

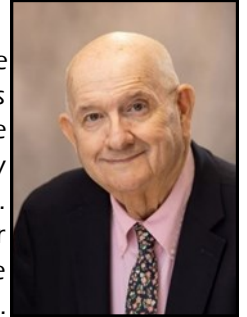
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
GCSD Transportation Building, 1790 Latta Rd.

"What's Your Game"
by Clark King

"What's Your Game?" is the title of our March 11 program. Fairport resident Clark King will be speaking on U.S. board games through the decades, spanning 150 years of American families at play. He will also be displaying many historic, unusual, and rare games from his personal collection. Take a journey back to your childhood and beyond and learn about the current booming hobby of board gaming! **Reservations are not required.**



Clark King is a charter member of the Association for Games and Puzzles International and member of the Strong Museum of Play's National Toy Hall of Fame selection advisory committee. He retired from United Way of Greater Rochester and was Fairport Village Mayor for 18 years.



Clark King



**Support the Greece Historical Society's
Fundraiser Night at Tom Wahl's**
671 Maiden Lane, Greece

Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Tom Wahl's will donate 15% of your purchase to the Greece Historical Society
Present this certificate or tell them your purchase supports the Greece Historical Society

Thank you for your support!

Sunday, March 16 at Greece Museum 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. (or until gone)
Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Save the date! Girl Scout Troop #60826 will be on our front porch on March 16 selling their yummy cookies. Stop by and pick up a box or two and support a great organization. Troop # 60826 is a Brownies troop working on projects that include community service, badges to build strong young women, and outdoor activities such as camping and archery.

We are delighted to be able to offer them this opportunity again this year.

**YUP.
IT'S GIRL
SCOUT
COOKIE
TIME.**



The Corinthian

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



"President's Message"



Our museum is open again on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Although we have been closed for two months, our volunteers have been busy planning upcoming exhibits and activities and discussing changes to our website.

We are in the process of setting up an exhibit focusing on the establishment of the NFL and early football to include information about Section 5 football. The exhibit will not be completed by our opening on March 2, please be patient. Read more about the exhibit in an upcoming *Corinthian*.

For our April and May programs we will be partnering with the Greece Public Library and returning to the Welch room. Reservations will be required <https://greecepubliclibrary.org/>

Over the past several years we have published stories to inform our members about the many volunteer organizations in our community including: the Friends of the Greece Public Library, the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, Greece Little League, Kiwanis Club of Greece, WGMC Radio, and many more. This month we hope you enjoy learning about Greece Central School District's Blue Knights Marching Band. (see page 5)

This spring we are again offering a local Girl Scout troop the opportunity to sell cookies on our front porch. Stop by on March 16, and help support this great organization of young woman.

Support the Greece Historical Society by joining us on Wednesday, March 12, 4:30-8:00 p.m. at Tom Wahl's on Maiden Lane. 15% of your purchase will go directly to GHS. Use the coupon on page one or just tell them you are supporting the Greece Historical Society. As always, thank you for your support.

Bill Sauers, President

Donate to Our Collection

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.

Wally Rust 1926 - 2025



On February 8 we lost a long-time GHS volunteer and friend, 98-year-old **Wally Rust**. Wally was a WWII veteran having served as a medic in the Navy and a retired Kodak chemical engineer. Wally walked into our museum during our WWII exhibit in 2015, and it seemed like he never left. He was an organ virtuoso, a master magician, and a whiz with recording technology. He built props for some of our exhibits and was instrumental in constructing several innovative appliances for our museum. Drawing on his wide range of interests and hobbies, Wally presented a number of Sunday afternoon talks, telling interesting stories about magic, the atom bomb, and Laurel and Hardy. He helped with recording many of our programs and editing the videos. A long time Greece resident, Wally spent his last year at the Village at Unity and the Hamlet. We will all miss Wally.



