

Historian's Newsletter – June 2013

June 1, 2 was officially “Path Through History” Weekend and many museums planned big opening celebrations. I have only heard from Heritage Square, where their opening festival weekend went very well.

You all know that Gene Bavis, Walworth Historian, has a number of projects underway that should benefit most everyone:

- Inventory and make visible on the web all Wayne County Murals
- June 11th tour of southern Wayne County Towns and heritage sites
- July 24th bus tour of selected lakeshore heritage sites
- Representing Walworth Historical Society and Wayne County at the New York Cultural Heritage Tourism Network. Has each Historical Society made a **conscious decision** whether to join or not to join the NYCHTN (New York Cultural Heritage Tourism Network)? <http://www.newyorkculturalheritagetourismnetwork.com/>
- Has each Historical Society returned Gene Bavis' “Site Survey” form?
- Gene has invited Seth Burgess to join the June WHO Meeting to discuss an idea for a Wayne County History Website. Many of you know that Seth Burgess is President of Wayne County Trail Works and is the developer of the very popular website.
- “**Wayne County Life**” I know many people who begin each day by checking what is new on Wayne County Life. <http://www.waynecountylife.com/>
- **This new proposed county-town history/heritage website** - Would allow each town, village or other entity to add their own history content to this website. I assume this would **not** be a wide-open forum but would have some editorial oversight. Where possible appropriate citations would be expected.
- **NYS Historic Markers:** You are aware that I have asked for an inventory of New York State Historic Markers and other similar markers and heritage sign panels in each village or town. These panels and markers will become part of the inventory and heritage trail. Many of you have projects going to refurbish these markers and signs. Marker refurbishing makes a great civic or scout project. In addition, a local team is willing to

refurbish state markers at a very modest cost. I can get the details for anyone interested.

- **War of 1812 Panels:** Are available throughout the coming season. Only stipulation is....you pick up and return.

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