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THE WANAKENA HISTORY CENTER 2022 Visitors and 2023 Hours of Operation

1,028 people have visited the History Center since the soft opening in July 2021

There were **367** visitors in 2021

There were **661** visitors in 2022

Visitors have come from 23 states, Belgium and Canada

The Wanakena History Center will open for the 2023 season on **June 17** and be open every **Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 4 pm** through **October 8** (Columbus Day weekend). See page 10 for a summary of events planned for 2023.

Contact a Trustee or email: wanakenaha@aol.com to request opening for a group or special event. Opening on days other than Sat & Sun will depend on the availability of a WHA volunteer to open the History Center.



Trustee Primrose McVay with Sue Washburn on the HC front porch during Quilt Fest.



August 21, 2021 dedication of the Wanakena History Center.



Sue Dumke presenting Allen Ditch with a bowling ball from the Wanakena alley

WHA Officers

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 Secretary
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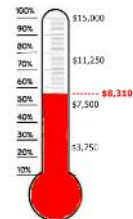
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WANAKENA VIBRANCY FUND CHALLENGE

Lester Allen & Steven Moyer along with the Northern New York Community Foundation have challenged the Wanakena Historical Association to raise \$15,000 that will result in a \$50,000 fund! We have reached more than 50% of the goal. Consider helping the WHA reach the goal to meet the challenge.

Wanakena Vibrancy Fund
 NNYCF - MOYER/ALLEN CHALLENGE



****Checks can be sent directly to the NNYCF
 NNYCF - Wanakena Vibrancy Fund
 131 Washington St
 Watertown, NY 13601**

****Donate directly to the NNYCF online:
nnycf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/ & select Designate a Fund
 ENTER IN THE FUND BOX :
 Wanakena Vibrancy Fund
 and follow directions to complete your donation**

WHA BUSINESS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WHA GENERAL FUNDS

WHA FUNDS; as reported by the treasurer:

Balance September 2021 **\$27,490**

Balance September 2022 **\$27,400**

HISTORY CENTER FUNDS

HC FUNDS; as reported by the treasurer

Balance September 2021 **\$ 21,993**

Balance September 2022 **\$23,292**

STRATEGIC PLANNING

• FOOTBRIDGE MAINTENANCE

- ◇ A committee is working on complicated details to get the bridge repainted. As many have noticed that the white paint on the bridge started peeling soon after it was rebuilt.
- ◇ Painting will be a two-stage process: first the old paint needs to be scraped off with protection to ensure paint scrapings do not fall into the river: second the bridge painting needs to be done when the wood is dry, which is not easy to predict.
- ◇ WHA will post a notice asking local volunteers to help once plans are in place.



• RAILROAD DISPLAY - The Wanakena portion of the Western Adirondack Railroad Modelers (WARM) exhibit is being moved from Star Lake SOS to the Wanakena History Center and will also house WHA RR artifacts.

- ◇ A large shed/building donated by Judy Hastings-Keith was placed behind the history center last Fall and construction was started on the display. Reassembling the model train exhibit will continue this Spring/Summer.
- ◇ Anyone interested in assisting with working on the railroad model or joining the WARM group, contact Wayne Allen or email wanakenaha@aol.com.



• BY LAWS REVISION -The WHA By-laws have not been formally revised since the founding of the WHA as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization in 2000.

- ◇ Regulations covering non-profits have been revised and the WHA By-Laws require changes to meet revised state and federal regulations.
- ◇ Every member in good standing (Lifetime members or up-to-date with annual dues) will receive a copy of the revised By-Laws and a ballot to vote on the revisions this summer.
- ◇ Additional revisions are being made to the By-Laws to represent how the WHA Board of Trustees operates. All revisions will be summarized in a cover letter.

WHA MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY



287 families & individuals are currently on the WHA distribution / mailing list

66 are Lifetime Members

34 are identified as members current with membership dues

Of the 187 who are not current with membership, many have made recent donations to the History Center or made a general donation to WHA in the last 2 to 3 years, while others are just behind in their dues.

