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# Western NY- Chapter 1

The Monthly Newsletter of the Western New York Chapter 1 of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

September 2020

## Sandy Creek Paddle

By: Pete Shea

Well we broke loose from the stay at home routine that we have been practicing for months to do one of our favorite annual paddles. The turnout had 10 canoes and a kayak. There were 16 of us that had a wonderful socially distanced paddle, lunch on shore and an Ice Cream stop on the way home before we split up for different ways home.

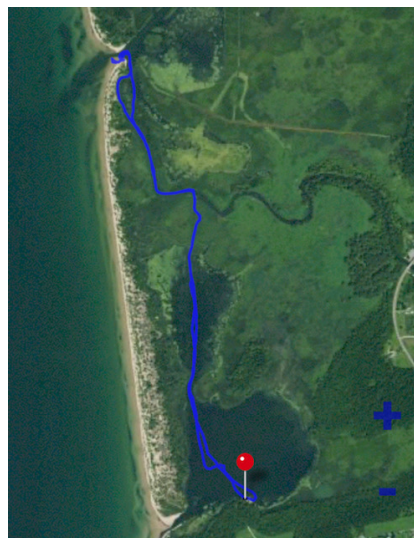
The day was a beautiful sunny day with no wind. We moved the put in this year from the NYS Boat Launch on NYS Rt3 to the put in on South Colwell Pond which offers a gentle sloping sandy area. This removed the challenge of the old location where the water was deep with no dock space to launch.

The paddle across the two ponds presented a little challenge as we were unsure of the path through the reeds. Steve led the way as he recently paddled at this location and knew the route. We arrived at Lake Ontario and there were a few other canoes, kayaks and power boats along the shore. This is a day trip for many and the shore of the lake at this location is great. There is a big sandbar that extends out into the lake and the water was warm and clear. Carol's grandchildren enjoyed going out into the

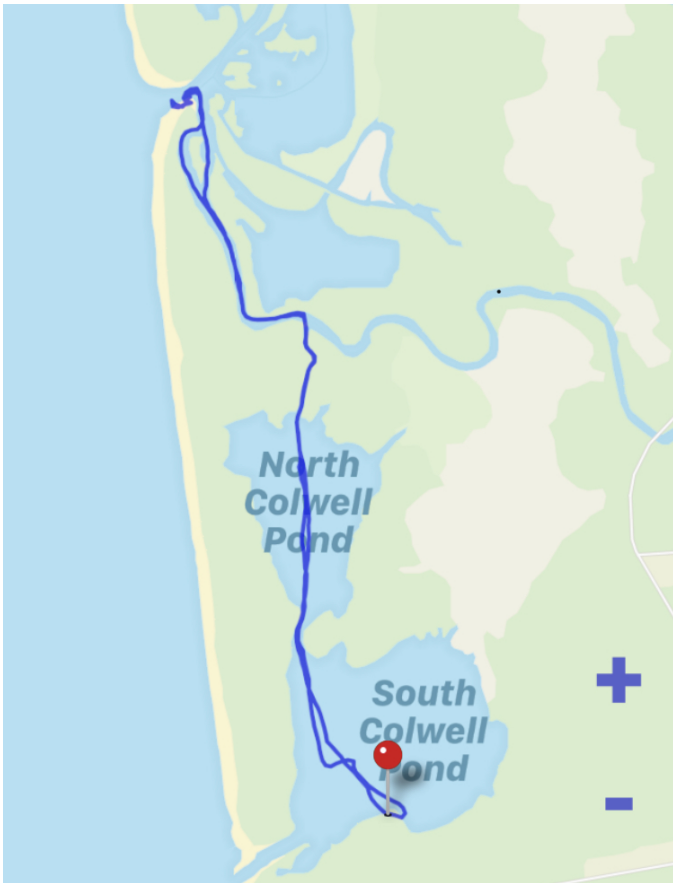
lake and throwing a stick for our dog Comet to fetch. It was great having Carol's daughter and family join us on this trip as Jim Altemus always was present for this outing.

