

**FOGVG
2007 Major Events**

Trail Hikes –
July 7, 19, & 31

**9th Annual
Horseback Ride –**
August 12

**Volunteer
Appreciation Picnic –**
September 9

**Annual Meeting
with Program &
Elections –**
November 11

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Your Newest Board Members

The Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway are pleased to introduce three of our newest board members. These volunteers were elected to serve for a two-year term and will help the full Board set policy, provide leadership for achieving the Friends' mission, and develop long-range strategic plans to provide for future growth.

Nunda resident **John Mahlendorf** developed his passion for the out-of-doors at an early age. Born and raised in rural Nebraska, his formative years were spent working on his family's farm.

As an adult, he worked in the pharmaceutical and furniture industries before purchasing his own manufacturing company, Auto Custom Carpets, Inc. In just over ten years he took the firm from the brink of bankruptcy to commanding a 96% market share and winning multiple Manufacturer of the Year awards from the Specialty Equipment Market Association.

Three years ago, he sold all but a 25% interest in the company to his employees and moved here with his wife, Mary. They are raising the youngest of their three daughters (a Keshequa Central School freshman) and a small herd of horses.

John remarks, "We became aware of the Greenway before we moved to New York and its location was a major factor in determining the property that we purchased. We typically use the section adjoining our home on Oakland Road through the south side of Letchworth Park, primarily for hiking and riding horses.

John says, "We joined the Greenway even before we moved here. My interest in it is pretty simple. It is a great asset to our community and our family has taken many opportunities to enjoy its beauty. I hope to make significant contributions to the organization in my area of expertise, which is managing and operating a business."

John Stanton of Rush retired in 2005 after teaching Biology for 38 years at Monroe Community College.



J. Mahlendorf, J. Stanton, and J. Mullin

He and his wife Geri enjoy International Ballroom Dancing, with their first championship came in 1991 at the North American Senior Gold competition in Cherry Hill, NJ. They have since won or made the finals in many competitions.

A real twosome, the pair also enjoys tandem bicycling. In fact, their first tandem bike purchase included a membership to the Greenway! They have pedaled together around New Zealand's South Island as well as on a 'bike and barge' tour of Holland. They frequently ride on public trails in the region, including the Erie Canal path and (of course!) the Genesee Valley Greenway.

He says, "From our experience, one of the really great ways to get people involved with the Greenway is to take them on a bike ride or hike on the trail. (Our Brittany Spaniel is a strong supporter of Greenway walks!) Though we do get out on the roads for both hiking and biking, we find that the Greenway is inherently safer, and we literally do get time to smell the roses, experience nature up close, and enjoy quiet times."

John continues, "We both deeply appreciate the work of the many who have made the Greenway what it is today. I am particularly interested in contributing to the completion of the southern sections. I am also interested in working with others to find funding for projects such as repairing culverts and renovating railroad bridges."

Jim Mullin of Geneseo is an avid trail user

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President's Letter

What a great start to a new year! Two years of planning and work have resulted in two major enhancements to the Greenway.

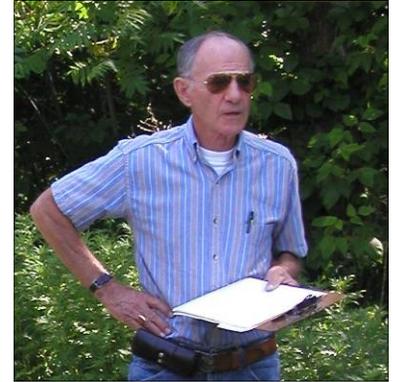
Through the generosity of Nicholas H. Noyes Memorial Hospital and its Healthy Heart grant program, FOGVG was able to purchase and install 25 benches along the Greenway in Livingston County, and an interpretive kiosk at the York Landing entrance. The benches are situated approximately one-half mile apart, along a stretch that reaches south from Mile Marker 18 at Rt. 20 in Avon to Mile Marker 31 at Jones Bridge Rd. just below Cuylerville.

