

# FOOTNOTES

**CNY Folksmarch**

**Newsletter• March 2017**

**FM# 430 (GPS:310 Tulip St. Liverpool, NY 13088)**

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Willow basket photo from Crawford Collection of the Liverpool Public Library

## ***Walking in Liverpool this month.***

Liverpool owes its existence to the natural brine springs around Onondaga Lake, which drew the first settlers to the area in the late 18th century. Boiling brine to make salt was worth the work and hardship; salt was so valuable it was called "white gold". In the 1820s, Liverpool was home to workers on the state's canal system, many of them Irish, and the community was called "Little Ireland" for a time. The Oswego Canal opened in 1828, connecting the Erie Canal in downtown Syracuse with the port of Oswego on Lake Ontario. The Oswego Canal ran along the lakeshore just below Liverpool's First Street and became the lifeblood of the settlement.

The Village was incorporated in 1830. It is said that the name "Liverpool" was chosen for the great port in Liverpool, England, and locally was famous for shipping high-quality salt. Salt barrels stamped "Liverpool" were known to contain a dependable product. Did Liverpool settlers choose the name to honor the English city, or as a marketing ploy?

German immigrants to the area in the early 1850s came to work in the salt industry. Some brought the willow weaving craft with them. John Fischer is said to be the first Liverpool willow weaver. As interrelated families and friends joined him in Liverpool, and as the salt industry waned, willow basket weaving became the main

**THE "BASICS" THIS MONTH.**

**DATE: SATURDAY, MAR. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**START ANYTIME BETWEEN 8-11AM. SUNDAY, MAR. 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**START ANYTIME BETWEEN 1-3PM**

**FIRST TIMERS ARE FREE. \$4.00**

**FOR ADULTS, \$1 FOR YOUTH:**

**6 - 18. 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.**

**\$9 MAX. FOR A FAMILY.**

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occupation of many residents. You can still see some willow workshops in Liverpool's backyards, many converted to garages today. The Liverpool Willow Museum is the Hurst family workshop, moved to its present site at 314 Second Street to preserve and commemorate this part of Liverpool history. Enjoy your walk.

**The "15 minutes of Fame" will be given by Dorianne Gutierrez of the Historical Assn. at 9:45 on Saturday morning.**

**Directions:** From north-south on routes 370 or 57 to Liverpool, turn right on Tulip Street. From east and south-north on Rt. 81 to Liverpool exit. Take Liverpool Parkway exit to Liverpool. Bear left at 2nd st. (route 370). Library is on the left at the corner of Tulip St.

**Note:** Parking is available on the street – some under the Library and also down the street by the Retreat restaurant. Be sure to stop at the Willow Museum on 2nd St. & the Salt Museum in the Park.



### ***Update on CNY Folksmarch***

We have received both the official notification from New York State that we are now incorporated, and shortly thereafter our Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the federal government. Having the EIN allows us to get a corporate bank account and insurance. Lee Mount has contacted Pathfinder Bank and is setting up the bank account. He has also contacted several insurance brokers for quotes and expects to have information on that issue in the near future. So, we are well on the way concerning legal matters. Thanks to the excellent work of the January and February teams and to the support and cooperation of all of you, the first two Folksmarches have been a resounding success. The future of Folksmarch is looking bright!

### ***Good times at Shoppingtown***

A clear, although chilly morning, prompted some people to walk the cemetery loop across the road from Shoppingtown Mall, while most of us kept to the warmer inside. The presentation by the DeWitt Community Library staff updated us on the plans for the new Library on Jamesville Road. Thanks so much for the mittens, hats, and scarves which will be donated to the Oneida Healthcare Center. Thanks to Hal and Joanne Gestwick and their team for a great job.





A quick note: Found at Shoppingtown: a cream colored shoulder wrap. Pick up at the Liverpool FM.



The organizational meeting for the Team of Six who are planning the Folksmarch for May will meet at the home of Donna and Jack Kulle on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. For directions to their home, contact Donna at: [d.kulle@hotmail.com](mailto:d.kulle@hotmail.com)

Marge Trudeau has graciously accepted the role of Historian for the CNY Folksmarch program. She will continue to retain the Footnotes issues and any other items needed for the record. Thanks to Pauline Burr for holding that position following Sue Appel's work.

In addition to the walk within the Village, you may choose to extend your FM and try the familiar paths of Onondaga Park. Will the snow be gone? Or, are we just being teased into Springlike weather?

Peg Price wrote: We can't do this without you! CNY Folksmarchers make the best Tri Volunteers. Please check your calendar and come to the April FM prepared to sign up to volunteer for the Y Triathlon on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Green Lakes. Also opportunities to help prepare volunteer assignment letter and/or to pack the Triathlete packets in June. The purpose of the monies raised at the Triathlon is to provide a FREE program for Cancer Survivors in this area. All of the Y branches offer this significant program for women and men – so we encourage you to continue your valuable contribution of time that day.



Erin Cunia will be our new Footnotes Editor, using some of your articles and photos. She's a computer "pro", so you'll be pleased with her endeavors. Peg and I have enjoyed putting together these 430 issues of Footnotes since October of 1981 – so glad we had a part in all of it. In journalistic jargon, it's a "30".

*CNY Folksmarch –  
Come Walk with us!*

*After this month, the next CNYFolksmarch event will be in Homer – April 8-9<sup>th</sup> ,2017*