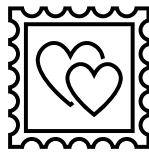




Parma Hilton Historical Society
130 Hilton Parma Corners Rd.
Hilton, NY 14468



February 2024 Newsletter

Note: The Parma Historical Society Museum will be closed from December 24th through February. We will resume our Sunday hours on March 3rd, 2024.

The museum building is closed on Sundays from December to March.
During the winter months, if you don't mind a bit of dust or displays being rearranged, the curator will be there from 1 to 3 pm
on Mondays and Wednesdays
and will give tours.

We will also give tours other days by appointment.

Call 585 392 9496 for information.

COMING SOON TO OUR TOWN: A COMPLETE SOLAR ECLIPSE



Dan Schneiderman, Eclipse Partnership Coordinator of the Rochester Museum and Science Center (RMSC), spoke at the PHHS January 8, 2024, presentation to discuss this major event. On **April 8, 2024**, the Rochester area—specifically the Greece Parma area—will be in the direct path of a total solar eclipse for the first time in almost a century. A total eclipse occurs when a portion of the Earth is engulfed in a shadow cast by the Moon which fully blocks sunlight.

Many people from outside the Greater Rochester Area are expected to come see this very rare event.

A record 116 people attended Dan's Parma Hilton Historical Society presentation at the Hilton Community Center.

Coming Events:

“Total Solar Eclipse Community Town Meeting”

Monday, Feb. 26 6 pm at Hilton High School

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Total Solar Eclipse Community Town Hall Meeting –Feb. 26

As the celestial event of a lifetime approaches, Hilton-Parma Recreation, the Town of Parma, Village of Hilton, and Hilton CSD are proud to announce a Solar Eclipse Community Town Hall Meeting on **Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at Hilton High School**. The event aims to enlighten residents about the anticipated impact this event will have on our community.

Over the past year, dedicated community

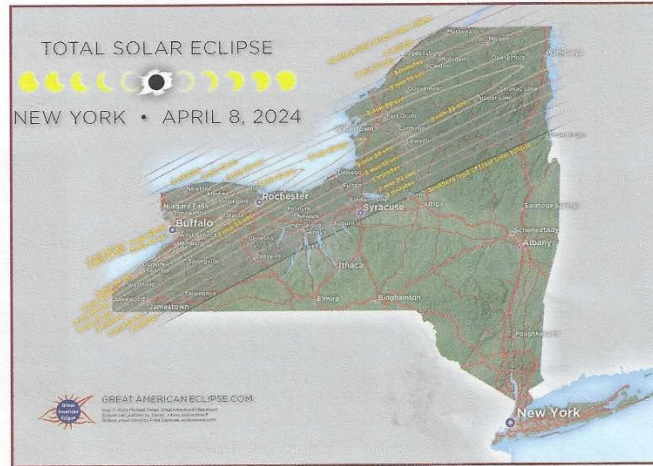
stakeholders, including Hilton CSD, the Town of Parma, Village of Hilton, and Hilton-Parma Recreation have been meticulously planning and preparing for the solar eclipse that will occur the afternoon of Monday, April 8. Their collaborative efforts ensure that the community is well-informed, adequately prepared, and equipped to make the most of this extraordinary moment.

Residents are encouraged to attend this informative event where community leaders and experts will address:

- **Eclipse Timing and Phases:** Gain insights into the schedule and phases of the total solar eclipse.
- **Safety Measures:** Learn about recommended safety measures to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience.
- **Community Activities:** Discover planned community activities and events surrounding the solar eclipse.

The Solar Eclipse Community Town Hall Meeting provides an opportunity for residents to come together, ask questions, and actively participate in the preparations for this once-in-a-lifetime celestial event. Hilton-Parma Recreation, the Town of Parma, Village of Hilton, and Hilton CSD extend a warm invitation to all community members to attend and contribute to the shared experience.

Please follow the Facebook Page: "Under the Parma Sun Solar Eclipse 2024" for general community related eclipse information.



