



Chautauqua County

Bicentennial

1811 – 2011

Join us in Celebrating 200 Years of Rich and Vibrant History

JULY

- 4 County 4th of July Celebration, Mayville, NY, *Free admission to Mayville Park all day***
Largest parade in County at 10 AM; Special prizes for the best Bicentennial floats; music, rides, and entertainment in Mayville Park; bigger than ever fireworks at 10 PM!
- 8-10 Bemus Point—Stow Ferry Celebrates 200 Years (passport event)**
Friday 10 AM: Dedication of Ferry and historical marker at Stow;
Saturday at Stow: Ice cream and pies, cemetery tours, Motorcycle Bike-N-Cruise
Sunday: Classic Car Cruise In
- 16 Ashville Day (passport event)**
10 AM parade followed by family events all day long. Bed races, flea market, quilt raffle, yard sales. Spend the day in this charming historical village
- 16-17 Victorian Dazzle Festival, Fredonia Village Park, 9 AM – 5 PM**
Experience the art and history of Fredonia in 1890; period costumes, ghost tours, antique vendors, architectural tours, lectures and demonstrations; Victorian era arts and entertainment
- 23 Bicentennial Dinner/Dance, Casino at Bemus Point, 6-11:30 PM; \$40/ticket**
Buffet dinner, dancing with Razz and Friends, Chinese Auction, door prizes, free ferry rides to ticket holders!
All proceeds benefit the Historic Bemus Point-Stow Ferry

AUGUST

- 5-7 Civil War Encampment at McClurg Museum, Westfield, *free admission***
Observe the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War; Re-enactors depicting both Union and Confederate soldiers will set up camp in Westfield's Moore Park for demonstrations and skirmishes. The 9th New York Cavalry was organized at Westfield in the Fall of 1861.
- 6 Sherman Day, Sherman Village & Yorker Museum, (passport event), *free admission***
The charming village of Sherman will host a parade, musical entertainment, food and craft vendors throughout the day. Visit the Yorker Museum complex which includes a historic house, school, chapel, general store, and buggy shed.
- 13-14 Bicentennial History Fair, Chautauqua Suites, Mayville (passport event), *free admission***
50 groups from throughout the county and military re-enactors will come together for displays and demonstrations. Historical societies, town and village historians, preservation groups, local history authors, and much more. Come and learn about the history of Chautauqua County, its unique communities, its historic sites, and the fascinating people and events that have shaped the county.
Saturday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM
- 13 Old Fashion Day, Fenton History Center, Jamestown (passport event), *free admission***
9 AM – 3 PM; Fun outside and in the museum; learn about early inventions, building techniques, ride on an electric truck; children's crafts and games, food vendors

19-21 **Chautauqua County Antique Equipment Association Show, Stockton (passport event)**
\$5.00 admission (children under 14 free); Visit a working blacksmith shop, saw mill and print shop; Maple Syrup Association sugar shack; weaving and butter-making demonstrations; silent auction, flea market; tractor pulls and antique engines, pumps and garden equipment.

21 **Miller Bell Tower 100th Anniversary, Miller Park, Chautauqua (passport event), free admission**
1 PM; Join us to celebrate 100 years that the Bell Tower has stood as both a symbol for the Institution and as a prominent landmark on the lake. Stroll the beautiful grounds of the Institution and enjoy cupcakes.

September

10 **Sinclairville History Fair, Sinclairville, (passport event) free admission**
8 AM pancake breakfast; 10 AM Grand Parade, events throughout the day with fireworks at 9:30 PM. Celebrate the history of Sinclairville and visit the Valley Historical Society Museum. Fun activities for the whole family!

15-18 **Festival of Grapes, Silver Creek, (passport event), free admission**
There's no better time to visit the grape belt than when the sweet smell of Concord grapes fills the air and Silver Creek celebrates the grape harvest. Come and try your hand (or feet) at grape stomping, enjoy rides and concessions, arts and crafts, cheer on the firemen in a hose race and much more.

19 **100 Years of Kling Furniture Manufacturing, Carroll Historical Society, Frewsburg, 7 PM**
Sponsored by Chautauqua County Historical Society and Carroll Historical Society, this evening program by Bill and Jim Kling will bring to life the story of their immigrant ancestors coming to this county 100 years ago, building a substantial business, and realizing the American Dream.

24 **Workshop for Historians & History Enthusiasts, Chautauqua Institution, 9 AM – 3 PM**
Municipal historians from 9 counties in Western New York will meet for the day to hear 5 speakers discuss subjects including the Civil War, the Civilian Conservation Corp, the Institution's role in national movements, and the Kling electronic archives. Open to the public for \$25 registration fee.

25 **Busti Historical Society Apple Festival, Busti, NY (passport event) 11 AM – 5 PM**
\$3 adult admission; Visit the Busti Museum and Grist Mill, see historical demonstrations, enjoy craft vendors and delicious foods including apple pie, cider, candied apples and apple butter

OCTOBER

1 - 2 **Harmony Historical Society Harvest Festival, Blockville, NY (passport event), free admission**
10 AM – 5 PM; Tour six buildings, including a school house, weaving shed, barn, and meeting hall. See demonstrations of log hewing, quilting, blacksmithing. Enjoy music, food, horse-drawn rides, quilt raffles, and much more.

Bicentennial Post Office Cancel

Each of the county's 37 post offices is participating in a special post office cancel to commemorate the County's Bicentennial. Through June 9, any item with first class postage can be taken to a county post office for stamping with the cancel.

Bicentennial Biographies

200 historically significant individuals from the County will be highlighted in one minute biographies to be aired on local radio stations. Starting in January, 5 individuals will be featured each week, and then posted on the County Historical Society website for the remainder of the year (<http://www.mcclurgmuseum.org/bicent.html>).