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Museum Hours:
May, June, September and October by appointment only
Special days and hours for Garlic Days!! Sept 14th 10-12 1-3P
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PEPPERMINT MUSEUM NEWS:

A BUSY SUMMER, but not compared to most others! The bridge being out might be one of the reasons, not sure! However, "Cycling the Erie" when cyclists swarm the museum was the same! A VERY BUSY MORNING, providing water, air conditioning, and tours of the museum! THANKS to our DOCENTS: Pat Gorthy, Bob MacDuffie, Liz Bavis, and Wil Pulver. Sandy Wetmore at the front table! Dave Alena, Carol Bailey, Gene Bavis, Mark Peake, and Jeff Washburn. A BIG TY and not to forget, Liz's grandsons, who stole the show!! They all greeted the cyclists and were WONDERFUL HELP!!

Lyons Peppermint Days! AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU to our same docents! Also, David Alena. Jr and Jessica Wrench, Marcia Bilancini, Patsy Hewes, Phil Dodson, Carol Bailey, John Albanese and Will Pulver. The latter group helped at the museum shoppe and the park booth!! And, our LHS BAKE SALE was a huge success! THANKS to Joan Wallis and Sandy Wetmore!

On the weekend of July 26-28 our museum took part in "Xmas in July" in cooperation with Lyons Main Street and Evolve, the Xmas Shoppe! THANKS to Will Pulver, who assisted me as a docent!

On August 14th, Annette Harris, our Curator, conducted an Accessions

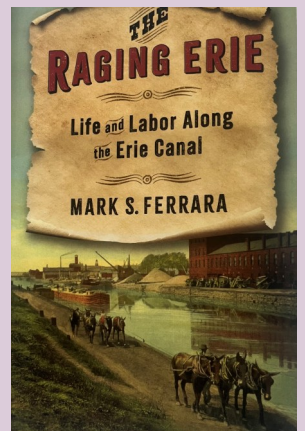


Coming Events:

Lyons Farmers' Market 9/14 Garlic Day
Peppermint Museum will be open 10-12 and 1-3

Heritage Annual Dinner September 19th
5pm social hour and 6 pm dinner

Speaker:
Mark Ferrara



Heritage Booth at the Christmas Boutique at the Wayne County Museum Dec 6th 10-6 & Dec 7th 10-3

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Workshop at the museum. THANKS to Sherry Gibbon, Diane Marquis and Annette for their time and effort in learning this very important aspect of our museum.

Overall, a nice summer at the Peppermint Museum!! So nice to have new members: Will Pulver and Sherry Gibbon, who are becoming active in the museum! THANK YOU for your time and effort!!

At the Wayne County Fair

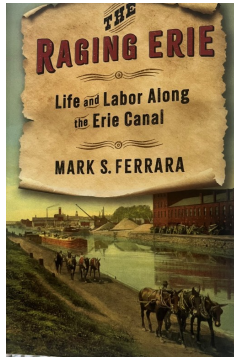
LYONS HERITAGE SOCIETY and the Peppermint Museum participated in the Wayne County Fair! We supplied an exhibit for the WAYNE COUNTY WHO organization and the Wayne County Museum of History. The exhibit included the sale of Peppermint oil and Pat Gorthy's book "Peppermint Summer". Artifacts from the museum were on display.



The Peppermint Shoppe has added a few NEW items:

- MELLOW MINTS, made from the original recipe of oil
- Guest Towels with the 17 Gold Medals embossed
- NEW book entitled "The Raging Erie" by Mark Ferrara
- Peppermint Tea from Cape Cod

Annual Meeting Sept 19th



The speaker at the annual meeting, Mark Ferrara is a professor of English at State University of New York. In celebration of the bicentennial of the canal "The Raging Erie" tells the vivid history of laborers and their families who lived, worked and died on the canal. Many details of their lives and experiences are included. The expansion came at great sacrifice to some.

Heritage Society Scholarship Winner

Ryan Hood was the recipient of the Heritage Society's \$500 scholarship this year.



Ryan plans to major in Computer Information Systems at FLCC this fall. He attended BOCES for Heavy Equipment, was a member of The Future Farmers of America Club and the Pickleball club.

