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Blacksmiths celebrate 200 years of the Erie Canal

Chittenango NY: The fires will be burning and hammers will be pounding hot iron at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum on Saturday June 17th.

Blacksmiths will be demonstrating hot forging techniques in the historic Erie Canal era blacksmith shop at Chittenango Landing. They will be building sculptural bike racks that will be donated to local communities as part of a “Blacksmiths and Bicycles” project.

“Blacksmiths and Bicycles” is a collaboration between artist blacksmiths and local communities. Using designs provided by the local community input, blacksmiths will build sculptural bike racks using traditional forging methods. We will highlight forging hot iron using centuries old technology with modern designs to produce beautiful public artwork that also promotes healthy bicycle use in central New York.

In celebration of the start of the Erie Canal 200 years ago, this community art project is a part of a day long Bicentennial Bash at Chittenango Landing celebrating the Erie Canal. This family-friendly day will include live forging, a fishing derby, boat building activities and racing, kayaking, and music from the Symphoria Ensemble. Director Stratton of the Canal Corporation will speak at 2pm.

You can find out more about this community art project at their website
www.BlacksmithsAndBicycles.com

And more information about the family-friendly Bicentennial bash
“Fish, float, and Forge at the Landing”
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1545971858788686/>
www.ChittenangoLanding.com

High-resolution images are at the following link:
<http://www.whirlyworld.com/press/BlacksmithsAndBicycles/>

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About “Blacksmiths and Bicycles”

We are a group of blacksmiths building sculptural bike racks for communities in central and upstate New York.

The group is lead by Mark Teece (artist blacksmith) and Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum.

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More details at www.BlacksmithsAndBicycles.com

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