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## NEWSLETTER

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### December 2023 Folksmarch

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 9:00—12:00 PM and Sunday, December 10, 1:00—3:00 PM

**Annual Membership Pass:** \$40 Includes Yearly Passport card and 12 monthly walks. **BUY NOW FOR 2024!**

**Yearly Passport card:** \$10 prorated semi-annually

#### Monthly Walking Rates:

First Time Walkers FREE!

Adults \$4.00

Youth 6—18 \$1.00

5 and under FREE

Family \$9.00 (max)

### CNY Folksmarch Inc. – 2023 Board of Directors

Erin Cunia ('23), *President*

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Eileen Arnold ('24), Dawn Bennett ('23), Barbara Crane ('24).

A folksmarch is a non-competitive walking event conducted monthly for people of all ages and abilities in Central New York.

**FM #511** (321 Montgomery St., Syracuse **GPS:** [43.047979,-76.151564](https://www.google.com/maps?ll=43.047979,-76.151564))

### December Folksmarch: Downtown

DECEMBER 9, 9:00 AM-NOON AND DECEMBER 10, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM – Onondaga Historical Association, 321 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

Tis the season to enjoy a winter walk in Downtown Syracuse. Once again many of the businesses have decorated their windows with holiday themes for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Contest. Our route will pass by several displays and Folksmarchers will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite scene.



There are several parking lots and garages near OHA.

The closest garage is on the corner of Montgomery St. and Fayette St. There are 2 open lots on Montgomery St. within a block of the museum. If you are lucky enough to find an open spot on the street, please note that parking meters require payment even on Saturday, but are free on Sunday.

The first-rate museum and its wonderful gift gallery will be open for exploration from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. both Saturday and Sunday.

Many thanks to **Lisa Romano Moore**, the OHA Executive Director, for opening the doors early for us on Saturday and for allowing us to use the room until 1:00 P.M. in order to conduct our Annual Meeting.

Only service dogs are allowed in the museum.



*2022 Winner*

**Speaking of our Annual Meeting**....we hope many of you stay for the meeting that will begin at noon on Saturday. This is a nice opportunity for members to mingle and enjoy some light refreshments while we conduct some brief business items.

#### Directions

**From the North:** take Route 81 to Clinton St. exit. Turn left on Fayette St. Turn right onto Montgomery St.

**From the South:** take Route 81 to Adams St. exit. Travel north on Almond St. Turn left on Fayette St. and left on Montgomery St.

**From the East:** take Route 690 to Townsend St. exit. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. Go to the 4<sup>th</sup> light and turn right on Fayette St. Go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> light and turn left on Montgomery St.

**From the West:** take Route 690 to the West St. exit. At the first light after the off ramp turn left onto Fayette St. Go to the 5<sup>th</sup> light and turn right onto Montgomery St.

If you would like to write about your walk or submit pictures, **please submit one week following the walk** to the newsletter editor, [cnyfolksmarch@gmail.com](mailto:cnyfolksmarch@gmail.com).

#### Do you need a walk buddy?

Want to meet new people? We often have solo walkers that would like to walk with another or in a group. Let's meet at 10:00 AM Saturday and anyone who would like to explore as a group can join in.

## Walk Schedule for 2023

~~1/14 & 1/15 Destiny Mall, Syracuse~~

~~2/11 & 2/12 Beaver Lake Nature Center~~

~~3/11 & 3/12 Village of Manlius~~

~~4/15 & 4/16 Jordan Elbridge Canal Trail~~

~~5/20 & 5/21 Critz Farms, Cazenovia~~

~~6/10 & 6/11 Great Swamp Conservancy~~

~~7/8 & 7/9 Sterling Nature Center~~

~~LOCATION CHANGE: Rome Art Park~~

~~8/12 & 8/13 Dwyer Memorial Park, Preble~~

~~9/9 & 9/10 Reed Webster & Empire Trail~~

~~10/14 & 10/15 Forest Park, Camden~~

~~11/11 & 11/12 Village of Central Square~~

~~12/9 & 12/10 Downtown Syracuse~~

## Walk Schedule for 2024 (subject to change)

Please consider serving as a walk leader. Any help would be appreciated!

