Bridging Times and Places
Rochester’s Veterans Memorial Bridge

A Construction Project, Captured!
MAG has a painting of the construction of Veterans Memorial Bridge, created by Fairport artist Carl Peters in 1930. The bridge carries Route 104 over the Genesee River, north of the city!

Look at the painting carefully . . .
• What do you see?
• What is happening in this painting?
• Where has the artist positioned himself to get this view?
• What do you think the artist is most interested in showing us?

Here is a photograph of the construction, taken at about the same time.

• Are they recording the same scene? How can you tell?
• What differences do you see?

See the completed bridge on the next page!

Top: Carl W. Peters, Memorial Bridge, 1930. Oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Wiitala in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Weeth and Mr. and Mrs. Axel Wiitala, 1981.56. © Nancy Miller Batty
Bottom: The Albert R. Stone Negative Collection, Rochester Museum & Science Center Rochester, N.Y
Beautiful River Crossing—Completed in 1931!

Have you seen this bridge in real life? Have you driven across it?

Want to know more about how the bridge was built? Watch the video *The Birth of a Bridge* (9:47) by Lorilyn Bailey.

A Day of Remembrance

Memorial Day, on the last Monday of May, honors those who died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

Rochester’s Veterans Memorial Bridge has a plaque that says the bridge was designed “in honor of the brave men of Rochester and Monroe County who gave their lives in service of their country.”

At the dedication of the bridge, the president of *World War I Gold Star Mothers* (women who lost their sons in World War I) said:

*Great bridges across flowing waters are indicative of the continual labors of life. In the very presence of continual change, they seem to connect the past with the present, even as they connect the East with the West, the North with the South...*

*Are you ready to design a bridge in honor of someone? Go to the next page!*
Design Your Own Bridge for Someone You Love

What if you could build your own bridge and dedicate it to someone? How many arches will it have? Will it be for cars, pedestrians, or both? In the city, or countryside? Sketch your idea using the line drawing of a river below, and create a plaque to go with it!

This bridge is called

It is dedicated to