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### PICNIC AT SCHUYLER FLATTS



Pictured above is a portion of the original Erie Canal, the terminus near Albany, not Waterford. It ran parallel to the Hudson River, through Schuyler Flatts. Later it was filled in, but a portion remains in the present day Schuyler Flatts Cultural Park. The Flatts is a stretch of alluvial flood plain on the west bank of the Hudson. It has been the site of human habitation for 6000 years. It was the site of the Schuyler family farm since the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century, a staging area in the French and Indian Wars for soldiers during the campaign to take Ft. Ticonderoga in 1758, and during the American Revolution a staging area for troops headed to Saratoga to oppose Burgoyne in 1777. In 2011 it again will serve as the site for the annual picnic of the CDCWRT.

**PICNIC**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**As part of the**  
**CIVIL WAR WEEKEND**  
**AT SCHUYLER FLATTS**

**SOCIALIZE FROM 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.**

**PICNIC SUPPER AT 6:00 P.M.**

**HAVE DINNER WITH A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER**

**RETURN SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OR SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**Talks, Demonstrations, Encampment,**  
**Skirmishes, Food, Entertainment**

## **CDCWRT MEETING**

*Our annual picnic will be held on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Socializing begins at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Schuyler Flatts as part of a Civil War Weekend at the Flatts on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Schuyler Flatts Park is located off Route 32 (Broadway) just north of Menands and south of Watervliet. The 35 acres was riverfront property until I-787 was built.*

*The picnic is FREE. Our guests will be the various groups of re-enactors who will be setting up their tents for the activities on the weekend. The Round Table will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and bread, drinks and condiments.*

*Members are asked to bring their families, lawn chairs (since the town will provide only some chairs), and a salad, covered dish or dessert to share. Please call Noreen Underhill at 371-4312 by August 16<sup>th</sup> to confirm how many will be in your party and what dish you are bringing so that we don't wind up with 15 bowls of potato salad. Don't worry about the weather because there is a covered structure on site.*

*A new supply of Civil War books will be available for members to peruse before the general public gets their opportunity the next day. Sweatshirts will be available in anticipation of another long winter! New cachets and first day covers will also be available including the new Fort Sumter and First Bull Run stamps.*

## **BOARD MEETING**

A Board Meeting of the CDCWRT was held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The treasurer reported \$2187.82 in the regular account and \$5604.83 in the preservation account. The May event at the Maybee Farm and the Ellsworth Memorial Parade and Cancellation earned \$896. Howie Young donated a \$75 honorarium he received. The Troy Masonic event netted \$370 in shirts, books and cachet sales. The opening of the Civil War Exhibit at the Bethlehem Historical Association earned \$157 in sales and at the June Round Table meeting, sales netted \$82.71.

Matt George announced that speakers are set for the Round Table programs in September, October, and December. The November program will be a conference in Saratoga at the New York State Military Institute and Museum. Details are listed under upcoming events. The purchase of special first day of issue cachets with the new Fort Sumter and First Bull Run stamps issued by the Post Office was discussed.

## **UP-COMING EVENTS**

*The following list of up-coming events is provided to help Round Table members plan their long term calendars. These are events that involve our Round Table, especially events that provide opportunities to raise funds for our preservation activities. Some events may change as the year progresses, so members should check the list monthly.*

By The Way, if you would like to see the Bethlehem Historical Association's Civil War exhibit, in addition to the Ravena Historical Society exhibit, mark Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Interested members and friends will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem site at 1003 River Road (route 144 along the Hudson River) in Selkirk. Look for signage. Round Table member, Bob Mulligan, organized the exhibit and will give a tour of the exhibit.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. The Round Table will supply drinks and ice cream at a nominal cost. After lunch, the group will take a very short drive to the Ravena site. At 1:00 p.m. a special tour will be provided to Round Table members. Please call Gene Gore .(439-4569) by Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

Friday, September 9, 2011 will mark the beginning of the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the Capital District Civil War Round Table's programs. The meeting location will be the Watervliet Senior Center.

Friday, October 14, 2011, is the regular scheduled meeting of the CDCWRT at the Watervliet Senior Center.

Friday, December 9, 2011, is the regular scheduled meeting of the CDCWRT at the Watervliet Senior Center. This is also the holiday meeting and a variety of sweets and treats will be available.

Friday, January 13, 2012 is the Potpourri Meeting of the CDCWRT at the Watervliet Senior Center. Members from the Round Table who are not superstitious will present Civil War topics.

Annual DUES of \$25 are also due this month.

## **NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**

### **Sue Knost Memorial Conference**

### **1861 – The Year that Was**

The conference will start Friday evening, November 4, 2011, with an introductory banquet. President Abraham Lincoln will say a few words to open the event. After dinner, John Hennessy, our Round Table's first life-time member, will speak about the beginning of the Civil War.

There will be an excellent selection of Civil War books for sale, along with a selection of first day of issue commemorative postal cachets. A framed Don Troiani print, entitled "Red Legged Devils" will be raffled off. The print depicts the Brooklyn Zouaves in action at First Bull Run.

On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the conference will start at the New York State Military Museum in

Saratoga. Michael Aikey will speak about the history of the Museum and how to use the Museum and its resources to research Civil War ancestors. Patrick Schroeder will talk about the Zouaves regiments in 1861. After lunch, Juanita Leisch Jensen will talk about the development of the United States Sanitary Commission. John Hennessy will discuss the Battle of First Bull Run.

Costs and details regarding location of the dinner will appear in the September newsletter. The Museum will be open for the conference, and hopefully some special tours of the gun vault and other areas may be available. Mark your calendars now. It would be a tribute to Sue if a large portion of our membership could attend both events.

## **ACTIVITY AT THE FLATTS**

I had reserved a section for a listing of the program for the Civil War Days at Schuyler Flatts, but at the time this newsletter went to print, a program was not available.

There will be re-enactor groups including the 125<sup>th</sup> NYVI. There will be both Union and Confederate groups who will demonstrate marching and firing drills. These will go on all day. There will also be several artillery units with cannon firing drills.

There will also be other portrayals of famous Civil War personages.

Civil War information groups will also be present including the CDCWRT, Son of Union Veterans and the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway.

Period music will be provided by the 77<sup>th</sup> New York Balladeers. Plan on spending the day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **REMINDER**

Don't forget to check the website for additional Civil War activities in the region.

[www.nycivilwar150.org](http://www.nycivilwar150.org)



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