

FOGVG 2007 Major Events

**Volunteer
Appreciation Picnic –**
September 9

Journey for Sight 5K –
September 23

Trail Hikes –
September 13
October 20
November 16

**Slide Presentation
& Potluck Dinner –**
November 11

Salute to VOLUNTEERS!

Where would the Friends be without... well... friends? We're proud to showcase the stories of volunteers who have recently donated time and labor making your trail a cleaner, safer, more inviting place to be.

These folks exemplify the true spirit of the Friends organization, and are superb examples of why the Board hosts an annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic — a small token that we believe expresses the gratitude of everyone who uses the trail.



Letchworth FFA members, advisors, and friends

Inside this issue:

President's Letter	2
Allegany County Lions sponsor the "Journey for Sight"	3
Travel End-to-End with Jim and Ned	4
What's Happening on the Trail	5
Membership News	6
Healthy Trails Conference	7
Trail Events Calendar	7
Special Slide Presentation	8

On the Trail... in Oakland

On June 9, 2007 a group of 25 students in FFA Chapter at Letchworth Central School spent the day cleaning out the historic canal lock site at Oakland (between Nunda and Portageville).

According to Jeff Perry (who co-advises the group along with Mrs. Nicole Ayers), "This civic engagement project was undertaken in service to our mission of providing leadership and personal growth opportunities, and for connecting youth with adults in a positive relationship to create change and investment in their communities."

"The Letchworth FFA is the leadership group of the school's agriculture program," stated Perry. "Our chapter of about 50 members is known for its use of parliamentary procedure in running meetings and its active participation at state and national leadership contests."

Twenty-five students and ten adults successfully cleaned out brush from three locks at the Oakland Lock site. One small crew also removed brush and exposed the stone work for a fourth

lock that apparently had never before been cleared. Brush and plant material were removed to allow greater visibility and to limit future damage to the lock stones.

Mr. Perry continued, "Boy Scouts from Castile and Geneseo troops lent a hand as did a work crew from Letchworth State Park, which provided equipment and technical support. Everyone worked hard and should be proud of the result." The Chapter is considering adopting the Locks portion of the Greenway Trail as an annual clean-up project, and hopes also to help clear a section of trail in southern Wyoming County.

Ned Holmes, President of the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway remarked, "Our sincere thanks go out to the students, scouts, and adults, whose volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated by so many who may never know who to thank. What a tremendous service you have provided in helping to make the Greenway more inviting and navigable."

(Story continues on page 3)

President's Letter



A great trip! Jim Hutton, former FOGVG board member and vice president, and yours truly completed a three-day ride of the Greenway from Hindsdale to Genesee Valley Park in Rochester. Be sure to read Jim's account of our journey on Page 4 of this newsletter.

An item of interest: On Friday and Saturday September 28 & 29, Parks and Trails New York will host its Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference in Rochester at the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center [Bldg. 3] on the Brighton Campus of Monroe Community College. Workshops and field trips will explore activities, communities, and quality of life issues through the creation and management of multi-use trails. FOGVG will present a workshop on Saturday. Visit www.ptny.org for details.

Finally, I am pleased to report a strong, positive response to our request for e-mail distribution of the newsletter. Thus far nearly 20% of our members have signed on to receive their newsletter via e-mail. For every member who elects to receive the newsletter this way, we can place one print copy in a public place to help inform others about the Genesee Valley Greenway. Please let us know if we can add you to this list. We maintain a strict anti-spam policy; your e-mail will not be used for any other purpose.

Your Board is always looking to improve means of communication. Let us know what you think of this latest effort. Hope to see you on the trail,

Ned Holmes

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.

If your organization wishes to schedule an event on the Greenway, please remember to first contact the OGVG Office (fogvg@frontiernet.net or 585-658-2569).

If a permit is needed, we will put you in contact with the appropriate agency: DEC or OPRHP.

You may also request that your event be added to our events calendar.