Eric Welch, an Eagle Scout candidate from Avon, constructed and installed the kiosk. We officially recognized these splendid additions to the Greenway at a dedication ceremony on June 16 (see story on next page).

I invite everyone to get out your walking or running shoes, or clean up the bicycle and head out on the Greenway to see these new features. Perhaps I'll see you there.

Ned Holmes

PS: More good news – mowing of the Greenway by DEC and OPRHP has begun. You may recall mowing was delayed until late last year due to insufficient funding, so this is a much improved situation. Here's a peek at our glamorous new equipment!



HELP US SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT THE GREENWAY!

Let us place YOUR copy of future newsletters in public places so we can reach a larger audience.

Since the newsletter is now available on our website, you can opt to receive your copy electronically, which will enable us to pass your printed copy along to someone new *at no additional cost to the organization!*

Please e-mail us at fogvg@frontiernet.net if you would be willing to receive your newsletter via the Internet.

Thank you.

See a PROBLEM on the Greenway? Let Enforcement Officers Know!

Greenway law enforcement is provided by State Park Police and State DEC Environmental Conservation Officers and Forest Rangers, working together and with state and local police forces. These officers are eager to address any issues or concerns, but cannot do so without the public's help. According to DEC Environmental Conservation Officer Lieutenant Peter Barton, "If you have specific problems, let us know. Then we'll detail patrols to address them."

The more information that can be supplied to the officers, the better they can address an issue. According to Major David Page of the New York State Park Police, "For the most effective response to Greenway problems, please gather and record information about a violation and relay the complaint directly and as soon as possible to a law enforcement agency. If it's an emergency, call 911."

**Monroe County & Letchworth State Park
NYS Park Police**
585-658-4692

**Livingston County
NYS Environmental Conservation Officers**
M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m — 585-226-6706
After hours — 877-457-5680

**Wyoming and Allegany Counties
NYS DEC Forest Rangers**
585-372-0645

NYS Environmental Conservation Officers
585-851-7000

**To Contact Greenway
Law Enforcement Officers**

In an Emergency — Call 911

The unlawful use of motor vehicles, especially ATV's, is prohibited on the Greenway. Help spread the word to those who may not be aware. *If it has a motor and isn't a snowmobile, it CANNOT BE RIDDEN on the Genesee Valley Greenway.*

Greenway's First Kiosk: An Eagle Scout Project

By Shannon Ferguson

Thanks to successful efforts of Geneseo Boy Scout Troop #70, Noyes Memorial Hospital and the Friends, a stretch of the Greenway in northern Livingston County is now more informative and user friendly.

On Saturday, June 16, the first Genesee Valley Greenway kiosk was dedicated at York Landing with Friends' President Ned Holmes serving as master of ceremonies. Funding came from a \$10,000 NYS Department of Health grant secured by Noyes Memorial Hospital's Healthy Heart Program. Grant money has been used to purchase and mount twenty-five benches and for materials to build the kiosk. Remaining monies will be used for parking lot improvements.

The idea is that the benches will make the Greenway more accessible for people who want a low impact workout. Noyes President and Chief Executive Officer, James Whissler, said at the ceremony that encouraging people to live healthy lifestyles is a priority. He added that prevention through physical exercise is an important part of their Heart Healthy program and why they supported this



Eric Welch, with his father Randy (L) and Mike Bernard

grant. NYS Healthy Heart representative, Amy Jesaitis, and Patricia Gardner, Coordinator of the Healthy Heart Program at Noyes also took part in the ceremonies.

The kiosk contains information about the Greenway as well as York Landing. It was built as an Eagle Scout project by Geneseo Troop 70's Eric Welch, and supervised by Hemlock contractor Mike Bernard. The actual labor took an estimated forty hours work and was difficult for the novice builders. "We started building it about two or three months ago," said Eagle Scout, Eric Welch. "The biggest challenge was installing the roof."

