

Our History

The Newark Valley Historical Society has been an important part of our community since 1976. The following year Mrs. Myrtie Louise Billings Hills put her family home in our care. This generous act has inspired dozens of volunteers to share their time and talents in first restoring the Farmstead, and later sharing its history with the public. Several outbuildings have been added near Asa Bement's historic farmhouse. Rollie Noble reconstructed the blacksmith shop. An exciting barn raising in 2000 brought the Herrick Barn (an English Threshing Barn from Weltonville) to its present site. Another labor of love was the Welcome Center.

The Sycamore Bridge which crosses the Owego Creek provides access to the Sycamore Nature Trails.

The Newark Valley Depot has also been restored by Historical Society volunteers. It's a grand place for the free concerts and lectures that fill the Friday nights of summer.



Apple Festival is a major fund raiser for our Society. It allows us to maintain our properties and present our programming throughout the coming year. We thank you for your attendance and support and invite you to join us at other events. For more info see us at nvhistory.org.

🌿 We welcome new members! 🌿

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42nd Annual Apple Festival

Newark Valley Historical Society

October 7 & 8, 2023

Welcome!




Apple Festival Guide

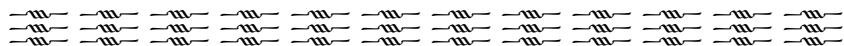
- Schedule of Events
- Vendor Listings
- Map of Festival Grounds

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum
9241 State Route 38
Newark Valley, New York


Saturday Oct. 7, 2023

<u>Wagon Stage:</u>	Music Schedule
11:00 - 12:45 Marv Williams	
1:00 - 2:45 Mountain Mist	
3:00 - 4:45 Diamondback Rattlers	
<u>Herrick Barn Stage:</u>	
11:00 - 12:45 Tom & Marie	
1:00 - 2:45 Friday at Fred's	
3:00 - 4:45 Hammer, Pick, and Saw	

- 11:00 **Apple Dessert Judging** (*Apple Everything Tent*)
- 11:00 - 3:00 **Apple Annie** portrayal (*see p. 9*)
- 11:00, 1:30, 3:30 **Antique Sewing Machine Demo** (*Bement Hse. Parlor*)
- 11:00 "Home Worker" --Mrs. Mercereau (#31 on map)
- 2:00 "Mercantile Store" --Mr. Shepard (#31 on map)



Sunday Oct. 8, 2023

<u>Wagon Stage:</u>	Music Schedule
11:00 - 12:45 Melanie & the Boys	
1:00 - 2:45 Pat Kane	
3:00 - 4:45 Mathews Family Tradition	
<u>Herrick Barn Stage:</u>	
11:00 - 12:45 Rosetree	
1:00 - 2:45 Rick Iacovelli	
3:00 - 4:45 Greg Neff	

- 10:30-2:30 **Apple Annie** portrayal (*see p. 9*)
- 11:00, 1:30, 3:30 **Antique Sewing Machine Demo** (*Bement Hse. Parlor*)
- 11:00 "Mercantile Store" --Mr. Shepard (#31 on map)
- 2:00 "Home Worker" --Mrs. Mercereau (#31 on map)
- 3:00 **Pumpkin Judging Ends** (*in front of Bement House*)

Business Members

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- Thank you to:**
- **All the AF volunteers!**
 - **Boy Scout Troop 30**— help with parking & recycling
 - **Sylvia & John Riegel** — tear-down crew
 - **George's ProSound Company**
 - **Hillside Rentals**— tents
 - **Loomis Sign Painting**
 - **Stoughton Farms**— pumpkins
 - **Valley Smoke BBQ**
 - **Tim Lawton**— shelled corn for old-time skills area
 - **JamisonThompson Family**— 4H goats
 - **Kathy & Rachel Brennan**: piglets & calf
- Our Guilds welcome new members! (607) 642-9516
 - **Lost & Found** & **First Aid** are located at Admissions.
 - Explore the lovely nature trails across Sycamore Bridge.



Become a member of the Newark Valley Historical Society!
Applications: Welcome Center or **nvhistory.org**.

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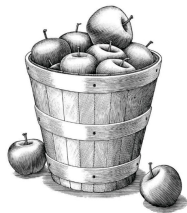
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**Saturday & Sunday:
10:00-5:00 ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NV Historical Society Guilds:</u>
Free Guided Tour.....(Bement-Billings House)
Open Hearth Cooking....(Bement House)
Spinners & Weavers.....(Weavers' Barn)
Blacksmithing.....(Blacksmith Shop)
Woodwrights.....(Carpenter Shop)
Old Hickory Long Guns.....(near Bridge)
Black Powder Demos; survival skills;
try shooting earplugs in muzzleloader • <u>Craft Vendors</u>...(throughout Farmstead) • <u>Gift Shop</u>.....(Bement-Billings House) • <u>Historic Portrayals</u> (see p. 9) • <u>Local History Display</u>..(Welcome Center) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Heritage Demonstrations:</u>
Apple Butter
Artifact Display: SRAC
Bee Keeping
Black Powder
Blacksmithing
Chair Caning
Cider Pressing
Dulcimer Making
Flint Knapping
Fur Tanning
Early Sewing Machines
Wood Working • <u>Kids' Activities:</u>
Candle Dipping
Old-Time Skills
Horse & Wagon Rides
Pumpkin Painting
Kids' Make It & Take It |
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Main Food Tent: BBQ Beef, Pork, Chicken; Vegetable soup; salt potatoes; hotdogs; apple sauce; baked beans; pasta salad; cider; coffee; water, Coke, Sprite

