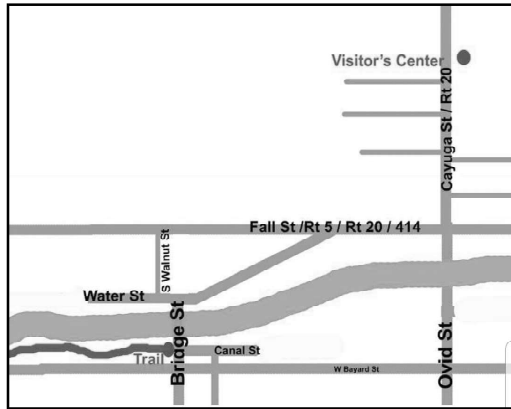




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Ludovico Sculpture Trail

Seneca Falls, NY

Where history, fine art & nature coexist.



Working Man's Alchemy, made from all Goulds Pumps parts, was sculpted by **Audrey Iwanicki** in 2007. This sculpture is dedicated to Goulds Pumps, established in 1848 in Seneca Falls, which is the oldest pump manufacturer in the United States.

This manufacturer brought economic growth as well as jobs to the people of Seneca Falls and surrounding communities. Several generations of family members worked at Goulds Pumps.

Ludovico Sculpture Trail, located along the southern bank of the Seneca River, was originally a towpath for the Cayuga-Seneca Canal which during the 19th century ran from Seneca Lake through Waterloo and Seneca Falls north to the Erie Canal. After the enlargement of the canal and reconstruction began, any need for a towpath ended and a Lehigh Valley Railroad spur was constructed on the old towpath. This enabled Seneca Falls businesses to import raw materials and export finished goods at lower costs. The Seneca Knitting Mills needing to bring coal and raw wool in and to ship out finished woolen goods. It was one of the largest users of this small yard.

After the railroad moved the location of the tracks, the unused train bed became desolate and overgrown; hardly recognizable. It stayed that way for over 50 years. In 1998, officially, the trail became the Ludovico Sculpture Trail.

The Mission

The mission of the Ludovico Sculpture Trail is to provide a scenic hiking/biking trail with sculptures along the path. The LST is located on an old railroad bed along the Cayuga-Seneca Canal and is part of the Canalway Trails of New York. The Trail provides opportunities for artists to create and install outdoor sculptures which explore historic and contemporary issues of society.

Rail trails improve the quality of life for the entire community.

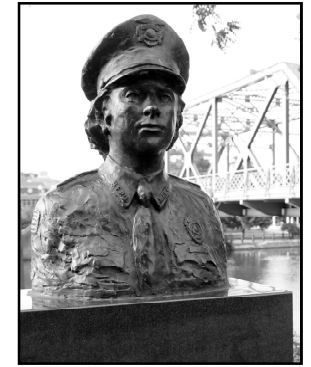
Restores vitality to damaged and abandoned land.

Connects people and pets with nature.

Provides a venue for enjoyment of sculptures and art.

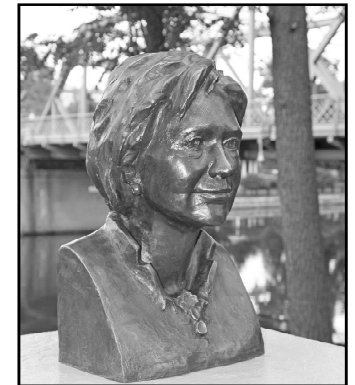
Attracts visitors.

Preserves part of our local history.



The sculpture, **Protector of the Trail**, was created in 2009 by **Dexter Benedict**. In 1994, Sgt. Suzanne Hawker was the 1st woman in Seneca Falls hired by the police force, 84 years after badge #1 was issued. This sculpture is dedicated to Seneca Falls and all other women sworn in to protect & serve.

In 1910, Alice Stevens Well was the first police woman in the U.S. to be sworn in and even had badge #1. At the time men had a hard time looking at a woman doing the same work as they did.



Hillary Rodham Clinton, Women's Rights Activist, was sculpted by **Dexter Benedict** in 2013. She became the first First Lady to win a public office seat as U.S. Senator in 2001, became the 67th U.S. Secretary of State in 2009-2013, and the first woman in U.S. history to become the presidential nominee of a major political party. Scty. Clinton was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, Seneca Falls, NY in 2006.

