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The Book *Perinton and Fairport in the 20th Century* Just Released

The long awaited book sponsored by the Perinton Historical Society is finally here. It has taken over 1 year and 9 authors to compile 233 pictures with captions into 128 pages. *Perinton and Fairport in the 20th Century* contains pictures never published before as the authors sought out and obtained permission from local archives and private collectors of local scenes to include their original and unusual shots for this book.

The first chapter in the book covers the first years of the 20th century

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with the coming of the RS&E trolley, then chronicles changes in the community throughout the century and concludes with the buildings in the Fairport business district razed for urban renewal in the 1970's. The middle chapters in the book deal with the neighborhoods that sprang up along the trolley route; the Fire Departments in Perinton; the coming of Public Works to the area; how the people in the community of Perinton and Fairport dealt with several of the wars that occurred in the 20th century from the Spanish American War to World War II. There are additional chapters on inventions and inventors, what Perinton and Fairport was like before the trolleys, and the different churches schools and organizations that thrived here in the 20th Century.

The Society is extremely grateful to the authors who volunteered their time and talents to make this book possible. This May, at the Society picnic, all the authors will be honored and presented with a signed copy of the book .

The book is currently on sale through the Society at our gift shop and the Perinton Town Hall on Turk Hill Road at \$1 off the regular book store price. We are selling the books at both places for \$18.99 plus tax (\$20.50 total). We are also offering the book at regular price (\$19.99) at the Fairport Village Coffee Shop at the Village Landing. If you buy a

book at Fairport Coffee, you will receive a free cup of coffee on us, a \$1.26 value.

The Society is encouraging you to buy a book at any one of these three locations as a way to help support the Perinton Historical Society and Mike at Fairport Coffee, who has been an active supporter of our book project in the past. Also, as a reminder, we are still selling our first book *Perinton, Fairport and the Erie Canal* at all three locations.

March Meeting to Feature a Talk Entitled: *Pillars, Pediments and Porticoes—Recycling Ancient Greece for Modern America 1800- 1860.*

The March 9th meeting of the Perinton Historical Society will feature an illustrated lecture by Ed Polk Douglas an Historical Consultant from Lyons, New York about Greek Revival Architecture in America.

During the first half of the nineteenth century, the United States of America was a country "on the move"--from north to south, and east to west. Expansion and optimism were "in the air," yet the "modern" style of

architecture reflected the civilization of Ancient Greece. Through selected examples from many sources, learn how such a taste evolved, its identifying characteristics, and the reasons for its national popularity. In an armchair tour, enjoy some of the delightful regional variations, while re-acquainting yourself with the treasures of Upstate New York. And, if your heritage includes such buildings, bring photos for a "show and tell".

Ed Polk Douglas, of Lyons, NY, is a longtime professional in the inter-related fields of historical architecture, period interiors, education and museum studies. A native of Mississippi, he has degrees in art history, architecture, and architectural history from Rice University, Houston, and the University of Virginia, with additional studies abroad. Douglas has published widely and has lectured throughout the United States and in Europe. He actively supports such organizations as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Victorian Society in America, and was a founding member and the first president of the Lyons Historical Society.

In 1976, after a career in the South in historic preservation, Douglas

moved north to become the first Curator of Furniture at Rochester's Strong Museum. Remaining in Upstate New York, he has gone on to work with many other institutions and individuals both locally and nationally. He has served as the Curator of the Granger Homestead, Canandaigua; the Executive Director of the Seneca Falls Historical Society; and as a faculty member at the Gannett School of the Rochester Museum and Science Center; at Cornell University; and at the Parsons School of Design. New York City. Currently, Douglas is the Guest Curator of Decorative Arts at the Rochester Historical Society.

So come to the Fairport Museum at 7:30 on Tuesday March 9th and bring a friend. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Historic Recipes.

This is a series of articles of favorite recipes from women who lived or are still living in Perinton and Fairport, as well as, recipes from local business advertisements and cook books. Biographical information was collected by Fairport Museum volunteers.

World War I was a time of sacrifice both on the battle field and the home front. Food was an important concern for people. There were frequent shortages and some regulation of the food supply in the United States during and after the war.

In April of 1917, President Wilson called on Herbert Hoover and appointed him United States Food Administrator. Food was needed not only in the U.S. but also overseas for the soldiers and our allies. Hoover had a plan to ship more food to Europe and he called it food conservation. Americans called it "Hooverizing". The plan called for eliminating wasted food and encouraging Americans to eat differently so there would be more food to ship abroad.

There were meatless Mondays, wheatless Wednesdays and an effort to have housewives use barley instead of wheat for baking. Herbert Hoover was fond of saying "there is more nourishment in barley than in wheat."

In an article in the *Monroe County Mail* 5-30-1918 there were several barley recipes sent in by the Fairport W.C.T.U. (Woman's Christian Temperance Union). A motto sent with the recipes was "Bake barley into bread; bar it from the bar." The following recipe substitutes barley flour for the more familiar wheat flour.

Barley Sponge Cake

4 eggs, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 cup sugar, 1 ½ cups barley flour, 1/3 teaspoon salt. Separate the whites and yolks of eggs, beat yolks until thick and lemon colored, add the lemon juice and salt, then add sugar and beat til light. Fold in the well beaten whites of eggs, and the lightly sifted flour, and bake in a moderate oven.

Upcoming Perinton Historical Society Meeting Speakers and Events

. Tuesday March 9th, 7:30 PM at the Fairport Museum. Ed Polk Douglas to speak on Greek Revival Architecture in western New York.

. Tuesday April 13, 7:30 PM at the Fairport Museum. Jean Czerkas to speak on local landscape architects Alling Stephen DeForest and William Parce.

. Saturday April 24, 10 to noon at the Fairport Public Library, book signing by the authors of the book "Perinton and Fairport in the 20th Century".

. May. Society Picnic in Perinton Park. Special presentation of signed books to authors of the new book "Perinton and Fairport in the 20th Century".

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DeLand Wells who lives in Auburn, NY. James has a son Andy DeLand Wells. There is also a Tom DeLand Wells that lives in the Long Meadows subdivision in Pittsford. What is remarkable about the Wells family is their continuance of the DeLand and Hubbard family names through middle names given to new generations of Wells.

So just for the record, there are still members of the DeLand family living in the area.

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- Tuesday 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- Thursday 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
- Sunday 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- The first two Mondays of every month the Archives are open for Researchers Only
8 A.M. to Noon
- Visit our website at:
<http://www.angelfire.com/ny5/fairporthistmuseum/>

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