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## ~ GPS Update ~ Wayne Brandow

### Hiking the Adirondacks

We were treated to a fascinating look into the life of Katherine Flickinger Dockstader (1910-1995), who lived during her sunset years here in Galway. Katherine was a pioneer in Adirondack mountain climbing and photography and her story was told through a talk and projected images at the September meeting of the Galway Preservation Society (GPS) by our own Galway local, Susan Dufel. Susan gave an overview of Kay's life, from her childhood walks with her father out in the woods, working at GE, and involvement in many hiking clubs. She was a single woman with a full life for 61 years, when she came to Galway in 1969 and, two years later, married Clayton (Dock). She especially enjoyed winter hikes over ice and snow. What kind of legacy did she leave behind? In addition to her photography of the Adirondacks (Union College recently exhibited her work), she also left

land she purchased to remain undeveloped. You can view some of her photos on-line at Union College's web site <https://www.union.edu/adirondack-researchlibrary/kayflickinger>.

You can read about Dock and Kay's legacy to Galway in: Wayne R. Brandow, "Hidden Treasures: The Story of the Dockstaders and the Trust that Bears Their Name" in *Life in Galway* (Winter 2011, Issue Seven) on-line at <https://lifeingalway.wordpress.com/pdf-files-of-each-issue>.

**Three Cheers!** The Galway Preservation Society would like to extend a hearty congratulations for the grand opening of the new building of the Galway Public Library, on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. GPS is so grateful to have been granted space in the new library for archives. Through the sale of the book *Galway 1900-1949: A Photographic History of Life in the Town of Galway, Saratoga County, New York*, written and published by GPS in 2014, \$15,500 has been given to the Library so far.

A special thanks too, for the oversight of Pat Sanders, and the volunteers who moved furniture and archival material to the library.



Large crowd at GPS Sept. meeting

We'd love to have you come to our GPS programs, held the first Monday night throughout the school year at 7-9 PM. There are refreshments, a short business meeting and speaker. Our next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be "What They Said: 25 Years of Telling Stories," given by Michael Demas, a newspaper reporter and author.

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## *Galway's New Library*

Ribbon cutting ceremony at grand opening celebration September 21.

*Photo by Wayne Brandow*



**Note: Dues are due** for the current program year, \$10 per household, which is very reasonable in comparison to other regional historical societies. Dues are payable by mail or at the meeting. Our mailing address can be found below.

### Upcoming Dates

**Oct. 7 – Next Member Meeting at Town Hall**  
7:00 pm Social Gathering  
7:30 pm Business Meeting  
7:45 pm Program

**October 9 – Next Board Meeting at Town Hall**  
7:00 pm

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