HOW TO FIND OUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS

1. On the address label of this newsletter
2. email a request to wanakenaha@aol.com, make sure to include your name and address

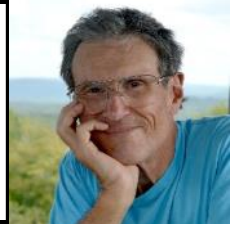
CURRENTLY THE ONLY WAY TO PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Send the completed form in this newsletter with a check to WHA, PO Box 73, Wanakena NY 13695
2. WHA is researching a membership pay-on-line option on our webpage

WHAT'S IN A NAME

WA well researched story of how Wanakena got it's name.

By: Jack Williams



There are a lot of rumors about Wanakena's name. Some insist that it's an Indian name, some say it was a made-up word that Herb Rich came up with little thought, and some say it was from a Pullman car or trolley that he had seen. I've taken some time to look into the mystery over the years, and here are my conclusions.

"Wanakena" is not an Indian name. First, everyone who insists that it is has a different translation of the word. Some say "Black Water," some say "Pleasant Place," and there are a variety of other translations. If it were an Indian name, it would probably be an Iroquois word, and Heckewelder's definitive 1819 book, "Narrative of the Indians, Volume 1" contains no word close to Wanakena in its extensive dictionary of Iroquois words.

So, let's think about who assigned the name and when. It is pretty well documented that Herb Rich first wanted to name his new village "Cranberry Lake." But the small settlement at the head of the lake thought otherwise, US Postal Service agreed, and Rich had to find another name. His close associates write that he saw the name on a Pullman car or a trolley and adopted it for his new village. So just how well does that fit the times and the person?



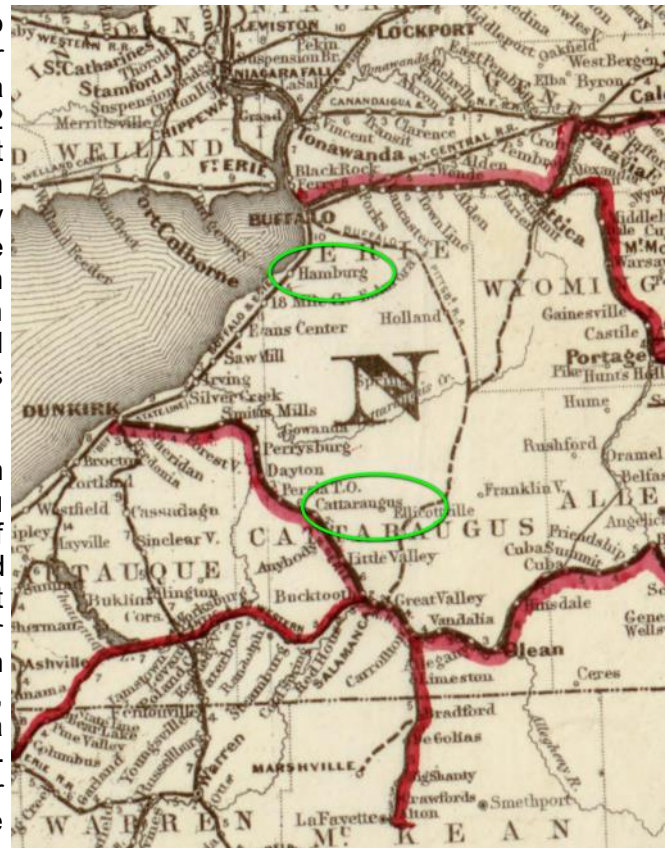
Streetcars in Buffalo NY



First trolley in Hamburg NY

Herb Rich grew up and lived in Cattaraugus, NY, an early railroad town at the time. He had easy contact with railroads and trolleys in Buffalo – a railroad hub just to the North – and Pennsylvania with its thousands of miles of track. In addition, in the 19th century most school students studied Latin. This is relevant because "ena" and "ina" are derived from Latin and was sometimes used as a baby's name signifying "small" or "little one." Consider the name of "Thumbelina," who was as tall as your thumb. Hold that thought.

