



## WASHINGTON COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*The Covered Bridge Advisory Committee (CBAC) was appointed by the Washington County Board of Supervisors in July of 1994 in response to the mounting concern of many residents about the future of these cherished bridges. The CBAC's chartered mission was (and is) to monitor the condition of the bridges, seek funding for their repair and report to the Department of Public Works.*

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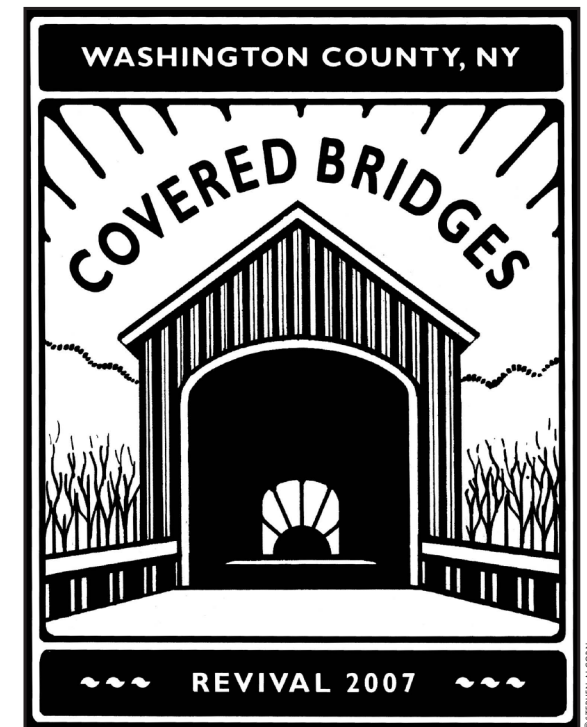
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## AUGUST 4, 2007

*Take a drive- or bike-yourself tour through beautiful Washington County to visit three restored covered bridges.*

*Take part in ribbon-cutting ceremonies to reopen these windows on our past.*

*Visit the Historic Salem Courthouse to celebrate with door prizes, covered bridge art and books, food, music and more.*

PRESENTED BY THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY COVERED  
BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



# Covered Bridge Revival, August 4, 2007

Today, it's hard to imagine the early settlers of Washington County traveling by horse and buggy to families and friends, for business and pleasure and running up against a swollen Battenkill or an ice-jammed Hoosic river. Their solution—the covered bridge—still carries us across the water as we journey through the country side.

