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# Chapter 1

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

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## October Chapter 1 Paddle

**By Al Sienkiewicz**

Our beautiful fall weather continued right into our last paddle of the year. On Saturday October 14th, new members Linda and Larry Riker joined us to paddle Irondequoit Creek to Ellison Park. Eleven paddlers and the Shea's dog Comet set out in seven canoes. Two and a half inches of rain earlier in the week created a significant current to paddle against on our way to the park. Lou Wirschem, soloing his OTCA, put on quite a paddling demonstration as he made his way south with the group.

Since the theme of this paddle was water cleanup, several of us lagged behind trying to grab debris along the way. As the creek narrowed and the current increased the shore was scrubbed of the trash, as the creek widened is where we found the most junk.

We had hoped to picnic in the park but a significant logjam just north of Browncroft Blvd. forced us to turn around. Our downstream speed was significant requiring corrections only as we approached significant turns. As we made our way back, Lew and Rita Markle found a small protected area where we were able to raft up and have lunch.

With the temperature at 70, the sun shining and good friends riding a nice current, you couldn't have asked for better conditions. With Irondequoit Creek behind us we look forward to our annual meets at Lou and Patty Wirschem's house in November and the Yankee Swap in December.

The picture of our October Ellison Park Paddlers was taken by Al Sienkiewicz. Thanks Al for the great photo.



Two of our October paddlers missing from the photo are John Phillips and his son Jeff.

**2017 Lunch on Mulberry Street  
& Lamberton Conservatory tour**  
By Lou Wirschem

Sunday, November 5, 11:00 AM at Lou & Patricia Wirschem's, 121 Mulberry St., Rochester.

We hope that you are not bored with this event, we sure aren't. The food is usually great, the walk *swell* and the conservatory beautiful with all those mums. The tortoises eating their asparagus are really fun too, lots of pictures taken of them last year. We hope that you will all join us again for this event. We can socialize, have a potluck luncheon and take a short urban forest hike (or drive) to the conservatory. We can see what is *growing on*, check the turtles (and the tortoises eating their veggies) and return through the pinetums, which contain about 300 species of conifers.

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Hopefully, everyone can do the tour this year. We have arranged a group price of \$1.00 per person (like last year).

As always, Louie says BE THERE!

Directions: Take 490 to exit 17, Goodman Street, just east of downtown Rochester. Turn South and go for about 6 blocks. Turn West on Mulberry St. Proceed 1 block to 121. Park in the driveway, on the *South* side of Mulberry St. or the *West* side of Meigs St.

Any questions call 585-473-0695

### **Chapter 1 - Name Change**

**By: Pete Shea**

In the October Newsletter I reviewed a discussion that took place at the September Weekend discussing a proposal to change the chapter name to make it more "Geographic Descriptive". I had requested input from members but we did not receive any feedback beyond some original proposals.

Based on this I would like to propose the following Chapter names and request all Members to take a moment and respond. No response is not an option as it just leaves the topic hanging or results potentially in a name change that is not desired.

Please choose one of the following options:

1. Western NY - Chapter 1
2. NY Genesee Valley - Chapter 1
3. NY Finger Lakes - Chapter 1
4. NY Erie Canal - Chapter 1
5. No name change, keep "Chapter 1"

Many thanks for your continued support of the Chapter.

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## WCHA CHAPTER 1 – 2017 ACTIVITIES

