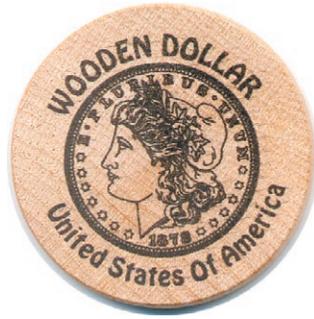


200 @ \$20 For The 200th



by Lynne Belluscio

The "Committee of Arrangements" for LeRoy's Bicentennial has met three times and will meet again at 10 am on Saturday, March 24 at LeRoy House. Plans are well underway for the historic celebration on June 8 on Trigon Park.

The Historical Society will host an ox roast. There will be 19th Century games to play and everyone can help paint the huge town barn quilt. A genealogy table, manned by Candy Bower and Town Historian Irene Walters, will be set up for those folks who are interested in discovering whether their ancestors were here in 1812.

At 7:30 there will be a re-creation of the first town meeting which was held on Trigon Park. The meeting will be led by Supervisor Steve Barbeau, who has promised to arrive in top hat and a tailcoat, appropriate to 1812. Patriotic music will highlight the event as well as the dedication of the historic marker. The time capsule will be on display and we are interested in hearing from all of you about what should go into the capsule. Some of the suggestions include:

a 2012 high school yearbook; photographs of the Town Board; copies of the proclamations presented that day; a copy of the first town minutes; a copy of the June 8, 2012 town meeting; an autographed copy of the program of the day; copies of student essays about LeRoy history and living in LeRoy; a copy of the LeRoy book (with corrections); Little League schedule for 2012. The time capsule is not very large, so consideration will be given to the amount of material that can be preserved.

The town meeting will include the appointment of 28 honorary "highway overseers". The meeting will conclude with thirteen traditional toasts. A musical program will follow the meeting, and the stores and restaurants on Main Street are planning some special events until the evening concludes with a grand display of fireworks from the creek bank at 9:30.

The Committee of Arrangements has to raise the money for the event, including the fireworks, so the plan is to count on 200 people who are willing to donate \$20 each. You can stop by the

Town Hall and see Pattie Canfield or Laura Brodie or you can stop by the Jell-O Gallery to make a donation. To thank you for your contribution, all donors will receive a souvenir wooden commemorative dollar. You'll need to keep the dollar in a safe place, because on June 8, you can present it at participating stores and restaurants for discounted items and food. (You can also slip a \$20 bill in an envelope with your name and address and mail it to LeRoy Historical Society "Bicentennial 200 4 20", PO Box 176, LeRoy, NY 14482. We'll mail back a wooden dollar.)

In April, we will install a Bicentennial display in the front window of the Town Hall. On June 8, the sidewalk flags that used to be displayed on holidays will be installed by the American Legion to add to the festive look on Main Street. Just a note, if you were interested in buying a fifteen star-fifteen stripe flag, there are three for sale (\$28) at the Hobby Horse.

So as you can see, things are well on the way for a great historic event and we hope you'll be able to attend. And if you can help with a donation, we'd really appreciate it.



Sunday, March 11th

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