

## **Walk! Bike! Brockport! (WBB) Greet 500 Bikers**

Walk! Bike! Brockport! Volunteers were out there greeting 500 bikers who passed through Brockport on Monday, July 12. The bikers were participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual 8-day ride along the 400 scenic and historic miles of the Erie Canal. This year's ride attracted bikers of all ages from all over the United States and Europe, riding every imaginable type of bicycle. Their stop in Brockport is memorable, because Brockport occupies a prominent place as the only authentic Victorian village on Erie Canal.

When bikers arrived at Brockport's Main Street lift bridge, WBB volunteers met them with ice water, encouragement and useful information about Brockport. As a consequence of discussions with the volunteers, many riders decided to go into Brockport to check out its architecture and storefronts, have lunch, visit the bike shop, or buy a newspaper or ice cream cone. Riders were reminded that no visit to Brockport would be complete without viewing the Village's well-known and respected Visitors Center/Marina with its wonderful amenities.

Joe and Barbara Blosenhauer spearheaded this year's WBB "Greet the Bikers" volunteer effort, making sure plenty of ice water was available; Alicia and Herb Fink provided the canopy for shade. Other volunteers included David and Michalla Ball, Dick and Carol Rizzo, Rosie Rich, Bill Andrews, Alan Way and "Fran." Members of the Brockport Police Department were present for traffic control. Photos are by

Michalla Ball. If you haven't witnessed this event, be sure to come next year and bring your camera!

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