A few years ago Piers Bramham wrote the Pullman company to see if they ever had a Pullman named "Wanakena." The answer was "yes," but the car was built in 1913 and later turned into a diner. So take Pullman off the list. Wanakena was named 12 years earlier. However, the town of Hamburg in the county just West of Rich's Cattaraugus County, opened its first trolley line in 1901. Kim Schneider visited the Hamburg Historical Society historian to see if there was a line with Wanakena on it, and the answer was "probably not." But, I later learned that there was an extensive effort by six different companies to build trolley lines in the lakeside corridor between Lackawanna, a Buffalo suburb, and Erie, PA and on to Meadville, PA, my home town. The trolleys were exceedingly popular.



Soon after Kim's visit, my wife and I drove up the corridor from Meadville and Erie to eventually visit Cattaraugus and, would you believe it, there is a small, old lakeside village just South of Lakawanna, named "Wanakah." And Wanakah had a railroad and trolley station. And many early trolley photographs show that trolleys often put the name of their destination on the front of their vehicle. And given the easy and short connections between Cattaraugus and Buffalo, as well as Cattaraugus and Hamburg, Rich had the means to visit often. So the chances that he saw a trolley with "Wanakah" on the front are pretty high. Early photographs show that the "Wanakah" beach was a very popular place. Could Wanakah be our answer or just a coincidence; we shall see.

Perhaps you've noticed now that "Wanakena" could be "Wanakah" with "ena" replacing the "ah" and that Wanakena was certainly a lot smaller than Wanakah at the time. Could Wanakah be our answer or just coincidence? We shall see.

So here's the hypothesis; maybe Herb Rich just made up the word "Wanakena" and it just happened by chance to have five letters that match a hamlet not far from his home town. – letters matching in exactly the same order.

This hypothesis can be tested. Assume that Rich's choice of letters was totally random, that each choice was independent of the others, and that he allowed letters to be used more than once. That's reasonable. For the sake of brevity, I'll just note that the chance of Herb Rich drawing randomly from the alphabet the first five letters of "Wanakah" in the same order, is between one success out of 345,600 random attempts and one success out of 7,962,624 random tries. Not very good odds at all, I'd say.



Cars at the beach at Wanakah

WANAKENA SIGNS FROM THE ARCHIVES



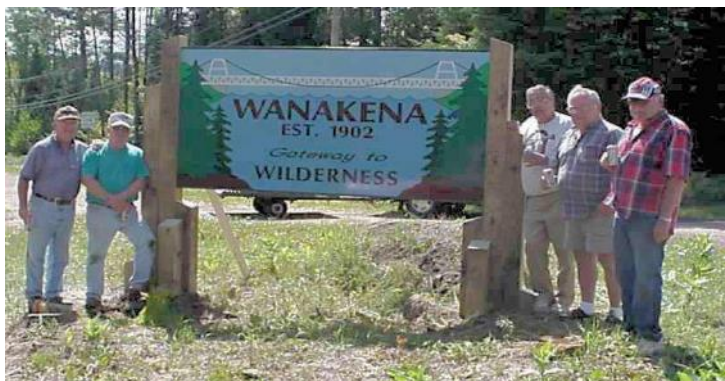
1936 –New sign on the newly completed State Highway (Route 3). (L) Sam Beang, Leo Mulligan, Neil Kuhn, and "Slim" Hager from the Ranger School. Note the sign includes the Wanakena campground and multiple hotels.



1930's - Recently finished road allowing vehicles to drive to the Wanakena Hotel. The town beach is located just to the right of this traditional Adirondack sign. A good project might be to recreate this fine sign!



1950's—Dan Castagnozzi, Ranger School Director and his wife Helen in front of a new sign on Rt 3, standing in deep snow!



2001-Wanakena residents proudly stand in front of the new "Welcome To Wanakena" sign they installed for the hamlet's 100th Anniversary celebration. The sign was donated by the Cranberry Lake Boat Club.



