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95 Water St.

**Hours:**

May, June, September and October by appointment only

July and August on Fridays and Saturdays 10-12 and 1-3. Special days and hours for LYONS PEPPERMINT DAYS!!  
315-946-4596.

**PEPPERMINT MUSEUM NEWS:**

Summer 2024 started with tour in May with a lady from Michigan I had corresponded with over the winter. She was preparing a program to present on her ancestors, the Lyons Dunn Family. The Masonic Hall, now the Maddock Home was their home in the 1800's. What a pleasure to meet and research with her!

Ironically, while giving the tour to this lady, I received a call from the Museum of Wayne County history. They said they had a lady who wanted a tour and guess what?? She was researching the same subject!

The museum starts its regular hours in July and August on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 12 and 1:00- 3:00. Private tours are available by calling my number: 315-946-4596 in May -October. On Saturday of LYONS PEPPERMINT DAYS, tours are given on the hour. "Cycling the Erie" is on Tuesday, July 9th, where hundreds of cyclists visit Lyons and many take tours at the museum. They take a water break as we provide air conditioning and water bottles! Many of them also buy lunch in town.

Besides the new archival room and shelving, we have improved our Rest Room with a more modern toilet. I have one volunteer who wants to help fill the shelving of the archives. More members are welcomed! I put out an opportunity in the last newsletter and Pat Olson accepted. She will have two of her collections on view in our exhibit cases. We also will be having an accessioning workshop for those interested in



**Spring/Summer 2024**

**Coming Events:**

**Peppermint Days:  
July 18-21**

Ecumenical service at the Ohmann theatre Thursday at 6:00pm

Children's Parade Friday 5:00 pm

Main Park events in the park Saturday:

Heritage Booth

Breakfast in park 8 :00 am

Car show 9:00 am

Pet parade 9:30 am Sunday

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Bake Sales at the Lyons Farmers' Market 7/20, 9/14 (Garlic Day)

Heritage Picnic Aug. TBA

Heritage Annual Dinner Sept TBA

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learning and helping to catalogue new donations of artifacts. Date TBA.

I can always use volunteers for the PEPPERMINT SHOPPE, MUSEUM GUIDES, EXHIBITS, CLEANING, AND GARDENING! PLEASE contact me if you want to help!! Help is also needed for the booth in the park on LPD!

**Have a WONDERFUL SUMMER, PEPPERMINT PATTY**

### **New Pocket Park Welcomes Visitors to Lyons**

Through a New York State Canal Corporation Amenities Grant the Town of Lyons has a new “pocket park” kiosk by the Little League field that welcomes visitors walking or cycling the Empire State Trail. Designed by Rhea Hayes from a National Parks map, a large map of the commercial area of Lyons helps trail users to find amenities and places of interest. The kiosk sign on the opposite side, also designed by Rhea, offers a tour of murals as a way to enjoy the town. A QR code will take the visitor on a mural tour, while another QR code will have a list of amenities through the Lyons Main Street Program.



### **New Exhibit: coming end of June**

HSEAD (Historical Society Early American Decoration) will have an exhibit of items on wood, tin, glass, velvet and paper painted by talented members. The organization strives to keep alive painting techniques used by artists in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. This is the first private community exhibit displayed at our museum. It’s one you should not miss!

### **LHS Celebrates National Marker Day**

This year the LHS society participated in National Marker Day when Glenn Wallis cleaned the Hotchkiss Essential Oil Pomeroy marker in front of the “Peppermint” museum. Led by the Pomeroy Foundation, “The inaugural National Historic Marker Day was held Friday, April 30, 2021. More than three dozen volunteers across multiple states participated. Volunteers took photos of their cleaning efforts and post them on social media. As the celebration’s creator and official host, the Pomeroy Foundation curated a National Historic Marker Day photo gallery that was shared on social media.” Keeping the markers clean has become an annual event for the past 4 years. The foundation only requires registering to clean a marker and sending in a picture of the event. Registration through the Pomeroy Foundation begins in early spring of next year.

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## Lyons to Welcome *Seneca Chief* in 2025 in Celebration of Erie Canal's 200<sup>th</sup>

Lyons is one of two Wayne County towns selected as a stop on the Buffalo Maritime's replica of the first boat to make the voyage from Buffalo to New York City in 1825.



Built by volunteers at the Buffalo Maritime Museum beginning in 2019 and finished this spring, the docking of the replica of the original packet boat presents an unusual opportunity for area residents and visitors to celebrate the canal's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On October 1, 2025 the boat will moor at the Lyons dock around 2:00 p.m. and open for tours after 3:00 p.m. Along with the boat and crew, a support van will set up educational/historical displays and activities for children and adults. While we can't recreate the cannons that welcomed the original packet boat *Seneca Chief* to Lyons in 1825, the committee planning the Lyons event hopes to make a "big noise" when the boat comes down the canal from Newark and there will be ample opportunities for all to get involved. The boat will depart at 7:00 a.m. October 2 to make its way to Weedsport. More information will be coming as plans develop.



Glenn Wallis cleaning the Pomeroy sign at the Heritage society.

### Heritage programs presented this winter/spring:



Steve Groat, Town of Galen Historian took us on a journey along the Erie Canal with awesome photos and narrative.

Bailey introducing Dorothy Barnes for her talk on Mildred Taylor



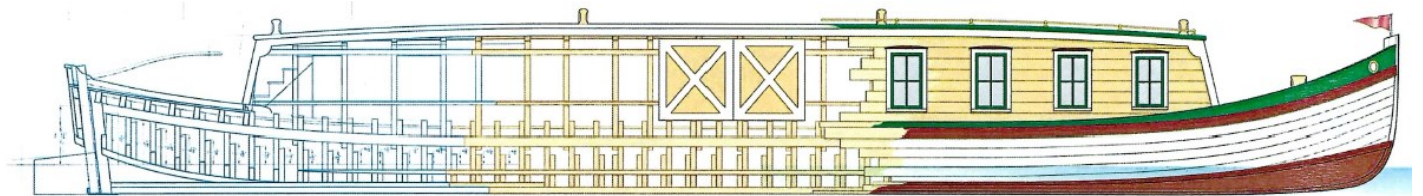
George Bastedo Talking about the eclipse after the pot luck dinner at the library.

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**DATELINE: LYONS, NY OCTOBER 28, 1825** "Governor DeWitt Clinton aboard the Seneca Chief, and a flotilla of boats from Lockville, arrived in Lyons today.... There were speeches, tours, a parade, dinner, and even a special salute and welcome by the Geneva Fire Department.... The flotilla departed Lock D 66 south of Broad Street promptly at 4:30 PM. Heading east, they followed the "Ditch" & Canal Street through the village to Pilgrimport, Lock Berlin, Clyde, Lockpit, Montezuma, and the Hudson!" (Historic Erie Canal Archives)



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