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**Pomeroy Marker
Dedication**

**Birding/Wildlife
Transplanting
Trail of Hope
Summer
Reminders**



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ABOUT US

Trail Works, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, was founded in Wayne County New York in 1997 by a small group of individuals who are dedicated trail users who are interested in trail development and expanding trail use.

OUR PURPOSE

Trail Works purpose is to provide a unified voice for Wayne County trail users as well as to coordinate the development and maintenance of high-quality, year-round multi-use trails. Our purpose also embodies public education about trails and public awareness of trail issues. To carry out our purpose, we recognize the importance of the relationships Trail Works has established with local and county governments. These relationships are vital to moving ahead on any plans for trail development.

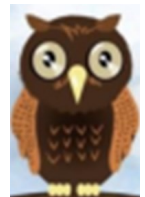
Whether we are planning trails, cutting trails, maintaining them, posting signage or using trails by hiking, riding, kayaking, snowshoeing, skiing or biking... we are all about trails.

COVER

Photos from William G. Pomeroy Foundation website: <https://www.wgpfoundation.org/>

NOTE:

In this issue, look for the Owl which designates a Trail Works sponsored trail in the Wegman's "Hit the Trail" Passport booklet."



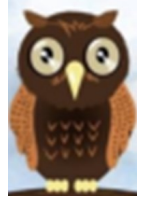
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Shaker Tract Pomeroy Marker Dedication



You couldn't ask for a hotter day in May. Thankfully the large canvas tent, partially leafed out trees, and a southerly breeze helped mitigate the heat.

The sun shone on the parklike grounds which had just been groomed. Only two days prior, 60 volunteers responding to the United Way Day of Caring had focused on sprucing up the site. The wooden buildings were built either by the Shakers or by Alasa Farms from the 1830's to the 1930's, set among trees at least as old as the Shaker era of the farm. Adding to the ambiance was Derek Poole, Alasa Farms Historic Chair, dressed in Shaker attire.

Forty-five or so people heard seven speakers give short and succinct talks that dealt with the research leading to securing the marker, brief histories of the groups listed on the marker: Shakers, Fouriers, and Alasa Farms, and present-day use of the Shaker Tract.

Janet Halasinski, Cracker Box Palace at Historic Alasa Farm board mem-



ber, welcomed the attendees, and set the tone for the significance of the marker by reading a letter from the Pomeroy Foundation regarding their grant program. She introduced my wife, Joan Wallis, who along with me secured the grant under the auspices of Trail Works. Joan talked about her own knowledge of the earliest Shaker settlement at Niskayuna, NY, where she grew up, and of our recent research for this marker. The soon to be unveiled historic marker only had space to include the years each group occupied the Shaker Tract.

The next three speakers gave details of the three group's time at the property: Cheryl Kline, Shaker historian - Shakers; Rosa Fox, Huron Town historian - Fouriers; Derek Poole, who spoke of his long association with Alasa Farms through



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three generations of his family. He helped tie together the history by positing that each group was living its own utopian dream. Rounding out the ceremony, Matt Belanger, president of Genesee Land Trust, and Sara Buys, Cracker Box Palace farm manager, brought us up to date on the present use of the land.

Joan and I then unveiled the sign.

For us the post ceremony mingling lasted longer than the ceremony itself. Lunch for many was the cake, cookies, and punch provided on the front porch of the Shaker dwelling house.

Special thanks to Tammy Stauffer, office manager for Cracker Box Palace and Nancy Snyder, board member of Trail Works for helping make the day a success.



Glenn Wallis, board member, Trail Works



Trail Works Birding & Wildlife Walk With SOAR and NYSDEC



Seventeen birding enthusiasts joined us on May 7th for a morning walk through Guy Baldassarre Marsh in Savannah. Organized by Trail Works and SOAR Clyde/Savannah/Galen, this guided walk was led by Frank Morlock, a naturalist from the DEC Field Office in Savannah. Along the way to the new observation deck, Frank explained the cycle and maintenance of this marsh, which is part of the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area. We learned that several years earlier, this property

had been a farmer's field before being purchased by DEC.

