

# Wawarsing 2006



There are only 340 days to go until the start of our **Town of Wawarsing Bicentennial Celebration**. The dates are filling up fast and we will have an event-filled year to mark this historic occasion.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, members of the **Bicentennial Committee** met at Lippman Park with representatives of Col. Pawling's Levies, Brigade of the American Revolution, Butler's Rangers, and the Hudson River Valley Institute to look over the area that will be used for an encampment the weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006. That weekend, by the way, also happens to be the actual 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the burning of Wawarsing.

Attending the meeting were: Jim Johnson, Executive Director, Hudson Valley River Institute; Dave Solek, Butler's Rangers; Dan Hess, Tom Ernest, and Mike Cantine from Pawling's Levies; Hugh Francis, Dragoons; and Paul Ackerman and Vivian Stevens, Brigade of the American Revolution.

Mike Cantine, incidentally, is a descendant of John Cantine, who was present at the original burning of Wawarsing.

In addition to the encampment, there will be old house tours in Cragmoor and Napanoch, a walking tour in Ellenville, and events galore, all geared toward remembering our rich heritage.

If you or your organization would like to be part of the "200 days," contact any **Bicentennial Committee** member and reserve your date.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War re-enactment group, will demonstrate a living history weekend in May 2006, as part of the **Town of Wawarsing Bicentennial Celebration**.

Most of the present members of the 143<sup>rd</sup> are from neighboring Sullivan County, just as it was during the Civil War. Observers are invited to come learn how Civil War soldiers and their support personnel lived during this time period.

During this encampment, the re-enactors will perform skits and period music as part of the living history experience. Times and location will be announced as the date approaches.

Any organization, business or person interested in sponsoring this event please contact **Committee** chairman Dr. Mark Craft at 647-5430.

**Committee** members are Dr. Mark Craft, Chairman; John Cummings; Diane Dimilia; Marion Dumond; Jeff Kaplan; Mary Sheeley; and Dave Swinden.

If you would like to join us, the **Committee** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 AM in the **Community Room** of the **Ellenville Public Library**. We'd love to see you!



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