

# THE CORINTHIAN

## GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM

### January 2014

\*January 14th, 2014 Greece Town Hall - 7pm

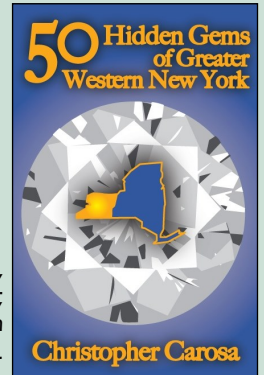
#### 50 Hidden Gems of Greater Western New York

Discover the Secrets in Your Own Backyard  
by Christopher Carosa

Mr. 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 in a light-hearted and entertaining manner. These people, places and events not only helped define Greater Western New York, but have often helped define America as well.

Autographed copies of his book will be for sale after the program for \$26.95 (including sales tax).

**Christopher Carosa** is the author of three books, a stage play and more than 400 articles on a myriad of subjects; but what he enjoys most is sharing the stories of Greater Western New York with area clubs, societies and organizations.



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### February 2014

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#### A Trip Down the Erie Canal

with Annette Lein and Justin Murphy

Democrat and Chronicle reporters **Justin Murphy** and **Annette Lein** bicycled the length of the Erie Canal in July 2013, documenting its history and the towns and villages that line it. They will share photos, videos and recollections of their trip and answer questions.

**Annette Lein** has been a photographer with the Democrat and Chronicle for more than 20 years and has bicycled around the country and abroad. **Justin Murphy** has been a staff writer with the Democrat and Chronicle since 2012.



*\*NOTE: If the new Town administration require s us to change the location of our 2014 programs from the Town Hall to another building ,we will have signage noting the change..*

## "President's Message"

### G.H.S. On The Road

Volunteers are at the museum several days a week preparing exhibits, writing articles, paying bills, researching, cataloging, maintaining membership, or docenting on Sunday afternoons. We are also on the road, meeting other museum professionals, improving our knowledge, completing projects, presenting programs or networking.



In the past year, **Kathy Firkins** and **Linda Evans** attended a seminar on "Libraries & Museums Working Together for Young Learners". **Alan Mueller** has continued to meet with other municipal historians. **Joe Vitello** and **Marilyn Malinka** have scanned hundreds of photos at the Landmark Society and have done extensive research at the Rundel Library. Others have attended an Archive Day program conducted by the Rochester Regional Library Council and the Regional Document Heritage Program and have met with representatives of the Seneca Waterways Council regarding the possibility of sponsoring a new Boy Scout Venture Group. Meanwhile, **Lee Strauss** has been working with the George Eastman House for assistance on obtaining interns from local colleges.

**Maureen Whalen** presented several programs at the Greece Public Library, **Marie Poinan** presented her programs on the Yates-Thayer farm at Fleming Point and the history of Northgate at the Villages at Unity, **Lee Strauss** told stories about hats at a church group and I presented a program for Greece Rotary, while **Kathy Firkins** has been at local schools giving previews of our museum prior to school tours.

Other volunteers have attended a Museum Association of New York networking program at the Strong Museum, attended a class on Creating Archival Exhibits and participated in the Regional Document Heritage Program advisory committee and the Greece Historic Preservation Commission.

We have been meeting with prominent members of the community to strategize an upcoming capital fundraising campaign while evaluating new copy machines and upgrading our computers.

I thank all our volunteers for taking their time to help tell the story of our community and make known the Greece Historical Society. If you would like to get involved and volunteer, give us a call at 585-225-7221 or e-mail [greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com)

**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.

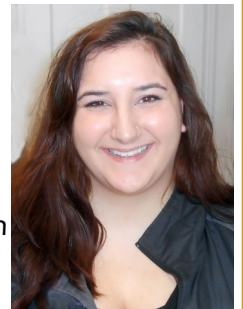
**January 19th, February 9th**  
Sunday programs  
(See page 4)

**Now through February:**  
**Vintage Game & Toy Exhibit**  
at the Greece Museum

**Wednesday, February 19 12:30-3:30 pm.**  
Vintage Games Tournament  
(See page 7)

## "Volunteer Corner"

Andrea Leasure has joined our volunteer staff recently and will be assisting with the Haudenosaunee exhibit by painting a wall mural of life in the longhouse. She is also photographing artifacts, storing them in archival boxes, and entering data on our museum software program, Pastperfect.