Today, this impounded marsh is preserved to provide diverse habitats important to wetland dependent wildlife and migratory birds. With Frank's help, the group was able to spot a number of birds and wildlife, including eagles, terns, herons, yellowlegs,

snapping turtles, muskrat, and muskrat "huts." Evidence of past beaver activity was also present. A pair of rare glossy ibis that were present at the marsh the previous week, however, sadly eluded our group. SOAR gifted each mom with a potted plant courtesy of Savannah Gardens for Mother's Day. Special thanks to Frank Morlock and Amy

Bullard for teaming up with Trail Works to make the day a memorable one.

Side Note: Earlier that week, I did my "due diligence" and went to the marsh to check out the trail conditions, scope out the area, and see what wildlife I could find. There

was another person there who had hoped to see the glossy ibis as well. Turns out we were acquaintances from

both being associated with the Beechwood Committee! Later, as I was departing the observation deck, two others approached with binoculars, scopes and cameras. It turns out one of them was a dear friend I had known from back in my Girl Scouting days! As my friend and fellow Trail Works and ADK member, Rich Ross, said recently, ***"This is what being part of Trail Works is all about... meeting like-minded people out on the trail."*** And in this case, we were all looking for the pair of glossy ibis. You never know who you will meet out on the trail!

Nancy Snyder



Trail Works Receives Grant for Beechwood Bridge Rebuild

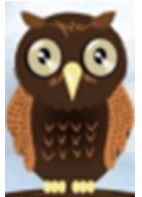
Special thanks go out to new Trail Works members Mark Ketcham and Werner Lutz of Sodus Point for the generous grant received through Trail Works from the **Mark Ketcham/Werner Lutz Do It Now Fund At Our Fund** for rebuilding a bridge at Beechwood State Park. The bridge in question has been in disrepair for many years, and this rebuild will ensure the safety and enjoyment of those who visit the park for years to come! Thank you, Mark and Werner!



Transplanting at the Trail of Hope

The teamwork on this project is phenomenal. We had six or seven people literally plugging away over one week by putting in scattered bits of time throughout each day, but it's done. These plants are sensitive and like the cold as much as we do.

So we've employed creative solutions and made special runs to and from the cold-frame greenhouse to warmer greenhouses all over the county to protect the over 5,000 young plants donated by Raker-Roberta's Young Plants in Litchfield, Michigan! We are so grateful and have enjoyed our time this week! Ground planting begins soon!!



Mark DeCracker



Camp Beechwood Spring Update

Hey Y'all,

Here we are at the most exciting time of year here at Beechwood State Park, the summer camping season! With all the improvements made in the park during the off season, we've opened up to rave reviews from the early season campers. The slight rule changes and new camping fee haven't affected our camping attendance at all. In fact, we're seeing more campers than ever, and they seem happy to know that their camping fee goes to the rebuild of the park that they love. We also have some new improvements headed your way this summer.

The park received a generous donation from Sodus Point residents Mark Ketchum and Werner Lutz through the **Mark Ketchum/Werner Lutz Do It Now Fund At Our Fund**, to completely replace the "Rubber Band Bridge" which is located between the Flag Field and Pioneer Lodge. The new bridge is being built on June 11th.

Multiple Eagle Scout projects are also on the docket for this summer, and one has already been completed. Sodus Eagle Scout Cody Freeman repaired the fronts of two A-frames in the Larches area as well as built four sets of steps and two brand new picnic tables for us. The Trail Life Boys from Seneca Falls also put a new metal roof on the latrine located in Pixie area of the park.

On the weekend of April 23rd, the park hosted the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree, and it was a great success. It was attended by over 100 scouts and 40 parents. It was absolutely amazing to see the park completely filled with scouts again!

Birding has really picked up here this spring. The Rochester Birding Association came down for a field trip on May 3rd, and we have been seeing a solid stream of birders every morning since.

The big event of the summer here at the park will be the dedication of the John Faulks pavilion on June 18th. We will be having food trucks and a live band. Trail Works will be accepting donations that day for further improvements here at the park. Camping sites are going to go fast that weekend, so the earlier you get here to camp that week, the better.

