

## The Georgi Park and Museum

Nominated as one of The Best of Washington County 2021! Take a drive through the rolling hills of Washington County to the hamlet of Shushan NY where you will find visitors from near and far enjoying the gorgeous 9-acre lawn, launching tubes, canoes, and kayaks for a lazy afternoon float down the famous Batten Kill or hosting a family event in the beautiful Community Room.

The Park is open from Dawn to Dusk (sorry, no overnight parking, camping or campfires) with Public Restrooms available May – November. Handicap accessible picnic tables are available near the parking lot. This is a carry in-carry out Park where Leashed Dogs are welcome and sanitary pet waste bags can be found in the kiosk next to the Community Room – our thanks to Borador Animal Hospital for this generous donation!



### The Georgi Plant Sale is Back!

Join us Saturday May 21<sup>th</sup> from nine to noon at The Community Room for perfect Annuals, Perennials, Ground Covers, Vegetable Starts, Houseplants and more to kick off your gardening season! We'll also have a few pieces of memorabilia remaining from the deaccessioning project out for display - not quite auction-worthy but worth a look! We're looking for Plant Donations and Event Volunteers - contact Laura Dunham [ldunhamtos@yahoo.com](mailto:ldunhamtos@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### Breaking Ground for the new Playground

The Playground Committee is moving full steam ahead with plans to break ground for the new Georgi Playground later this Spring, starting off with a central slide and swing set structure. The area is to be designed with natural materials and native plants that will blend into the beauty of the park. Keep up with the progress on the Georgi Facebook page! To join the Committee, donate or offer your services, contact Brenda Levey - [blevey1211@gmail.com](mailto:blevey1211@gmail.com).

### Community Work Day – May 19<sup>th</sup>

Each year, Salem Central School District sends teams of students grades 9-12 out into the Community to tackle projects to better the community. In the past, this has included painting the Georgi Community Room, filling the Main Street planters, painting chairs, raking lawns and more. The Georgi will be buzzing with youthful energy and we are so thankful to have them!

Did you know The Georgi Park is a New York State Fishing Access Point where you will often see anglers casting on the river? Beginning this summer, we will be collaborating with Soil & Water Conservation to identify the natural fauna, begin invasive plant eradication and design stream bank management projects. Please do your part while visiting – carry in/carry out and, if necessary, pick up a little of what others left behind. We and Mother Nature thank you!



### Summer Fun!

We were delighted to be awarded a grant from LARAC to bring **The Washington County Band** back to the Georgi Park for a Free Concert and Ice Cream Social courtesy of the Salem Rotary Club on the evening of **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, settle in, and savor a summer evening on the Batten Kill with family and friends. Handicap Parking Available. Stay tuned for more info!

And you do not want to miss the amazing **Mettawee River Theater Company** when they return this summer to share another spellbinding magical tale told with giant figures, puppets, masks, and music. Join us July 15th for a rollicking, magical evening under the stars! Handicap parking Available.

If you are looking to book an event, it does not get any better than The Georgi on the Batten Kill! Contact [thegeorgimuseum@gmail.com](mailto:thegeorgimuseum@gmail.com) to schedule a walk around the Grounds and Community Room. Rental Information is available at [www.thegeorgi.com](http://www.thegeorgi.com)



### DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Georgi is owned and operated by the Town of Salem, NY with an annual budget built around the interest from a Trust left for the care of the facility along with donations and memberships. Receive a beautiful Georgi on the Batten kill tote with your donation - [www.thegeorgi.com](http://www.thegeorgi.com) We continue to move toward resolving the issue of ADA access for the Museum and expect to call for bids for installation of an exterior handicap lift allowing for re-opening of the museum.

**Wishing you a Happy Spring! Brenda, Jeanne and Laura**