

Nunda Historical Society Lockport Tour

Monday, July 16, 2012

This summer the Society is hosting a bus trip to Lockport, NY on Monday, July 16th, leaving Nunda at 7:45 AM. The day will be filled with many interesting and educational experiences and a delicious lunch.



Experience a unique **2-hour Erie Canal Cruise** which includes "locking through" and being raised the 49 ft. elevation of the Niagara Escarpment (the same one that creates Niagara Falls) in the only double set of locks on the Erie Canal. You will pass under bridges that raise straight up, see water cascade over Lockport's famous "Flight of Five" 1840's locks, and travel through the solid walls of the "rock cut" as your Coast Guard licensed captain describes the architecture, sights, and folklore along the way.

The cruise will be followed by a **Buffet Lunch at the Canalside Banquet Center** and, if you choose, a visit to the **Canalside Gift Shop**. We will then visit the **Erie Canal Discovery Center**, a state-of-the-art interpretive center for the Erie Canal, and particularly the role that Lockport, NY played in the history of the Erie Canal. Featured is the 13' x 20' Raphael Beck mural, "The Opening of the Erie Canal, October 26, 1825." This beautiful floor to ceiling mural depicts the celebration surrounding then NY Governor Dewitt Clinton's ceremonial first passage through the now famous "Flight of Five" locks in Lockport to officially open the Erie Canal. **We are most pleased to announce that Dewitt Clinton is going to join us as our host at the Discovery Center.**

The afternoon also includes a guided tour of more beautiful **Tiffany Windows** in the **First Presbyterian Church**, across from the Discovery Center. The Center is part of the **Niagara County Historical Society Complex**, a total of seven buildings that present a glimpse of area life over the last 175 years. The Outwater Memorial Building, an 1863 brick home, features a Victorian Parlor, Historic Pantry, Old Toy Room, the Civil War Room, a Changing Exhibit Room and a well stocked gift shop. Other buildings include exhibits of: early firefighting equipment; tools used by early blacksmiths, coopers, carpenters, and cobblers; and Native American life, including a diorama of an Iroquois village. You will have an opportunity to visit this complex until 4:30 PM when the bus leaves for a 6:30 PM arrival in Nunda.

The cost of bus transportation, canal cruise, lunch, and tours is **\$90 per person**. Please join us for this exciting trip into Western New York history. Questions: **call Sue Long, 468-3413, or Fran Ludwig, 476-2749.**

Reservations must be made by June 18th. Space is limited, so register early by returning the form below with a **check made out to the Nunda Historical Society.**

Mail to: Nunda Historical Society, PO Box 341, Nunda, NY 14517-0341

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