Andrea is an art graduate of SUNY Brockport. She has completed the museum studies program at St. John Fisher College and hopes to continue to her studies in museum work to earn her masters degree. Andrea also works full time. She considers her volunteer time with our museum fun.



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That Have SUPPORTED the  
GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**Our Museum Community**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT**

Lorraine Beane, Beverly Bell, Nick and Mary Lou Borrelli, Delores DeConinck, Betty Fetter, 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.

**Capital Campaign to begin Soon**

We are developing plans for an exciting kick-off to our 2014 Capital Campaign. We have done well so far, reaching nearly 50% of our goal to raise funds for a new roof and other improvements and needed upgrades to our historic center. Watch for more details in a separate mailing, on our website or on our Facebook page.

**Take Note**

**Bill Sauers will speak at the Chili Public Library**  
3333 Chili Ave., Monday Feb 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Bill will present his program on **Early Aviation in Rochester**. Learn about the first aeroplane flights in the Rochester area (which were conducted in the Town of Chili in 1910) and other early aeronautical facts of this area. Included in the program will be the history of our current airport and stories about some of the characters who tried, or actually did fly those early aeroplanes.

**Coming Events**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:00 pm** Greece Town Hall

**Heroes in the Attic – the Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers**, by Dennis Bielewicz

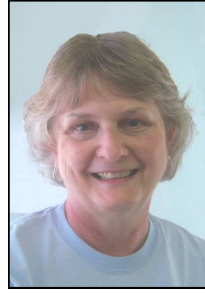
**Sunday, March 16, 2014 2:00 pm** Greece Museum  
**Tatting Demonstration**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014 7:00 pm** Greece Town Hall  
**The Adventures of Sarah Bonesteel** by Babette Huber, Victor Town Historian

## "Museum Shop"

Drop in for a visit after the holidays. We have lots of activities planned. Check out our Museum Shop and pick up that book you didn't get for Christmas. We are the only place in town that sells "Eight Miles Along the Shore". It's a wonderful book about Greece history.

Come on in for a visit and take a step back into Greece history. You'll be glad you did.



**Wendy Peck, Museum Shop Coordinator**

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

## Officers & Board of Trustees

President:	Bill Sauers
Vice President:	Paula Smith
Secretary:	Sandy Peck
Treasurer:	Needed
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### Committee Chairs:

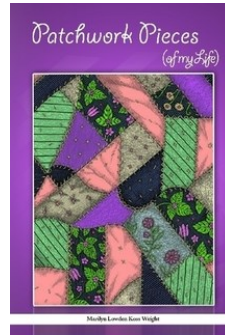
Grounds, Building	Bill Peck
Historian Office	Alan Mueller
Membership	Bernie Wallenhorst
	Maureen Whalen
Museum	Viola White
Museum Shop	Wendy Peck
Newsletter	Cyndie Shevlin
Programs	Bill Sauers
Publicity	Marge Zercie
Registrar	Lee Strauss
Tours, Education	Kathie Firkins

## Sunday Programs at the Greece Museum

Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Greece Museum

Patchwork Pieces of Life in Greece and Parma  
as told by Marilyn Lowden Koss Wright

Marilyn, the daughter of Homer and Bernice (Cole) Lowden, grew up on Elmgrove Road during the forties and fifties. She will tell stories from her books about the people and places she loves, including memories of Ridge Road, school days, summers at the lake, and Manitou Beach.

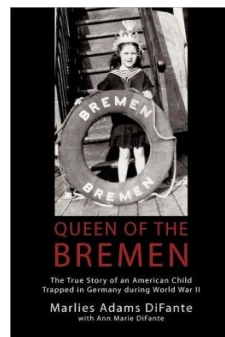


Autographed copies of her two books, Patchwork Pieces Volumes I & II, will be available for \$ 10.00 each or \$ 18.00/set.

Marilyn, a retired Hilton Central School Secretary, also has a home based Antique and Collectible business. She is currently working on a third book which will highlight the Braddock's Bay Area.

