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KeukaOutletTrail

Website:  
KeukaOutletTrail.org

**Trail Coordinates:**  
42.661N, -77.044W  
42.680N, -76.958W



### A Walk on the Wildflower Side

Spring is blooming on the Keuka Outlet Trail and we have just the right experience for you on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM! Enjoy an easy walk to see wildflowers on the Trail led by Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardener, Caroline Hunt. Meet us at the Dresden Trailhead Parking Lot to see many plants that make up the eco-system on the Trail.

Participation is limited to 20.  
RSVP at: [community@keukaoutlettrail.org](mailto:community@keukaoutlettrail.org)

### Friends of the Outlet Annual Meeting

#### YOU ARE INVITED

Come join us for our annual meeting on April 24th, 7:00 PM, at LNB (205 Liberty Street). Members will have the opportunity to vote for the Board of Directors. Also, come listen to all of the great things happening on our Trail.

**Friends of the Outlet, Inc.**  
**PO Box 65**  
**Dresden, NY 14441**

# Friends of the Outlet, Inc.



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#### FOTO Board of Directors:

- Gwen Chamberlain – President
- Phillip Rahr – Vice President
- Rachel Knapton – Secretary
- Deb Clancy
- Dan Condella
- Kristi Hoag
- Thomas McGuigan
- Steve Miller
- Robert Schwarting
- Steven Stork
- Nancy Tharp
- Peg Thompson

### What's in the future for Cascade?

The Friends of the Outlet are working to secure resources to continue improvements at the Cascade Millsite. Our vision for that area is to create a natural environment where people can stop to rest on a hike, or gather to enjoy a quiet time with family and friends. We previously announced plans to replace one existing structure with a pavilion, which we hope will be a reality later this year. Last year we secured a building that is now used for storage of maintenance equipment.

The bigger projects will be changes to some of the old structures, which are hazardous.

Many know that the area was “cleaned up” in 1999, and 2007-2009, after being listed as a hazardous waste site, based on residual materials from the former chemical plant use. The site is monitored by professionals from Arcadis, the engineering firm that carried out the clean up. The good news is the site is considered environmentally safe for recreational use. But the reality is, there are still some hazards that put visitors at risk. The Friends are responsible for maintaining a safe environment for humans and wildlife.

Responding to that responsibility, the Friends and Arcadis professionals are evaluating the brick and block structures along the water. It is highly likely that at least some of the structures will be demolished, which will make the area safer and help nature reclaim the space.

We will continue to keep members and supporters informed of our progress. If you have any information or comments regarding the buildings at the Cascade Millsite, please feel free to send them to [gchamberlain@keukaoutlettrail.org](mailto:gchamberlain@keukaoutlettrail.org) or attend one of our

board meetings to share your thoughts.





Upcoming Events:

4/24 7pm at LNB 205 Liberty Street Penn Yan FOTO Annual Membership Meeting and Board Elections

5/1-10/31 The FOTO Hunt Details Available beginning on 5/1 KeukaOutletTrail.org/FOTOHunt

5/4 9am Dresden Trailhead A Walk on the Wildflower Side

\*\*Event updates and new events can be found by checking:

KeukaOutletTrail.org/events

Facebook.com/KeukaOutletTrail

OR E-mail: community@KeukaOutletTrail.org

Hot Chocolate & Cool History

Eighty-one people enjoyed hearing about some of the people whose lives were closely tied to the Keuka Outlet over the years during this year's Hot Chocolate & Cool History event.

Dearly Departed Players Stephanie Olsen as Anna Lawrence, Merrill Laura Race as Mrs. Lucy Fox, and Jim Crevelling as Edward Taylor shared their stories about everyday life, the mills, the hardships, the successes, and the heartbreaks they experienced in the years since Mrs. Lawrence and her family came to the area in the late 1700s.

This event is a joint effort of the Friends of the Outlet and Yates County History Center. Thank you to Flour Shop Café & Bakery for donating cookies for the event.

Visit our website for updated information about upcoming events for 2019.



Trapping/Fishing/Hunting

The Friends of the Outlet encourage multiple uses of the land and waterway on the Outlet Preservation property, but safety of the public will always be a priority.

Trapping is not permitted on the Outlet Trail Preservation property.

Fishing is allowed as regulated by NY Department of Environmental Conservation. Catch and release is encouraged. The Friends permit the annual release of trout as managed by NYSDEC.

Hunting is allowed as regulated by the NY Department of Environmental Conservation. During hunting seasons, trail visitors are advised to wear bright colored clothing. The safety of other individuals on the Outlet Trail Preservation property is the responsibility of the hunter. Discharge of firearms within the villages of Penn Yan and Dresden is prohibited. For more information about hunting on the Outlet Trail Preservation property, visit www.KeukaOutletTrail.org and review the Official Policies and Procedures.

Major repairs to begin in June

The Village of Penn Yan owns and maintains the portion of the trail between the Elm Street Sports Complex and close to the Fox Mills access. The Friends of the Outlet work closely with village officials on plans for maintenance and improvements. A major construction project to repair erosion damage that was done between Cherry Street and Fox Mill access during the floods of 2014 will begin in June, according to Penn Yan Village officials. The project, which will take about eight weeks to complete, will be financed with more than \$312,000 in funds the village has secured from FEMA.

During the construction project, portions of the trail will not be accessible. Representatives from the Friends will also be working with village officials on interpretive and directional signs inside the village. Watch local news sources for specific information about the project and its impact on trail users.



Signs

Thanks to generous donations from the Yates Community Foundation, Bruce Hansen Memorial Fund, and Penn Yan Lions Club, two new interpretive signs will be installed this spring near the Seneca Millsite. One will be visible from Outlet Road at the Lions Parking lot, and the other will be installed near the Bruce Hansen Memorial Pavilion near the waterfall. Thank you to the Town of Milo for assistance in installing these signs.

Another sign is in production and will be installed at the Mays Mills Parking area on Ridge Road later this summer. This sign, paid for with funds from the Yates Community Foundation and Dan Spence Memorial Fund will include information about the Mays Mills area and Cascade Millsite.



Newsletter Update:

Beginning in January of 2020 the Newsletter will be sent by e-mail.

Please submit your e-mail address to: www.KeukaOutletTrail.org

If you would still like a hard copy. Please e-mail the address above or mail us at: Friends of the Outlet, Inc. PO Box 65 Dresden, NY 14441

A collage of images and text including: 'The Keuka Outlet Trail' title, 'Seneca Mills Falls' article with photos, 'Trail rules' list, 'Seneca Mills Site Facts' table, and a map of the trail area.