

# Peggy Salada honored at library celebration

Submitted by the Friends of the Lewiston Library

On Wednesday, Nov 8, the Friends of the Library group – and more than 100 people – honored one of Lewiston’s finest volunteers: Peggy Salada. Several members of the Salada family were in attendance to celebrate and honor this award with Peggy.

The committee had a very easy task this year in selecting a volunteer to be honored – nominations received for Peggy spoke of her commitment to the library, where she served for many years on the board. Peggy has been involved with the Lewiston Library since 1964, as board president and as an active member of the Friends.

Some of the comments about Peggy, the 2023 Volunteer of the Year, included, “Mrs. Salada has been a patron of the Lewiston Public Library for almost 60 years. She has been a board member and Friend of the Library and has shown an unparalleled commitment to the library and all of its event.”

“Peggy has committed many years of her life and hundreds of hours to our library. Peggy’s passion for the library aligns perfectly with her love of books and reading.”

“Peggy has walked Center Street asking for donations. She has volunteered at book sales and other fundraising events.”

The beautiful praises go on and on about Peggy and her dedication to our library.

Congratulations, again, to Peggy for your volunteerism and commitment to our library.

The Volunteer of the Year program was initiated to honor Mamie Simonson, a wonderful and faithful volunteer for the Friends of the Library. Her son, Lee Simonson, generously donated the funds to start the Volunteer of the Year program in memory of his mother.

Each year, a volunteer is chosen from nominations received and is honored at the annual friendly gathering.



2023 Volunteer of the Year Peggy Salada is pictured, center, with family and friends at the recent Friends of the Library friendly gathering. (Submitted photo)

## Greenway gives approval to ‘Lewiston Public Art Project’

BY TERRY DUFFY  
Editor-in-Chief

In a brief session Tuesday, the Niagara River Greenway Commission’s Host Community Standing Committee gave its endorsement to the “Lewiston Public Art Project,” approving \$53,533 in funding toward two-thirds of the Town of

Lewiston application, presented by the Lewiston Council on the Arts.

Maria Fortuna Dean, LCA executive director, outlined the project she described as a component to the Shoreline Trail enhancements in the Village of Lewiston.

“The Village of Lewiston has been working together to make

the most of this extraordinary opportunity,” Dean said in her presentation. “The ‘Lewiston Public Art Project’ connects though Academy Park, which is considered the gateway to our community.”

Dean went on to outline what she called “three prongs” of the “Lewiston Public Art Project,” which was projected to cost in the \$90,000 range. Included are plans for a four-sided mural at the existing comfort station at Academy Park; a series of artistic benches to be constructed along three Discover Niagara stops on Center Street; and the “Lewiston Living Art Gallery,” a series of metal A-frame displays that remains in planning.

Dean said her proposals include funding for the mural project and for the artistic benches, which she said would enhance the aesthetic experience of the village to visitors.

“There is an 8-foot-wide path from the entrance at Academy Park to our mural, which is part of the project around the plaza,

which includes the Visitors Center,” she said.

The planned mural is the inspiration of Lewiston artist Maureen Kellick, who created the Greenway trail logo.

“It’s painted – a collaborative project. There are painted images” that include scenes of Niagara River orchards vineyards and farmlands on one side of the building; and the use of metal “sculptural components” intended to be “three-dimensional” to the viewer, Dean said.

“Each wall will have a sculptural component to it that will allow for a focus (of the River Region) to visitors. Every wall will provide (them) an opportunity to take pictures” and experience the area.

Dean said the artistic benches are planned for shuttle stops along Academy Park at Ninth and Center streets, at the corner of Fifth and Center streets near the village clock and Northwest Bank, and at Lewiston Landing at Water and Center streets. Dan Buttery is the artist.

“They are artistically designed to complement the existing street aesthetics,” Dean said. The benches

are envisioned to be cobalt blue in color, reflective of the Niagara River, and would be power coated. “They are not just painted, they are not just metal, so they would withstand the elements and not require upkeep.”

As to the third project – the “Lewiston Living Art Gallery” and a series of metal art A-frame displays – Dean said the LCA plans to return for Greenway funding assistance once designs are complete.

“The location and the design have not been finalized (and) approved by the village,” she noted.

“Right now, it looks like they’re going to be located in Academy Park. They’re two-sided frames that can be oriented horizontally or vertically, and we’re hoping to have three or four art shows per year with artists from our community, but also bringing in guest artists.”

Host Community Standing Committee members went on to approve a total amount of \$53,533 for the “Lewiston Public Art Project.” The measure passed unanimously by an 8-0 vote.

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## IN THE NEWS

### Town of Lewiston ice-skating season begins

The Town of Lewiston Recreation Department is once again partnering with Niagara University to present skating at the Dwyer Ice Complex. An open skate will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24. Bring a nonperishable item to donate and skating fee is free.

This event is sponsored by the Town of Lewiston.

### ‘Coffee with Chris’ and Sheriff Filicetti

Niagara County Sheriff Mike Filicetti will join Legislator Chris Voccio as his guest at “Coffee with Chris” at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

“Sheriff Filicetti, as the county’s top law enforcement officer, gives a great first-hand perspective on fighting crime,” Voccio said.

“Coffee with Chris” is held at Cristoforo Colombo Society at

2223 Pine Ave. Voccio brings Tim Hortons coffee. No reservations are required. For more information, call 716-696-0086.

### NU College of Business Administration sets virtual breakfast forum

The Niagara University College of Business Administration’s next virtual breakfast forum will take place from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Preregister online. Participants will receive an email from “NU College of Business Administration” with a Zoom link.

International Intelligence Network President Tony Olivo will present “Workplace Violence Prevention and Situational Awareness,” discussing and defining workplace violence; identifying early warning signs and trigger points. Critical incident responses will also be discussed.