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Greece Museum

Queen of the Bremen The True Story of an American Child Trapped in Germany during World War II by Greece resident **Marlies Adams DiFante**.



Mrs. DiFante was only five years old in 1939, when her family decided to visit Germany. The family was unable to return to the US until 1946. She will tell the story of her American family in Nazi Germany. Autographed copies of her book will be available at \$20.00 per copy.

### **Please Remember**

**The Greece Historical Society** in your tax and estate planning. We are a non-profit organization supported by your \*gifts and endowments.

**We sincerely appreciate your donations.**

\*Tax deductible per (Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

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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**

We held our 3rd Annual Native American Day on Sunday, November 3rd, 2013. **Mr. Frank Grad**, who is an Iroquois historian and also a flint knapper, was our speaker/presenter. He came with many artifacts and over 100 arrowheads made from flint. As he talked about the way of life of Eastern Woodland Indians and how they made their tools, he showed several bows and arrows and demonstrated how to make an arrow from flint.



The house was filled to capacity with both adults and children. Every 5 minutes or so we had to add more chairs. We also had activities set up in the museum which were a big hit with the children. It was our most successful Native American Day.

**Native American Day** Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, featured Iroquois historian, Storyteller and flint knapper, **Frank Grad**.

Our committee continues to plan projects that include making upgrades/improvements to the Native American Display and making history boxes containing information that would be useful to the schools. Several of us on the committee will be heading to Florida for the winter, therefore, we will leave Lee with her "homework assignments" while we are away.

As always a big thank you to all of our volunteers who make these events possible. Without you they would not be the success that they are.

**Kathie Firkins, Tour Director and Education Consultant**

### **What's In That Old Shoe Box?**

Many of you have that shoe box of old photos or carousels (*remember them?*) of 35mm color slides. Some of you "organized people" even have photo albums with meticulously labeled photos. We, at the Greece Historical Society, are looking for photos of Greece life, especially from the 1950s, 60s & 70s.

If you have what we need, we can arrange to scan those photos while you wait. Bring a flash drive and we will give you the files we scan. If you live in the area, and are unable to come to us, we may be able to come to your home with our portable scanners.

Give us a call 225-7221 or email [greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) to make arrangements to help preserve the history of Greece for future generations.



## "FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

### 19th Century Town Supervisors

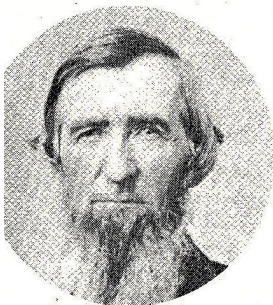
1822	John Williams
1823-25	Frederick Bushnell
1826-29	Silas Walker
1830	John Williams
1831	Elijah Hughitt
1832-33	Giles H. Holden
1834-35	Asa Rowe
1836-38	Samuel Bradley
1839-41	Lyman Langworthy
1842	Asa Rowe
1843	Abdial Carpenter
1844	George C. Salter
1845	George C. Latta
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1854-55	Elias Avery
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1858	Joshua Eaton
1859	Alamander Wilder
1861-62	Peter Larkin
1863	H. A. Olmstead
1864-69	Nelson Lewis
1870-71	Simon Butts
1872	Peter Larkin
1873	Erastus Walker
1874-75	David Todd
1876	Peter Larkin
1877-78	Alanson P. Britton
1879-80	John Lowden
1881	John Kintz
1882-83	Erastus Benedict
1884-85	Alanson P. Britton
1886	Lucien A. Rowe
1887	Alanson P. Britton
1889-89	John M. Lowden
1890	Thomas Eddy
1891-92	Joseph R. Beaty
1893	Alanson P. Britton
1894-97	James B. Castle
1898-01	Edward Frisbee (Died Feb. 27, 1901)
1899	William T. White

Our museum has never had an exhibit or much acknowledgement of our former Town Supervisors. By Spring 2014, we hope to have a display of the supervisors who served in the 20th century. We plan to include a small biography as well as an image. On the surface this seems like an easy job, but a few of the earliest men are names only, with little background information and no image.

