

WELCOME!

I have been tasked with helping to keep committee members (County and Town), volunteers, and members of the Board of Supervisors apprised of our efforts as we prepare for the Bicentennial celebration on April 11, 2023.
 - Patti Holdraker,
 Member, Steering & Souvenirs Committee

We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks

THE WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL FLOAT IS PARADE-READY

Thanks to Rose Town Supervisor Richard Lasher and Huron Town Supervisor Phil Eygnor and other volunteers, we now have a Bicentennial Float to be displayed in parades and at events throughout Wayne County from now through 2023. It will be in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2021.



PROPOSED FINGER LAKES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

The National Park Service is doing a feasibility study for a possible National Heritage Area designation. This proposal could enhance our local tourism industry and help us promote our local history. Two representatives of the National Park Service shared information with the WHO organization on 4/8 via zoom. To learn more and to comment (by June 1), you can visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?documentID=107907>

Wayne County Tourism Director, Christine Worth has been involved with this topic. If you have questions, Christine can be reached at CWorth@co.wayne.ny.us

COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

Thanks to Loreen Jorgenson and Chris Davis for the MANY hours they have invested in this project. Several others are now involved in helping with proofing of the materials. The calendar will be going to our designer soon. More news next month.

PRESENTATIONS

Several PowerPoint presentations have been made. These include our Wayne County Bicentennial overview presentation being made to the Lyons Heritage Society on 4/19.

We developed a Bicentennial Update program that we presented to the Walworth Committee on 4/13, Wayne County Board of Supervisors on 4/20, Macedon Town Board on 4/22, and Huron Town Board on 5/4. We plan to share the program with several other groups over the next few weeks.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee met via Zoom on 4/21/21. One of the major topics of discussion was the kick-off of our 2023 Bicentennial Year. We hope to begin with several BIG events in April 2023.

These will include a ceremony on 4/11/2023 and perhaps a Bicentennial Ball and Family Fun Day. All of these are in early stages of discussion. We are looking for volunteers to join planning committees for each event. Please contact bicentennial@waynehistorians.org if you might be willing to help out.

TOWN COMMITTEES FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

The Town Committees are essential for coordinating the many bicentennial activities being planned. Among the important roles: to help with the distribution of brochures and other materials, selling commemorative calendars & other souvenir items, coordinating with local festivals/events for that the bicentennial can be included in these annual town events, and helping us coordinate the torch relay scheduled for August 2023.

Some committees have been meeting while others are just forming. Questions may be directed to Gene or Rosa.

COLLEGE INTERNS

We are exploring the possibilities of coordinating with Geneseo and RIT to get college interns to work with the Wayne Historians Organization and/or the Bicentennial Committee. There is not much more to report at this time, but we believe that there are many undertakings students could accomplish to help us preserve and promote our local history.

HISTORIC MARKERS DEDICATED

Congratulations to Marion Town Historian, Caryn Devlin, on THREE new Historic Markers from the Pomeroy Foundation that were dedicated on April 24.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- June 9 at 10 AM – Wayne Historians Meeting via Zoom
- June 23 at 3:30 PM – Wayne County Bicentennial Committee via Zoom
- August 10 at Noon – Wayne Historians Meeting “in person” at Alling Coverlet Museum, Palmyra
- September 8 at 3:30 PM – Wayne County Bicentennial Committee via Zoom
- December 8 at 3:30 PM – Wayne County Bicentennial Committee via Zoom

PLACES TO GET INFORMATION:

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As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, etc., please contact Gene or Rosa.

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