People in attendance at the dedication were Greenway supporters, including York Superintendent Gerry Deming, Leicester Superintendent Gary Moore, former County Judge Ron Cicoria, current County Judge Bob Wiggins, OPRHP's Rich Parker, and DEC's Doug Bernhard. The Healthy Heart team from Noyes was also in attendance to lend support, as well as most of Scout Troop 70 from Geneseo.

Shannon is FOGVG's new Office Manager. We'll introduce her in the next issue!

One Rider's Story

Recently, readers of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy newsletter (railtrails.org) were asked: *What is the most exciting wildlife encounter you've had on a rail-trail?* One engaging response came from Harold Paschal of Rochester, NY, who gave FOGVG permission to re-publish his comments here:

"I bicycle commute on a rail-trail — the Genesee Greenway. Morning on the trail is the highlight of my work day. Glimpses of wildlife make me feel sorry for commuters incarcerated in their cars. Common sightings include song birds, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, woodchuck with an occasional deer or raptor. Until the following incident my most exciting encounter was two turkey hens that ran down the trail in front of me before taking off and flying into the woods.

"But the most exciting encounter was a red fox. It was sitting in the middle of the trail. I thought: 'What a beautiful animal!' ... 'What a wonderful trail!' ... 'What a lovely way to commute!'

"As I got closer, I expected the fox to scurry off into the nearby underbrush. Imagine my surprise when the fox did not budge; when it defiantly stood and glared; when it bared its teeth and hissed; when it chased me, nipping at my ankles!

I was peddling as fast as I could; thoughts of painful rabies shots dancing in my head. The fox abruptly broke off and I scurried away.

"I believe it was a vixen with cubs in a nearby den because I encountered her several times over the next few weeks. I gave her a wide berth and a great deal of respect. After I got over the shock, I started thinking: 'What a beautiful animal!' ... 'What a wonderful trail!' ... 'What a lovely way to commute!'

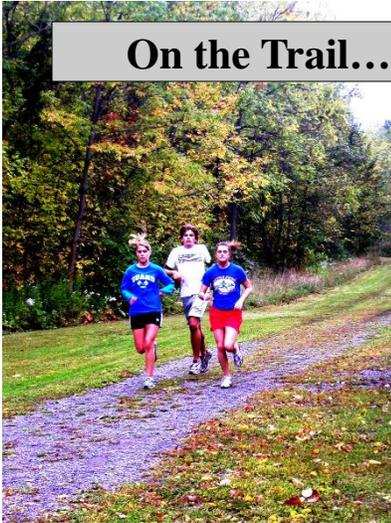


Harold Paschal

Let us Hear from YOU!

Do you have an interesting story about an experience on the Greenway? Please send it our way! Visit our website (fogvg.org) and click on "E-Mail Us" or mail to Box 42, Mt. Morris, NY 14510

On the Trail...



Geneseo High School Cross Country Coach Mike Garger, who reignited the school's XC program in 1998, is extremely enthusiastic about having recently discovered the Greenway ...

"I'd been hearing several strong recommendations about the trail from runners in the community, including folks involved with the SUNY Geneseo team. Last fall I decided to try practicing for the long run on the trail. We were so pleased that we continued to use the trail for the entire 12-week season. Each week we would deliver about 30 to 35 kids between the ages of 12 and 18 to either the Piffard or Fowlerville access points, and turn them loose."

"We used the Greenway religiously and have fallen in love with it. From the mile markers, to the convenient access points, to the vistas and even the footings, we can only speak about the positives of this terrific trail."

Student-athletes on the Greenway (L to R): Chelsea Witnauer (Sr), Ryan Dipasquale (Sr), and Liz Banker (Sr).

Interpretive Signs Planned for Mt. Morris and Leicester

The Friends have been working with interested residents from the Towns of Mt. Morris and Leicester to determine the content and placement of interpretive signage along the Greenway in these townships. These signs will be similar to those found on the Greenway in Scottsville and Oakland, with the design work being completed by the New York State Historic Preservation Office.

The Greenway follows the tow path of the historic Genesee Valley Canal and rail bed of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Rochester Branch. Historic photos and documents related to the canal, railroad, businesses along the corridor, or nearby homes of important early residents are needed to provide material for these signs.