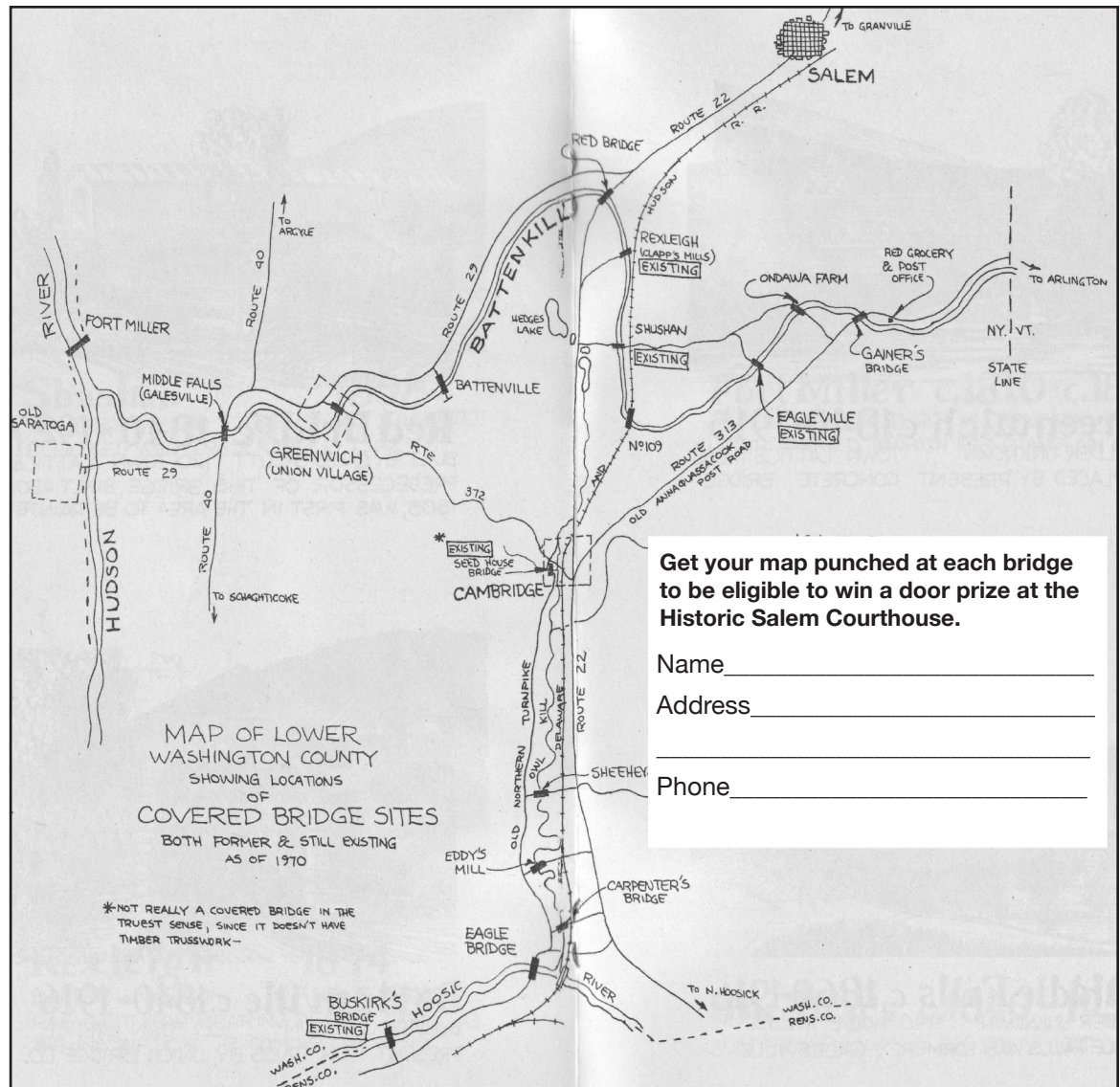
Built in the Civil War era, four of the county's covered bridges still remain, three of which are still in use—Rexleigh, Eagleville and Buskirk. The fourth, in Shushan, has been preserved as a museum. All are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Washington County Covered Bridge Advisory Committee is made up of citizens who work with the county to monitor and maintain these treasured landmarks. When the bridges were faced with major repairs, the committee helped apply for and win federal funds to restore rather than replace the bridges. The Committee will host a celebration when they reopen on August 4th to thank all who have contributed to this project.



## ACTIVITIES

Bike or drive from bridge to bridge for a day of celebration and fun. A ceremony to acknowledge the support, effort and cooperation of the many people and agencies that have made this unique preservation project possible will be held at Buskirk's Bridge, with state and local dignitaries on hand to celebrate the reopenings. From there a procession of antique cars will lead the way to Eagleville and Rexleigh bridges, via the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum, for short ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The day will conclude with a celebratory fair at the Historic Salem Courthouse, an afternoon of music, food, covered bridge art and books, and historic displays. In the evening, Music from Salem will perform *Currents of Ecstasy: Bridging Three Centuries through American Music* at Hubbard Hall, featuring the music of Stephen Foster, Samuel Barber, Henry Cowell and John Adams. Commemorative T-shirts and signed posters designed by artist Stephen Alcorn and a souvenir booklet documenting the project will be available for purchase throughout the day.



**Get your map punched at each bridge to be eligible to win a door prize at the Historic Salem Courthouse.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Buskirk: 10:00 am**
- Eagleville: 12:00 noon**
- Rexleigh: 1:30 pm (via the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum)**
- Salem Courthouse: 2:30 pm—5:00 pm**
- Music from Salem at Hubbard Hall: 8:00 pm**

Boxed lunches available at Yushak's in Shushan.  
 Detailed bike tour maps available at [www.visitbattenkillvalley.com/Coveredbridges/index.html](http://www.visitbattenkillvalley.com/Coveredbridges/index.html)  
 The New York Covered Bridge Association will be holding their August meeting at the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum at 4:00 pm.