2021—WHA Trustees pose with the new sign for the History Center Grand Opening. Sign was made by Scott Gearsbeck and Wayne Dunn, made possible by a grant from the Damoth Fund.

THOSE WHO HELP MAKE IT POSSIBLE

(Knowing that some have helped and have chosen to remain anonymous)



Without the support of Northern New York Community Foundation, Damoth Fund, Clifton-Fine Fund, and our many donors, and volunteers the WHA would not have been able to build and maintain the J Otto Hamele Historic Walking Tour, rebuild the footbridge, or renovate and fill the Wanakena History Center with displays and exhibits. Below is an attempt to recognize those who make it possible and represents **donations and gifts in-kind received since May 2022**.

We try our darndest to thank everyone for helping in so many different ways
But ... If there are omissions or errors we want to correct it.

Please let one of the Trustees know, or email changes or additions to wanakenaha@aol.com

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Paul Flynn Fund (NNYCF) : Annual grant to support the cost of recurring operating expenses (e.g. insurance, utilities).

Lester Allen & Steve Moyer Wanakena Preservation Fund (NNYCF): Annual grant to support WHA and Wanakena programs

Matching Challenge with support from the Northern New York Community Fund \$15,000 = \$50,000 ([see pg. 1](#))

DONATIONS and GIFTS IN KIND TO THE WANAKENA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE WANAKENA HISTORY CENTER

Lester Allen & Steve Moyer
Wayne & Karen Allen
Andrew Augustine & Allen Ditch
Lee & Sue Berry
Piers Bramham
Connie Brown
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Pat Sawyer
Susan & Bruce Smeby
Lynn Smith
Elaine Stathopolous
Annette Swartz
Charles Titus
Richard Todd
Kim Schneider
Jamie Storie
Marty & Regine Szotak
Susan Westbrook
Jack Williams
Marie Woods
K'Anne Zubin

And the many friends who donated goodies to the July 4th Bake Sale

Please contact Allen Ditch at wanakenaha@aol.com

If you have historic items you would like to share with the Wanakena Historical Association

Stories From the Archives: The Significance of 1919

By: Kathy Smith Greenwald—class of '79



In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles signed by Germany and the Allied Nations formally ended World War I. The League of Nations - predecessor to the United Nations - was created. The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting the production, sale, and transport of alcohol was ratified. Congress passed the 19th Amendment (ratified in 1920) guaranteeing women the right to vote and established Grand Canyon National Park – one of the earliest successes of the environmental conservation movement. The short-wave radio, pop-up toaster, rotary dial telephone, and the arc welder were invented. 1919 was also a significant year in the Ranger School's history. Following his U.S. Army discharge in 1919, James F. Dubuar turned down a position with the U.S. Forest Service to accept an offer as an assistant professor of forestry at the seven year old Ranger School. Dubuar arrived in Wanakena on June 11, 1919, to begin his teaching duties and his life-long devotion to the School and its alumni.

Although he was not one of the Ranger School's 1912 founders (J. Otto Hamele, Herbert Rich, Dr. Hugh Baker) or pioneering faculty members (P.T. Coolidge, Rueben Pritchard, R.T. Gheen, E.F. McCarthy, Robert Craig Jr.), James F. Dubuar left a lasting imprint on the School. As its longest serving Director (1920 - 1957), Dubuar shaped the curriculum using his military training as a guide, influenced the construction design plans for the 1928 "new" main building, and instilled a strong work ethic still expected of students and faculty today.

During Dubuar's tenure, the Ranger School's curriculum changed and expanded. Courses such as "Elements of Forestry," "Forest Management," and "Photogrammetry" were added and there was an increased emphasis on logging and on tree plantation "cleanings" done by students. The hands-on curriculum included field trips to local forest operations and mills. Other practical skills taught included typewriting, bookkeeping, and commercial law. In 1930 (and lasting until 1970), the academic year was lengthened by several weeks with the new class starting in March and graduating the following February so students would benefit from the extra weeks of training and graduation day (formerly in December) would fall closer to the start of field season for forestry jobs.

