

Bicentennial Bytes and Updates

-- MAY/JUNE 2022 --

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.

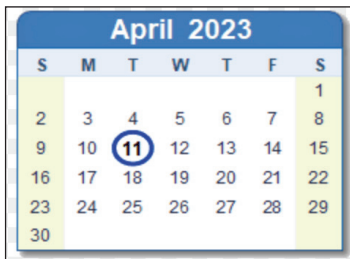
- Patti Holdraker,
Member, Steering & Souvenirs Committee

We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

APRIL 11, 2023!

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, is our official 200th birthday celebration. The Bicentennial Committee is working on plans for a BIG ceremony in Lyons. As this is a weekday, and we understand some may find it difficult to attend, we are planning to livestream and record the ceremony. Our goal is to have as many people participate in the event - representing towns from across Wayne County. We are also looking forward to having youth participants from schools across the county be part of this milestone celebration.



BICENTENNIAL FLOAT APPEARANCES FOR 2022

We are currently booking appearances of the Bicentennial Float at your big events in each town. It could be a parade or just a display of the float. Contact Gene or Rosa if you'd like to have the float at your event.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

The Bicentennial Committee has reserved a space at the Wayne County Fair August 8-13. We will be there to promote upcoming bicentennial events and share historical information. VOLUNTEERS are needed to staff the table. If you can help, please contact Gene or Rosa.

BICENTENNIAL MINUTES

The Bicentennial Minute series began on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Every Thursday a new Bicentennial Minute will be released on Facebook and Instagram, as well as a print version to local newspapers and sound bites to WACK Radio.

The 52 Bicentennial Minutes, produced under the leadership of Bruce Farrington are 2 - 5 minutes in length, and cover a variety of historical topics. Coming up: June 2 - *Mural Mania*; June 9 - *Battle*

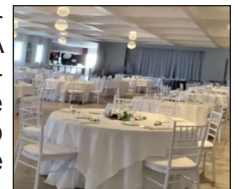


of Sodus Point; June 16 - General Gordon Granger; June 23 - Rochester and Sodus Bay Trolley; June 30 - Ontario Ore Mining; July 7 - Down on the Farm; July 14 - Walking on Water in Savannah.

Note - If you miss a Bicentennial Minute or don't use any of the media sources listed, links to the released programs may be found on the Bicentennial Website - here: <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/4047/Bicentennial-Minutes-Publication-Dates-PDF>

BICENTENNIAL GALA

Carey Lake will be the venue for the Bicentennial Gala Ball on May 13, 2023. A "dress up" event, with dinner and entertainment, this is sure to be a memorable event for all. Patti Holdraker is heading up the committee for this project. SAVE the DATE!



ACTIVITY BOOK FOR KIDS - AVAILABLE NOW!

The Bicentennial Activity Book is in its second printing!! In April, the activity books were delivered to fourth grade classrooms that requested them for this school year. Available at all public libraries in Wayne County, the books will also be available from historical societies and other organizations. If you would like one, please visit your local library. This book has been made possible by funding from the budget for the Wayne County Bicentennial promotion.

MEMORIES BOOK

The Wayne County Bicentennial Memories Book committee has received over 140 submissions. Headed up by Amber Linson, of Walworth, the committee members Jim Wood and Sandi Hamilton of Sodus, Perry Howland and Anne L'Hommedieu of Williamson, and Kate Chamberlin of Walworth are in the final stages of review and planning the layout for the book comprised of stories, poems, photos, and artwork from around the county. This commemorative volume written by and for Wayne County residents will be a treasured keepsake for years to come and a valuable record of life during the 20th and early 21st centuries.



BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

The Wayne County 2022-2023 Bicentennial Calendar is still available! Filled with over 800 Wayne County historical facts and 300 colorful images, this calendar is a keepsake everyone will enjoy looking at hopefully to the next county milestone in fifty years. Calendars are available through the Museum of Wayne County History - <https://www.waynehistory.org/product-page/bicentennial-calendar>. Or you may visit the Bicentennial website to find out where you can purchase a calendar

near you.

<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/DocumentCenter/View/3171/Where-to-Find-a-Calendar-PDF?bidId=>

PHOTO QUILT/POSTER

40 photos for the Wayne County Photo Quilt have been sent out to be printed on cloth. They will then be assembled and quilted by the Reverse Curves Quilt Club. Upon completion, a poster will be made from the quilt for sale throughout the county. Profits from the sale of the poster will help to subsidize bicentennial activities. The quilt will travel to as many bicentennial events as possible. At the conclusion of the bicentennial year, we will find a permanent home for the quilt where it will be preserved for posterity and where the public will be able to enjoy it for years to come. quilted by the Reverse Curves Quilt Club. Upon completion, a poster will be made from the quilt for sale throughout the county. Profits from the sale of the poster will help to subsidize bicentennial activities. The quilt will travel to as many bicentennial events as possible. At the conclusion of the bicentennial year, we will find a permanent home for the quilt where it will be preserved for posterity and where the public will be able to enjoy it for years to come.

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM

Are you following Wayne County NY Bicentennial 2023 on Facebook or Instagram? Every day, there is a new post of historical interest. <http://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200/> or for Instagram - @waynecounty200.

200 CLUB/315er CLUB

Donations to the Bicentennial continue to come in. The Bicentennial "200 Club" has grown to over 25 members. Have you become a "200 Club" member yet? 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 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, neighbors, and local organizations 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. At the \$315 level you will be donating to both the Bicentennial and the Wayne County Historical Society, and receive two special commemorative gifts.

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.

NEW!! WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BLOG

The Wayne County Historical Society has started a blog you can receive via email. The blog is a great way for many bicentennial topics to be shared – including the Bicentennial Minutes. To view past blog postings, visit: <https://www.waynehistory.org/blog> To subscribe to the blog, it is easy! Visit the home page, scroll to the bottom of the page and sign-up! <https://www.waynehistory.org>

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE BICENTENNIAL WITH LOCAL GROUPS

Gene and Rosa are happy to provide programs for local service organizations, historical societies, and other community groups to share information about bicentennial projects with a little bit of local history for an added garnish. If you are interested in having a talk about the bicentennial and a local history presentation for your group, please reach out to Gene and Rosa at Bicentennial@wayne-historians.org.



BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR JUNE 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2 6 PM Sodus Chamber of Commerce. Sodus Library Rosa Bicentennial Informational
- June 5 2 PM Rose Historical Society Rose Farnsworth Museum Rosa Bicentennial Informational
- June 7 12 PM Wayne County Retired Teachers Luncheon Young-Summer Winery Gene & Rosa Bicentennial Informational
- June 13 Bicentennial Float at "Rolling Stoves" in Sodus
- June 14 Parkwood Retirement Home Gene & Rosa Bicentennial Informational
- June 15 Bicentennial Float at the Opening of Sodus Farmers Market
- June 15 3:30 PM Bicentennial Committee Lyons Conference Room
- June 17 Bicentennial Information Table at Wine & Artisans Festival, Newark
- June 18 Bicentennial Float at Quaker Days in Macedon
- June 24 Bicentennial Float at Wayne Education Foundation Event in Ontario

