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Erie Canal Mural Restoration Project

The Village of Brockport was awarded an Erie Canalway IMPACT! grant to restore the Erie Canal Mural on the facade of 45 Main St., Brockport, NY (the Lift Bridge Book Shop Building). Originally installed in August of 2010, the artwork has failed to endure the ravages of weather and time. Stacy Kirby, artist, will reconstruct the mural on durable panels to be installed over the existing image, painted on the brickwork. When complete, the mural will join the collection of public art works currently owned and maintained by the Village of Brockport.

Grant funding provides $7,000 for the $14,000 project; the panels will be installed with $2,000 of in-kind service from the Village DPW. Installation is anticipated for the end of October.

That leaves $5,000 to come from other sources - An opportunity for the community to be part of this placemaking project.

We invite you to consider a donation in name of Bill Andrews, in honor of his 90th birthday this August. Bill has played a key role in establishing public art projects throughout Brockport and is unparalleled in his contributions to the historic preservation, interpretation and understanding of our community.

Our goal is to raise 90 donations of $50 or more, contributing to a project that exemplifies Bill Andrews’ Brockport spirit.

If interested, checks made payable to the Village of Brockport with “Mural Project 2020” on the item line can be mailed to 127 Main St., Brockport, NY 14420. Donations of $100.00 or more will be recognized on the mural, if requested, on a scroll painted onto the lower left corner of the new mural installation. Any short-fall will be made up by the building owners, Archie and Patty Kutz.