Terry Mistretta (585-658-3132) and Allen Schultz (585-658-2132) are leading the effort in Mt. Morris, and Tom Roffe (585-382-3234) is in charge of Leicester's project. The Friends hope to obtain a grant to assist with the total cost and plan to have signs installed in 2008.

If you have photos or documents that could be scanned (and returned unharmed) for this most important project, or if you have any other relevant information, please contact one of the above committee members or the Friends at fogvg@frontiernet.net or 585-659-2569.

Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference

September 28 and 29, 2007
Monroe Community College, Rochester NY

The Genesee Valley Greenway has been invited to present a workshop (see inset) at the annual Statewide Trails and Greenways Conference, sponsored by Parks and Trails New York. The keynote speaker is Craig Della Penna, author of four books and numerous articles on the value of smart growth development and rail-trails. He is one of the country's most sought after, energizing, motivational speakers on the economic development, tourism, and smart growth community development aspect of rail-trails and greenways.

Again this year, conference participants will take part Friday in field trips to local trails, learning what is being done to fund, design, build, and maintain a regional trail network. In the evening, Parks & Trails

New York will present its 2007 Greenway and Community Trails Awards. These awards recognize contributions by organizations and individuals in the areas of planning, design, construction, management, promotion, and/or public involvement for a trail project or program.

Saturday workshops will equip greenway and trail advocates with the tools to successfully advocate for, build, and maintain trails that provide communities with opportunities for active living, tourism, and economic development.

Parks and Trails New York is the only organization working statewide to protect New York's parks and help communities create new parks, including greenways, rail and canal trails, and other linear parks. For info or to register, visit www.ptny.org

Genesee Valley Greenway: Successes and Challenges in Developing and Managing a 90-mile Greenway in WNY

Join us on a trip from Rochester's Genesee Valley Park to the Village of Scottsville.

- View an historic canal-era double-arch stone culvert and Lock #2 of the Genesee Valley Canal.
- Meet with Village of Scottsville leaders and learn how they integrated the Greenway into walking opportunities for village residents.
- Learn more about our partnership with the Healthy Heart Program.
- Discover obstacles to the Greenway presented by a major railroad crossing and a nearby highway.

Save the date — we hope to see you there!

What's Happening on the Trail

NYSDEC Region 9

Caneadea: The DEC Region 9 crew installed four culverts: one just south of the old Caneadea DOT facility, one just north of Cemetery Street, and two near Molyneaux Road. Five additional pairs of gates were installed.

Belfast-Orame! The Region 9 crew made trail surface repairs between GLF Road and Crawford Creek Road and north of the refurbished highway bridge.

Rockville: Excess fill material from a nearby Route 305 culvert replacement was used to create an ADA-acceptable ramp on the north side of the Route 305 trail crossing.

Thank you to NYSDOT and C.P. Ward for their generosity!

Hinsdale: Region 9 Real Property staff have been monumenting the boundary lines along the one-mile section north of Old Rt. 16. This winter the crew completed removal of stockpiled tires, clearing the way for Hinsdale volunteers to clean up scrap metal and begin maintaining the trail.

In 2006 the Region 9 crew mowed all accessible sections of trail in Allegany County.

Genesee Falls: Cleared silt and debris from a section of canal prism south of Whiskey Bridge to alleviate a drainage problem affecting a town road and adjoining farmer's field.

Rockville: Trees and other vegetation were cleared away from two sets of Pennsylvania Railroad bridge abutments to allow engineers to assess the possibility of re-using the abutments for the installation of prefabricated trail bridges.

In 2007, construction should begin on the trail crossing at Rockville Lake outlet. This will involve installation of a culvert in the present-day lake outlet, and a bridge over the old spillway which supplied water to the Genesee Valley Canal.

Caneadea-Hume: In 2007, three additional large culverts will be installed: one just south of Houghton and two between Houghton and Fillmore.

