

# THE MULE



SUMMER 2021

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*Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park - Founded 1972*

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## Cycle the Erie Tour ~ Open House Event

The **Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park** is expecting 300 cyclists to visit on July 14<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. They will be riding the Empire Erie Canalway from Buffalo to Albany on July 11-14 in conjunction with the NY State Park's "**Cycle the Erie Tour**." The park will sponsor an Open House event. The public is invited to come greet the riders and hear about their experiences. Cyclists will be welcomed to the store - the "**Halfway There**" point - with cowbells and signs at this exciting midpoint on their journey. Many riders commemorate it by mailing a postcard from our own little Post Office. An amazing variety of goodies are provided to the riders by NY's Park Trek and we will complement them by offering hotdogs, brownies and cookies.

Music will be provided by the **Soda Ash Jazz Band**.\*\* Visitors will be able to join tours of the museum and take an hour narrated aqueduct boat tour that highlights the history and culture of the canal era. They can also see a lock demonstration and explore a section of the original Clinton's Ditch.

It is exciting to note that within our park we have the remains or replicas of all structures necessary to operate a canal:

- The original Clinton's Ditch
- The first enlargement of the canal
- A feeder
- A culvert
- A replica of a lock shanty
- An aqueduct
- An 1820's ditch lock
- Sims' store (a replica of an authentic canal side store)



The riders can explore our static outdoor displays, the buoy boat, the **Catherine** (a canal houseboat), our agricultural exhibit, Daisy the Mule, and our lock gates (believed to be the only set of gates from the first enlargement above water).

Our steam engine is a truly unique opportunity to see a fully restored turn-of-the-century steam powered Corliss Engine and learn about the technology that propelled the Industrial Revolution in America.

Leaving the Park, cyclists continue to ride the trail toward Syracuse passing the remnants of Gere's Lock. This trail segment will be a wonderful immersion in canal history as riders enjoy recreational activities and the natural beauty of Central New York.

**\*\*Please note that the appearance of the Soda Ash Six is made possible through an Erie Canalway Event and Festival Grant of the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor.**

## Tuesdays on the Towpath

May 8 - July 13, 2021

**Camillus Canal Society** is sponsoring two of these summer evening bicycle rides designed to help people become acquainted with various venues along the Canalway Trail. For a detailed description: [info@canalboatmuseum](mailto:info@canalboatmuseum) and **Old Erie Canal of CNY** Facebook pages.

**Linda Vishnesky** led our first ride of the season to introduce cyclists to the fairly new trail from Route 173 by Reed Webster Park in Camillus to Gere Lock. The new trail winds through the old waste beds enabling riders to experience a variety of terrain and abundant wildlife. When riders gathered at Gere Lock, **Dave Beebe** explained the towpath lock and the berm. Volunteers made a new bridge over the 18' wide lock to the berm which leads down to the Geddes Brook culvert. We'll gather again at the CSZ new bridge to learn about eagles and local history. Other rides will take cyclists to Chittenango, Oneida, Syracuse, Manlius, Fayetteville, and Wayne County.

## Welcome Larry Barnes

We welcomed **Larry Barnes** as he became one of our directors this spring. Larry has been a volunteer for 13 years and has been serving on our board since his retirement. He is an untiring worker who has tackled every challenge the canal has to offer.

Larry was born and raised in Syracuse. He worked for 12 and a half years at Allied Chemical to become an apprentice steam fitter. His career spanned 31 years across the United States from Boston to Washington. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, sports, traveling, and spending time with his family and in fact, his entire family has volunteered at the canal.

## A clean sweep in April

The whole month of April was devoted to opening the new canal season with **Scout Troop 60** of **Warners, Liverpool Jaycees** led by **Courtney Honeywell**, and members of **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**.

**The Town Shop** under the direction of **Debra Ancillotti** and **Wesley Sweetman** spruced up **Clyde Ohl Trail**.

**Girl Scouts** led by **Debbie Cohen** are fixing the **Blue Star Garden**.

Our gardeners and trail walkers have been busy. We thank **Marge Adams, Tony Lasinski, Emily Chercia, Michelle Graveline, Diane Cross, Ray Leubner, Victor Clovis, Bridget** and **Bob Buttner, Stu Weatherup, and John Henderson**.

A special thanks to **Rich Cross** who provides exquisite photos of wildflowers.

The **Tyler Family** contributed a beautiful flowering red dogwood which is planted by the aqueduct.

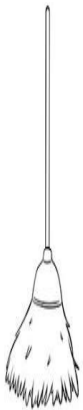
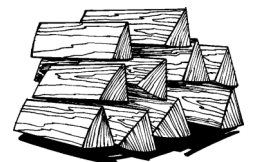
The **Fairmount Garden Club** is busily planning to establish a small butterfly garden near the Aqueduct Kiosk.

## How much wood would a woodchuck chuck...

As you may know, trees in our area have been infested by the ash borer. Many trees died and were cut down for firewood. A group of enterprising canallers built a special rack to hold bundles of ash firewood. Under the honor system, passers-by may purchase a bundle for \$5.00.

**WHAT a deal!!**

**Joe Menzel** and others are splitting wood. **Larry Barnes** has been replacing the empty cubbies. Those involved in the project have been **Richard Allen, Lois Cogovan, Hank Miller, Don Mosher, Jim Murphy** and **Richard Seubert**.





**THE CAMILLUS CANAL SOCIETY**  
5750 DEVOE ROAD, CAMILLUS

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**ANNUAL MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER**

**CHICKEN-BBQ**

**PICNIC**

**ANNUAL AWARDS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17 th, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

**DEDICATION OF CLINTON'S DITCH OVERLOOK**  
**IN MEMORY OF LOUISE WAGNER**  
*MEET AT THE FIRE PIT. WE WILL WALK UP TO CLINTON'S DITCH*

**12 NOON**

**CHICKEN BBQ SIMS' PAVILION**  
**Donation \$5.00 under five free**

★ ★ ★ **FEATURING!** ★ ★ ★

**THE MONDAY NITE JAMMERS**

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**Calendar of Events 2021**

**Tuesdays on the canal until July 13**

**July 14 - Bike trek visit**

**July 17 - Chicken BBQ at the Pavilion**

**September 19 - Snippets and Tales at the Camillus Town Hall (topic to be determined)**

**October 17 - Snippets and Tales at the Camillus Town Hall (topic to be determined)**

**December 5 - Holiday Party at the Park**

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New Membership or Renewal Application	
Please Circle: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Individual Adult - \$15.00	Sustaining - \$50.00
Senior Citizen (Age 60 and Over) - \$10.00	Sponsor - \$100.00
Family - \$35.00	
Make check payable to Camillus Canal Society, Inc.	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State Zip:	
Phone:	Cell Phone:
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Mail To: Pat Cooper, 2633 Brickyard Road, Warners, NY 13164	
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