

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNOUNCES ANNUAL RED JACKET AWARDEES

Cindy Abbott Letro, John N. Walsh III to receive Red Jacket award

Buffalo, N. Y. – The Board of Managers of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society is pleased to announce that they have selected Cindy Abbott Letro, and John N. Walsh III as recipients of its annual Red Jacket Award. The board will present the awards at a dinner and ceremony at the Historical Society's museum on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m.

The Red Jacket Award is given annually in recognition of quiet, continued, unbroken devotion to civic progress. Created 54 years ago, in 1957, by the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, the award is based upon a medal presented in 1792 by President George Washington to the renowned Seneca orator and leader Red Jacket.

"We are extremely proud to be honoring these two giants amongst so many of our civically minded community," said Joan Bukowski, president of the board of managers of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society. "Each year, we search for and have no difficulty in finding individuals who are deserving of this award, and this year, with Cindy Letro and Jack Walsh as our recipients, is no different."

During the ceremony, the board of managers will present two additional awards. Douglas Kohler will receive the Owen B. Augspurger award, which recognizes local historians devoted to the preservation of Erie County's heritage. And Old Fort Niagara will receive the Daniel B. Niederlander award for outstanding programming by a Western New York historical organization.

The 2011 Red Jacket Awards dinner will be held at the Historical Society's museum at 25 Nottingham Court at Elmwood Avenue in Buffalo. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$275 per couple. Table packages and corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. For reservations and more information, call the Historical Society development office at 716-873-9644, ext. 318.