

Wawarsing 2006

Next Bicentennial Ornament Pair Available in December

Bicentennial ornaments will be sold at the *Ellenville Public Library* by *Bicentennial Committee* members on **Saturday, December 4th**, from 11 AM to 2 PM.

The first of the new ornaments features a combined scene of **St. Paul's Chapel** and **St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church**, Ellenville; the second of the pair shows the historic **Quaker Meeting House** in Greenfield Park. Remaining quantities of **Napanoch Reformed Church** and **Shiloh Baptist Church** ornaments, plus an additional limited supply of **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church** globes will be available.

Ornaments are priced at \$10 each, but the price drops to \$9 each if three or more are purchased at one time.

The *Bicentennial Committee* will also have capacious silk-screened tote bags and Bicentennial t-shirts for sale.

A representative from the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee* will be present during the same hours to sell packaged note cards illustrating four different historic structures: **Hunt Memorial**, **Norbury Theatre**, **Quaker Meeting House**, and the **Ellenville Post Office**. Eight cards are packaged as a unit, either all eight of the same scene, or two copies of each of the four scenes as a unit. The price for each package is \$6.50 (\$6.00 plus \$.50 NYS sales tax).

Between the *Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee* and the *Bicentennial Committee*, a variety of reasonably-priced, historically-oriented gifts will be available at the *Library* on December 4th.

Most items will also be available at a sale at the *Cragmoor Library* the same day.

Subsequent to the December 4th sales at the libraries, **St. Paul's Chapel/St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church** ornaments will be available at the Church; **Quaker Meeting House** ornaments will be for sale at the Town Clerk's Office during regular hours.

A great gift idea for this holiday season: Bicentennial Tote Bags. The bags are a heavyweight canvas measuring 17 by 21 inches, with silk-screened pictures of the **Hunt Memorial Building**, the **Ellenville Post Office** and the former **Wayside Inn** surrounding the Bicentennial logo. The bags may be purchased at *Craft Chiropractic*, 38 N. Main St., Ellenville. Proceeds from the sales of these bags will be used to help fund the *Wawarsing Bicentennial Celebration* of 2006. ☆

Wawarsing Bicentennial Calendar Listserv Now Online at Yahoo!

For those interested in following the progress of the *Wawarsing Bicentennial Celebration* schedule, a new interactive Yahoo! listserv has been established at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Wawarsing2006/> and email can be sent to Wawarsing2006@yahoogroups.com

The following letter was written to that listserv by Martin Rabkin (mrabkin@martinrabkinink.com)

With what's ahead, 200 days in 2006, there's so much to do: involving people, groups, organizations and businesses throughout the town; soliciting their ideas specific to each part of town to showcase what makes them so unique and special, past, present and future; fund- raising;

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planning; tying it all together into one coherent program to show the world why so many people for over 200 years have come to love their hometown.

This site will be an integral part of our Committee's ongoing planning.

Being one of the "new kids" in town, I've quickly come to appreciate how warm and friendly people here are. I guess it all starts with just walking out your front door and looking up at the mountains. True, life was very difficult years back and people had to make their way. The town's been up and down and, as we all believe, in spite of the recent sad news at *Schrade* and its direct impact on so many good people, we're on the way back. Every town has its nay-sayers, those who share their thoughts, snicker, sneer and then sit back on the sidelines, but to be part of the rebirth ahead – and I do believe it's around the corner – everyone needs to work together toward a common goal, a shared vision.

After all, a Bicentennial comes along only once in a town's lifetime. Our time is now. If you believe in your town, your village, your neighborhood, it's time to show it. It's time to think big, broad, and sassy. It's time to build on the past, work together today, all of us, to develop and ensure tomorrow's possibilities. If not, we have no one else to blame but ourselves.

More important, we have the opportunity to welcome back – as well as introduce for the first time – tens of thousands of people, young and old, to Wawarsing/Ellenville. Just imagine what we can do with this opportunity...

So clean up your room.

Put out the welcome mat.

Company's comin'!

See you there.

Best, Marty ☆