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Fun for All Ages

September 7-8, 2013

Saturday 12pm-7pm/Sunday 12pm-5pm

Mendon Station Park 1371 Pittsford – Mendon Road

Mendon, New York, 14506

www.mendonfoundation.org



The 2013 Mendon Station Festival

The 11th Annual festival is set for Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, 2013. Our Festival Committee has been working hard to bring you new and exciting entertainment, vendors, and of course ...food! Thank you to all of our sponsors for helping bring this event to Mendon. Below you will find the highlights and schedule.

There is something for everyone! Don't miss the first ever Mendon Station Bike Rally on Saturday morning, first ever Classic Car Cruise on Saturday evening and the Second Annual Black Diamond 5K and 15K Races on Sunday morning.

Fun for all ages! See you there!

John Farrell, MF President

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Arts & Crafts Vendors	Live Music at the Stage
Food Court including Sticky Lips BBQ	Silent Auction
Custom Brewcrafters Beer Garden	Two 50-50 Raffles
HFL Student Art Show (in Westminster Hall)	Shanley & Friends Reptile Show
Mendon Historical Exhibit with Town & Village Historians	Pony Rides
Pre-Revolutionary British Encampment	Inflatable Triple Fun
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides down the Lehigh Valley Trail	Children's Games (in Westminster Hall)

EVENTS & MUSIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 7

10:30 AM	Registration for Bike Rally (Bike Shop Parking Lot)
11:00 AM	Bike Rally start (Bike Shop Parking Lot)
12:00 - 12:45 PM	C - Town Jazz (Stage)
12:45 PM	Bike Rally Awards (Stage)
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Black Diamond Express Dixieland Band (Stage)
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Bristol Valley Mounted Drill Team (Festival Arena)
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Paulson & Friends Band (Stage)
4:30 - 5:00PM	64 th Regiment of Foot - British Colonial Field Demo (Stage)
5:00 - dusk	Classic Car Cruise (Rt. 251 parking lot, North side)
5:00 - dusk	Blue Sky Band (Stage)
7:30 PM	Mendon Gospel Choir (Westminster Hall & Chapel)

Sunday, September 8

11:00 AM	Black Diamond 5k/15k Trail Run start (Rt. 251 parking lot, South side)
12:00 - 12:30 PM	64 th Regiment of Foot - British Colonial Field Demo (Stage)
12:30 PM	Student Art Show Awards (Stage)
1:00 PM	Black Diamond 5k/15k Trail Run awards (Stage)
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Mendon Pony Club Demo (Festival Arena)
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Pittsford Fire Department Band (Stage)
4:00 PM	Silent Auction close
5:00 PM	Festival Closing

Free Admission and Parking, plus Handicap Accessible Rest Room Facilities.
Mendon Station Park is located at 1371 Pittsford-Mendon Road, Mendon, NY 14506

For more information and updates, visit www.mendonfoundation.org

Schedule is subject to change without notice.

2013 MENDON STATION FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 7 - Sunday, September 8

His Majesty's 64th Regiment of Foot Returns to Encamp at the Mendon Festival!



Editors' note: If you enjoyed the re-enactment of Revolutionary War history at last year's festival, we know you'll be happy to see them again. This group of skilled re-enactors, called His Majesty's 64th Regiment of Foot, are once more appearing at the 2013 Mendon Station Festival. The two-day encampment of 18th century living, on festival grounds, is a hands-on demonstration on how people dressed, cooked, and lived during the time before the Revolutionary War, from 1758 until 1782 when the 64th left the Americas for duty to His Majesty in Jamaica in the West Indies.

The 64th was originally created in 1758 and served in the Caribbean during the French and Indian War. In 1768 it was ordered to Boston. Unrest in the Colonies was increasing through the early 1770s, culminating in the history-book-making events of April 1775 at Lexington and Concord. It was during those events that the 64th was part of the rescue force to bring the beaten British back to Boston.

In 1776 the 64th Regiment participated in the capture of New York. From there in 1777 they campaigned throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania, taking part in epic battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and Paoli. The 64th Regiment wintered in Philadelphia into 1778

and formed part of the British rear guard that was attacked at the Battle of Monmouth by Washington's army while they marched into New York.

The year was 1779 when the 64th became part of the Southern Campaign, participating in the Siege of Charleston in 1780, the battle of Eutaw Springs in 1781, and in one of the last actions of the war, the Battle of the Combahee River.

After General Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown in 1781, peace negotiations between the colonists and the mother country began in Paris, where Benjamin Franklin and others would negotiate final independence for America.

The 64th Regiment left this country for good (except for its re-enactments in Mendon and other places) for further duty to His Majesty in Jamaica in the West Indies on December of 1782.



