



THE MULE

A quarterly newsletter of Camillus Erie Canal Park and the Camillus Canal Society

Town of Camillus, 4600 W. Genesee St., Camillus, NY 13031

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Spring Edition

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The GRAND CELEBRATION May 22, 2010

UPDATES: Shuttle Service will be available from Reed Webster Park and DOT at DeVoe Road. Handicapped may use parking facilities close to the Aqueduct area. Thompson Road will be closed. Police, WAVES and Fire Department services and restroom facilities are available.

GENERAL SCHEDULE:

7-11 Kickoff **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at the Elks Club to benefit the Canal – sponsored by the Camillus Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and Elks Club.

10:30 sharp **Boat Parade** – Flotilla with dignitaries.

10:45 **Land Parade and Boat Parade** go over the Aqueduct.

Among the **groups providing entertainment** at the Aqueduct will be **Merry Mischief, West Genesee Music Department, Open Hand Theater, Pony Express, Syracuse Pipe Band** and **122 Regiment Civil War reenactors**. At a booth near the Aqueduct, the **U.S. Postal Service** will have a special cancellation stamp in honor of this occasion.

11:00 **Official Ceremonies** Among the guest speakers will be **Carmella Mantello**, Director of Canal Corporation, **Tom Grasso**, President of the Canal Society, State of New York.

12-5 **Towpath Day** will open traditional activities featuring demonstrators, crafters, kids; stuff with Make and Take and good food.

Entertainment during Towpath Day steam-up includes:

12-3 **Marcellus Blue Grass Apple Pickers Association.**

1:00 **Morris Dancers.**

2 :00 **Sarah Irene McGee**, Historical Potatoes in the Snackbar.

3-4 **Bells and Motley** outstanding performance “Fifteen Years on the Erie Canal” on Stage in the Pole Barn.

4:00 **West Genesee Fiddlers.**

Evening Activities:

6 PM **Chicken BBQ** catered by Ernie's \$10.00 pp.

7:30 Entertainment at the Aqueduct **LOCK 53 JAZZ BAND.**

9:15 **FIREWORKS AT THE AQUEDUCT.**

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!! Questions?? Please call 488-3409.

VOLUNTEER MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Senior Center was bustling with activity during the *Appreciation Dinner* held on March 13. **Don Fischer** entertained the group with his fantastic piano playing. Under the direction of **Joe Menzel**, a wonderful dinner was served to over 150 volunteers and guests. Committee chairs were recognized. Our **Business Appreciation Award** was given to **Bob Reece** whose ariel photo of the Ontario and Camillus Erie crossing the Aqueduct on August 15, 2009 has made a great impression upon the community. Gail Banks conducted the business meeting which welcomed **Ed Morgan** and **Jim Thrall** as new members. Board members **Clyde Ohl, Jim MacKessy, Fred Cossick and Pat Cooper** were re-elected to the Class of 2013.

Dave Beebe announced that volunteers logged 25,800 hours. Ed Morgan acknowledged the boat builders. About a year ago Dick Grobsmith came up with the idea to make mementoes from the timbers of the old Aqueduct for those involved with the Aqueduct construction. **MaryAnn Coogan, Eric Bacon, Fenton Hanchett, Dick Grobsmith and Tom Kehoskie** each received a plaque made from the wood of an Aqueduct beam. Memorial plaques will be placed in the Park for **Art Darrow, Bob Schmidt and Bill Tyler**. Our traditional Aqueduct plaques were give to **Vector Construction Company, Eric Bacon, Fred Cossick, George Echenfelder and Bob Shafer**. **Lifetime Achievers** are: **Nadine Anagnost, Janet Darrow, Shirley Ridler, Mary Ann Rust and Don Fischer**.

