PARADES
Northville is well known for it’s Parades

We all have memories of watching or participating in them. Parade watchers came from all over the county to enjoy Northville’s outstanding floats, bands, fire trucks, individual participation and many other interesting and fun displays. There were Fourth of July parades, Memorial Day Parades, Pet parades, Old Home Day parades, Halloween Parades, Diamond Jubilee Parade, Bi-Centennial Parade, Filibuster Parade. Those of us who attended many of these parades have certain ones that are more outstanding in our memories. In 1948 was the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and parade that was especially memorable.

Queen: Joan Marck  Attendants: Jackie Sweet (Jinquera), Helen Edwards, Virginia Lado, Jean Ferguson, Mary Tetrault, Suzanne Houghtaling.
Over the years many people and organization were involved in planning and orchestrating the many parades. There were the Fireman, Business Men, Civic Association, and Individuals. Below is a 1924 example of local folks who cared enough to make “it happen”. A big Thanks and Gratitude is extended to all of them; former, future and currently those in 2013 who are planning this years 4th of July parade.

Program

12 M. to 1—
BAND CONCERT on Village Lawn

1 to 2—
BASKET PICNIC on Prospect Hill.
"Let’s make this a real one."

2 to 3:30—
SPORTS, Prospect Hill.

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<td>3. 80-yd. dash for girls Electric Carlier</td>
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<td>8. Running broad jump, open</td>
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<td>9. 50-yd. dash for boys, 10-15 yrs.</td>
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3:30—
BASEBALL GAME—
Broadalbin Buffalos vs. Amsterdam Polsains

7:00—
FILIBUSTER PARADE.
All Persons, Floats, etc., must report to Grand Marshal not later than 6:45, as parade will move at 7 o’clock sharp.
A prize will be given to the lady in the most fantastic costume.
A prize will be given to the gentleman in the most fantastic costume.
A prize will be given for the best decorated float.
Judges: Village Trustees.

8 to 12—
BLOCK PARTY.
Dancing on the pavement.

Organization

William L. Kested, President.
William Strobel, First Vice-President.
Harry W. Van Arnab, Second Vice-President.
Herbert G. Corey, Secretary.
Mrs. Jessie B. Miller, Treasurer.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

DECORATING COMMITTEE
Hugh L. Barker, Chairman; George C. Fryer, Elmer E. Cole, Louis Abrams, Scott Downing, Fred Waver, Robert Grosso, Charles H. Duncan, Leon Horton, Harry Savage, Fred Olmstead.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
E. G. Palmer, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Palmer, A. L. Palmer, Mrs. A. L. Palmer, Dr. J. Edward Grant, Mrs. J. Edward Grant.

SPORTS COMMITTEE
Graham W. Olmstead, Chairman; Frank B. Chequer, I. C. Lawton, F. N. Wright, A. Grant Palmer, Wm. A. Poote, Jr., Robert Grosso.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

POLICE COMMITTEE
I. C. Lawton, Chairman; Harry W. Van Arnab, Hugh L. Barker, Charles Miller.

COMMITTEE ON BLOCK PARTY
Harry W. Van Arnab, Chairman; I. C. Lawton, Frank B. Chequer.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE
John A. Willard, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moeb, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hubbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Eglin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Anibal, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bloxers, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Robinson.

Take note how many local organizations and individuals were involved back then. Hint hint!
The second division was the miscellaneous section with six subdivisions including decorated bicycles, pets, old farm equipment, old costumes, horseback riders, Boy Scouts from Camp Denton, Daniel Boone, baby carriages showing the 1873 and 1948 baby's and the changes of caring for them during the years. The Gloversville American Legion Drum corps followed, by a delegation from that post and the old “759” of Voiture 40 & 8 from Schenectady were in line. In this division the 1901 model car, the oldest licensed car in New York State, won first prize but the names of the owners and riders were not available.

**Float Division**

The float division of the parade, illustrating various interpretations of the old and new theme, was the most colorful part of the parade. The queen came first, followed by her attendants. Then came the float of the Onolee Council, D. of P., the Boston Tea Party composed of Olive Andrews, Ruth Andrews, Martha Graff, Gaynell Spencer, Lucy Miller, Marguerite Bullingame, Sarah Madison and Margaret Fish, throwing tea overboard.

The second float of the Girl Scouts showed the girls busy at cooking, braiding and other activities. The Scouts were Margaret and Martha Crowter, Dorothy Dence, Gail Ellingwood, Mary Ann Langer, Joan Shufelt, Marie Cunningham, Dawn Arsenault, Betty Innis, Joan Yates, Lorraine Rhodes and Paula Langer.

**Memorial Day Parade up at the Prospect Hill Cemetery**

Nancy Mead, Hilda Fuller (leader), Helen Williams, Arlene Colby, Anne Zambella (Paulin), Dottie Hovey, Leona Gifford (leader), Ruth Groff

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1961

Remember Eva Stuart marched in many, many parades. Here she is taking a break sitting at Skip Wilson’s Garage.

**Nina Benton**

**Walter Weaver Jr & wife Linda Sweet Weaver**

**Clarence VanVranken**
The float of the Northville Bank, founded in 1885, was unique, depicting a Daniel Boone log hut with Hiram C. Denton, and Harry D. Lawton as occupants of the hut.

We must not forget Frances Rhodes who marched in the parades for many years, often as a clown.

Memorial Day Parade about 1945. Recognize anyone? I think the young fella looking backwards is Jimmy Devine, next to him Bill Crannell.

Children reciting the Pledge Allegiance at the 4th of July Parade 1988

Delgado House on South Main Street in the background….long since torn down.
Recognizing the many wars that were fought in by our local folks 2012
Always horses in the 4th of July Parade

NN Historical Society marching in a Memorial Day Parade
Randy Winchell towing Cindy Furman “Miss Pepsi”

July 4th 1969
Loretta Darling leading the historical society as they carry signs denoting the wars our local folks fought in

A big part of the 4th of July Parades is/was all the candy thrown from the floats, antique cars, organizations, firetrucks, tractors, etc.

Elmer Cole and Dave Jacquard driving the old 1928 Sanford fire truck in 1964

Children waiting for the parade to appear

So many more pictures could be included here, especially all the bands. Everyone looked forward to seeing and hearing the Northville Central School Band.