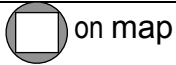
Dessert Tent: apple pie & crisp; vanilla & apple pie ice cream; apple cookies; donuts, candy apples, cider, coffee, water



Barnista Coffee House: coffee, apple cider, tea, pastries, pretzels
[located in Herrick Barn]

Everything Apple Tent: caramel apple crunch cake, fried apple rings, apple nachos, mulled cider, and APPLES

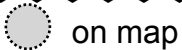
Demonstrators:



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- 9. **Black Powder Guild:** *Old Hickory Long Guns* Rev. War muzzleloaders
- 36. **Blacksmith Guild** Blacksmith Shop
- 25. Dan Caister & Richard Price Susquehanna R. Archaeological Ctr. display
- 32. **Cooking/House Guide Guild** open hearth cooking, tours
- 11. Stacey & Andrew Drake apple butter making
- 31. Tamara Gates: *Time Travelers* "Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Merseau"
- 10. Gary Hinman portable blacksmithing
- 18. Bernd Krause mountain dulcimers
- 19. Jim Martindale chair caning & seat weaving
- 29. **NV Town Historian:** Doug Cornwell local history--Welcome Ctr.
- 32. D'A'mone Popp antique sewing machines
- 20. **Shuttles & Spindles Guild** spinning & weaving
- 1. Scott Smith Family apple cider pressing
- 31. Doug Weeks: *Time Travelers* "John Shepard," store keeper
- 24. **Woodwright Guild:** Fred Kiechle, Skip Williams tin punching

Information:



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- A. Visions Federal Credit Union
- B. Berkshire Library
- C. D.A.R.
- D. NV Community Connections



Activities:

- Apple Dessert Contest** Ruth Hernandez
- Horse & Wagon Rides** Dick Canniff
- Kids' Zone** dip candles; paint pumpkins Erin Chapman
- "Make It & Take It"** crafts
- Old-time Skills** various things to try Dennis Dyer & Veronica Riley
- Tin Punching** at Wood Shop
- Vote for your favorite Carved Pumpkin** (near Bement House fence)

Historic Portrayals

- ◆ George Cummings portrays **Asa Bement** as a Rev. War soldier (*on Sunday*).
- ◆ Tamara Gates portrays **Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Merseau**, a farmer's widow who moved here from Staten Island. "Home workers" made dresses, knit ware, and other items to be traded at the store for dyes, medicines, cloth, etc. (*Sat. 11:00 & Sun. 2:00 Demo #31*)
- ◆ Julia Adams portrays **Julia Merseau**, a dressmaker. She is Cornelia's niece. (*Sat. 11:00 & Sun. 2:00 Demo #31*)
- ◆ Doug Weeks portrays a "Mercantile Store" keeper, "**John Shepard**," showing items that would have been found in a store here in the wilderness in 1803. He will also have a variety of animal skins, Indian trade goods, and herbal remedies to assist his customers. (*Sat. 2:00 & Sun. 11:00 Demo #31*)
- ◆ Martha Walter portrays **Apple Annie**, a chatty villager.



