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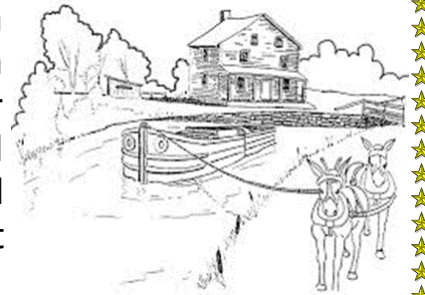
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Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park - Founded 1972

TRIUMPHANT RETURN FOR TOWPATH DAY!

For the first time since 2019 we were able to hold **TowPath Day** and it was a success!

Over 2,500 visitors joined us for the festivities which included a blacksmith demonstration, our special narrated boat tours with reenactments along the towpath, lots of crafts and activities for the kids, lots of vendors, raffles, great food, and exceptional music provided by **Loren Barrigar, Joe Whiting, Terry Quill** and the **Soda Ash 6 Dixieland Jazz Band**. Oh and don't forget the homemade ice cream and balloon sculptures!



Special thanks this year to our sponsors, **KeyBank** and **Buranich Funeral Home** and all the volunteers who made this event possible.

THANK YOU TOWN OF CAMILLUS



We enjoy a unique working relationship with the Town of Camillus here at the park. We were especially grateful for this relationship when our main tractor was not able to be used for Towpath Day and we were able to borrow a large tractor to ensure our guests an easy trip from the parking lot to the park. We were also pleased to have **Town of Camillus Parks & Recreation Supervisor Eric Bacon** join us for our Awards BBQ and present our volunteers with a special proclamation.

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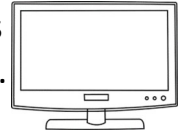


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Educational Videos/Virtual Field Trips

The Park has been an important field trip destination for years where countless 4th graders learn about the importance of the Erie Canal in New York State History. Unfortunately, due to Covid we were not able to host the students as we had before. So, our fantastic education committee worked with staff from Channel 9 to create videos to serve as virtual field trips! They are very well done and a great way to fulfill our mission of preservation, education and recreation here at the canal park. You can view them yourself by going to our website at www.eriecanalcamillus.org and clicking on "**Visit Us**" and "**School Tour**" and then clicking on "**Videos**" to view the six videos. We hope these online videos motivate people from everywhere to visit our unique historical canal park.



SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL SEASON



This May and June saw hundreds of 4th grade students and homeschoolers return to the Park for our specialized field trip programming for the first time in 3 years! Our volunteer educators did a wonderful job welcoming back almost 2,500 children to the Camillus Erie Canal Park. They ranged from West Genesee students to those coming from Binghamton and the North Country! Each student enjoyed a narrated boat ride over our aqueduct, detailed instruction and hands-on experiences in the museum and exploring how a lock works with our watered lock demo and even a hike into the woods to see Clinton's Ditch, the original Erie Canal!

If you are a teacher or parent and interested in having your school participate, please contact **Lisa Wiles** at Lwiles@townofcamillus.com. **TEACHERS**: be sure to check out the potential funding available through Ticket to Ride, <https://eriecanalway.org/learn/teachers>

50 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERING

Did you know the Camillus Canal Society has been completely volunteer-operated for the past 50 years? Our volunteers take care of every aspect of the Park, from engine maintenance to mowing grass to educating children to cutting down trees to piloting boats and much, much more! And to continue we need *YOU* for the next 50 years!

Do you enjoy:

- interacting with adults and children
- interact with nature, landscaping, gardening, mowing
- painting and repair
- cooking
- fundraising
- engaging with social media

...and more



Please contact **Lisa Wiles** at Lwiles@townofcamillus.com or 680-800-5298 for information and an application. And please share this message with your friends! The more the merrier!

Awards BBQ Summer 2022

The BBQ was kicked off with a mighty blast on the conch shell, at which time **Dave Beebe** welcomed the volunteers and guests. Many people worked hard to make the event a success including preparers, cooks, greeters, and such.



The highlight of the BBQ was the beautifully renovated pavilion with its concrete floor and updated kitchen. In tribute to **Joe and Vickie Menzel** the pavilion will hereby be known as the ***Menzel Pavilion***.

Too many awards were presented to list them all. A few highlights were the **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Liz and Dave Beebe**, special recognition to **Paul Bertan** who has been a volunteer since day one, and the recipients of the volunteers of the year, **Jean Thomas** and **Judy Cottet**. Needless to say we have some very dedicated folks contributing to the success of the park. A huge thank you to all of them.



SAVE THE DATE For our holiday party!

December 4 from 2 - 4 pm



CYCLISTS



Seven hundred cyclists rode the Empire Erie Canalway Trail as part of “**Cycle the Erie**” an annual 8 day ride from Buffalo to Albany. They stopped at Sims’ Store on July 13 to be treated by our volunteers to a picnic lunch, visits in the museum, boat rides and more. It’s a relief for riders to realize they are “**Halfway There**” when they reach Camillus.

Larry Barnes

Larry Barnes passed away on August 28, 2022 at home after a long battle with cancer. Larry worked for Allied Chemical for 14 years before starting a career as a Steamfitter with the Plumber & Steamfitters Local 81 (formerly 267) that lasted until 2020 when he retired. Larry began volunteering for the Town of Camillus Erie Canal Park. Larry became one of our directors in 2021. He was such a faithful volunteer that he often combined his work at the canal and his love of spending time with his family by urging family to work alongside him at the park. We will miss him. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the **Camillus Canal Society**, 109 East Way, Camillus, NY 13031.

*In
Memoriam*

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