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.*

Salute To Volunteers (continued from Page 1)

On the Trail... in Chili

The Lakeland Rovers hiking club uses many trails in the region and supports several of them financially. Each year, the group hikes different sections of the Greenway with the goal of completing an end-to end.

Last winter, Lakeland Rovers spokesman Dr. Robert Pierson contacted Adopt-A-Trail volunteers Bob Melville and his wife, Glenda. He was looking to organize a service project for the Rovers that would benefit the Greenway. That initial contact led to a wonderful service project that stands to benefit so many.

On Monday, June 25th, a group of about a dozen members of the Lakeland Rovers removed 60-70 old tires and other assorted debris from the canal prism just north of the Ballantyne Rd. crossing in Chili. They also removed a refrigerator from the prism just south of the Morgan Rd. crossing. By Wednesday, June 27th, the Town of Chili Highway Department had picked up and properly disposed of the collected debris.

Mr. Melville states, "The Greenway is a connection to my childhood growing up. I began hiking what's now the Greenway in and around Scottsville in the early 1960s when the Pennsylvania RR was still in operation. I now regularly enjoy the Greenway all four seasons by bike, on foot, and on cross-country skis. Being a trail adopter allows me to "give back" something for the frequent pleasure I derive from using the Greenway."



The Lakeland Rovers moving tires uphill brigade-style.

Special thanks to Dr. Pierson and the Melville's for getting this project off the ground and for organizing the volunteers; to Joe Carr, Commissioner of Public Works/ Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Chili for promptly dispatching a crew to pick up the collect trash, and to the Lakeland Rovers club members for their hours and hours of hard work.

We'll recognize the Lakeland Rovers, the Letchworth FFA and many other good-hearted, hard-working souls at our **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic — September 9th!**

Journey for Sight

The Lions Clubs of Allegany County will sponsor the 26th annual "Journey for Sight" 5K Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, Sept 23rd. The route includes about one mile of the Greenway and illustrates an excellent way for groups and organizations to use this public thoroughfare for community betterment.



2006 Walkers

The Journey for Sight is an annual fundraising walk/run, the proceeds of which support the Lions' mission of assisting the county's blind and visually impaired citizens. Sponsorship is provided by local businesses,

individual Lions and Lioness Clubs, and by the hundreds of individuals who provide pledges to the participants.

According to Mike Marsh of Cuba, NY, chairman of the Journey for Sight committee, "We hope to have around 100 people participating in our Walk-a-Thon this year. We publicize the fact that our route includes part of the Greenway, and enjoy introducing new participants to the trail. We're looking forward to the time when the bridge south of Gleason Hill Road is replaced, so we can include more of the Greenway in our plans."

For more information or to obtain a pledge form, please contact any local Lions or Lioness Club. If your group would like to use the trail for a fundraising or other event, please contact the Greenway office at 585-658-2569 to discuss whether a permit is required.

Let us Hear from YOU!

Do you have an interesting story about how your group or organization is using 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

DAY ONE by Jim Hutton

In mid-July Ned Holmes and I biked the Greenway end-to-end from Hinsdale to Rochester. We had ridden end-to-end before in sections over the course of a summer, but this time we completed one continuous ride over three days, traveling a total distance of 103 miles. We chronicle our trip for you here, beginning with Day One in this issue. Please look for our accounts of Days Two and Three in future editions of the "Greenway News". JH

We began our excursion at the Greenway's southern-most end in the hamlet of Hinsdale, in Cattaraugus County. Ned's wife, Louise, deposited us and our gear there on Monday, July 16 and headed back to their home in Hemlock.

Our cycling journey didn't actually begin on the trail. The first section of Greenway just north of Hinsdale ends in an abrupt dead end where it meets a fence just west of Underwood Road. Since we had traveled this one-mile section on previous rides, we decided to forego it this time and began instead by walking our bikes over the closed, Old Route 16 bridge over Oil Creek onto Route 16 north.

