

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

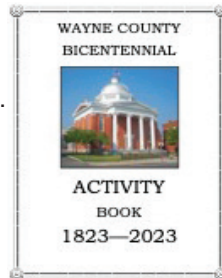
We urge you to share this newsletter with your networks

ACTIVITY BOOKS FOR KIDS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The second printing of the Bicentennial Activity Book is complete. The books are now available at all Wayne County public libraries, historical societies, farmers markets and other organizations. Kids of all ages will enjoy reading and doing the activities in this informative book.

The Activity Books are now available on line to download - one page or the entire book for classroom or personal use.
<https://waynehistorians.org/Publications/>

This second printing has been made possible through the generous support of the Augustus and Jennie D. Hoffman Foundation



BICENTENNIAL FLOAT

Appearances across Wayne County

Be sure to be on the lookout for the Bicentennial Float at parades and other events in your town. There are still openings for the float for your event. Please contact Gene if you would like more information to have the float at your community event.

Upcoming Float Appearances scheduled

(weather permitting):

Peppermint Days Parade in Lyons on 7/16

Walworth Festival Parade on 7/22

Sodus Point Splash on 8/6

Wayne County Fair Parade on 8/12

Clyde Festival Parade on 8/13

Wolcott Farmers Market on 8/18

Wolcott Lions Club Car Show on 8/20 and more.



CATCH THE BICENTENNIAL MINUTE FEVER?

The Bicentennial Minutes have been running weekly for around three months - beginning back on April 7, 2022.

Every Thursday a new Bicentennial Minute is released on Facebook, as well as a print version released to local newspapers and sound bites to WACK Radio. Produced under the leadership of Bruce Farrington, the 52 Bicentennial Minutes are two to five minutes in length and cover a variety of historical topics.

Coming up: July 14 – Walking on Water in Savannah; July 21 – The Rivers of Clyde and Galen; July 28 – Palmyra NY and the Birth Place of Mormonism; August 4 – The Hotchkiss Oil Company and Museum; August 11 – Union Church and Gates Hall; August 25 – Bessie and Jay Seely; September 1 – Susan Cleveland Yeomans.

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: <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/547/Bicentennial-Videos>

JULY 14, 2023 - STATE OF GREATER WESTERN NEW YORK - with Chris Carosa

Co Chairs of the Wayne County Bicentennial, Gene Bavis and Rosa Fox, will be guests on Chris Carosa's program to talk about the Wayne County Bicentennial. If you would like to watch us LIVE, go to <https://stateof.greaterwesternnewyork.com/>.

Then scroll down to the bottom of the site where there is a box the says "The State of Greater Western New York Report Audience Invitation Request" and fill it out. That puts you on the invitation list and you'll receive an automatic email Thursday morning with the live-audience link information.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR - AUGUST 8-12, 2022

The Bicentennial Committee has reserved a space at the 2022 Wayne County Fair. 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.

Coming in the Fall!

MEMORIES BOOK

The Wayne County Bicentennial Memories Book committee, headed up by Amber Linson, of Walworth, is in the final stages of working on the layout for the book comprised of stories, poems, photos, and artwork from around the county.

140 submissions have been chosen for this commemorative volume written by and for Wayne County residents.

This volume will be a treasured keepsake for years to come and a valuable record of life during the 20th and early 21st centuries.

The book will be ready in the fall in time for holiday gift giving.

PHOTO QUILT/POSTER

40 photos of historic sites from across the county that will comprise the quilt have been printed on cloth. The Wayne County Photo Quilt is now being assembled and quilted by the Reverse Curves Quilt Club. Upon completion, a poster will be made from the quilt, which will be for sale throughout the county. Profits from the sale of the poster will help to subsidize other bicentennial activities. The quilt will travel to as many bicentennial events as possible throughout late 2022 and all of 2023. 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.

Looking Ahead to 2023...

APRIL 11, 2023 - THE BIG DAY!

This is our kick-off event for the year of celebration!

A ceremony in Lyons will be held and LOTS more.

Details are in progress.

STAND BY FOR NEWS!

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MAY 13, 2023 - BICENTENNIAL GALA

THE BALLROOM AT CAREY LAKE in Walworth will be the venue for the Bicentennial Gala 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!

AUGUST 14-18, 2023 - BICENTENNIAL TORCH RELAY

The 200-mile route is mostly laid out. Relay Chair, Jeff Washburn and his team are working hard to make this an outstanding event. We will not be opening sign-up until late winter or early spring. Watch future issues & our website/FB pages for more details.

AUGUST 19, 2023 - FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

In fact, we are planning to have Fun Day events ALL week at the 2023 Wayne County Fair, but the BIG DAY will be on Saturday, 8/19/23 when youth will be admitted for FREE. We have begun preliminary inquiries to secure re-enactors, musical performers, craft demonstrators, game leaders, and lots of hands-on activities for ALL ages. If you have a skill to share OR if you know someone who might be willing to participate, please contact Gene or Rosa. We are primarily looking for activities that have some historical perspective and can help make HISTORY FUN!

FARMERS MARKETS AND OTHER EVENTS

Be on the lookout for the Wayne County Bicentennial Informational Table at events across the county.

Rack cards on every town in the county and special topical cards are available, along with Activity Books, and other informational materials.

Available for purchase at these sites are the 2022-2023 Bicentennial Commemorative Calendar, T-shirts, Bicentennial Pins. Be sure to stop by to visit, spin a tale or two about your town, and enjoy the good spirit of people who love their community and its stories.

FOLLOW THE WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BLOG

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>

BICENTENNIAL CHAT!

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@waynehistorians.org.

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

SUPPORT THE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES 200 CLUB/315er CLUB

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 an engraved crystal apple as a special commemorative gift. At the \$315 level, you will be donating to both the Bicentennial and the Wayne County Historical Society and receive the crystal apple and the marble base as 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.



Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/waynecounty200/>



Instagram - @waynecounty200.

"Wayne County is
Historic to the Core!"



The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee

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