1/13 & 1/14 Destiny Mall, Syracuse

7/13 & 7/14 Village of Cato

2/10 & 2/11 Village of Minoa

8/10 & 8/11 Cedar Bay Park, DeWitt

3/9 & 3/10 Rosamond Gifford Zoo

9/14 & 9/15 Clark Reservation, Jamesville

4/13 & 4/14 Marcellus Park

10/12 & 10/13 Village of Chittenango

5/11 & 5/12 Green Lakes

11/9 & 11/10 Meadowbrook, Syracuse

6/8 & 6/9 Sterling Nature Center

12/14 & 12/15 Auburn

Please be mindful to check each month's Footnotes and our website for location, date or time changes.

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**BRING A FRIEND TO FOLKSMARCH**



Don't forget....when you bring a new, first-time walker to the December Folksmarch, your name will be entered into the quarterly drawing for a \$10 gift card to Dunkin'.

**Be sure to let the Walk Leader know that you brought a first-timer so that your name gets entered for the prize drawing.** We'll offer this again for October-November-December. You can win more than once.

Any questions? Call Sue (315) 437-5087 or email [sue.straub58@gmail.com](mailto:sue.straub58@gmail.com)

## November Folksmarch: A Tasty Visit in the Village of Central Square

The Folksmarch in Central Square boasted a sunny but chilly Saturday and slightly warmer Sunday in November, making long-time CNY residents remember what the beginning of winter used to feel like. The pleasant walk starting from the First Universalist Society of Central New York contained a mixture of easy sidewalk and off the road paths, depending on how many of the options you chose to explore. Besides Goettel Community Park which shares a border with Hillside Cemetery, another off-road option included Crossroads Park from which one could walk next to Route 11 down to the Railroad Museum and then stop in for snacks at Country Glazed. Thank you, Lee, for recommending some of the best donuts ever!

Welcome First Timer Pat D., hoping you had a good time and will join us in December to catch the holiday decorations in downtown Syracuse. Thanks to Lee and Elaine M. for organizing this walk, and thanks to the other FMers who helped make this a success: Erin, Barbara, Adria and Sue.

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**Reminder:** 

The **Bingo Coverall** and the **100-mile Challenges** are due. Turn in your completed forms at the December Folksmarch in order to be entered into the drawing at the Annual Meeting. The winner receives a free 2024 Annual Pass.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?



Our Annual Meeting will

immediately follow our Folksmarch on Saturday, **December 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon**. OHA has graciously allowed us to remain in the room until 1:00 P.M.

We hope you will join us at the meeting to celebrate another year of Folksmarch and to briefly discuss some business items. The Nomination Committee will present the new and renewing Board members for a vote, plus our Treasurer will provide financial information. The current Board will also vote for the new officers whose terms will begin January 1, 2024.

This is a perfect time to get to know some of your fellow Folksmarchers, plus express ideas you may have about the future of our group.



## Help Spread the Word!

Here are some easy ways for you to help raise awareness about our group:

- “Like” AND “Share” Folksmarch postings on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Post photos of your Folksmarch walks on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. and use the hashtag **#cnyfolksmarch** and tag us **@folksmarch**
- Email a copy of Footnotes to someone who likes to walk and/or discover new places
- Hand-out some cards or flyers with the walking schedule (pick up a few at the next walk). Be sure to pick up a copy of our 2024 schedule! ➔



Phone a friend and invite them to the next walk. Tell your friends how much you enjoy Folksmarch! Any questions or comments please contact CNY Folksmarch at [cnyfolksmarch@gmail.com](mailto:cnyfolksmarch@gmail.com).

The next CNY Folksmarch event will be held January 13 & 14, 2024, Destiny USA.

**Please be safe and stay healthy. Keep walking!**

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