James F. Dubuar helped to establish the Ranger School's enduring reputation as the best technical forestry school in the U.S. The attitudes and high standards he lived by and set at the School still permeate the place a century after his arrival and may be his greatest legacy. Timeless and critical to success in any career or other challenge in life, they include working efficiently and competently to get the job done and get it done right, working cooperatively with others as a team, thinking on your feet to solve problems, and doing it all with integrity, self-discipline, fair play, loyalty, and responsibility.

At the end of the academic year, each Ranger School graduate leaves the James F. Dubuar Memorial Forest with an Associate in Applied Science degree and self-confidence earned that there is no task in the world that is too hard and no effort is too great to achieve one's professional and personal goals.



Class of 1919



1932 Faculty, from left: Orrin Latham, James F. Dubuar, Ross Williams, P. J. Haddock



At first dreams seem impossible, then improbable, then inevitable. —Christopher Reeve

Again, a gazillion thanks to the dedicated volunteers and donors of historical items, as well as our financial supporters!

It was the best of years, and ... that's it. 2022 was one of the best of years. With the worst of COVID behind us. In 2022 the town returned to enjoying summer with friends, family and visitors.

The WHA has matured and grown since Bill Gleason enlisted those first 16 volunteers together in late 1999 after he recognized how captivating the history of the little hamlet of Wanakena is. It is addicting. Bill also recognized that many of the 'old-timers', some of whom were the children of the original families that moved here from Granere PA in 1902, were not going to be around to tell their stories forever. He saw how a group of dedicated ladies had spent years leading an effort to get the footbridge recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and the party the town threw when the plaque was unveiled. A lot of water under the bridge, shall we say. Who would have imagined that the Wanakena Historical Association that founded the innovative J. Otto Hamele 'Walking Tour of Wanakena History' would eventually acquire an original Rich Lumber Company home to have archives with thousands of images, articles about its residents, diaries, old home movies, audio recording, logging & railroad tools, and many artifacts from businesses and people who used to live here. Thank-You again Bill.

In mid-August this past summer, in between sharing stories of logging with History Center visitors I was reviewing the visitors log at the history center. After tallying the months guest register I realized that the History Center would probably see our 1,000th visitor in early summer 2023. I mentioned this to a few of the volunteer greeters that it would be fun to prepare something special to recognize this monumental event. And the visitors kept coming. Then the Labor Day Quilt Fest brought a very large number of visitors, and early October was also very busy with the leaf peepers.

Carol Cassidy who is often 'on duty' at the HC welcome desk and gift counter and encourages all visitors to sign the guest register decided to tally up the visitors to see how close we were getting to that magic 1,000th visitor.

Carol was so excited when she exclaimed, "we went over 1,000 visitors today"! She counted and recounted and identified who that 1,000th visitor was. A long-time Wanakena seasonal resident, who had accompanied a friend and signed the guest register. Marty Szotak is our record breaking visitor on October 8, Columbus Day weekend. Many of you know that I am one of several 'official photographers' trying to capture the essence of modern-day Wanakena for posterity. I fantasize that someday my pictures will represent, 'The Good Old Days' to a future generation. Marty has been one of the stars of the Wanakena annual 4th of July parade for many years and thought it would be fun and appropriate to portray Marty in this newsletter as we see him every July 4th (I did call him to tell him the good news and ask permission to include the photo).

So as the WHA has big plans for a third year of welcoming visitors to the Wanakena History Center, it is our first year of rotating exhibits so that the WHA can showcase more of the images and history of Wanakena and Clifton-Fine that are in our collection. I'm looking forward to meeting more visitors in 2023 and hope that they fall in love with this beautiful wilderness, that some of us are lucky enough to call home.