<b>DATE:</b> February 18 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: Loon Door Stop Where: <b>Altemus's Workshop, 14 State St., Bloomfield NY 14469</b> Coordinators: <b>Jim Altemus 585-657-6855</b>
<b>DATE:</b> March 11 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: Tree Branch Circle Serving Tray/Picture Frame – Bring your own frame Where: <b>7616 Arbor Glen Dr, Victor, NY 14564</b> Coordinators: <b>Susie &amp; Jack Nettleton (585) 398-7038</b>
<b>DATE:</b> April 22 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: Fauxe Stained Glass Where: <b>Shea's, 1947 Factors Walk, Ionia, NY 14475</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete &amp; Gerry Shea 585-257-5013 &amp; Denny &amp; Kathy Brunner</b>
<b>DATE:</b> May 6 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: Paddle West River Where: <b>South End Canandaigua Lake</b> Coordinators: <b>Carol &amp; Jim Altemus (585)-657-6855</b>
<b>DATE:</b> June 14 <b>DAY:</b> Wednesday <b>TIME:</b> 6:30 PM	Activity: WCHA Recruiting Paddle Where: <b>Fairport to Bushnell's Basin to Abbot's Ice Cream</b> Coordinator: <b>Susie Nettleton, 585-223-8147</b>
<b>DATE:</b> June 10 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 8 > 4	Activity: ADK Outdoor Expo – WCHA Information Share Where: <b>Mendon Ponds</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea (585) 802-9342</b>
<b>DATE:</b> July 11 > 16 <b>DAY:</b> Tues-Sun <b>Date:</b> July TBD <b>DAY:</b> Tues/Wed	Activity: WCHA Annual Assembly – Kennebec Canoes Where: <b>Paul Smith's College</b> Activity: <b>Jack Elliot Weekday Paddle</b> Where: <b>Snowbird Lake – More info to follow</b>
<b>DATE:</b> August 12 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday <b>TIME:</b> 11:00 AM =====	Activity: Paddle Oneida River/Horseshoe Island Where: <b>3586 Horseshoe Island Rd, Clay, NY 13041</b> Coordinators: <b>Denny Brunner (585) 747-4449</b> =====
<b>DATE:</b> August 5 <b>DAY:</b> Saturday @ 1 PM <b>* RainDate: Sun., Aug 6</b>	Activity: Paddle & Picnic on Canandaigua Lake Where: <b>3495 Lakeview Lane Canandaigua, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Dave Schwaner &amp; Sue Miller (H) 585-396-1492</b>
<b>DATE:</b> Sept. 8>10 <b>Day:</b> Fri, Sat, Sun <b>Time:</b> Arrive noon to 5 PM	Activity: Adirondack Weekend/Friday @ Nettleton's Cabin Where: <b>Kenmore Cottages on Fourth Lake</b> Coordinators: <b>John and Janet Isabelle, 315-264-0150</b>
<b>DATE:</b> October 7, 8 <b>Day:</b> Sat/Sun <b>Time:</b> 9:00 > 4:00 <b>DATE:</b> October 14 <b>Day:</b> Saturday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM <b>DATE:</b> October 22 <b>Day:</b> Sunday <b>Time:</b> 1:00 > 4:00	Activity: Genesee River Regatta – WCHA Promo Event Where: <b>Genesee River Park, Rochester, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea (585) 802-9342</b> <b>CANCELLED!</b> Activity: Irondequoit Creek/Ellison Park Where: <b>Putin TBA</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea (585) 802-9342, Al Sienkiewicz</b> Activity: WCHA Promo Event Where: <b>Power's Farm Market, Pittsford, NY</b> Coordinators: <b>Pete Shea (585) 802-9342</b> <b>CANCELLED!</b>
<b>DATE:</b> November 5 <b>Day:</b> Sunday <b>Time:</b> 11:00 AM	Activity: Highland Park Conservatory & Hike Where: <b>121 Mulberry St, Rochester, NY 14620</b> Coordinators: <b>Pat &amp; Lou Wirschem, 585-473-0695</b>

<b>DATE:</b> <b>December 3</b> <b>Day:</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Time:</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Activity:</b> Buffet, Yankee Swap, and Ornament Exchange <b>Location:</b> <b>Newport Yacht Club</b> <b>Coordinators:</b> Al & Fran Sienkiewicz, 585-671-3482
<b>DATE:</b> <b>January 7, 2017</b> <b>Day:</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Time:</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Activity:</b> Chapter One 2017 Planning Meeting <b>Where:</b> <b>Sheas', 1947 Factors Walk, Ionia, NY 14475</b> <b>Coordinators:</b> Pete & Gerry Shea 585-257-5013