



Wooden Canoe Heritage Association
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Chapter 1

The Monthly Newsletter of the Western New York Chapter of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

June 2017

Assembly Note:

Reminder for all those attending WCHA Assembly and interested we will be going to a Mexican restaurant in Saranac Lake on Thursday, evening for dinner. If you want to join us don't buy meal tickets for that evening.

June Chapter Meeting

Flag Day Ice Cream Paddle

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:30 PM

This is a promotional paddle to get canoes and WCHA in front of the public. Early summer nights, the towpath is full of people walking and biking along the canal. The paddle will be from the Ayrault boat launch to the new docks in Bushnell's Basin-- a distance of about 2 miles. Abbott's Ice Cream is located near the docks in Bushnell's Basin. Their picnic tables are full of people enjoying the canal.

Meet at the Ayrault Road boat launch at 6:30 pm. The boat launch is off Ayrault Road adjacent to the Erie Canal. There are docks and a

concrete boat ramp.

If you don't want to paddle, meet us at the Bushnell's Basin docks. You can hand out brochures and talk up WCHA. The Bushnell's Basin docks are floating aluminum docks. Restroom facilities are available. Bushnell's Basin is located on Route 96 just off 490.

We will run a shuttle back to the parking lot for anyone who only wants to paddle one way.

Help promote WCHA by wearing your WCHA clothing, fly a WCHA burgee from your canoe.

Please RSVP to Susie Nettleton by noon on June 14. This way we can have an idea of how many people to expect and who to call if the thunder and lightning rolls in.

Have questions, need directions call
Susie Nettleton 585-734-0266

susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com

West River Paddle

Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m.

Unfortunately, the West River Paddle had to be canceled due to inclement weather. Hopefully, we will be able to do this trip sometime next year.

ADK EXPO

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

By: Pete Shea

Chapter 1 is participating in the expo with a WCHA Chapter 1 Information Tent. Our primary goal is to Recruit New Members by sharing information about the WCHA and the activities of Chapter 1.

We are looking for volunteers to assist Jack Nettleton during the day for as much time as you can provide. I have another commitment and will not arrive until 2:00. Please contact Jack by email to let him know if you are able to help with this activity. Here is Jack's email address

jack7616@rochester.rr.com

Erie Canal 200th Anniversary

Celebration

Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

By: Pete Shea

Chapter 1 is participating in the anniversary celebration with a WCHA Chapter 1 Information Tent. Our primary goal is to Recruit New

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Members by sharing information about the WCHA and the activities of Chapter 1.

We are looking for volunteers to assist Dave Acton and me during the day for as much time as you can provide.

Please contact Me by phone or email to let us know your support availability.

Pete (585) 802-9342

pshea@gmail.com

Below is the information on this activity with the address for the *Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum* in Chittenango, NY.

Thanks,

Pete & Dave

We are hosting an event [on Saturday, 6/17](#), at the museum to celebrate the Bicentennial with historic and recreational activities [from 9am-4pm](#).

Historic demos and costumed re-enactors all day, with fun activities and food for all. We are still finalizing details but have scheduled:

1 [9am-11:30pm](#): **Fishing Derby** (Town of Sullivan and SCC run)

2 12pm--?: **Paddling flotilla**: paddlers put in at various places along Old Erie Canal from DeWitt to Chittenango and meet at Chittenango for drone photo. Involves water perception

survey (SUNY ESF) and launch
survey (OECCWG)

3 Crafts, games for kids (Town of
Sullivan and SCC)

4 Food trucks, local fare

We welcome your group to join us
and would LOVE to display some of
your boats, materials, info on your
organization, etc. Would you host a
talk sometime at the museum?

I have cc'd Jamie Kowalczk and Sarah
Krisch, Madison County Planners who
lead our Old Erie Canal Community
Working Group. This group meets
monthly at Chittenango Landing (last
Thursday of the month, [2pm](#)). The
group is working to promote and
advocate for the Old Erie Canal--
including advocating for a better
paddling experience on at part of this
36 mile linear park. Jamie is working
on a grant to study the water and land
in the corridor, too.

I would love to talk and meet!

Thanks,

Chris

Christine Hall O'Neil, Executive
Director

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Museum*

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