

Conversation with the Mayor - April 19, 2010  
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## **A Love Letter to Palmyra**

What's that saying – to make an omelet you have to break some eggs? That comes to mind because, as I write this, I am looking at the faux Stickley sofa directly opposite my desk. It is a very handsome piece of furniture which we had the good fortune to obtain in a gently used condition, but at the moment it is piled high with stuff – giveaways solicited from villages, towns and merchants throughout the county. In the Clerk's office are two very large boxes containing Wayne County Tourism bags provided by Christine Worth, Director, Wayne County Tourism office. In a day or so, an assembly line will be set up in the Trustees Room and the bags will be filled. Friday they will be transported to the high school choir room and Saturday they will be proudly handed to each of the attendees at the Landmark Society of Western New York Preservation Conference. The bags are a very small part of the overall effort, but it will be the bags and their contents and the memories of their day in Palmyra that folks will take home with them, reminding them what nice place this is and prompting return visits.

Many, many local people have been involved in conference preparation and the attendees will not hear them thanked at the event itself because they are the behind the scenes people. As always, our village crews and office staff have come through to put our best foot forward for the company that is coming. Thanks, also, to the Pal-Mac Board of Education and Superintendent Ike; Bonnie Hays and Historic Palmyra, Village Crier Jim Bush, and Donna McPike and Muddy Waters Café. The Village of Palmyra was a co-applicant with the Villages of Pittsford and Fairport for a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Certified Local Government Program which helped fund the conference. In that role, and as host, we had responsibilities before and during the conference and an opportunity to showcase Palmyra and Wayne County. This is truly a community effort. Thank you all. And the very best part of this demonstration of community support and involvement is that it is all pervasive. You see this same civic spirit in all the things that happen in Palmyra in the service clubs, churches, school activities, veterans' organizations, library, Canal Town Days, Historic Palmyra and the village sponsored events like Bird Fest or Kites or Pirates. Good people live and work here. We are exceedingly fortunate.