After saying goodbye to everyone at the lake we reconvened about 5 miles away for a stop at a local NYS Cheese store that also serves Ice Cream. Everyone relaxed and shared their thoughts on the wonderful day that we enjoyed. It was great seeing everyone and numerous individuals have sent out emails indicating their enjoyment on the outing.

Thanks to everyone for joining in on this terrific outing.



Satellite imagery of our paddle



Map view of paddle



Larry & Linda in their Old Town that was restored by them two years ago. Great paint job!



Socially distanced lunch with family members together



Canoes along Lake Ontario as Sandy Creek flows into the lake.

### WNY Chapter 1 2021 Weekend By: Janet Isabelle

I received this email from Janet Isabelle a few days ago and I am putting it in our newsletter because it has an important date in it that I want to make sure is put on all of our calendars for next year.

Gerry,

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I have just spent 4 days at Kenmore and enjoyed the sun and blue waters. My friend



and I paddled south inlet to Raquette Lake on Friday but came back (don't we always!) with a significant headwind. We were both tired when we returned. Wind was probably 10 knots on the lake, somewhat less on the inlet, but still a lot to contend with. So the rest of the weekend we hiked instead - 5 small/moderate hikes, thus we did get our outdoor "fix" and our exercise. We saw loons on Raquette Lake, Brown Tract, Bub, Sis and Fourth Lakes. Oh, did I tell you it was 27F. on Saturday morning?

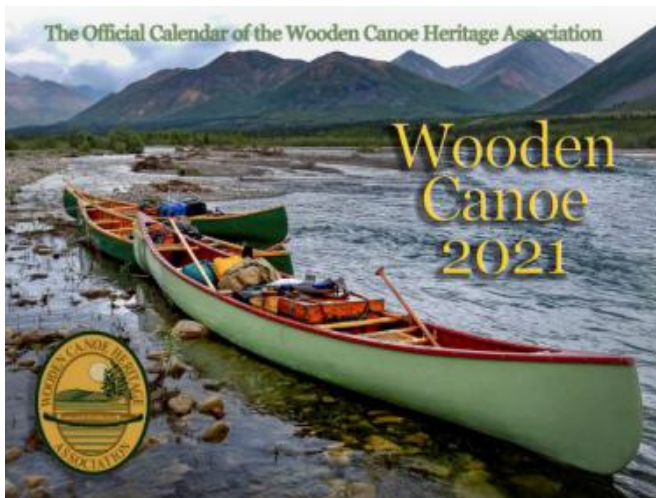
At any rate, we made reservations for WNY Chap. 1 for September 10-12, 2021 at Kenmore Cottages. Hopefully the pandemic will have subsided enough so that we are able to socialize once again.

Please put as much or as little as you choose in the next newsletter. The dates are important, all the rest is just fluff!

Janet

## **JUST RELEASED**

### **2021 WCHA Calendar**



Enjoy the beauty of wooden canoes all year *long* with this beautiful 2021 wall calendar. Each month features a stunning image of a unique wooden canoe in a natural setting. Every month you will be inspired to build, restore, or paddle a special canoe! Images

are 12" x 9", and calendar is 12" x 18", open.

I encourage all members to either go to the WCHA.ORG website and select "Store" from the left column to order your copy or contact me directly to be part of a group order and pay \$1.00 for shipping plus the \$12.95 for the calendar.

Please note: I previously received some names for the group buy but would like you to reconfirm as I will place the order on 10/15/20.

Thanks,

Pete

## **Annual Yankee Swap Gathering** By: Pete Shea

I have discussed with Al Sienkiewicz our planned annual event and we decided that with the present Covid-19 Restrictions and uncertainty of a near term fix that regretfully **we need to cancel our annual event.**

All Chapter activities will continue to be cancelled until there is a resolution or cure for the virus. When we can get back together we will have a planning meeting to establish our going forward activity calendar.