I hope to see you all out here this summer enjoying such an amazing place, and don't be afraid to say "hi" to me and Chandra. We're here to help with anything. I hope everyone has a great summer.

Sal, the Beechwood Guy



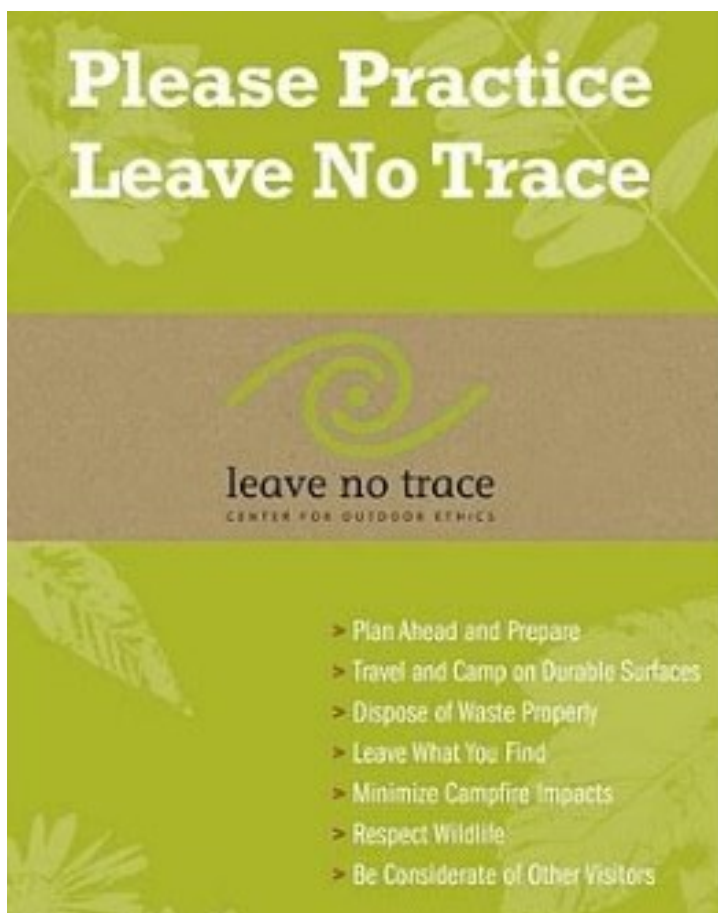
Summer Reminders

Every day is Earth day~ Clean sweep your neighborhood!

Warmer weather is upon us and more of us are getting outdoors. How about taking along a trash bag on your daily walk or run? Winter winds have helped to spread some debris along many area roads. The other day, in addition to trash, I made 45-cents in recyclable cans and bottles. Of course, wear gloves and be safe.

I know many of us participated in Canal Clean Sweep and other Earth Day initiatives... now we need to extend that energy right where we live. Every day is Earth Day.

Carol May



Trail Works T-Shirts are in.

New Trail Works t-shirts and sweatshirts are available. They come small, medium, large and x-large.

T-shirts come in teal and maroon. Sweatshirts are available in maroon.

T-shirts can be purchased from board members and at Trail Works events .

Questions:? Call Mark 315-573-8170



Past Tracks

Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing At May's Farm



On February 13, 2022, a large group of friendly people came to the May's Farm. We cross-country skied about 3 miles! The group leader was Carol May. Carol pointed out many interesting landmarks on our way. If you like snowshoeing, you could do that too.



While we were out cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, Jim May was preparing a snack feast. There were cookies, hot cocoa, granola bars, and coffee. Generous people



brought snacks and drinks to share. As a 9-year-old kid, it looked like a feast.

The May's let my 5-year-old brother and me play in the gigantic snow pile. We dug a tunnel through the center. Jim May lit a fire. It was the excitement of the day.

Overall, I thought the May's Farm was an exciting place to snowshoe and cross-country ski. The tracks were absolutely perfect in every single way.

Submitted by:
Alina VanTyle



Past Tracks

“Cinco de Mayo” Paddle



The weather not only held for our first paddle of the season but surprised us with a stunning sunset! It sure felt great to get in the water again after a long winter! Wide Waters was a good location for our Cinco de Mayo Paddle; no waves made for an easier paddle, a nice new kayak/canoe launch made it easy to get in and out of the canal, and, only a few minutes down the road, a Mexican restaurant! Maravilloso!



