

# The Other Statue of Liberty



I have spent five days with the Association of Living History, Farms and Agricultural Museums. Over two hundred museum people from all over the United States and Canada – even Iceland, have gathered at the conference center at RIT on West Henrietta Road. This group meets annually, and last year they met in Baton Rouge. The year before in Colonial Williamsburg. This year's host is the Genesee Country Village and the LeRoy Historical Society. This week, on Tuesday, June 13 they will visit the Jell-O Gallery. Four huge purple Covered Wagon buses will be parked in front of LeRoy House for about an hour, while they all come to explore our museum. Last week, I was in charge

of four field trips. One went to Geneva on an agricultural tour of the John Johnston Farm and drain tile exhibit, as well as Rose Hill, and the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station. No tour would be complete without a tour of the vineyards along Seneca Lake and a winetasting and lunch at Vintosa Winery. We also stopped at Bottomless Brewery to gain a better understanding of the brewing process. Another group headed over to Seneca Falls to tour the Women's Right national site and then it was on to Auburn to visit the Seward House with a quick stop at Sauder's Farm Market, with an order of homemade Moon Pies – pumpkin, chocolate, and oatmeal. The last stop was at the Susan B.

Anthony House in Rochester. On Friday we piled 54 people onto a bus and first dropped half of them at Old Fort Niagara. Then the bus drove down to Niagara Falls to drop off the other half of the group. Then it was back up to the Fort to pick them up and head to Lockport to the new Erie Canal Center and a demonstration on the locks and finally a cruise on the canal with supper at Lockport Locks. The group in Niagara Falls had Discovery Passes for several of the attractions, and while we were waiting to gather folks up again to take some across the Rainbow Bridge to Canada, I wanted to find the Statue of Liberty that I knew was "near the Rainbow Bridge." It is the same as the one in the LeRoy, except that it had a different base, and it was dedicated in 1951, a year after the one in LeRoy. We asked a couple of park rangers if they knew where the statue was, and they had never heard about it. So we headed off on our own, looking at a photograph and trying to figure out the buildings in the background. Well we found it, in a circle right off the end of the bridge. It is in a park and is surrounded by trees, so it could easily be missed. We dodged traffic to get to the park, and took a couple of pictures. The plaque reads: "With the faith and courage of their forefathers who made possible the freedom of these United States. The Boy Scouts of America dedicate this copy of the Statue of Liberty as a pledge of everlasting fidelity and loyalty. The crusade to strengthen liberty 1951."

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As we looked at this sister of the statue in LeRoy, I noticed that the crown on her head is open, and her face is a bit different that the one in LeRoy. She stands in the middle of an eleven point star, just like the one in LeRoy. While we were there, several people came through and took selfies.



Meanwhile, while everyone was on the trip to Niagara Falls, a small group of the museum folks spent the day in LeRoy helping to clean our transportation exhibit. They also inventoried the tools in the boot of the 1908 Cadillac and discovered a very rare wooden dip stick for oil and gas. I hope to do a little more research on it and will write about it when I have a chance. When it came time for the group to have lunch, they walked up Main Street to the Diner, and on the way back they posed in front of our Lady Liberty for a photo to send back home. "Hey we're in New York, at the Statue of Liberty!"

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