A BIG THANK YOU TO Ron Abraham, Greg Muller and their Operations Crew for all the good work in Region 9.

NYSDEC Region 8 & OPRHP Genesee Region

Operations crew has been using the new tractor and mowing equipment purchased for the Greenway with the assistance of a Recreational Trails Program Grant obtained by the Friends. The crew started in the north and completed mowing the center portion of the Greenway trail to Nunda in June. On July 2 they heading north from Nunda to trim the edges/sides of the trail where needed. This operation will require use of the boom attachment, a most valuable addition for maintaining the Greenway. Our thanks to the Operations Crew for all their good work.

Chili: The trail needs resurfacing from Paul Road south along the west side of Scottsville Road to the CSX Railroad and across the field to Genesee Junction. A gated pedestrian crossing of the RR is needed and material is to be brought in to ramp the section of trail south of the RR. To complete this section we also need to acquire a small portion of railroad bed behind Little Black Creek Park. OPRHP is pursuing this acquisition and possible trails funding opportunities to complete this section of trail. The detour on SR383 and Ballantyne will be in force until the railroad pedestrian crossing is available.

In April, 2007, the Town of Mt. Morris obtained a permit from DEC to make use of a prison crew to brush out trail and pick up trash on the Greenway in the Village of Mt. Morris, south to the Veteran's Park area. Many thanks to Pete Cappadonia and the Mt. Morris Town Board for making this happen. DOT cleared, graded and seeded an area just south of the Veteran's Park so that it may be mowed in the future.

Gary and Todd Galton obtained a DEC permit in April 2007 to do some drainage work on the Greenway just north of Nunda on the branch trail. This work was beneficial to the Galton's nearby farm fields and also to the trail. Thank you Gary and Todd.

New DEC Trail Patch

On National Trails Day (June 2, 2007), the DEC announced it will soon make available a Trails Supporter Patch. Proceeds from the sale of this patch will help protect and enhance the state's 3,500 miles of non-motorized public trails, and promote outdoor recreational activity. A portion of the funds raised will enable volunteers with DEC's Adopt-a Natural Resource Stewardship program to reach more trails for maintenance assistance. The patch will be available for a \$5.00 donation at all outlets where sporting licenses are sold, and on DEC's website. For more information, visit



the Outdoor Recreation section of www.dec.ny.gov.

Volunteers Needed

Nate Cook, FOGVG Board Member, has been named Chair of the Monroe County Committee. Nate has plans for reactivating this committee and is looking for volunteers to serve in the Monroe County area. Potential projects include: work parties for trail maintenance, trash clean up, gate painting, and bench restoration; organizing trail outings/events; trail promotion; expanding area membership; providing feedback to the FOGVG Board on Greenway concerns in Monroe County. If you would like to work with Nate and the committee on any of these projects, please contact: cook.nate@gmail.com or (585) 490-6765.

Hikes originating at the Mt Morris Dam Visitors Center are co-sponsored by FOGVG and the Finger Lakes Trail Conference, and are possible only through the generosity of volunteers. We strongly encourage Friends members to participate as hikers, which will qualify you to lead or co-lead a future hike. Organizer Jacqui Wensich is willing to hike with new leaders for their first hike. Contact her for complete details at (585)385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com.

Membership News

In 2004 the Friends moved to a single anniversary date of September 1 for all members in order to simplify records and reduce record keeping involved. Current memberships expire September 1, 2007. **We very much appreciate new members who joined us in 2006 and all those who renewed.** We don't say it often enough, but here is **A BIG THANK YOU to All of You!**

We did not send out reminder letters to those who failed to respond last year, and there are some very familiar names missing from our membership list. If you are one of those who missed us in 2006, we hope to hear from you this year. Your Membership is Important. Please use the form in this newsletter, download it from the web site, or remember to respond later this summer when you receive the 2007-2008 membership information. Consider a gift membership and remember to let us know if your employer will match your gift.

