

Membership Application

Canal Society of New York State

Membership in the Canal Society of New York State is open to individuals, families, non-profit organizations and businesses interested in the study of canals and their history, education of the public and the accurate interpretation of the history of canals, promotion of the New York Canal System, and the preservation of canal records, artifacts, structures and sites. Membership in the Canal Society helps the Society fulfill its mission of preservation, advocacy, and education about the history of canals in New York State.

Membership dues are used to maintain and expand a vast collection of canal artifacts and documents, sponsor educational field trips and publish curated documents. The Society has been collecting and preserving documents and artifacts since its founding in 1956, and this collection is recognized as one of the finest in the country.

The Canal Society also operates the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park, located on the New York State Thruway at Port Byron, NY. The goal of the Park is to inform and educate travelers about the history of canals and to make them aware of other canal related parks within the state.

Members of the Canal Society receive the scholarly publication, *Bottoming Out*, twice a year. This journal contains interesting facts relating to the canals of the State, as well as details of events and trips. Members also receive first notifications of all the Society's trips and events, such as the Winter Symposium, Field Trips, and Canal Conferences.

Membership Categories

Individual \$30
Family \$40
Sponsor \$45
Patron \$55
Sustaining \$100
Benefactor \$250
Corporation \$300
Additional _____

Please complete this form and return with check payable to the Canal Society of NYS to:

Anita Cottrell, Treasurer
Canal Society of New York State
7308 State Route 173
Manlius, NY 13104

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL _____ 12/19

The Canal Society of New York State can always use an extra hand – all of our activities depend on the support and participation of our volunteers. If you're interested in participating as a volunteer with your Canal Society, please let us know what you'd like to help with below and we'll be in touch!

Old Erie Canal Heritage Park - Port Byron (*note: the Heritage Park is open May 1 - October 31*)

Greeter/docent

Maintenance

Gift shop

Event support (Cycle the Erie, Bake sales, etc.)

Kids' activities

Other (please explain)

Collections

Cataloging

Scanning (on site at the Samuel Center for Canal History, Port Byron NY)

Outreach/Communications

Social Media

Presenting information about the Society at local events (staffing a booth/table)

Writing articles for *Bottoming Out*

Photography (Canal Society or local canal-related events)

Our replica 1862-class canal schooner *Lois McClure*

Maintenance/repairs – describe your skills (painting, carpentry, etc.)

General

Fundraising (finding/contacting potential sponsors, etc.)

Grant writing

Writing – descriptive/historical notes for interpretive displays