

# 15 Miles on the Erie Canal

## A PRINT KEEPSAKE

American Printing History Association, Upstate New York Chapter



On July 4, 1817, construction began on the Erie Canal in Rome, New York. The early history of printing in Upstate New York coincides with the opening of the Erie Canal (1825) as the primary passageway between New York City and the Great Lakes. Along the 363 miles and 36 locks there popped up many canal towns and cities that became powerhouses of industry and commerce. Notable episodes in printing history happened throughout New York State—from the Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, New York to work done by Victor Hammer 150 miles to the east in Aurora, New York.

The Johnson-Peerless Press Works in Palmyra and the Papermakers of the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys all contributed to the vast history of printing in New York State.

To commemorate the great canal and its environs, the APHA Upstate New York Chapter is assembling a portfolio of prints, ephemera, and booklets which celebrate the Erie Canal.

## Call for Work

Prints may be on specific topics related to printing in New York State or the Erie Canal including history, songs, folklore, etc. and printed using presses, type, and methods that may have been used in the 19th century in these places. The cumulative box of prints will celebrate the history of the Canal and printing in New York State. Prints may be made with processes other than letterpress such as silkscreen or intaglio, or even digital printing.

## To Contribute

- A few select participants will be invited to contribute, otherwise participation is open to APHA members, letterpress printers, and printmakers.
- Print 50 copies and send (or hand deliver) by January 15, 2022 to:  
Upstate NY APHA Folio  
c/o P22  
25 E. Main St. Suite 125  
Rochester NY 14614
- Print editions may be part of a larger overall edition but numbers 1-50 should be sent in for this box project.
- Maximum size of 7.75" x 9.75" inches (May be folded if needed.)

## More Details

- A printed map of NY state with the Canal and location of contributors within the canal area will be included as a print.
- Goal of 30 different prints.
- Deluxe 8 x 10 x 1" keepsake box will hold the prints.
- One box will be sent to each contributor at no charge.
- The remaining copies will be sold to create funding for APHA UNY Outreach and education programs
- Target retail price of \$150.00 (may vary depending on final number of prints)
- APHA members and Upstate NY Chapter members will be offered box folios at a discounted price
- Please address questions to richard@p22.com