Marty Szotak, the 1,000th visitor to the History Center on October 8, 2022. Here he is marching in the 2022 4th of July parade

The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2023

The last membership meeting was held on September 24, 2022 with minutes posted on the WHA web page at www.wanakena.com. The WHA Board of Trustees schedules additional in-person meetings and uses ZOOM during the winter months. Below are some of the highlights and significant events that were presented at the September 2022 meeting:

- ⇒ Process for revising the WHA By-Laws was presented and proposed revisions were discussed
- ⇒ Review of WHA 2022 events were presented and discussed
- ⇒ Recording devices will be purchased for the History Center to collect personal stories from visitors
- ⇒ Researching the possibility for a permanent sign on Route 3 for the History Center
- ⇒ Six Trustees were reelected to the WHA Board: Wayne Allen, Paul Flynn, Judy Hastings-Keith, Primrose McVay, Marsha Smith, Elaine Stathopoulos
- ⇒ Board officers were reelected: Allen Ditch-President, Susan Smeby-Secretary, Ronald Capone-Treasurer
- ⇒ Discussed possible events for 2023
- ⇒ New images, documents, and artifacts items were added (donated to loaned) to the WHA for the HC.

KAYAKS & CANOE RAFFLE \$5 each chance, 3 chances for \$10 or 7 chances for \$20

The Wanakena Historical Association will hold a raffle for two kayaks and one canoe this summer. The three items were donated by Beverly and Chas McKeown when they relocated to New Jersey. WHA will have raffle tickets available starting Memorial Day weekend. Every entry has three chances to win one of the three boats. 3rd prize is the Old Town Canoe, 2nd prize is the 12 ft Kayak and 1st prize is the Boreal design Kayak. The Cranberry Lake Boat Club has kindly agreed that WHA could sell tickets at the July 4th Firecracker Race and at the Poker Paddle on July 22. Tickets can also be purchased at the Wanakena History Center or requested by sending an email to wanakenaha@aol.com and subsequently mailing a check to the WHA.



Saguenay Boreal Design Kayak

Winners will be drawn at the CLBC Poker Paddle July 22.

10% of the proceeds will go to the library and the rest to Wanakena History Center.

A BIG THANK-YOU
To the Boat Club for helping the WHA with this fund raiser



16 ft 9 inch 169 Old Town Canoe

THREE RAFFLE ITEMS	Resale Value	Original Price
1 st PRIZE Saguenay Boreal Design Kayak Condition: Excellent	\$1,200	New \$3,079 (Used/Sale: boutiqueborealdesign.com \$1,239)
2 nd PRIZE 12 ft Glass Kayak Condition: Like New, used twice	\$900	New \$1,200; Saranac Lake. Price Tag still attached
3 rd PRIZE 16 ft 9 inch 169 Old Town Canoe Condition; Excellent	\$500	New \$1,300 (Used: \$850 ebayoldtowncanoe.johnsonoutdoors.com)

WHA 2022 FUN FUND RAISING EVENTS

- The 'North Country Fair' Concert & Reception in June brought in **\$652**
- The July 4, 2022, hot dogs, bake sale, and celebration brought in **\$ 2,096**
- The Quilt Raffle (July 2021-July 2022) brought in a total of **\$11,032**
- The collecting of returnable bottles brought in **\$1,869** and has over the years generated a total of over **\$11,839**. Thank-You to Piers and helpers for that take the empties from the HC to the redemption center.
- The Gift Shop - Fabric Art bags made by Carol and Primrose; WHA buttons and artwork made by Carol Cassidy brought in **\$674**



Judy, Jeff & Suzie working the hot dog & sauerkraut table on July 4th



Primrose & Carol with the quilt they made before the raffle



The bottles and can cart at the HC that continues to bring in significant funds



The welcome area and gift shop in the History Center, usually staffed by Carol



COMMON THREAD QUILTS - In 2021 the WHA Board of Trustees agreed to create a new committee called Common Thread Quilts (CTQ), which is a North Country community building organization sharing the history and evolving art of quilting with members and the public, through creative projects. CTQ is co-directed by Annette Swartz and Kathy Greenwald; other founding members are Primrose McVay, Marsha Smith, Sue Novak, and Lynn Smith; all together this group forms the core Planning Committee for Common Thread Quilt Fest 2023.



