

October 29, 2010

Dear Friends,

You haven't heard from us for awhile and we promise to do better about keeping in touch during the coming year. Meanwhile, it is time for our annual meeting and to catch you up on what has been happening on the Greenway.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7, at Letchworth State Park. We are beginning with a **2 PM Guided History Hike on the Greenway** on the East side of the Letchworth Gorge that will start at the Parade Grounds parking area. There are terrific views of the gorge and the falls as you hike along the old canal prism on the rail bed.

The remaining events take place at the **Letchworth State Park Conference Center** in the main portion of the park. **At 4 PM there will be a Power Point program "From Seneca Paths to a Greenway"** by FOGVG Board Member Joan Schumaker. **A dish-to-pass dinner will follow** with beverage being provided. **A brief Business meeting will follow at about 6:30 PM.** Directions on how to reach the Conference Center and other details are on the flyer included with this mailing. If you have any questions, please contact Joan at 585-476-2354 or schumaker@frontiernet.net

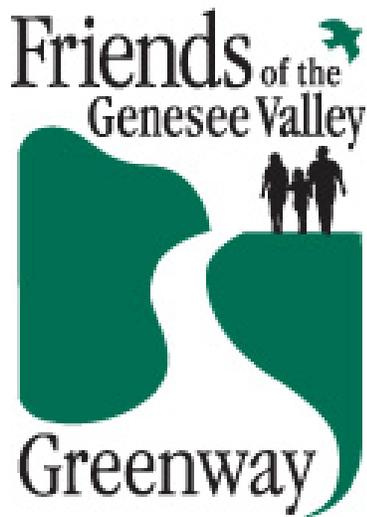
We will have our new Greenway table top promotional display there for you to view. An Annual Report will review activities such as:

- **New Greenway Mile Posts** installed in Monroe County as an Eagle Scout Project
- The Livingston County Environmental Management Council awarded their **Annual 2010 Earth Day Award to the FOGVG** for our contributions to Livingston County.
- The **new Greenway Kiosk** (an Eagle Scout Project) **and Parking Area at Cuylerville** and the dedication ceremony held in July.
- Progress on the **Mt. Morris Greenway Bridge** over the Genesee River
- Information on the **Genesee River Wilds Organization** and the proposed 230 mile **Triple Divide Trail** that will connect Rochester, NY with Williamsport, PA by using existing trails and building new trails. The GVG will be part of this new interstate trail and the FOGVG plans to hold an informational meeting on the Triple Divide Trail this spring.
- The **Recreational Trails Grant Applications** being submitted by the **Village of Mount Morris** in Livingston County and the **Town of Hume** in Allegany County to provide extensive improvements and enhancements for the Greenway within their respective municipalities. Another potential RTP Grant Application may be submitted by the Finger Lakes Trail Conference to repair culverts south of Whiskey Bridge in Wyoming County near Portageville.
- Find our **Friends Group on Facebook at FOGVG** and become a fan! Add you own events, comments, and photos. Scheduling a hike or bike ride on the greenway, why not list it here?

Note that we will be electing new FOGVG Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Our new 2010-2011 Membership Year started September 1 and runs through August 31, 2011. Please print, complete, and return the Membership Form available on this site with your dues or bring it to the Annual Meeting. We need and welcome your support!

Sincerely,
The FOGVG Board of Directors



Sunday, Nov. 7th

**The Friends are
sponsoring the
following events:**

2 PM – Guided History Hike on the Greenway- Meet at the Parade Grounds on the East side of Letchworth State Park off from Rt. 436 North of Portageville. **Hike the GVG along the East side of the gorge for new views of upper and middle falls.**

At the Letchworth State Park Conference Center - Turn west from the main park road at the Civil War Monument (top of the hill above the Glen Iris and the Council Grounds), continue past the Maintenance Buildings to the Conference Center.

4 PM - Enjoy a Power Point program:

“From Seneca Paths to a Greenway”

By Joan Schumaker, FOGVG Board member

Joan reviews locations of Native American villages and paths, early pioneer settlement of Western New York, and the transition of Seneca paths into our major highways and the Genesee Valley Greenway.

5:30 PM - Stay for Dinner. Bring a dish-to-pass and table service. Beverage will be provided.

6:30 PM – A brief Annual Meeting for members