



PA ROUTE 6 HERITAGE CORRIDOR UPDATE

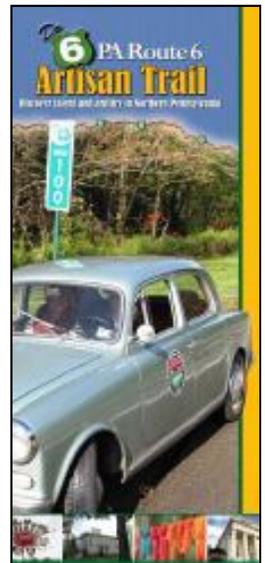
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ROUTE 6 HERITAGE COMMUNITIES UPDATE

By the Summer 2010, eighteen communities will have completed or will be working on their Route 6 Heritage Communities WorkPlan. Final community meetings and presentations of the Heritage Workplans were completed in 4 communities: Conneaut Lake (Crawford County), Youngsville (Warren County), Wyalusing (Bradford County), and Waymart (Wayne County). Three communities are at the half-way mark of the process in which community charrettes and some preliminary recommendations have been completed; these communities are Carbondale (Lackawanna County), Tunkhannock (Wyoming County) and Mansfield (Tioga County). A presentation was held in Milford (Pike County) to discern their interest in continuing with the Heritage Communities designation. It was determined that the community did want to proceed and an initial stakeholders meeting was scheduled for July. Three communities were chosen in the last and final round of Route 6 Heritage Communities: Edinboro (Erie County), Kane (McKean County) and a joint program for Hawley and Honesdale (Wayne County). These communities join the six communities who are currently implementing their WorkPlans. Those communities are Smethport (McKean County); Corry and Union City (Erie County); and the Potter County Communities of Coudersport, Austin and Galeton.

PA ROUTE 6 ARTISAN TRAIL

The PA Route 6 Artisan Trail was started to help highlight the cultural resources across the scenic highway, to support local artists through increased sales and awareness, to provide business development and educational programs for the artists and other cultural assets, and to boost local economies through the sale of local products. Over 44 artisans, galleries and retail shoppes are participating in the 2010 PA Route 6 Artisan Trail brochure. This is the largest participation since the program began. The brochures are distributed through the PennDOT Welcome Centers, Visitor Centers and Trail Participants along the Heritage Corridor. The Artisan Trail is also promoted through a section on the PA Route 6 website—www.paroute6.com. Every month, three trail sites and one or two events are highlighted on the monthly feature section of the website. In the first six months of 2010, this section of the website was viewed by over 2300 unique visitors. PA Route 6 Artisan Trail is an active member of the PA Artisan Trail Alliance by participating in their public relations and promotional efforts. Information is supplied for the blog on the PA Artisan Trail Alliance website - www.paartisanstrail.com



TIN CAN TOUR CARAVANS ACROSS ROUTE 6 TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF RV

The PA Route 6 Heritage Corporation worked with the Tin Can Tour Caravan to plan an 11-day long trip across the Heritage Corridor, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the recreational vehicle industry. From June 4 through the 14th, a caravan of 15 classic vehicles and trailers traveled across the western half of US Route 6 in Pennsylvania, stopping in several communities and campgrounds along the way to “open up”. Residents were invited to come see the insides of these one-of-a-kind vehicles. The community or campground each provided one meal for the caravan. Their trip included stops at 6 sites along Route 6 in Meadville, Port Allegany, Roulette, Galeton, Mansfield and Conneaut Lake. The programs helped build awareness of camping along Route 6.