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MacPherson Funeral Home



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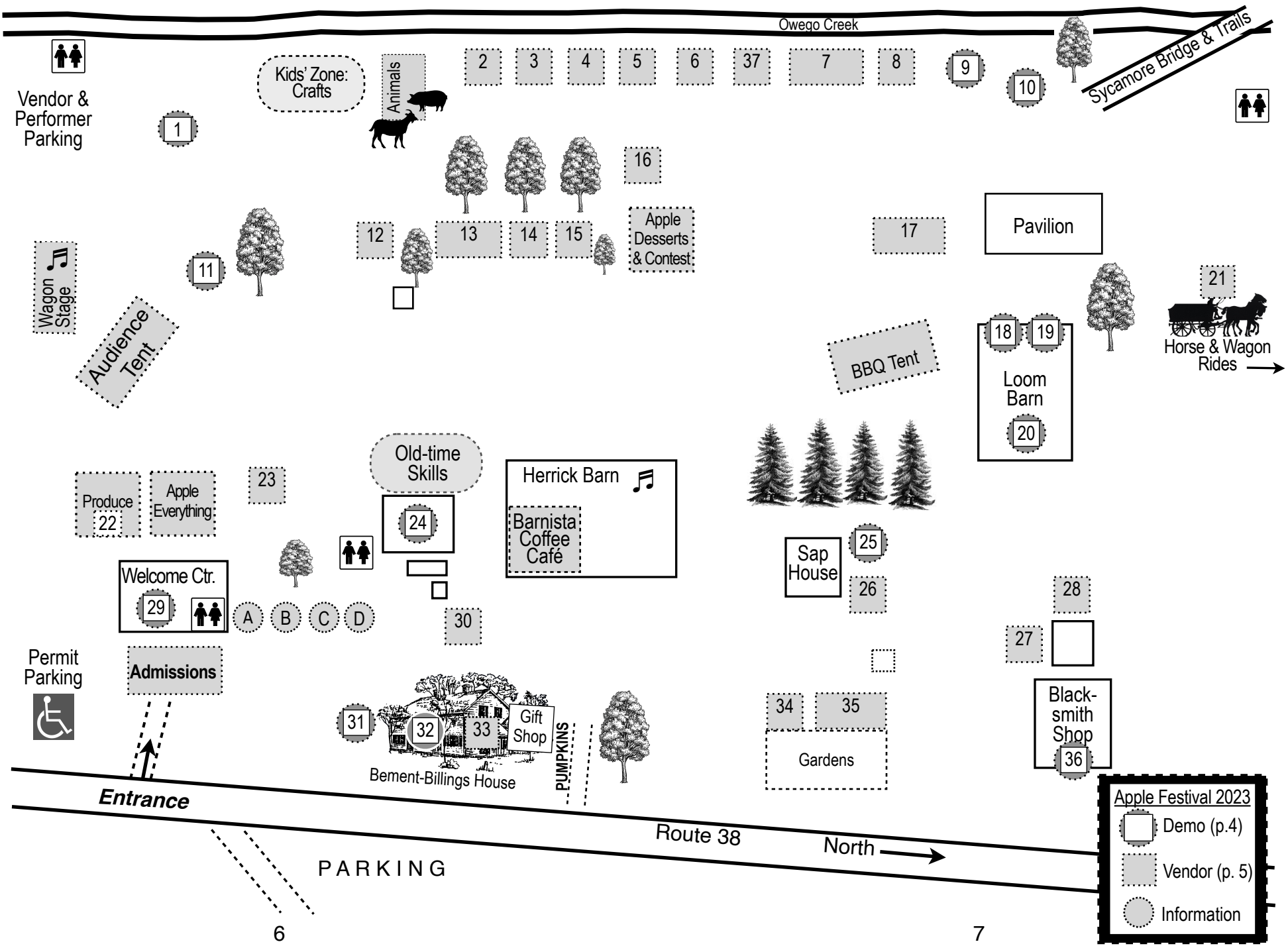





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Vendors:  on map

6. Jennifer Barnaby: <i>Second Chance Glass</i>	stained & fused glass
13. Daniel Beasley: <i>Sweetrees Maple Products</i>	maple products
28. Dennis & Sheila Birchard: <i>Sheila's Corner</i>	antiques, towels, etc.
21. Dick Canniff: <i>Whiting Hill Percherons</i>	horse & wagon rides
34. Bob Finch: <i>Berkshire Hills Honey Bee Farm</i>	honey, soap, candles
33. GIFT SHOP in Bement House	treasures galore!
21. Salina Hostetler (Sat. only)	eggs, veg., soap, dried apples
3. Amber Moore: <i>Hygge Home & Horsekrazy Designs</i>	jewelry, knit, crochet
26. Jame & LuAnne Morsey: <i>J & L Antiques</i>	wood / stone art, wall hangings
12. Curt Northrop: <i>Richford Hill Winery</i>	wine & mead
30. Paul O'Heron: <i>Paul's Woodworking & Chair Repair</i>	wooden items
23. Maria Ort: <i>Ort Family Farm</i>	jams, jellies, teas
16. Curt Osgood: <i>Curtis Osgood</i>	dulcimer music CDs
27. John Samsel: <i>JHS Pottery</i>	pottery
35. Julia Sherwood: <i>Julia's Handcrafts/ Sherwood's Maple</i>	crochet, knit, sewn; maple
14. Joan Shroyer-Keno: <i>Alta's Ornammentation</i>	silver jewelry, mobiles
8. Kevin Sorensen: <i>Strong Horse Flint Knapping</i>	knives, necklaces, boxes
37. Elena Springett: <i>September's Child</i>	macramé
15. Barbara Stewart: <i>Barb's Home Quilting</i>	quilts, totes, placemats
2. Judy Stewart: <i>Parchment Craft</i>	parchment craft & cards
5. Krista Story: <i>Pressing On Florals</i>	pressed floral arrangements
7. Bill Swagler & Paula Carter: <i>Rockwood Fur</i>	fur tanning
17. Catherine White: <i>Catherine White</i>	machine sewn goods
4. Doris Wilbur: <i>Doris Wilbur - Artist</i>	paintings, prints, cards, baskets



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