

Bicentennial Black-Eyed Susan

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The Bicentennial Citizens Advisory Committee of the County of Warren is pleased to announce the designation of the Black-Eyed Susan, a/k/a Rudbeckia Hirta, as the official flower of the 2013 Bicentennial year. This designation was made official by resolution of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, which appropriately took place during Earth Week 2012.

The Black-Eyed Susan has had a long-standing botanical history in Warren County dating back to 1856, according to the New York Flora Association. County Historian, Ann McCann, will reach out to local garden shops, nurseries, and landscapers to encourage them to participate in a “tagging” program during the 2013 retail season. Retailers are encouraged to add a Bicentennial logo tag to the Black-Eyed Susan plants they sell.

In preparation for the Bicentennial, Warren County will begin planting Black-Eyed Susans at the Municipal Center this season; additionally, property owners are encouraged to plant the popular perennial and schools are encouraged to incorporate the Black-Eyed Susan into their science programs!

This is just one of many programs and events being planned by the Warren County Bicentennial Citizens Advisory Committee, which was established for the purpose of identifying, planning and coordinating events and programs to

commemorate 200 years of growth and development. Look for further announcements including parades and hometown programs, open houses, postal cancellations, proclamations and a souvenir booklet commemorating this 200-year celebration.