Going back one century earlier to the 1800s and it becomes a big guessing game. Who was James B. Castle, Levi H. Parrish or our first supervisor in 1822, John Williams? The early years saw most only serving a two year term, though you could be elected to another term later, as a number did. There were just under forty supervisors during that period. The greater majority were farmers, with a few being tradesmen or operating a tavern. It is known that Elias Avery and Peter Larkin were tavern operators. Avery's Tavern (Ridge Rd at Lake Ave.) was where some of the earliest town meetings were held. Both the town of Brighton and Irondequoit have almost complete biographical material and photos. Irondequoit has images of all their supervisors except William Shepard, the very first in 1839.

As an ongoing project, I'm trying to unearth more biographical information on these early Greece pioneers who served their town and are now forgotten. My hope of finding images of the earliest supervisors is nearly zero, but I have a bit more optimism for those serving after the Civil War.

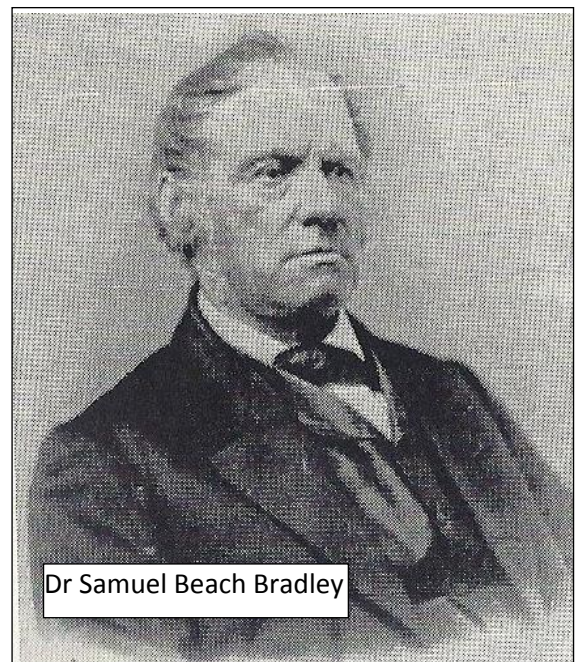
The accompanying photos of three of our 19th century supervisors are about the extent of our image collection. Anyone harboring a bit of information about the men who helped to mold our town long ago please contact the historian office.



Asa Rowe  
1834-35



Thomas Eddy  
1890



Dr Samuel Beach Bradley

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”

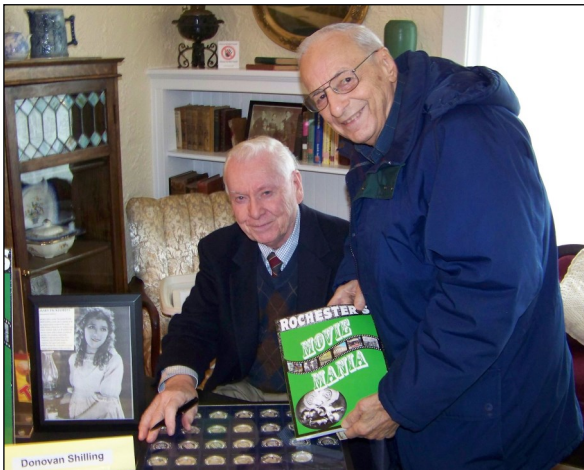


Marilyn Lowden Koss Wright ,  
Author Day, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was performed by Eleanor Stearns of Geneva, NY. on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.



Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Raya Lee from Buffalo, NY  
lectured on the War of 1812



Donovan Shilling & Bill Coe,  
Author Day Nov 10th



## Vintage Games Tournament

The Greece Historical Society is hosting a Vintage Games Tournament the week of February Recess—Wednesday, February 19 from 12:30-3:30 pm. Children ages 8-13 are invited to come that day and test their gaming and competing skills playing four games that have enthralled families for generations: *Yahtzee* (and its forerunner *Kismet*), *Sorry!* (and its forerunner *Parcheesi*), *Chutes and Ladders*, and *Dominoes*. Pre-registration is required and limited.

Call the Historical Society at 225-7221 to register or e-mail us at [greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com). Leave or send a message with the child's name and age and a contact phone number or e-mail address. Prizes will be awarded to the top three competitors.