Corinthian Mailing Team

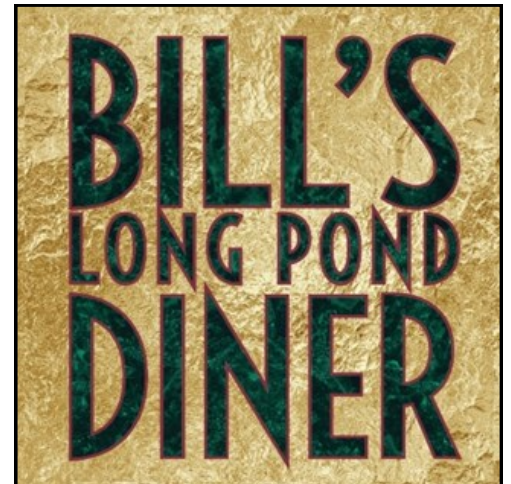
Each month a group of dedicated volunteers prepares our newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, give us a call 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

No experience necessary!



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"Museum Shop"



We're ready to open our Museum and Gift Shop. We are looking into activities to celebrate the completion of the Erie Canal 200 years ago. We all grew up with this canal...did you know it was built so long ago!

Watch out for the snowy weather this winter. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Wendy Peck, Shop Coordinator



Click on our QR code to shop our books



Our Calendar

Our museum is open on Sundays 1:30–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 2. Greece Museum opened for the season.

- Tuesday, **March 11**, "What's Your Game" Clark King
- Tuesday, **April 8**, Before Jackie: The Negro Leagues and the American Dream
- Tuesday, **May 13**, History of Holy Cross Church
- Sunday, **April 13**, History of Rochester's Main Street Bridge
- Tuesday, **May 13**, History of Holy Cross Parish
- Monday, **June 16**, Annual Strawberry Festival.

Please check our Facebook page prior to any event for unanticipated changes

We maintain office hours, Mondays 10:00 a.m. until noon
 To make an appointment send an email to
greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

She, Unsung

On February 11, story tellers, **Chandra McKenzi** and **Anne Coon** spoke to us about nine Rochester "unsung" women who made an impact and left a lasting legacy on our community and beyond.



We greatly value and appreciate your donations.
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"The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination"
 ~Don Williams

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"Four Miles Along the Towpath"

Erie Canal 200: Let's Go Greece, New York!

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany. Throughout 2025, events celebrating the Canal's Bicentennial are being planned by organizations and municipalities all along the 363-mile length of the historic waterway. The Greece Historical Society is joining in the celebration with the help of its newly formed Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee, which is planning events and activities to celebrate the role the Erie Canal played in the history of Greece.

"The construction of the Erie Canal was one of the greatest feats of engineering in history; it made New York State the Empire State and contributed to the prosperity of all the cities, towns, and villages along its towpath, including the Town of Greece. And, of course, it is still in use today. That's a reason to celebrate," said Erie Canal Committee Chair Maureen Whalen.

Throughout this bicentennial year, *The Corinthian* will feature a monthly column, *Four Miles Along the Towpath*, highlighting Greece Erie Canal history, stories, and upcoming local bicentennial events and activities.

To get started, mark your calendars for the following events/activities around the area. More details will be shared as they become available.

April 18-20, 2025: Canal Clean Sweep – Sponsored by the NYS Canal Corporation. Volunteers can help clean up more than 100 locations along historic canals in New York State.

May 16, 2025: NYS Canal System Opening Day of the 2025 navigation season.

July 12-20, 2025: Cycle the Canal – Hundreds of bicyclists will cycle the length of the canal from Buffalo to Albany. They'll pass through Greece on July 14, on their way from Medina to Fairport.

August 16, 2025: *Erie Canal 200: Greece, New York. Special event sponsored by the Greece Historical Society at Monroe County's Greece Canal Park, 241 Elmgrove Road.*

September 21-25, 2025: World Canals Conference in Buffalo.

September 24 – October 25, 2025: Eastward Voyage of the *Seneca Chief*. The replica canal boat leaves Buffalo for New York City, re-enacting the voyage of 1825 with overnight stops in canal cities and villages along the way. It will pass through Greece on September 27 on its way from Brockport to Rochester.

TBA 2026: Westward Voyage of the *Seneca Chief*, back to Buffalo.

