

Conversation with the Mayor July 9, 2007

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Your Piece of the Puzzle

Putting together anything as exciting and inviting as our upcoming *Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend*, August 11 and 12, is very much like putting together a 1000+ piece jigsaw puzzle. We have the final image of what it will all look like when the puzzle is completed, in this case in the Planning Committee's collective head, but right now we are still turning over pieces to make the whole. To see what is planned, go to www.palmyrany.com and click on the schooner. Trust me, you will be impressed - music, magic, story tellers, walking tours, boat rides on the *Liberty*, a free showing of 'Goonies' at dusk in the Village Park on Friday to kick off the weekend, and, of course, free tours of the *Lois McClure*.

All of this is to celebrate our good fortune at having the 1862 Canal Schooner *Lois McClure* visit the Port of Palmyra August 11 and 12 as it makes its way across the Erie Canal to its home port on Lake Champlain. We are one of only 25 canal ports to have this good fortune - and on a weekend! She is not to be missed!

We want you to be a part of it, not just a spectator. The range of possibilities is great, in both senses of the word. Do you have a deep desire, yet unmet, to be a pirate? Lead children's games? Face paint? Brag about the Canal and/ or Palmyra's historic architecture? Serve chicken at the BBQ? Or hots & hamburgers? Paint signs? Be a living, breathing signpost?

These opportunities and more are waiting for you to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event. Task and time required are negotiable. If you are interested, contact Irene Unterborn at 597-0011 or at iunterbo@rochester.rr.com. There is room for evryone.

Turn over your piece of the puzzle and be a part of *Pirates of the Erie Canal Weekend*, August 11 and 12. You will be very glad you did. And so will we. The fit is just right!