was clearly marked on it. Apparently when the exhibit was put together, someone used an old jug they found in our attic but never looked at the name on it. We now are in possession of two very rare J. P. Fetzner wine jugs and because of Jo Ann's research, we now know their story.





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