

Newsletter Winter 2023

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By appointment only during the fall, winter and spring seasons.

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Message to our members:

Welcome to the New Year! 2022 was a successful year for the Lyons Heritage Society. Among our activities we: Greeted the Buffalo to Albany cyclists in July, Conducted two Bake Sales, Celebrated Peppermint Days at our booth in the park and at the museum, Enjoyed an open house at the Hotchkiss Museum at our "Dessert Social", Hosted a delightful Annual Dinner at Wayne Hills, and had a booth at the WCHS Christmas boutique.

Now is the time, however, to show your support and suggestions for making 2023 an even better year than last year. At this time we are in need of a president and vice-president for our organization. The board, however, continues its function of carrying out the mission of LHS. We are fortunate, though, to have two new board members, Patsy Hewes and Diane Marquis, who bring their experience and love of local history to our board.

We have enclosed a renewal form on the back page. On it, we look forward to your continued support of LHS as well as your input, including your time and talents, in helping out in one or more areas. Consider giving, if you can, 2-4 hours a year of volunteering to keep our organization and mission alive and well in the coming year.

We wish you a healthy and productive new year.

Lyons Heritage Society Board



Coming Events:

2023 Wayne County Bicentennial Events

April 11- Court House Ceremony and Lyons Community Center Reception

May 13- Gala at Carey Lake, Walworth

August 14-18- 200 mile Torch Relay through all towns of Wayne County

August 18-19 -Wayne County Fair Parade and special bicentennial events each day

August 19- Family Fun Day at the Wayne County Fair

For more information:

<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/541/Bicentennial-Events>

To contact Bicentennial Committee: bicentennial@waynehistorians.org

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Museum News

The Peppermint Museum had a VERY BUSY summer filled with visitors to tour the museum! Many were cyclists, boaters and more from our own region than ever before. Am de-



lighted with the number of tourists this season. We will report a total of donations and sales of our Peppermint Shoppe in the near future.



The major activity this season is the building of an archival room in the museum. We had a tiny storage room without temperature control. This was a wonderful addition and still needs shelving and archival equipment to complete it. It was built just in time for a huge donation of artifacts from the Forgione Family. "Treasure Trove"!

We recently received the Hoffman Foundation Grant of \$2000.00 for shelving and supplies to complete the project. We are grateful for that funding!!

A new exhibit was created celebrating our Wayne County Bicentennial! It featured many of the projects that have been going on as well as some of the souvenirs being offered. As Museum Director, I have attended Bicentennial meetings throughout the summer, anticipating the celebration in April 2023.

We were also delighted to add our framed certificate and award from the Landmark Society of Western New York. To



add to our honors, Brian Manktelow, our NYS Assemblyman, presented us with a certificate of honor.

In August the museum hosted a canal program sponsored by the Lyons Public Library.

At the LHS dinner in October, as Museum Director, We presented "Thumbs Up" Awards to various LHS members who helped all season long with their time, treasure

and talent!

We participated in the WCHS XMAS BOUTIQUE in December with our Peppermint Shoppe and added around \$400 to our treasury!

Patricia Alena, Peppermint Museum Director

Our Museum part in Celebrating the Wayne County Bicentennial

We are delighted to celebrate the Wayne County Bicentennial next year! As part of the celebration, the Hotchkiss Peppermint Museum has a NEW EXHIBIT displaying some of the souvenirs available as well as some of our Wayne County History. The Peppermint Shoppe is offering WC BICENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS/MEMORABILIA that include Tee Shirts, Memories Book, quilt posters, calendars, rack cards (peppermint and pottery), magnets, children's activity books, etc. You can also become a sponsor and belong to the 200/315 Club! A crystal apple with stand is available when you register

as a sponsor.

Interested parties contact Patty at alenap4@gmail.com.

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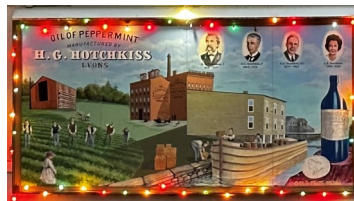
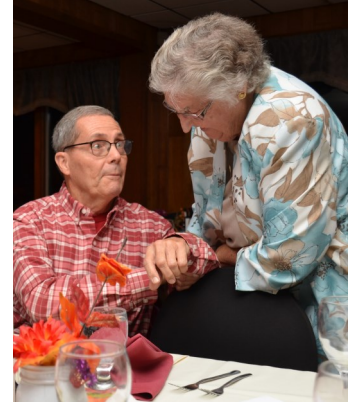


Two Lyons Restorations Completed in December

Two sites have been restored in Lyons, both such a part of its fabric that they almost go unnoticed. The Town of Lyons contracted with Rock Solid, LLC, to repair and cap the stone wall that leads Water St. west, opposite the site of the former Bashford Vinegar Works. Before the masonry work began, rocks had fallen out of the wall and the top was overrun by vegetation. As shown in the photographs, the vegetation was cut back, a cement cap constructed and masonry work done along the whole length of the wall, creating a sturdy and solid structure.



In celebration of its 100th year, owner Anne Wick hosted a gathering in late December to introduce the restoration of the Trolley Station in Lyons. Constructed in 1922 at a location next to the then newly relocated trolley track (after the Erie Canal bed had been filled in at the back of the William St. buildings), it has been repainted in its original colors and the interior refurbished to become the Tokarz Family Diner and Deanna's Delights, a pastry shop. Memorabilia of Lyons and a warm welcoming interior created an inviting atmosphere for the guests at the event. We look forward to the opening of the diner and bakery.



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Become a Member/Membership Renewal

Membership levels:

- _____ Student \$5.00
- _____ Individual \$15.00
- _____ Household/family \$25.00
- _____ Patron \$50.00
- _____ Institutional/corporate \$100
- _____ Lifetime Membership \$500.00

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Mail your renewal to:

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Helping out- Consider checking one or more:

- ___ Baking for a bake sale
- ___ Working at a LHS booth
- ___ Gardening
- ___ Calling members
- ___ Cleaning at the Hotchkiss
- ___ Sitting at Peppermint booth at festivals
- ___ Conducting/sitting tours for the museum
- ___ Writing articles for the newsletter
- ___ Taking photos for website and newsletter
- ___ Updating website
- ___ Researching local history
- ___ Joining an accessioning committee
- ___ Joining the Annual Dinner Committee
- ___ Helping with publicity, public relations
- ___ Demonstrating crafts/leading a class
- ___ Other:

What suggestions do you have for LHS?

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