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Greek Americans take center stage in “Sweet Home Chicago”
NHM’s candy exhibition highlights contributions of the Greek American community

CHICAGO, IL - Discover why Chicago is known as “America’s candy capital” as the traveling exhibit, *Sweet Home Chicago*, makes a stop at the National Hellenic Museum this summer.

Chicago has been at the forefront of America’s candy scene since the late 1800s when the first wave of Greek immigrants arrived in the Windy City and started opening candy and ice cream shops throughout the city.

In 1906, “The Greek Star,” one of America’s oldest Greek language newspapers, reported there were 925 Greek-owned candy and ice-cream businesses in Chicago.

The exhibit, created by the Elmhurst Historical Museum, takes on a decidedly Greek twist thanks to the National Hellenic Museum’s extensive collection of candy, ice cream, and restaurant artifacts that tell the story of some of Chicago’s most famous Greek-owned establishments and businesses.

Learn the story of Leo Stefanos, who invented Dove ice cream bars to keep his kids from chasing the ice cream truck down the street, and Peter George Poulos, who founded Margie's Candies after learning the craft of candy making from his grandfather.

Visitors will enjoy a short documentary narrated by Bill Kurtis, interactive displays with nostalgic photos and artifacts, a Candy IQ Quiz, candy wrapping challenge, and many other fun and tasty activities.

Come see the exhibit when it opens on June 16 and then make sure to come back on July 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for a rooftop celebration with James Manolakos from PanHellenic Pastry Shop. Local candy makers and bakers will offer samples of their sweets and you'll hear stories about the ways in which candy and ice cream has played a role in your own family traditions. Register [here](#) for this free event.

Image 1:

Princess Candy Store in Bloomington, IL, 1918. Courtesy of the National Hellenic Museum, Chicago, Illinois.



Image 2:

James Papageorge in *Gayety Candy*, Chicago, 1982. Courtesy of the National Hellenic Museum, Chicago, Illinois.



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PRETACED
NEW YORK
CHOCOLATE CHIP
VANILLA 1.70

CARRY OUT SANDERS

1/2 qt STRAWBERRY SUNDAE	105	WHIPPED PEACH	155
1/2 qt STRAWBERRY GAYETY SPLIT	175	MALTED MILK	145
1/2 qt GAYETY SPECIAL	195	MALTED MILK FLOAT	165
1/2 qt BANANA SPECIAL	195	MILK SHAKE	135
1/2 qt HOT FUDGE BANANA SPLIT	170	MILK SHAKE	145
1/2 qt HOT FUDGE SUNDAE	165	MILK SHAKE FLOAT	165
1/2 qt PECAN SUNDAE	165	1/2 qt STRAWBERRY SODA	135
1/2 qt BANANA SPLIT	165	1/2 qt PINEAPPLE SODA	135
1/2 qt CHERRY SUNDAE	170	CHOCOLATE SODA	120
1/2 qt CHOCOLATE SUNDAE	170	CHOCOLATE SUNDAE	125
1/2 qt CHERRY SODA	165	CHERRY SODA	125
1/2 qt PINEAPPLE SODA	170	CHERRY SUNDAE	125
1/2 qt CHERRY SUNDAE	165	PINEAPPLE SODA	125
1/2 qt PINEAPPLE SODA	160	PINEAPPLE SUNDAE	125
1/2 qt LOVERS' DELIGHT SUNDAE	160	PLAIN ICE CREAM ALL SEASONS	90
1/2 qt MARSHMALLOW SUNDAE	160	HOT CHOCOLATE	75
1/2 qt MAPLE NUT SUNDAE	160	WITH MILK	85
1/2 qt CARAMEL SUNDAE	160		
1/2 qt CHOCOLATE SUNDAE	160		



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Located in Chicago's Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org> or call 312-655-1234.

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