It was nice to see “old” friends ...and meet NEW ones!

We decided to rest our sore muscles and reward ourselves with Mexican food afterwards in honor of a successful paddle & to celebrate the holiday. Ole!

Looking forward to a wonderful season on Wayne County Blue Trails with y'all!

Our next event is a Morning Paddle @ Lock 30 in Macedon on Saturday, June 11th @ 10 am. Hope to see you there!

Rachel Wizeman

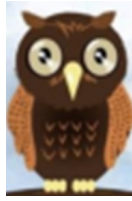
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Canal Clean Sweep and Mural Dedication

What an amazing day! Thanks to everyone for making it such a special day! Trail Works,



fellow she is embracing is John Groves who was a founding member of ERIE (Erie's Restoration Interests Everyone) with me. He lives in a nursing home and his son



brought him from Brockport to attend this dedication event.

Here are some quotes of the day from attendees:

Allyn Perry: *"Someone told me they wish it could happen again today. HOWEVER! The magic that was yesterday could never be duplicated. CANALLERS ARE what the world needs! How many people walked away w/o a smile or a warmer heart? I dare you to fine one!"*

Christine Shove: *My mind and my heart are absolutely in the CLOUDS tonight!!! I cannot stop smiling or find the starting point of the story of 4/23/2022, but I can tell you that it is another important part of the Historic Erie Canal for everyone that was involved. I must admit, I am unable to grasp the right words to summarize it all. The culmination of minds and efforts that united today was a force bringing the stories of yesterday and today together, while beautifying the area with elbow grease and art!*

Mural Mania, and the Historic Erie Canal group joined forces this year for the annual NYS Canal Clean Sweep event. This annual Clean Sweep Event is held to clean up the banks of the canal and surrounding trails. On this day, there were events sponsored by NYS Canal

Corporation and Parks & Trails NY along almost the entire 400-mile stretch of the Erie Canal.

The morning of April 23 was spent clearing brush around the Historic Erie Canal lock E-56 in Lyons. After the clean-up, the group moved over to the Canal Dry Dock office for a formal dedication of two iconic murals, the Dipper Dredge No.3 mural, and the E-56 mural. These two

murals are now side by side and only 15 feet from the Empire State Bike trail.

The NYS Canal Corporation videotaped and photographed the entire day for us. The one photo sums up the day. Allyn Perry lives in the Poorhouse brickhouse, and the



Past Tracks

Stephanie SRS photographer: *This is another reason I love my job so much! The motto to my business is, "Pictures are our time capsules," and so very true in the series of photos taken today. I was unsure how or what to expect for the day. But as you look at each one of the photos taken, the day was captured like a time capsule. Memories now that will*

be forever documented and emotions captured for all to see.

Pictures can lock in and preserve so many treasures for our future to witness and enjoy. Documenting the history and the present yesterday has now become a Canal part of the future history "Time Capsules." Thank you again for welcoming me and putting your trust in me to capture such important details!

By Mark DeCracker



Trail Works Wildflower Hike at Zurich Bog

May Day brought out a nice group for the annual Trail Works wildflower hike.



This year's adventure was at Zurich Bog in Arcadia.

The acid bog provides for a nice assortment of wildflowers. Wildflowers that can be found at Zurich Bog include Spring Beauty, Lady Slipper, Cut-leaved Toothwort, Bloodroot, Christmas fern, Trillium, Trout Lilies, May Apples, Jack in the Pulpit, Dutchman's Breeches, Squirrel Corn, Marsh Marigolds, Hepatica, Cinnamon Fern, Royal Fern, and Sensitive Fern.

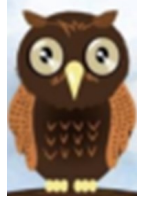


These little gems only last a few weeks each spring, and we hope you had the chance to view them in Wayne County before they disappeared!