A short distance later we turned right onto Rt. 446, Cuba Rd. We headed into Cuba and turned left onto Rt. 305, Genesee St., stopping at a convenience store there for juice and a snack.

At this point, we set off on the route depicted in the current Genesee Valley Greenway trail brochure. If you have a copy you can follow along with us now.

From Cuba we took Rt. 305, Jackson Hill Rd., Spring Valley Rd., and Hyde Flats Rd. to the town of Black Creek. There are several Amish farms along this route, and we enjoyed watching an Amish farmer harness his team in preparation for field work.

One of many lovely vistas along the southern portion of the trail.



From Black Creek we took Tibbetts Hill Rd., Ramsey Rd.,

End-to-Enders...



Jim Hutton and FOGVG President Ned Holmes, setting out.

and Lake Rd. until we reached first section of open trail, at the north end of Rockville Lake. We encountered a couple of hills between Cuba and Rockville, but were able to navigate them without too much effort.

We ate our lunch at the Rockville Bridge over Black Creek. While there, three people on horseback passed us heading north on the Greenway.

For the first ten miles or so of the ride, the Greenway trail isn't yet considered 'open' so we followed the hard roads that have been designated for the time being as detours. The trail is open continuously from the Rockville Bridge to north of Crawford Creek in Oramel, which is about five miles. The only exception is a bridge that has been removed just south of Gleason Hill Rd. The creek there was quite low so we manhandled our bikes down one side of the gully and up the other. Everyone might not be willing or able to do that, but it won't be necessary once the bridge is replaced.

From Crawford Creek to Houghton we rode some new sections of trail that were opened following the installation of three culverts in 2005. However, there are still several detours onto Rt. 19. The DEC expects to complete a number of projects this season that will facilitate the opening of several additional miles of trail.

We biked for five and one-half hours this first day and covered a distance of 29 miles. We stayed the night at the Inn at Houghton Creek, which is very nice. The dining hall at Houghton College was available for early dinners, but we arrived later and ate at the China Star Restaurant nearby. Afterwards we walked around the Houghton campus, which is very nice and well worth the time to visit. This particular night, a couple hundred teenagers were there for a Wesleyan Church camp and the place was alive with voices and activities.

It should be noted that if you enjoy a beer or other alcoholic beverage at the end of the day you need to bring your own to Houghton. It is dry town. JH

What's Happening on the Trail

NYSDEC Region 9



Rockville: Construction is progressing on the trail crossing at the Rockville Lake outlet. A culvert was installed in the present-day outlet and covered with 1,800 tons

of fill material. 80 tons of rock riprap were used to protect the stream bank from



erosion. Still to be installed is a bridge over the old stone and concrete spillway that supplied water from Rockville Lake to the Genesee Valley Canal.

This Just In: The Federal Highway Administration, partnering with DOT in Hornell, has approved our request to reallocate funds from the TEA-21 grant to fund the replacement of two Pennsylvania RR bridges and related trail surface work (north and south of Route 305 near Rockville). This work is expected to begin in 2008 and will facilitate the opening of four additional miles of trail in the area.

In early August the Region 9 crew began mowing all accessible portions of the trail in Allegany County.

NYSDEC Region 8 & OPRHP Genesee Region

Mt Morris: DOT is finishing work on the trail in the Village. They have done a nice job, particularly with signs and benches. There are some trail drainage problems remaining between Route 36 and Route 408 which will be addressed in the near future.

Also in Mt. Morris, an unsightly pile of household trash was recently discovered along the trail near Veteran's Park. FOGVG member Tony D'Imperio assisted the Friends in reporting the illegal activity to the DEC. The trash was found to contain documents that led to the arrest of a 19 year-old Mt.

Morris man. The man removed the debris, and was issued a ticket to appear in court. He faces a \$1,500 minimum fine for illegal disposal of solid waste and the possibility of jail time. Thanks to the DEC for a prompt resolution to this problem.