The Wanakena History Center ready for Quilt Fest opening day.

First Quilt Fest a Big Success

Common Thread Quilts (CTQ), a committee of the Wanakena Historical Association, held its first annual Quilt Fest on September 2 & 3, 2022. The event, celebrating old quilts of the North Country, attracted close to 200 people. The event's Art Challenge and Silent Auction raised \$2,800 to establish the CTQ Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Fund. Money from this fund is used by local organizations to bring broad based enriched arts programming to the greater Clifton-Fine community.

What's Next for Common Thread Quilts

In September of 2022, the Singer Sewing Machine Company donated 20 sewing machines to CTQ. This donation enabled expansion of the CTQ Community Quilting Program. Interested community members meet weekly at the Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church (WAPC) to quilt together, often making items for use by the greater Clifton-Fine community. Projects include crazy quilt tablecloths for shared use by the community, over sixty double sided table runners for the weekly Community Meal Program, and holiday pillowcases for the Clifton-Fine Angel Tree Program.



Table runners made by CTQ for the Clifton-Fine weekly Community



Planning for Quilt Fest 2023 is well underway. The theme for this year's fest is *Stitched Stories: Quilts that Speak*. The two-day event will be held September 1 & 2, in Wanakena. For more details about this event, and other CTQ activities, go to <https://www.birdhavenquilting.com/> and click on *Common Thread Quilts* or *Quilt Fest 2023*. To be added to our email update list send email to info@commonthreadquilts.org. To follow us on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/CommonThreadQuilts>.

Many of the members and participants helped to make these crazy quilt blocks last summer (2022), that are now part of a set of tables cloths available for use by community members and organizations. Contact the Clifton-Fine Community Library in Cranberry Lake for details. Their first use was at the WOW weekend celebration.

FUNDS FOR THE NEW DOCK HAVE BEEN RAISED

Below are communications from Dave Ziemba thanking the WHA for contributing towards replacing the town dock at the beach. The dock was in poor condition and soon could have been dangerous to use. The dock is used by many visitors who reside on the lake. WHA joined the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and the Town of Fine in supporting the project. Work on the new dock is scheduled to begin early this Spring.

NEW DOCK WANAKENA 2023

1/6/2023

To Date Donations

Town of Fine	5,000.00
Wanakena History Assoc.	5,000.00
Cranberry Lake Boat Club	5,000.00
Duck Race 2022	3,167.00
Damoth Fund	1,600.00
Northern New York Community Foundation	2,000.00
Wanakena Community	5,469.71

sub total

27,236.71

1/6/2023

GOAL \$27,236.71

Community Donation: Kerwin, Reilly, Hoffman, Naumburg, Loewer, Barrette, Stathopoulos, Zubin, Smith, Safford, Baisch, Sauter, Reed, Ziemba, Kreckel, Thornton, Skotak, Carr, Mayo, Siskavich, Durham, Narkewitz, Thaller, Alexander.

THANK YOU ALL

February 10, 2023

To The Wanakena Historical Association,

I would like to send a letter of sincere gratitude for the generous donation and support in the project to replace our community boat and swim dock in Wanakena.

I am confident that this was a positive move and will improve the experience for our community. I hope that everyone has a chance to see it this summer. It will be installed sometime this Spring.

Enclosed is the breakdown of the contributions.

Thank you again for your support.

Dave Ziemba

EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2023

June 17th – 2023 Opening day of History Center (HC)

Open new, temporary display of local trappers and guides

June 24th

Hold fundraising antique (“Good Stuff”) sale on the HC front porch and/or tent in front yard (NOT a yard/junk sale but the sale of donated antiques, including reproductions of local old photos/posters, etc.)