He also works at Jim's Trailer World. Ryan enjoys history, so we hope he will come see us at the Hotchkiss in the future!

Artifacts Donated to the Museum

This summer we have acquired some special items of Lyons Past. In July, Gary Vardabash, who has been very generous in the past, donated a piece of Lyons Pottery. It's an interesting piece as it does not have a company name on it, only LYONS. Also, the latter half of it is painted green. THANK YOU, Gary!

Also, delivered to the museum was a box of LYONS miniature buildings from Carol Bailey! THANK YOU, Carol!

Gehrig Lohrmann donated a Lyons poster that depicts 1891 horse auction in Lyons. THANK YOU SO MUCH, Gehrig!

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Summer Events:

“Cycling The Canal” is a bike tour from Buffalo to Syracuse for 4 days or on to Albany for 8 days. Parks and Trails New York is the sponsor. Around 540 bikers participated along with 90 volunteers. Dinners and breakfasts are provided along with campgrounds with showers at night. Colored arm band bracelets signify what tour and eating preferences pertain to each cyclist.



The day they came through Lyons the cyclists started in Fairport and continued to Seneca Falls. Cold water was provided at the Hotchkiss building as well as restrooms and tours. Advice for lunch was also given to the bikers.

Summer events cont: Docent Will Pulver Helping at Christmas in July



Several businesses along with Evolve - The Christmas Store participated by having Christmas themed items and decorations for this event.

ALSO

Hope you saw the hand painted HSEAD display set up by member Pat Olson which will be on display through October. All items painted by members of Historical Society Early American Decoration.

Exhibit by Member Pat Olson



Canal Cruises

The Heritage Society along with the Lyons Canal Greeters were the organizations helping to host the canal cruises this year. Members Joan & Glen Wallis, Jenn & John Albanese, Diane Marquis, Steve Matteson, Anne Salerno, Stuart Smart, Patsy & John Hewes assisted along with several Canal Greeters.



Celebration of Sesquicentennial Wayne County Grange

In January of 1874 there was a fury of Granges being organized in Wayne County. In fact five were organized in five days. You may ask what is the Grange. So let's go back to 1867. The National Grange was founded in Washington, DC by seven men and one woman. Following the Civil War President Johnson sent a man, Oliver H. Kelley, to survey agricultural conditions in the south. He found he was welcomed despite the acrimony because he wore his Masonic pin. After returning to Washington he discussed an idea for a fraternal farm organization that could bring the north and south together. Kelley found like minded individuals among other departmental government workers and they became the founders. After months of work the first meeting of National Grange was held on December 4, 1867. It was not an easy or hasty organization as it took months of trial and error to get the Grange working. Officers had to be found and elected, degrees written and tried, money raised, order of business established and not all of the men and woman agreed on all matters. Because to that one woman, Caroline Hall, niece of Kelley, women were welcomed equally with men. Since its formation Grange has allowed women to vote, hold office, and speak their mind. Because women were able to hold office, many became lecturers or program directors. As they were interested in suffrage many speakers on that topic appeared and Grange was eventually in favor of women's rights. The Granger Laws limiting monopolies was one of the first issues fought by Granges. Rural Free Delivery was another direct result of Grange initiatives along with rural electrification and the interstate highway system. Currently broadband access and rural health especially mental

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health are top priorities. Now back to Grange in Wayne County. Those first five Granges were Eureka (Lyons), Excelsior in North Lyons, Sodus, Clyde and Centenary west of Sodus. Ten more were to follow through June. In 1875 five more were organized. Through the years there have been 25 Granges within the county. They sprang up wherever there was a settlement because of the difficulty of travel. Some disbanded after a few years, some merged with another Grange and some are here to celebrate 150 years. The early years were difficult as travel was not as easy as today. Weather was unpredictable as it is sometimes now. People were careful with their money so dues collection was not always easy. Those who were farmers sometimes

found it difficult to attend Grange. Despite many people's erroneous beliefs, Grange was not then nor now "just for farmers." Listing of the first officers of Eureka Grange finds a dentist, who was also a nurseryman, and businessmen along with farmers. Other early officers of Wayne County Granges followed this same trend. Within Eureka there have been doctors and lawyers who have been active participating

Carol Bailey

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