Page 2 of this newsletter contains information on what to do if you discover a violation of environmental law along the Greenway.



Finger Lakes Trail

Over 850 miles of hiking trails in the southern part of New York State

For maps, membership, or other information, visit www.fingerlakestrail.org

**Finger Lakes Trail Conference
6111 Visitor Center Rd.
Mt. Morris, NY 14510
585-658-9320**

*NOTE: Contact Jacqui Wensich to arrange for guided hikes anywhere on the Letchworth Branch Trail, including end-to-end.
(585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com*

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

The Friends have 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 those who submitted their 2007-08 memberships after receiving the last newsletter. These early Greenway supporters are listed below and we Thank Them.**

Please note we have **added Business Sponsor as a new membership level at \$120.** We will recognize Business Sponsors on our web site with a logo/link to their site or an ad in a special Business Sponsor Section. Business sponsors will also be included in all newsletters.

In recent years we have not sent reminder letters to those failing to respond to our membership drives and we now find some familiar names missing from our membership list. **Please note your membership expiration date contained on this newsletter label.* If you have been among the missing, we would very much like to welcome you back. If you have been a consistent member, we sincerely Thank You and look forward to your renewal. If you are a new member, that's great! All Memberships are Important.** If you use the membership form in this newsletter or download one from the web site, you will save us mailing you the 2007-

2008 membership letter. Let us know if your employer will match your membership and also consider a gift membership for someone special.

*** Note: In the past, newsletters have been mailed to those with lapsed memberships. We are not able to continue this practice, so urge you to update your membership and, if possible, elect to receive your newsletter electronically. Just email a "YES" to us at fogvg@frontiernet.net**

New Members: Ron & Kathy Macomber (Nunda); Jean-Paul W. Vivian (Horseheads)

Returning members - Welcome Back: Pack, Paddle, Ski

Renewing Members: Marcia Ayers; Thomas Burkman; Michael S. Buskus; J. Daniel DeBruin; Myra Herlihy; Keith & Judy Kroon; Gary & Cheryl Rouleau; David Salls; Joan Schumaker; Hans Strasser; David & Grace Strong; Gerald & Alice Thompson; J. Daniel DeBruin; and Donald & Roberta Whitney

Support the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway!

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Supporter \$35
- Contributor \$50
- Trail blazer \$100
- Bus. Sponsor \$120
- + Donation \$ _____
- 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 _____

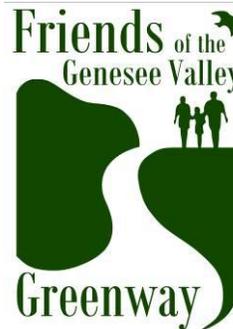
Phone (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

Email* _____

**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.*

I use the Greenway for:

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



Become a Member

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:
 Friends of the Genesee
 Valley Greenway
 P.O. Box 42
 Mt. Morris, NY 14510

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Earth Share

The above membership lists include 2006 Earth Share donors not included in the June 2007 newsletter.

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.

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.

GREENWAY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 9

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

Thursday, Sept. 13

Guided 4.0-mile hike to Lorenzo Park and back
 Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
 1:00 p.m. Leader: Georgeanne Vyverberg. Medium pace; terrific views. Bring water, lunch, clothing, all-weather gear, appropriate footwear. Please RSVP.
 Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

Saturday, Oct. 20

Guided 6.0-mile hike to the Greenway and back.
 Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
 9:00 a.m. Leader: Joan Schumaker. Safe for hunting season. Medium pace; may car shuttle per group. Bring water, lunch, clothing and all-weather gear, appropriate footwear. Please RSVP.
 Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 23

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

Friday, Sept. 28 – Sunday, Sept. 29

Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference
 Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY
 Discover the important contribution trails can make to individual health, quality of life, and the environmental and economic health of communities. Field workshops take place along the Greenway, as well as the [City of Rochester Trails System](#), the [Erie Canalway Trail](#), and the Lehigh Valley and Auburn Trails.
 Info: www.ptny.org / 518-434-1583

