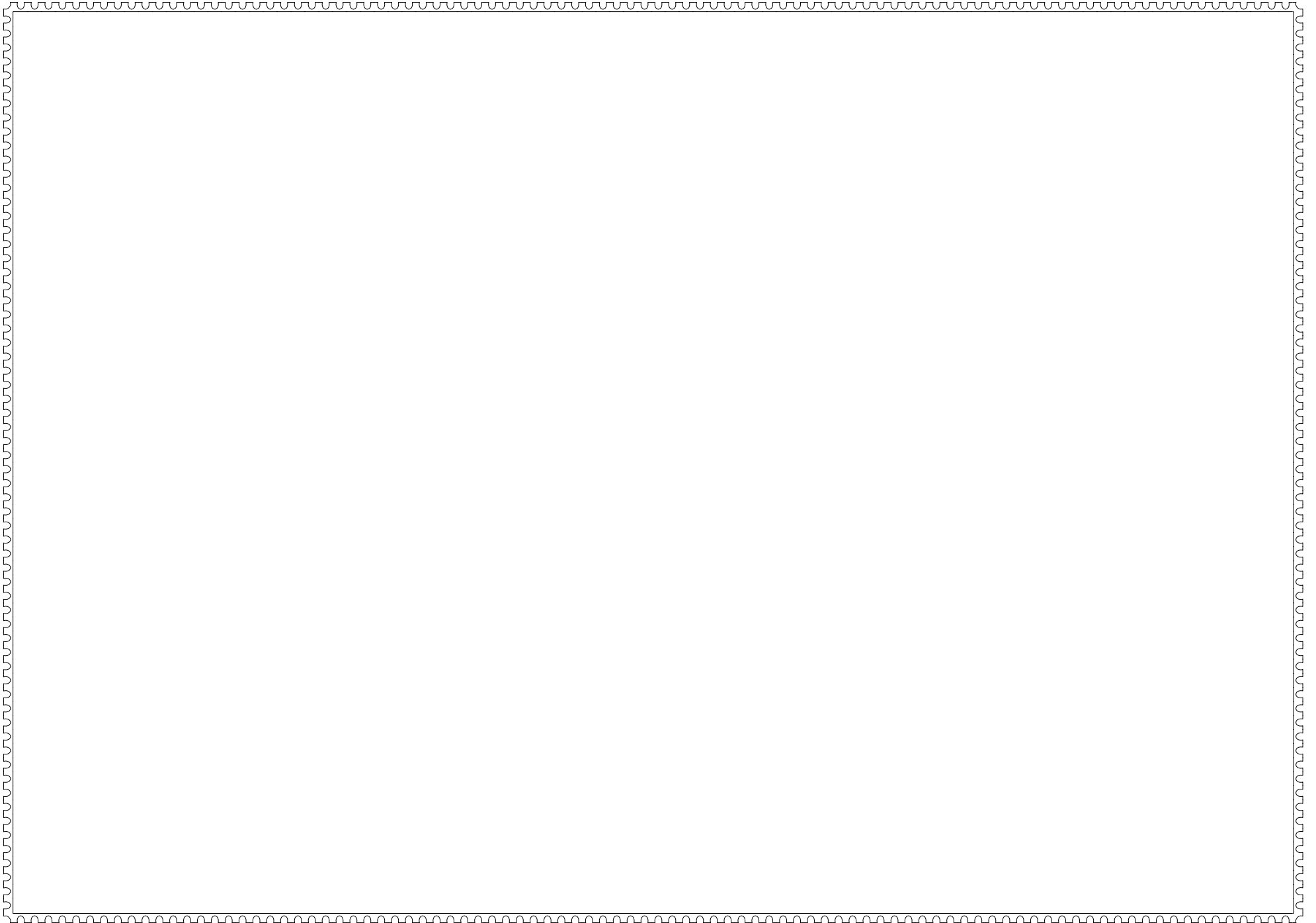


# **Erie Canal Art Contest ~ Grades 6 - 8**

**See other side for complete details & contest rules**



## GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY

### Rules for Grades 6 - 8

- ◆ Complete the requested information in the box below.
- ◆ In the frame provided on the front of this sheet, illustrate the article "The Hollow tree" (below).
- ◆ All entries must be brought to or mailed to the Erie Canal Discovery Center, 24 Church Street in Lockport, by October 17, 2009, 4:00 PM.
- ◆ Contest open to students in 6-8 grades for the 2009-2010 school year who reside in Niagara County.
- ◆ All submissions will be on display at the Erie Canal Discovery Center at the 184th Anniversary celebration October 24, 2009.
- ◆ Jury selection of the art work will be done on Monday, October 19, 2009.
- ◆ We will contact the parents and students of the winning submissions.
- ◆ Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 submissions per grade level.
- ◆ All submissions will become the property of Erie Canal Discovery Center.

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>City</b>			
<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>			
<b>School</b>			
<b>Grade</b>		<b>Age</b>	
<b>Teacher</b>			

### The Hollow Tree

One hundred and eighty three years ago, that would be August of 1826, the Erie Canal had only been in operation for one year. Some young lads were chasing chipmunks in a place called Rogers woods. A curious sight caught the boys by surprise when they spied a pair of cowhide boots sticking out of a hollow tree.

When they stealthily moved in closer to examine the anomaly, the boots moved. Scared beyond belief the youngsters ran toward home and gave the alarm. Able bodied men stopped their daily chores to see what the ruckus was about. They hauled from the hollow tree a decently clad young

man who was unconcerned about himself and the fact that he had lost the ability to speak.

He was fed and cared for by local folks who saw him as having the appearance of a gentleman and in possession of some talents. His name was William Blake and fancied himself a poet. One or two of his poems were published in Lockport's paper. Local benefactors paid his fare on a packet to Utica. As a farewell at the end of a long poem he asks of his benefactors:

"Once more, kind friends, my thanks accept;  
And if you should remember me,  
In distant times, think that I've kept,  
Still in my thoughts, the 'hollow tree.' "

**Please Join Us in Celebration of the...  
184<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Opening of the Erie Canal**

**At the...**



24 Church Street \* Lockport

**featuring... Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ**  
(Take-Out Only)

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
All Welcome ~ Free Admission

Chicken Dinner  
\$7.50 Pre-Sale / \$8.00 Day of Event

*If you wish to purchase pre-sale tickets please stop at the  
History Center at 215 Niagara Street  
Mon - Sat, 9 AM - 5 PM or call 716-434-7433.*

**Among the festivities we will announce results of the...**

**Fourth Annual Poster Contest**  
*Grades 9-12*

**Second Annual Art Contest**  
*Grades 6-8*

**Second Annual Coloring Contests**  
*Grades K-5*

**Discovery Center Events 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Awards Ceremony 11:00 AM**

**Chicken Served 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Help Spread the word about this year's contests: Contest open to all Niagara County Residents Grades K-12.  
Entries due by October 17, 2009. Call for Entry Form or Information.