While visiting the re-enactors' encampment during the Mendon Station Festival, your family will quickly learn how to "walk a mile" in their military boots.

Come and be entertained and educated by the 64th Regiment. Have fun joining in the re-enactments of the day.

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In the late 1980's, Carl Foss, Town of Mendon officials and residents of Mendon talked about a vision for Mendon. Back then, Mendon was a spacious, beautiful town of farms, equestrian stables and miles of rolling hills and open space. These wise people knew it was all about to change. Their mission was to preserve as much of this unique rural area for future generations. Together with other founding visionaries, the Mendon Foundation, a land trust, was established and incorporated in February 1992.

A few years later, the Mendon Foundation became a member of the National Land Trust Alliance. Through Carl's innovative leadership, Foundation members and residents of Mendon stepped forward to preserve and improve our distinctive quality of life in this stunning rural environment. The Mendon Foundation has remained steadfast in its original objectives as a not-for-profit land trust, believing in Preservation, Recreation, and Education. Carl's definition of "Foundation" was always meant to be a building block for future generations to carry on the organization's work.

Many community projects, large and small, have been successfully accomplished over the past 21 years. The first and largest of these involved obtaining an ICTEA Federal grant in excess of one million dollars in partnership with the Monroe County Parks Department. This grant resulted in a contract to develop and maintain a hiking and biking Trail on the old Lehigh Valley Railroad bed, traversing the southern part of Monroe County from Victor through Mendon, Rush and across the



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Genesee River to a northern branch extending into Henrietta. As a result, the Monroe County Lehigh Valley Trail Linear Park was created. This park is part of the Genesee Valley Rails to Trails Coalition. A spur route from Caledonia connecting to the Lehigh Valley Trail is a future addition. The park is the only Rails to Trails project in this area that includes an equestrian trail. The hiking and biking trail runs beside the equestrian trail. In conjunction with the Town of Mendon, the Mendon Foundation also received a \$523,000 grant to extend the Lehigh Valley Trail south through the Great Bend Nature Park.

Since dedication of the Lehigh Valley Trail in 1997, many trail improvement projects have been completed by Boy Scout Eagle candidates in partnership with adult volunteers and younger Scouts. This is one of the ways in which the trail has provided educational and leadership experiences for young people in Mendon.

Through Carl's leadership, six parcels of land, totaling 175 acres have been donated to the Mendon Foundation to preserve and conserve our unique and beautiful community. Our largest parcel is the 46 acre "Sibleyville Nature Reserve", located on Plains Road. It has been developed as a passive recreational site with the aid of a New York State grant. Looking South, one of the finest vistas in Monroe County can be seen from the top of the drumlin. The other properties also remain as open space preservation and passive recreational areas for the community.

Several years ago, Carl became a member of the Mendon Business Association with the idea

of collaborating with Hamlet businesses in promoting the Lehigh Valley Trail. Through these efforts the Mendon Arts Festival was born. After several years, it became the Mendon Station Festival at Mendon Station Park, the eastern trailhead at the old Lehigh Valley Mendon Station. Now in its 11th year, the festival has become a well-attended family event for the community. Each year all the profits raised from the festival maintain the trail and properties owned by the Mendon Foundation.

Carl was a resident of Mendon since the early 1970's and only recently moved closer to Rochester. He and wife Joan have three children and five grandchildren. He was an appointed member to the Town of Mendon Zoning Board from 1990 to 1998 and served as Chair of the Zoning Board from 1992 to 1997. Early in his career, he was active in the automobile business. For the past several years up until his retirement, Carl worked in commercial real estate sales.

Carl's initiative, vision, leadership and dedication to the Mendon Foundation's mission will be appreciated for generations to come. He has been an inspiration to all who meet him. When you see Carl, be sure to thank him for all his generosity and foresight in being instrumental in preserving our beautiful community.

Dick Dehm, Director Emeritus and Founding Board member

Arlene Cluff, Director

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Starts: 15 km: 11 AM, 5 km: 11:05 AM



Fees:	By August 8	Aug 9-Sept 1	Day of Race
15 km	\$25	\$30	\$35
5 km	\$25	\$30	\$35

Course: flat, scenic out & back course along the historic Lehigh Valley Trail. Start & end at Mendon Station.

Register early for best prices! A guaranteed long sleeved T-shirt to first 150 registered by Aug. 9! Refreshments for all registered runners/walkers. **Mendon Station Festival** to follow with **Awards** presentation at the stage. Top Male & Female; Age groups: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 +

Checks payable to: Mendon Foundation, **Mail to:** Judy Beers, Race Director, PO Box 231, Mendon, New York, 14506

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ Gender: M F (circle one)
State: Zip: _____ Age on Race Day: _____
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