



For Immediate Release: February 5, 2010
From: Lewiston Council on the Arts: 716-754-0166
RE: Bicentennial Art of Peace Gardens Trail

(Lewiston, NY) The Bicentennial Art of Peace Gardens Trail is an initiative undertaken with partners throughout the binational Niagara Region to create a cross border Peace Garden Trail by the launch of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. The trail is designed to attract international visitors as well as residents of the region to experience and enjoy the natural beauty that a garden provides while commemorating the peace that has existed between Canada and the United States over the past 200 years.

The Lewiston Peace Garden will reside in the 'Historic Lewiston Courtyard', designed by Canadian Landscape Architect John Morley. Spearheaded by Lewiston Council on the Arts, the Village of Lewiston and Niagara River Chamber of Commerce, the area was transformed in 2001 from a gravel parking lot into a beautiful courtyard complete with a fountain, brick walkways, stage, trees, shrubs and flowers. Plantings have been added as funds and energetic volunteers became available. The Peace Garden in the Courtyard will continue to be enhanced during the years leading up to the Bicentennial Celebration in 2012.

Partners include: Village of Lewiston, Lewiston Council on the Arts, NYS Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte, Bradley Hardison (Hardison Funeral Homes), Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce, Village DPW, artists John Puccio & Rod Dowling, M & T Bank, Lewiston/NOTL Rotary Club, Lewiston Garden Club, the Lewiston Lion's Club, Claudia Marasco, and many supportive individual volunteers.

M. Jacquie Lodico, Site Coordinator of the Lewiston Peace Garden and Terry Collesano, Village Trustee, stand at the entrance of the Historic Lewiston Courtyard and Peace Garden.