Dan Willis became the **Volunteer of the Year**. His abilities are incredible. Dan was the owner of Valley Press and continues to serve the community in retirement. He enjoys speaking with senior groups. He has been invaluable working on the boats. We are indebted to him for the beautiful invitations for the Grand Aqueduct Celebration. He has designed envelopes, decals and signs. You will find "Dan the Man" everywhere. We are very grateful for his contributions.

NEW PONTOON BOAT

Our new pontoon boat soon to be launched! The boat weighs approximately 2,500 pounds, 32 feet in length, 12 foot beam and will hold approximately 30 passengers including a crew of 3. The 60 hp Mercury 4-stroke engine was tested on land with water hoses on Wednesday, March 24th. The 24 volt bow thruster motor was installed with foot controls at the same time. The gas tanks and battery box will be installed along with the 30 adult and 5 children Class One life jackets. After the launch, stabilization tests and inspection will be done along with 'sea' trials and practice runs. The boat will be used, along with the Otisco, for continued dinner cruises. The new boat, with more capacity, will help greatly with school groups and Sunday cruises. The many suggested names our volunteers submitted were discussed by our Executive Committee and the name selected is "*Iroquois*". We will talk more about this great name. We thank all who participated by suggesting names! See you often at the Canal! -Dave Beebe

CANAL PARK BENCHES

Canal Park Benches are available to celebrate a special occasion or to remember and honor a loved one. Benches are made of long-lasting pressure treated lumber. Samples of benches and several types of plaques can be found in the park.

Cost: Bench \$350.00 with cast bronze plaque (4x10 inches) \$225.00 for a total of \$575.00.

Bench \$350.00 with gold Plexiglas plaque (4x10 inches) \$50.00 plus 50 cents per letter for a total of \$400.00 plus lettering.

Children's benches are now available for \$300.00.

To order phone 488-3409.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PICNIC

Fred & Carol Cossick have been working since January to create our **Memorial Day Parade Float**. It will be a real tribute to those who have served our country. Fred is busily taking photographs of our volunteers who have served in the military and putting them together with their pictures in uniform. Anyone who has pictures and would like to be featured on the float, please call Fred at 303-5640.

We will gather at the Sims Store at 8AM. Donuts, coffee and orange juice will be available. We leave promptly at 8:30 to head to our spot on the West Hill. Get out your canal duds and join the fun. You may borrow bonnets, hats and aprons. Those of you who are not able to march, please come and sit in the wagon.

All are welcome to come to the Memorial Day Picnic – our traditional family style picnic will begin about Noon. Bring a dish to pass. We'll provide the paper products, hamburgs, hotdogs and drinks. You don't cook – bring chips, dips or cookies, etc.

SUMMER DINNER CRUISES 2010

A new summer dinner cruise will be launched in July and August! We will be cruising over the Aqueduct. We know you will want to be among the first patrons to do this. Please hurry to make your reservations with **Mary at (315) 487-0819**.

The Dinner Cruise Calendar will be: July 7, 14, 21 and 28; August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

At the very reasonable price of \$24.00 pp you will receive a choice of our traditional prime rib dinner, stuffed breast of chicken or our vegetable primavera with a red sauce.

Payments must be made two weeks before sailing. Cancellation policy: Two weeks prior for 100% refund. One week prior 50% refund. We will be strictly adhering to this policy.

Gift Certificates are available to help you celebrate special occasions. Information about lunch cruises are available upon request.

Bonnie and Bill Hastings look forward to welcoming you aboard!

“The Mule”

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CAMILLUS CANAL SOCIETY, INC.
NEW MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL APPLICATION

Yes, I want to be a member **Please renew my membership**
 I am enclosing my check **Please contact me about volunteering**

<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (Age 60)	\$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Adult	15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	100.00

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone number _____

Make check payable to Camillus Canal Society, Inc. and mail to:
Dottie Nunneker, 637 Cherry Road, Syracuse, NY 13219
New memberships received after June 1 will pay half price for that year.
The half price feature DOES NOT apply to renewals.