New Members (since last newsletter): Melissa A. Alber (Linwood), Kurt E. Arnold (East Greenbush), Beautiful Valley Guesthouse (Scottsville), Jay Bigenwald (Penfield), Reed B. Braman II (Springville), Missy Buchanan (Leicester), Kathy A. Button (Greenwood), Gillian Conde (Scottsville), Audrey Cooper (Hilton), Pamela Davison (Amherst), Darryl & Mary Dickinson (Varysburg), Barbara Dimmick & Henry Williams (Scottsville), Gary Docteur (Buffalo), Karl M. Frame (Rochester), Steven Fries (Clark Mills), John T. Gagre (Round Top), Howard Hasenbein (Albany), Alan J. Herdzik (Lancaster), Regina Humphries (Rochester), Claudia M. Jensen (Attica), Timothy L. LeBarron (Poestenkill), Robert McDonough (Clifton Park), John & Sheila Myer (Brockport), Lori Napieralski (Cheektowaga), John J. O'Tier Jr. (Camillus), Eleanor Peplinski (Richfield Springs), Carl Perrera (New Hyde Park), Robert Salisbury (Rochester), B. Casey Small (Albany), David & Elizabeth Smith (Rochester), Robert L. Stear (Rochester), Leslie S. Tabin (Rochester), Kathleen Tewksbury (Avon), Douglas Volland (Honeoye Falls), Georgeanne Vyverberg (Naples), Leroy Waltz (Waterford), Andrew A. Washburn (Rochester)

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Earth Share

The above membership lists include all 2006 Earth Share donors reported to date. (see below)

Please note that NYS employees may donate to the Friends through Earth Share as part of the NYS Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) workplace giving program. FOGVG is a part of SEFA campaigns in all NY counties. You will also find us listed under Earth Share in participating corporate campaigns. **Please look for us.**

The Friends look forward to once again publishing regular issues of the Greenway News.

Support the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway!

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Supporter \$35
- Contributor \$50
- Trail blazer \$100
- Additional Contribution \$ _____
- Total Enclosed \$ _____

**Membership
Our Key to Success**

Your support of FOGVG makes it possible for us to grow as an organization and offer substantial and meaningful contributions to the Greenway partnership and development effort.

A strong level of public support, as evidenced by a dedicated and growing membership, is vital to our success.

New Renewing

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

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**I want to help spread the word. In the future, please send me a link to the on-line version, and put my print copy in a public place.*

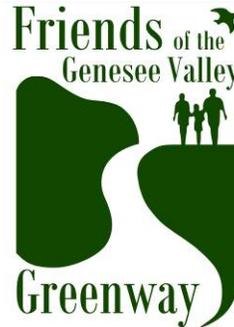
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I use the Greenway for:

- Hiking
- Biking
- Jogging
- Horseback Riding
- Birding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Other _____

I would like to help with:

- Trail Work
- Adopt-a-Trail
- Newsletter
- Mailings
- Membership
- Fund Raising Events
- Canal History
- Railroad History
- Trail Promotion
- Lead an Outing
- Serve on Board of Directors
- Other _____



Please make checks payable to:
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P.O. Box 42
Mt. Morris, NY 14510

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

GREENWAY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 7

Guided Hikes on the Greenway and Letchworth Branch Trail
Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
11:00 a.m. Leader: Jacqui Wensich Guided Beginner and Moderate hikes as part of a full day of fun, with evening fireworks over the gorge. Food available. Follow parking restrictions. Walk subject to change due to weather conditions.
Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

Thursday, July 19

Guided 4.0-mile Hike on the Letchworth Branch Trail
Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
1:00 p.m. Leader: Georgeanne Vyverberg Guided Easy to Moderate hike to Livingston County Park and back. Poles useful; nice views. Walk subject to change due to weather conditions. Please RSVP.
Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

Tuesday, July 31

Guided 4.7 mile Hike on the Letchworth Branch Trail
Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. Leader: Sharon Galbraith Moderate hike. Great views; need poles. Bring water, lunch, hiking footwear. Walk subject to change due to weather conditions. Please RSVP.
Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