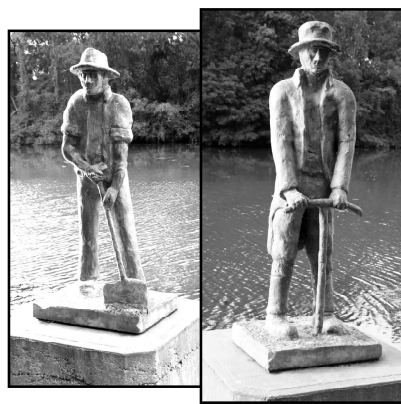
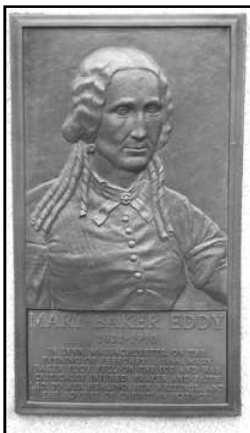


In 2006, **Richard Musso** sculpted the bust of **Diana Smith**. Seneca Falls is still making history of our own. Diana Smith was the 1st woman elected as Mayor of Seneca Falls.

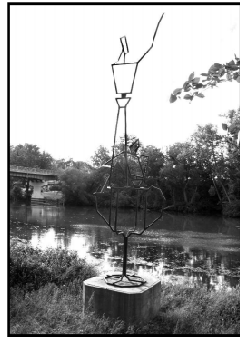
Amelia Bloomer was erected in 2001 and sculpted by **Cherry Rahn**. Bloomer was the Nations 1st publisher of a newspaper called **The Lily** in 1849. News for women by women. She was the First woman to wear trousers under her skirt in 1850, which later became known as "Bloomers".



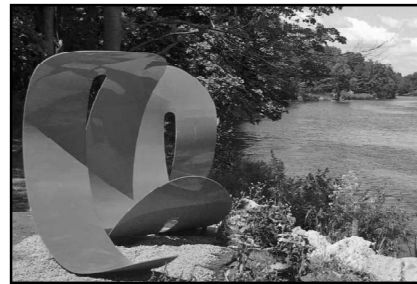
Mary Baker Eddy thought of herself as a Christian leader. She established the 1st Church of Christ Socialist missionary when she was the age of 87 in 1908. She founded a worldwide newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor. She is on the trail because we honor women of talent at this age. Sculpted by **Reno Pisano** in 2001.



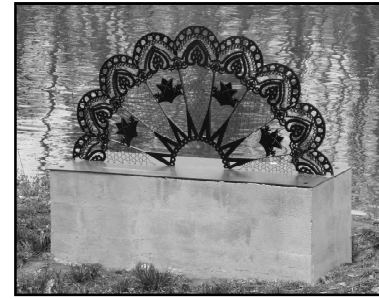
Building a Dream Together was sculpted by **Brian Pfeiffer** in 2005. He is a self taught sculptor that creates in concrete. It includes two sculptures, an Irish Canal Digger and an Italian Canal Digger. Irish and Italian immigrants moved to Central New York and the Seneca Falls area to dig the original canals by hand.



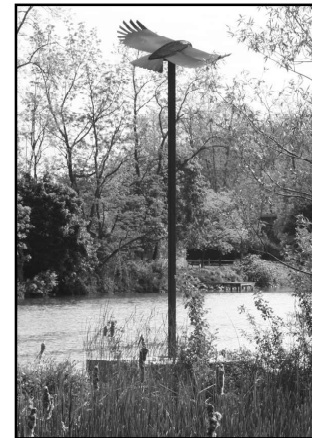
"Bacchus", which was created in 2005 by **Hyon Telarico**, is known as God of fruitfulness and wine, especially God of Wine. This sculpture showcases all the beauty we have around us. Seneca Falls is the gateway to the wineries of Central New York.



Free Spirit was created by Connecticut artist, **Miriam "Mimi" Nelson** and dedicated to the trail in 2016. Nelson is a psychotherapist who, later in life, began to sculpt. Her daughter refers to her as the "Grandma Moses of Metal" an apt name for a lady of her age.



Machine Lace was donated by **Sarah Fonzi**. She works out of Buffalo, NY on many multiple community works. Her artwork is on permanent display in Western and Central New York in addition to Buenos Aires, France, Argentina and NYC.



Red Tailed Hawk, Freedom Flight was created by **Carol Ademic** in 2009 and depicts the wildlife on the trail.

I sat on a stump next to the canal and saw birds flying around with a large blue heron. The only thing I thought was how nice it must be to be a bird and have the freedom to do whatever they want.



Hugo the Heron was sculpted by **Carol Ademic** in 2014.



The Falls of Seneca Falls, sculpted by **Ronn T. Matia**, represents the waterfalls of Seneca Falls. This sculpture, which was made from blue glass and rusty metals, was placed on the trail in 2005.

The Status of Women 1848-1920, was sculpted by **Betty Boggs**. The Right to Vote, The Right to Hold Property, The First Women's Rights Convention, The Right to Higher Education, Equal Pay for Equal Work, and Fair and Equitable Divorce and Custody Laws.

