

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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One of the most frequent questions we hear from businesses is: "Why should I join the **Chamber of Commerce**?"

The reasons are as diverse as the members themselves are. First, membership in the **Chamber** is a great way to network with other business owners. (It's also a great way to get involved in the community.)

Then there is the availability of low-cost group health insurance to **Chamber** members and their employees.

Members also receive a discounted rate for advertising here in **Wawarsing.Net**.

And of course let's not forget the invaluable business resources readily available to you through your **Chamber** membership.

Remember, like all volunteer organizations, your **Chamber** is only as strong as its weakest link.

If you are not already a member, expect a visit from one of our Board members in the coming weeks. Our goal is to increase our membership this year by 10%, so we'll be looking for you.

Don't forget – once you are a member, the key to a successful **Chamber** membership for you and for all of us, is... participate, participate, participate.

By the way, the second most-often-asked question is "Where's my planter?" At this time, all planters that were still viable have been planted and are in place. The elements have not been kind to the planters, and the sheer abuse of lifting them to bring them in each winter has taken its toll. We will be replenishing the inventory next spring, but for now, there are no more planters to be put out. Thanks to Robin and Drew Andersen, Gary Clearwater, Lisa Cavanagh, and the rest of the committee for another great job!

*Mary F. Sheeley*  
President

## Blueberry Festival Report

by Dianne E. Turner, "Mother Blueberry"

Do you have a classic auto you'd be proud to display to the public?

You are invited to participate in **Cruise-In at the Festival**, a Featured Exhibition of Classic Old Cars, at the **2005 Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival**, sponsored by the **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**, Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> in Ellenville, NY. (Raindate: **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**, Noon to 6 PM, 845-647-4620 to verify.) See application form below.

The festival day begins at 7:30 AM with a **Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** firehouse fundraiser. The **Blueberry Cultural Heritage** exhibits and **Street Affair** open to the public at 9 AM and run through 4 PM. There will be exhibits heralding our **Shawangunk Mountains** and their cultural heritage; a variety of great music (Professor Louie & the Crow Matix, Graham Vest, Amy Laber, Carl Richards Band, Straw RD, Bob Lusk) and entertainment all day; **Art at the Festival**, a one day show and sale; arts & crafts, games, good food; **Dunkees at the Festival** dunking booth (proceeds will go to Marine Corporal Eddie Ryan); **Health Fair** (presented by **Ellenville Regional Hospital**); Annual Blueberry pie baking contest and Blueberry pie sale. Blueberry goodies abound! Lots of food and fun for all.

Volunteer "Dunkees" still needed for the Dunking Booth.

### The 2005 Board of Directors of the Chamber:

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"It is the purpose of the **Chamber** to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, legislative action, and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living." (**Chamber** Bylaws, Article II-1)

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be going to Marine Corporal Eddie Ryan and his family. Please contact Mike or Karen Walkercicz, who are coordinating this project, at 647-7222, or Mother Blueberry at 888-0055.

The official T-shirts for this year's upcoming **Festival** are now available for purchase from the **Chamber of Commerce**. Each shirt is a collectible souvenir and a work of wearable art designed by Marc Fried, on 100% cotton, natural color with picture and printing in "huckleberry blue." (*Photo, next page, bottom*) Sizes available are S, M, L, XL, and 2XL – the price is \$12 each, no matter the size. Sales tax is included in this price. The funds realized from the sale of these shirts go to pay costs of putting on the **Festival**.

To order your shirt, please contact Mother Blueberry at 888-0055 or call the **Chamber** office at 647-4620. Shirts are also available at the **Chamber** office.

For more information regarding the **Blueberry Festival** please contact the **Chamber of Commerce** office at 845-647-4620 (afternoons are best), or Dianne E. Turner, Festival Coordinator, 845-888-0055, [motherblueberry12428@yahoo.com](mailto:motherblueberry12428@yahoo.com) or John Adams, Coordinator Shawangunk/Blueberry Cultural Heritage, [PortBenFarm@webtv.net](mailto:PortBenFarm@webtv.net), 845-647-5626.

This is the first year that this Classic Car exhibition is being offered. It is by invitation only – you must be registered with us no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> to exhibit your car. If you or your group would be interested in participating, please fill out the form below and return to **Cruise-In at the Festival**, EWCO, PO Box 227, Ellenville NY 12428. There is no fee to exhibit this year. Cars must be in place by 8:45 AM and leave no earlier than 4 PM. Please call Dianne at 888-0055 or Barbara at 647-2787 if you have any questions. ☆

### CRUISE-IN AT THE FESTIVAL APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle to Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_