Rick Kovac’s band concert in the church – music theme: Guides & Trappers with a reception to follow

July 4th – Hotdogs, bake sale, parade, (HC open after duck races)



July or August (?) – “Company Town Housing: If Walls Could Talk” Display

Presentation and exhibit of original Rich Lumber homes on Second St
Open Western Adirondack Modelers train exhibit (if it’s ready)

Aug 5 (Ranger School Alumni weekend) or 12th (?) – Live readings from the writings of Wanakena residents

Feature excerpts from the writings of J. Otto Hamele, Herbert Keith, Robert Lansing, Bessie Leary, Edwin Reid, etc.

Labor Day Weekend Friday and Saturday (Sept 1 & 2) – The theme for Quilt Fest 2023 is *Stitched Stories; Quilts that Speak*. This year’s fest will include displays in the church, a silent auction at Z-Park, and guest speaker giving presentations on both Friday and Saturday.



VOLUNTEER GREETERS NEEDED

WHA cannot thank the volunteers who volunteered on weekends that welcomed 661 visitors to the History Center. There were days when it was slow and other days when there was a constant stream of visitors. Everyone who worked the History Center in 2022 found it to be a fun and rewarding experience. One of the most common feedback from last year was, "the best part is hearing the personal stories that visitors share with me about their own Wanakena experiences or their parents or grand parents."

Thank-you to the seventeen greeters that kept the History Center open on the 37 regularly scheduled days. Thank-You to Wayne Allen, Ron Capone, Michael Cappuccilli, Carol Cassidy, Stephanie Cervelloni, Beth Daut, Allen Ditch, Paul Flynn, Kathy Greenwald, Judy Hastings-Keith, Jeannette Kiser, Jack Kreckel, Primrose McVay, Glenn Phillips, Lynn Smith, Marsha Smith, and Marty Szotak.

We welcome new faces to join us in WHA's mission "to share the stories of our local communities' and the Ranger School's vibrant history in order to celebrate our enthusiasm and pride with residents and visitors".

- ⇒ Would you like to learn more about the History of Wanakena, or logging, or Clifton-Fine, or the Ranger School ?
- ⇒ Could you volunteer time on a Saturday or Sunday to welcome visitors to the History Center and also keep exhibits secure?
- ⇒ email wanakenaha@aol.com or call Allen at 315-848-2428

Become a Wanakena Greeter. Volunteer 2 or more hours on a Saturday or Sunday meeting visitors and/or Wanakena residents & their guests.

WHA will schedule a training session so that you will be prepared to help greet and direct visitors to exhibits on the two floors and porches. New volunteers will always work with an experienced volunteer.



Harry Shock, one of WHA's volunteer Greeters, discussing the History Center renovations display with visitors.

Three ways

to make a tax-deductible financial contribution to support the Wanakena Historical Association

1. **DONATE ONLINE** directly to the WHA using **PayPal on our web page::** Wanakena.com/donate
2. **MAIL A CHECK** to the WHA using the address below. Indicate any specific requests related to the donation, such as if it is a donation in Memory or in Honor of an individual)

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3. **MEET THE MATCH CHALLENGE** to raise \$15,000 that will result in a \$50,000 Wanakena Preservation & Vibrancy Fund. This challenge was initiated by Steve Moyer & Lester Allen with an additional match from the Northern New York Community Fund

****Checks can be sent directly to the NNYCF
NNYCF - Wanakena Vibrancy Fund
131 Washington St
Watertown, NY 13601
- OR -**

****Donate to Meet the Challenge directly to the NNYCF online:
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- To disseminate and encourage a greater knowledge of the history of Wanakena, the Ranger School, and related history of the nearby communities in the towns of Clifton & Fine;
- To gather, preserve, display and make available for education: artifacts, relics, books, diaries, manuscripts, papers, photographs, and other records and materials relating to the history of Wanakena, the Ranger School and linked history of the surrounding area;
- To encourage the suitable marking of places of historic interest;
- To acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of historic sites and structures, and preserve and maintain such sites and structures; and
- To promote and encourage original historical research.

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