If you would like to be a part of the Greece Historical Society's Erie Canal Committee, email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

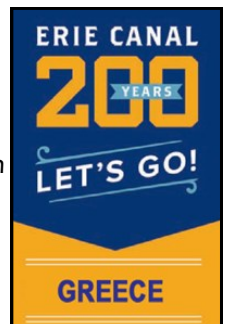


GHS Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee

(l to r) **Pat Worboys, Deborah Cole Myers, Sandy Peck, Gina DiBella, Wendy Peeck, Barbara Predmore, Rebecca Quinn, and Maureen Whalen**

**WANTED: Greece Family
Erie Canal Stories**

Did your Greece family have ties to the Erie Canal? For example, did they come to the area via the canal; live, work, and/or play on or near the canal; ship products via the canal; or even help build the canal? Please share your stories! As part of this year's celebration of the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal, towns and historical societies that border the canal are preparing exhibits, displays, and events this summer. As part of this endeavor, we'd love to include stories about how Greece families were impacted by the canal. Please send any stories and/or photographs of your canal connections to: greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. Include any information you have, such as: the names of family members or others, dates of the event or events, description of the event, and the like. Hopefully, these stories will enrich our understanding of how the canal impacted life in Greece.





The Greece Blue Knights Marching Band by Mario Belcufine



The **Greece Blue Knights Marching Band** was established in 2005 by the GCSD superintendent at the time, who wished to create a marching band in the district. The band consists of approximately 120 students representing all of the middle and high schools within the Greece School District, making it the only district-wide performing ensemble. Participation in the group is open to all percussion, woodwind, and brass students in grades 6-12 who are currently enrolled in their school band program. In addition to the musical

ensemble, the group also includes the color guard, which adds visual effects to the performance, including dance, flag work, and rifle tosses.

The Greece Blue Knights Marching Band began as a parade band when it was established but eventually became competitive and joined the New York State Field Band Conference (NYSFBC). Under the direction of **Mr. Nicholas Coirazza**, former director; **Mr. Brian King**, current director; and **Ms. Kristen Costa**, current color guard director, the group was propelled to three second place finishes and a first-place finish in 2023 at the NYSFBC State Championships in the Large Band Three Class. As a result of their success, the band was promoted in 2024 to the Large Band Two Class, a much more competitive category, and earned a respectable fifth-place finish in the fall of 2024.

Over the years, the Greece Marching Band has continued to grow and evolve into a year-round competitive organization. In addition to the field band season, which runs from April through October, Greece also has three performing groups that compete during the winter season, from November through March: two Winter Guard teams and a Winter Drumline. The Winter Guard program began in 2021 with one team of 18 students. Since then, the program has grown to include 48 students and two teams: the Regional A team, which competes locally, and the Scholastic A team, which also competes locally and attends the Winter Guard International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. The Winter Drumline began three years ago and completed their first successful run of competitions last year, with full implementation of costumes, props, and a performance floor for visual effect. All three winter groups began this year's performance season in February 2025!

The success of the Blue Knights Marching Band is a direct result of the support received from the Greece Central School District Leadership, the Board of Education, the Greece Community, and especially our dedicated marching band teachers and staff who work directly with our students, most of whom are also employed full-time as either teachers in the district, in other districts, or even in other professions. The time commitment, mostly evenings and weekends, required by the marching band staff, whether working directly with students during practices and competitions or behind the scenes managing logistics, is extreme. The district is extremely grateful for the hard work of both current and former directors and staff who have played an invaluable role in the successes of the Greece Blue Knights Marching Band over the years. Most of all, the district is extremely proud of all our students, both current and former, who have dedicated a significant amount of time, practice, and hard work to the marching arts.



Mario Belcufine is currently the Director of the Arts for the Greece Central School District, where he proudly oversees the music, visual arts, theater, and marching band programs district wide. After graduating from Greece Athena High School and the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, Mario began his career at the School of the Arts in the Rochester City School District, where he served for 23 years as a music teacher and later as an assistant principal before returning to Greece in July of 2023.



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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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