

## Historic Palmyra's Four Museums Open

The museums opened **June 1st. The Alling Coverlet Museum 122 William St. is open daily 1-4 p.m., the Market Street museums include the Wm. Phelps General Store, Palmyra Historical Museum and the Palmyra Print Shop are open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. until Mid-September.** Share in the experience of this unique, one of a kind, “**Historic Palmyra's History Trail along the Erie Canal**”.

Visit our four living, buildings in their original community, containing displays of community life, its people and happenings from 1826 through to 1976. This year our special exhibits feature the Civil War, Civil War Re-enactors, special collection of photographs taken by Walter Chase, and the sadness of Lincoln's Funeral Train and its stop in Palmyra. Mr. Chase was an extraordinary photographer and long time member of Historic Palmyra. He was also a member of the Dragoons, one of the re-enacting groups. It is a spectacular display of photographic skill, current history of historic events. Come see if you recognize any of the faces from 1960-1966, many you won't because these photographs were taken all over the east **at** many national events.

The Funeral Train of President Abraham Lincoln stopped in Palmyra for water and fuel in 1865 on its way to Illinois. See the information and the ladies that mourned the President's passing as well as those local residents that gave the ultimate sacrifice so that others could be free. Palmyra's residents made many great contributions to our country's history, which was enhanced by the opening of the Erie Canal.

Come see the first weather man, the first layman Chancellor of the New York State Universities, Abolitionists and Underground Railroad information, our Whaling Captain, veterans from all wars, and inventors. View the clothing that was worn and the games that were played. See the 24 themed rooms with toys, dolls, furniture, tools, religion, clothing, and photographs. A new section features one of our local heroes, Admiral William T. Sampson. The grand opening of this exhibit will be featured at the June 19<sup>th</sup> the Ice Cream Social is open for free tours and ice cream sundaes. Come at 6:15 p.m. to the Alling and share in our Volunteer of the Year award.

At the Wm. Phelps General Store, become part of the old days for a short time in our when you hear the stories and imagine the sites. Share the experience of touching and walking where those living in Palmyra from 1826 to 1880 shopped and gathered.

Palmyra Print Shop features Courier Journal artifacts from Palmyra's hometown 1838 newspaper. You will witness the history of printing from 1855 through 1970. See the 4,000 lb. printing presses and cutters that were made at the John M. Jones factory and foundry and shipped all over the world on the Erie Canal.

The Alling Coverlet Museum is dedicated to the art of weaving the American Coverlet since 1976. What about the first data base computer? How does it relate to a coverlet? Come find out. Our Alling Coverlet Museum Gift shop features items available only from us.

Celebrate Palmyra's life past, present, and future through our fine museums. How do we keep these museums going for our community and visitors to enjoy? And, why is it important to have these fine museums? Both are great questions.

This is the Historic Palmyra History Trail along the Erie Canal. We know that you will be pleased and impressed with the efforts of Historic Palmyra and the history of Palmyra. Docents, volunteers, and helpers are always needed and encouraged to participate. Volunteering is fun and educational. We need your help, and its fun, too.

**Historic Palmyra is Where History Comes Alive, because our history is alive. Call for information at (315) 597-6981 or e-mail [bjfpinc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bjfpinc@rochester.rr.com) or visit our web site [www.historicpalmyrany.com](http://www.historicpalmyrany.com). What for our new brochures made possible with help from the National Erie Canal way Heritage Corridor.**

**Please call me with any questions**

**Thank you Bonnie**

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