Past Tracks



Newark Rotary Adopts Lockville Trail



Trail Works Board members Mark and Glenn met last year with Kevin Mooney from Newark Rotary about their club adopting the Lockville trail in the spring. Mark made a St. Patrick's Day appearance at the Rotary Club meeting to discuss the Trail Works mission and opportunities for the Newark Club to join in. Over 45 people were in attendance, many wearing green, and some were even sporting green hair! The Newark Club has offered to adopt the Lockville Trail and help keep it maintained. New signage at Lockville will also be forthcoming.

Thank you, Newark Rotarians!

Day of Caring at Alasa Farms

Seventy United Way Day of Caring volunteers accomplished much at Alasa Farms on May 19, 2022!

Many worked on improvements to farm structures but three crews were on the trails removing debris and improving the head clearance for the mounted trail users.

The green trail now has sufficient clearance for the tallest horse and perhaps an elephant thanks to the diligent efforts of the pictured volunteers.

By Barbara DeRoo



Past Tracks

A Day of Giving @ Books, Etc.

On May 21st, we had our second Day of Giving. Thank you to all those that showed your support to Trail Works, Inc. Monies donated will go back to improving the trails in Wayne County.



Four Wayne County non-profits participated; Trail Works, Inc, Wounded Warrior of Wayne County, Wayne County Humane Society and Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County. Each dollar received in our jar counted as one vote. The organization with the most votes was given \$50.00 from Books, ETC.

There were two additional items at the Trail Works, Inc table.

First: Trail Works, Inc handed out Remembrance Fliers for Sandra Sollie and her unborn baby Brandon, whose bodies have never been found. Sandra was last seen at the Ames Plaza on Route 31 in Macedon, New York. Macedon is a Town of about 10,000 people located 20 miles from Rochester. While it is in a semi-rural area, Macedon lies on a well-traveled route and there is easy access to a number of major highways. Richard Ingraham, PI, has spent more than two decades investigating the case pro-bono. Richard continues to work with the New York State Police. Feel free to contact Richard anytime at: Email: relentlesspi@gmail.com. Telephone: 585-465-8769 or the NYS Police-Farmington Barracks with any information.

Second: FREE homemade soap and lotion soap, made by Marilyn Byron. Marilyn passed away recently and her family thought this was a great way to honor Marilyn. She was all about the community and the people in the community. She was a strong supporter of the former Macedon Fire Dept. and Macedon Village Ambulance. Both served the entire Macedon Community with the finest services, put the people first and had the utmost respect national & international due to their integrity.

Submitted by,
Marie Cramer
BOD and Trail Works, Inc member



**Save the date for our next "A Day of Giving" @ Books, ETC 78 W. Main Street
Macedon, NY. Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 12 Noon-4pm.**



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Upcoming Event



***Sunset view from the
John Faulks Pavillion***

Sunset Pavilion Dedication Saturday, June 18, 2-5 PM Beechwood State Park

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Join Trail Works and the Town of Sodus as we
dedicate the Sunset Pavilion at Beechwood
State Park in memory of John T. Faulks



2-2:45: Live entertainment by Beechwood

State Park Manager Sal Vittozzi

2:45-3:15: Formal Dedication

3:15-5: Live entertainment by "Johnny's Band"

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***There will be a food truck at the park!**



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Trail Works Event Calendar June-September 2022

Date	Event
June 4th	National Trails Day Hike @ Beechwood State Park, 10:30 – 12 noon
June 11th	ADK Outdoor Expo @ Mendon Ponds Park, 9:30 – 3:30 pm
June 11th	Morning Paddle @ Lock 30 Macedon, 10:00 am
June 18th	Family Hike & BYO Picnic @ Manchester Gateway Trail, 11:00 am
June 18th	Sunset Pavilion Dedication @ Beechwood State Park, 2:00 – 5:00 pm
June 21st	Monthly Meeting
July 9th	Evening Paddle on Port Bay, 6:00 pm
July 19th	Monthly Meeting
Aug 6th	Family Hike and BYO Picnic @ Alasa Farms, 11:00 am
Aug 13th	Full Moon Paddle on Sodus Bay, 7 p.m.
August 16	Monthly Meeting
Sept 10	Harvest Moon Paddle @ Third Creek, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 20th	Monthly meeting