Monday, Feb. 12 There will be **NO**
PHHS PRESENTATION

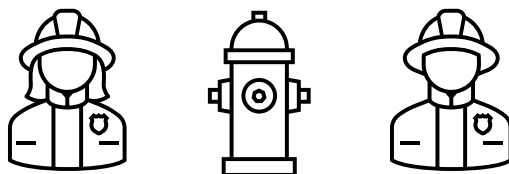
(Due to High School Eclipse talk on Feb, 26)

Monday, March 11 “The Underground Railroad”

7 pm Jerry Bennett

Ingham Room Hilton Community Center

Saturday, March 23 10am Installation of the historical
marker to commemorate the Great Hilton Fire of 1965



**“The 59th Anniversary of the
1965 Hilton Main Street Fire”**

Ceremony will be held in front of the Arlington
Restaurant

10 AM

Honoring Some of Our PHHS Members

-article by Kathy Edsall

Nancy Kuhn resigned her position as a Trustee on the PHHS Board this fall and passed her Membership/Correspondence duties on to **Kathy Edsall**. Nancy has contributed many years of dedicated and diligent service to Society in many roles. If one has a question about PHHS policy or tradition, Nancy is the one to go to. Historian David Crumb called Nancy “determined and dedicated, as well as the nicest person you could ever meet.” Personally, I have enjoyed working with Nancy as she taught me all the details of the Membership/Correspondence Chair. Nancy, we hope that you continue to be part of the Parma Hilton Historical Society in whatever roles you choose.

Ed Gable has retired from the Registrar position at the museum after many years of cataloging items donated to the museum and dealing with the many forms the State requires. Before being Registrar, Ed was curator and Trustee of our museum. Ed can now give more time to his other interest, the Antique Wireless Museum in Blomfield. Ed’s expertise, smile, and overall knowledge will be missed. **Frank** Hubbell has taken over Ed’s Registrar duties, as well as continuing to digitize documents and records for the Society. Ed, we thank you for all you have done for the Society.

Nancy Leport is the new Assistant Parma Historian, serving with Parma Historian, David Crumb. Amanda Dudley will continue as the Assistant Historian of the Village of Hilton. This fits well with Nancy’s attention to detail having been the PHHS secretary. Nancy, Best wishes in your new role.

John Toal is the new member of the PHHS Board completing Nancy Kuhn’s term. John has been an active member of the Society, especially working with the Historical Cemeteries. Welcome, John.

Tales from the Collection

Stories of the lesser-known items in the PHS Museum

-article by curator Ken Freeman



Coffee grinder

Do you like a cup, or two, of fresh hot coffee in the morning? How about the smell of fresh brewed coffee? Or even, the smell of coffee beans being ground? Remember back in the day when your Mom would go to the IGA in town, and you, as a kid, would walk by the coffee aisle and they'd be grinding beans for your Dad's cup of coffee in the morning?

Now days you can either buy your beans at your favorite local supermarket and grind them there, or you could have one of the fancy new coffee makers that has an electric grinder built into the coffee maker. In earlier times there were smaller, generally one cup hand cranked grinders that you could have in the kitchen.

Coffee drinking first came to Ethiopia and Yemen in the 15th Century, then to Italy in the

16th Century. It reached India in the mid-17th Century and the first coffee houses came to Western Europe by the late 17th Century. And coffee came to the New World with the first settlers. But the coffee grinder was not invented until 1799 by Richard Dearman, an English blacksmith. Before that, you had to pulverize the beans by whatever means you had available. There are many written accounts of soldiers in the Civil War using the butts of their rifles to grind up the beans.

This backstory brings us to the tale of another of our sometimes-unseen pieces in our Historical Society collection, In the General Store display room, is an Enterprise coffee grinder, with a patent date of 1889. This one was made by the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, founded in Philadelphia in 1864, one of the leading makers of both large and small coffee grinders. Enterprise made heavy-duty grinders for grocers, retailers, and wholesalers. The one we have here is a Number 3, and River Rat Antiques says that this would be considered a medium sized machine. Of course, being from the 19th century, it is a hand cranked model. This one was donated to your Historical Society by Beth Platt many years ago and is in very nice shape.