Please note that I encourage the continuation of our small group gatherings that have been initiated within the chapter. Be it a breakfast, luncheon or small socially distant work group, think of practical ways we can socialize.

Thanks and be safe until we can meet as a group.

Pete

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## WCHA WESTERN NEW YORK – CHAPTER 1 – 2020 Activities

<b>DATE:</b> February 29 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Craft Project – Tote Box</b> Where: <b>Shea's, 1947 Factors Walk, Ionia, NY 14475</b> Coordinators: <b>Denny Brunner &amp; Pete Shea 585-802-9342</b>
<b>DATE:</b> March 7 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Craft Project – Bunke Stool</b> Where: <b>1198 Pittsford Mendon Rd, Mendon, NY 14506</b> Coordinators: <b>Bill &amp; Suzanne Keller 603-377-0187</b>
<b>DATE:</b> April 25n <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>RWS Showcase Event</b> Where: <b>Rochester Armory, 900 E. Main St, Rochester, NY 14605</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea 585-802-9342</b>
<b>DATE:</b> May 9 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Canandaigua Inlet – Jim Altemus Memorial Paddle</b> Where: <b>7151 NY-21, Naples, NY 14512, NYS Boat Launch – Naples, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea 585-802-9342</b>
<b>DATE:</b> June 6 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 7:00 PM	Activity: <b>Moonlight Paddle, Bring a Snack to Share</b> Where: <b>6100 Canadice Lake Road, Springwater, NY 14560 - NYS Boat Launch,</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete &amp; Gerry Shea 585-802-9342</b>
<b>DATE:</b> July 14 > 19 <b>DAY:</b> Tues-Sun	Activity: <b>WCHA Annual Assembly – Solo Canoes &amp; Remembering Tom MacKenzie</b> Where: <b>Paul Smith College, Paul Smith, NY</b>
<b>DATE:</b> August 1 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 1:00 PM	Activity: <b>Paddle &amp; Picnic on Canandaigua Lake</b> Where: <b>3495 Lakeview Lane Canandaigua, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Dave Schwaner &amp; Sue Miller (H) 585-396-1492</b>
<b>DATE:</b> Sept. 11>13 <b>Day:</b> Fri, Sat, Sun <b>Time:</b> Arrive noon to 5 PM	Activity: <b>Adirondack Weekend/Friday Lunch @ Nettleton's Cabin</b> Where: <b>Kenmore Cottages on Fourth Lake</b> Coordinators: <b>John and Janet Isabelle, 315-264-0150</b>
<b>DATE:</b> October 3 <b>Day:</b> Saturday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM *****	Activity: <b>Black Creek Paddle – Weather Permitting – Status @ 8:30 AM Day of Paddle</b> Where: <b>Black Creek Park, Chili, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Bob Scholl 585-472-5067</b> *****
<b>DATE:</b> October 24 <b>Day:</b> Saturday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Craft Project – Minature Paddles for Decoration</b> Where: <b>Nettleton's, 7616 Arbor Glen Drive, Victor, NY 14564</b> Coordinators Nettle: <b>Jack &amp; Susie ton 585-398-7038</b>
<b>DATE:</b> November 8 <b>Day:</b> Sunday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Highland Park Conservatory &amp; Hike</b> Where: <b>121 Mulberry St, Rochester, NY 14620</b> Coordinators: <b>Pat &amp; Lou Wirschem, 585-473-0695</b>
<b>DATE:</b> December 6 <b>Day:</b> Sunday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>Buffet &amp; Yankee Swap</b> Location <b>Newport Yacht Club</b> Coordinators: <b>Al &amp; Fran Sienkiewicz, 585-671-3482</b>
<b>DATE:</b> January 3, 2021 <b>Day:</b> Sunday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: <b>WNY Chapter One 2021 Planning Meeting</b> Where: <b>Sheas', 1947 Factors Walk, Ionia, NY 14475</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete &amp; Gerry Shea 585-257-5013</b>