Sunday, Aug. 12

Ninth Annual Greenway Horseback Ride
Meet at Chandler Rd. Trail Head off Rt. 63, York
10:00 a.m. Two-hour ride. Free parking in field next to trail head. Optional brunch at Yard of Ale Canal House Inn, Piffard at noon.
Info: (585) 658-2569

Saturday, Aug. 18 – Sunday, Aug. 19

Caneadea, NY Summer Festival
Caneadea United Methodist Church, Rt. 19 at Rt. 243
9:00 a.m. Saturday: FOGVG will have a display and information booth.
Info: Valerie Perkins (585) 365-8399

Sunday, Sept. 9

Genesee Valley Greenway Volunteer Picnic
Parade Grounds, Letchworth State Park
3:00 p.m.
Info: (585) 658-2569

Saturday, Sept. 15

Highlander Cycle Tour Expo
Bristol Mountain Winter Resort, Canandaigua, NY
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Info: www.highlandercycletour.com
Two volunteers needed to set up and work the FOGVG information table.
Please call (585) 658-2569

Saturday, Sept. 22 – Sunday, Sept. 23

DEC Hunting & Fishing Days
NYSDEC Region 8 Headquarters, Avon, NY
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Info: www.dec.ny.gov / region8@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Need help with booth set-up, and providing FOGVG information for 2-3 hr periods. Please call (585) 658-2569

Sunday, Sept. 23

26th Annual "Journey for Sight" 5K Walk-a-Thon
Belfast, NY (meet at the park next to R.t 19)
12:00 – 1:00 Registration; Walkers depart at 1:00, runners at 1:30
Sponsored by the Allegany County Lions Clubs, the route includes one mile of the Greenway (between Hughes St. and Gleason Hill Rd).
Info: Ron Abraham, (585) 365-2152, whislinpines@yahoo.com

Friday, Sept. 28 – Sunday, Sept. 29

Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference
Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY
Info: www.ptny.org, (518) 434-1583

Sunday, Nov. 11

FOGVG Annual Meeting
2:00 p.m. Location TBA
Info: (585) 658-2569

Friends of the Genesee Valley



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Carol Gibson-Farley	Mt. Morris
James Keough	Cuba-New Hudson
Charles F. Struble	Hinsdale

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"To make a Greenway is to make a community" -Charles Little, author of Greenways for America

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He enjoys adventure travel, cycling, running, backpacking, and has completed two marathon races. Jim is the Manager of Information Technologies at CPAC, Inc. in Leicester, NY and works part-time as a paramedic for Livingston County. He is a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Geneseo Fire Department and presently serves as captain of the Ambulance Squad.

Jim says, "I chose to join the board because I wanted to be a part of extending and promoting the Greenway. I've used it for many years -- it's great for distance running (easy on the knees, beautiful scenery, no cars). I can bike to Letchworth Park and enjoy the less-crowded view of the falls from the east side. I can walk to it from my office, have a run, and be back in an hour (an incredible stress-reliever). My wife, Holly, and our two daughters picnic on it. I use it to access the river. I go there frequently just to think."

"I believe strongly in preservation of open space. I love the history of the corridor. And I believe we need places where we can run, bike, ski, etc. without the fear of automobiles. The Greenway has brought me and my family great enjoyment. It's time for me to give something back, and I hope my background in I.T. can help in efforts to reach a larger audience."

Nate Cook of Rochester, another new board member, will be featured in our next newsletter.

**Do you have a passion for the
Greenway, and a few hours
to spare each month?
If so...**

FOGVG needs YOU!

Our by-laws call for 14 to 17 board members, some of whom are elected from the general membership, with others named to the board as chair of a Local Committee.

We are actively seeking enthusiastic trail lovers to join with John, John, and Jim to help direct this organization for the benefit of all -- members and trail users alike.

Please contact Ned Holmes at louisened@frontiernet.net or Joan Schumaker at schumaker@frontiernet.net to learn more about what you can do to help support and sustain the Genesee Valley Greenway.

THANK YOU!