This one has been on display for many years and is unused. After some prodding last year by board member and docent, Frank Hubbell, I got it into working condition, which turned out to be an easy task, thanks to WD40. Frank supplied our first bag of beans, and it was a big hit with kids who came through the museum, either with their parents or with one of the school tours we host. It makes another nice interactive piece we can let kids (or parents) use when visiting the museum. I was quite surprised to see just how fine the beans can be ground.

So, the next time you come to visit the PHHS museum, be sure to stop in the General Store and grind some coffee beans.

NEWS FROM:

Greece Historical Society February 2024

WDKX Celebrates 50 Years with Andre Langston, Tuesday, **February 13, 7:00** p.m. Greece Central School District's Transportation & Support Service Facility, 1790 Latta Road.

This year WDKX, 103.9 FM, celebrates 50 years of broadcasting in the Rochester NY community. Founded by Andrew Langston. He was the owner and general manager. His wife Gloria Langston assisted with operations and together made WDKX a fixture in the Rochester radio space. The programming and activities bring people together and keeps our community engaged round the clock every day of the week on 103.9 FM. **Andrew Langston** died in 2010 at the age of 82. His son, **Andre Langston**, continues to operate the station as the current general manager and is our scheduled

Ckedsall570@gmail.comspeaker. Join us as we learn the story of Rochester's oldest family-owned radio station and its impact on the community.

Greece Museum Closed Through February The Greece Museum is closed during January and February. We plan to re-open to the public with regular Sunday hours on March 3. Office hours remain the same, Mondays 10:00 a.m.- noon. We can still accommodate small private tours during February by appointment only. Email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

2023 Annual Report Now Available Digital copies of the 2023 Greece Historical Annual Report are now available on our website at <http://www.greecehistoricalsociety.org> or you can pick up a copy at our museum during our office hours or by appointment, email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. Our annual report highlights the activities, accomplishments and events from the past year and gives an account of our financial status.

GHS Calendar

Tuesday, February 13, History of WDKX

Sunday, March 3, Museum opens for the season

Sunday, March 10, Grand opening of Baseball exhibit

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

Tuesday, April 23, "The Pioneering Kannewisher Family: From Berlin to Arlidge Drive"

Sunday, April (*date to be determined*), Girl Scout cookie sale.

Tuesday, May 14, Once upon a Time, There Were no Televisions

Other Area History Events

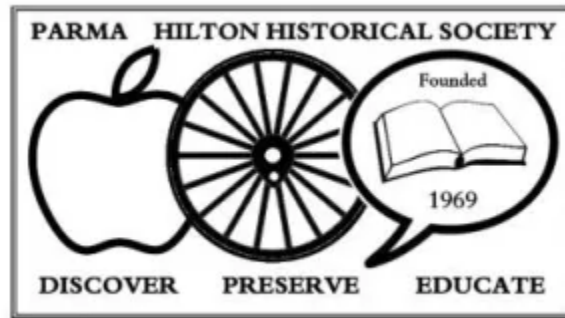
Charlotte Public Library: The Underground Railroad-the Charlotte Connections with Maureen Whalen. Thursday, **February 1 at 2:00 p.m.** Frederick Douglass, the great black abolitionist and orator; Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people; Amy Post, Quaker and abolitionist; Benjamin Barney, a butcher in Charlotte; Samuel Odell, general store owner on River Street. What do all these people have in common? They were conductors on the Underground Railroad whose destination was two ports in Charlotte, at Kelsey's Landing and at the mouth of the Genesee River, where fugitive slaves could find a steamship to Canada and freedom. Join us to learn about this fascinating clandestine network and the people, both famous and unknown, who helped an enslaved people during a turbulent time in our nation's history. Presented live or via Zoom. Email charlotte.programs@libraryweb.org or call 428-8216 for a Zoom link. The Charlotte Public Library is located at 3557 Lake Ave.

Honeoye Falls – Town of Mendon Historical Society: The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America By Michael Keene, **February 1, 7:30 p.m. ON ZOOM.** Mike will discuss the history of the Erie Canal and its social, political, and religious significance.

To access Zoom, use the following: Meeting ID: 821-5427-1847, Passcode: 669078 or

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154271847?pwd=L2QORGdtWDRQSlc3eFR0V1I2Y1A4UT09>

For additional information call: 694-8236.



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