

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

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee was able to meet – in person – for the first time since March of 2020!!! What a joy to assemble on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021! Bicentennial Committee member, Steve Heald hosted the gathering, and offered a tour of his new “barn” as well as a very informative and enlightening overview of his historic car collection. We will definitely be returning for more tour and historic car stories! Oh yes, and to talk bicentennial matters, too!

WAYNE COUNTY UNITY FESTIVAL

The Wayne County Unity Festival is scheduled for October 16, 2021, from 10 AM to 4 PM to be held at Perkins Park in Newark. The event will showcase Wayne County organizations, not-for-profits, and businesses. There will be something for the entire family at this festival.

An important goal of the Unity Festival is to instill pride and dedication and to continue to make Wayne County a GREAT PLACE to live, work, and visit. The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee will have a table at the Unity Festival to share information about the bicentennial celebration and local history. We will continue to share information on the Unity Festival as it becomes available.

DONATIONS

Donations to the Bicentennial continue to come in. The Bicentennial “200 Club” has grown to about a dozen members. Are you a “200 Club” member? We have been able to fund the production of Bicentennial T-shirts and a portion of the Bicentennial Commemorative Calendar through these generous donations. Both the t-shirts and calendar sales to help build funds for other projects. The “big events” of 2023 are going to need a significant amount of money to keep the celebration affordable for our Wayne County families. If you haven’t donated yet, please consider a donation in any amount. And please, pass the information along to your friends and neighbors encouraging their support. To donate, simply visit <https://www.waynehistory.org/donationcampaigns>. Select the level you wish to donate. A “special level” to commemorate Wayne County’s 200 years is available – the “Wayne County 200 Club.” For your donation of \$200 you will receive a special commemorative gift. You may also send a donation to the Wayne County Historical Society, 21 Butternut Street, Lyons, NY 14489. Be SURE to clearly mark it WAYNE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL FUND.

T-SHIRTS

Bicentennial T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE! They can be purchased at the Wolcott Farmers Market on Thursdays, the Sodus Farmers Market on Wednesdays, and the Walworth Farmers Market on Tuesdays - OR you can contact Gene or Rosa. The t-shirts are also available at the Museum of Wayne County History which is open Tuesday through Saturday (<https://www.wayne-history.org/>)



CALENDAR

The Bicentennial Calendar is off to the printer! Be on the lookout for sales of the calendar in October. This is a beautiful commemorative item – filled with historic tidbits and photos celebrating the immense history of Wayne County – and will make a great holiday gift.

Calendar co-chairs, Loren Jorgensen and Chris Davis have compiled a keepsake that will be enjoyed for many years to come beyond 2023!



BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS AND CHAIRS

With the T-shirts and Calendar projects completed, we are now focusing in on other projects to move toward completion.

Activity Book for Primary Age Children

Caryn Devlin (Marion)

Bicentennial Photo Quilt

Bob Mogray (Waworth) and *Joyce Lyke* (Ontario)

Torch Relay

Jeff Washburn (Newark) *Bob Oaks* (Macedon)

Memories Book

Amber Linson (Walworth)

Bicentennial Minutes

Bruce Farrington (Sodus)

Geocaching

Linda Guest (Lyons)

Antique Boat Show

Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association/Sodus Bay Yacht Club
contact - *Dave Pennington* (Rochester)

Wayne County NY Challenge

Gene Bavis (Walworth), *Rosa Fox* (Huron), and
Christine Worth (Macedon)

Float

Dick Lasher (Rose), *Phil Eygnor* (Huron)

Car Show

(Wolcott Lions Club)

There are many other events and projects in the works. We will expand upon those in future Bicentennial Bytes.

TOWN COMMITTEES

Each town should have a committee established to help with the promotion of county-wide activities, as well as to plan local events within their town to help celebrate the bicentennial. Please support these committees in your town. Attend a meeting, join in an activity, reach out and let the committee chairs know you are willing to assist. The following are the town committees and their chairpersons.

(Sorry, we are missing some but will update ASAP).

Arcadia:	Chris Davis
“Old Galen” (<i>Galen & Savannah</i>)	Jessie Ball, Hugh Miner
Lyons:	Linda Guest & Patty Alena
Macedon:	Linda Braun
Marion:	
Ontario:	
Palmyra:	Beth Hoad
Sodus:	Steve Heald
Walworth:	Amber Linson
Williamson:	
“Old Wolcott”: (<i>Butler, Huron, Rose, and Wolcott</i>)	Rosa Fox

PLACES TO GET INFORMATION:

www.waynecounty200.com
www.waynehistorians.org
Facebook and Instagram. #waynecounty200



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

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or call 315-573-2768
Rosa Fox rfox@townofhuron.org
or call 315-573-4493

Gene Bavis & Rosa Fox

Co-Chairs, Wayne County Bicentennial



The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee

LEADERSHIP:

Co-Chair – Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian
Co-Chair – Rosa Fox, Huron Town Historian
County Historian – Peter Evans

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Peg Churchill

Retired Wayne County IDA Director

Karen Dean

Reliant Community Credit Union

Caryn Devlin

Historian, Town of Marion

Phil Eygnor

Supervisor, Town of Huron

Linda Eygnor

North Rose - Wolcott Board of Education

Bruce Farrington

former Village of Sodus Point Historian

Steven Groat

Supervisor, Town of Galen

Linda Guest

Historian, Town of Lyons

Rhea Hayes

Executive Director,
Museum of Wayne County History

Steven Heald

former Sodus Town Historian

Patti Holdraker

Times of Wayne County

Kim Iraci

Williamson Public Library Director

Michael Jankowski

Wayne County Clerk

Richard Lasher

Supervisor, Town of Rose

Alicia Linzy

Teacher
Lyons Central School

Brian Manktelow

NYS Assemblyman, District 130

Marygrace Mazullo

Superintendent
Williamson Central School

Laurie McFaul-Frey

Wayne County Fair

Robert Oaks

former NYS Assemblyman, District 130

Jim Paprocki

Webmaster
Wayne Historians Organization

James Schuler

Assistant Director
Wayne County Youth Advocacy Program

Linda Stevenson

Wayne County Historical Society

Christine Worth

Director
Wayne County Tourism