Sunday, Oct. 15

14th Annual Ridgewalk & Run
 Wellsville, NY
 Spectacular trail walks or competitive runs along the highest ridge in WNY. Six routes, from a casual paved two-mile walk to a 14-miler. Benefits Allegany Co. non-profit organizations.
 Info: www.ridgewalk.com / 585-593-5080

Sunday, Nov. 11

FOGVG Annual Meeting, Hike, Potluck Dinner & Program
 Please See Information on Page 8

Friday, Nov. 16

Guided Hike (Hike Leader's Choice)
 Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center
 9:00 a.m. Leader: Sharon Gailbraith. Medium pace. Bring water, lunch, clothing, all-weather gear, appropriate footwear. RSVP.
 Info: Jacqui at (585) 385-2265 or jwensich@rochester.rr.com

Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway

P.O. Box 42
Mt. Morris, NY 14510
Phone: 585-658-2569
fogvg@frontiernet.net

Visit our web site!
WWW.FOGVG.ORG

Board of Directors

Edward Holmes	President
Susan Knauer	Secretary
Joan Schumaker	Treasurer
Coleridge Gill	At-Large
John Mahlendorf	At-Large
James Mullin	At-Large
John Stanton	At-Large
Nate Cook	Monroe Co.
Peter Cappadonia	Mt. Morris
James Keough	Cuba-New Hudson
Charles F. Struble	Hinsdale

ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway is a 501(c)3 not for profit charitable organization. Your membership donation is fully tax deductible. A copy of our Annual Report may be found on the FOGVG web site, or obtained by contacting the Greenway Office or the Office of the Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY, NY 10271

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

NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MT. MORRIS, NY
PERMIT NO. 1

Join us for a Special Presentation:

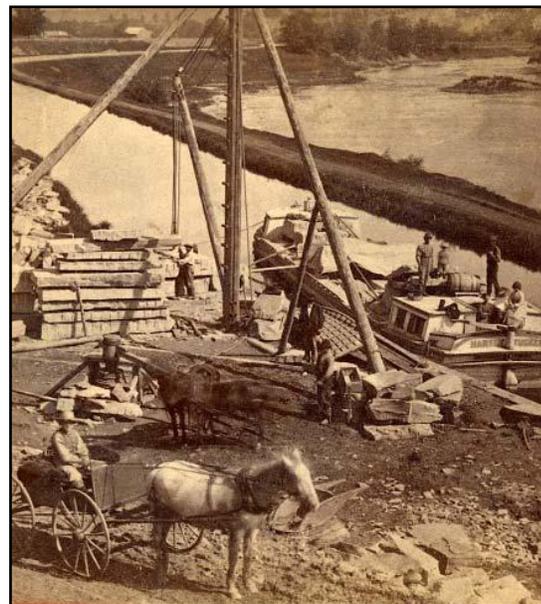
Sunday, November 11
2:00 p.m.
Belfast United Methodist Church
Belfast, NY
Free and Open to the Public

From Canal to Rail to Trail: The Evolution of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail

Against a backdrop of historic images of the Genesee Valley Canal (1840-1878) and the Pennsylvania Railroad, Rochester Branch (1862-1963), Mr. Braack will describe how transportation in this corridor has evolved and changed, and how today's Greenway Trail may be used by local communities and organizations both for public recreation and to stimulate tourism and economic activity.

Join us at 2:00 p.m. for a hike on the Greenway, followed by a potluck dinner and an entertaining and informative slide presentation by Allegany County Historian Craig Braack at the FOGVG Annual Meeting.

Mr. Braack is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. He began his career with the Alfred University Research Foundation, has served as Almond Town Historian, and was named County Historian in 1984. This year Allegany County appointed Mr. Braack its Tourism Specialist.



Loading bluestone onto a canal boat

Space is limited. Please call 585-658-2569 for more information.