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# Natural history that is! And it is written in the stones. Are you looking for something different to do with your kids?

The Petrified Sea Gardens are

located just 20 minutes from Galway just off Route 29 as you come to Saratoga on Petrified Sea Garden Road. The Lester Park stromatolites are dated back to the Cambrian Age, which is believed to be way before dinosaurs.

Unlike Plymouth Rock of the Mayflower Pilgrims, which is fenced off, your children can stand on a piece of history at the Petrified Gardens. The best part - it is free! A little north of Route 29 on Petrified Gardens Road on the left, you will easily find it by the NY State historical marker.

Another free venue for children (and adults) can be found at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. Located in an old castle-like armory, it is easily spotted, having a WW II Sherman tank on the right of the entrance and a Civil War mortar on the left. Inside,

## KID FRIENDLY HISTORY!

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#### **Upcoming Dates**

Feb 3 -Next Member Meeting at Town Hall

7:00 pm Social Gathering 7:30 pm Business Meeting 7:45 pm Program

**Apr 8– Next Board Meeting at Town Hall** 7:00 pm

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one will find colorful and informative displays, photos, uniforms, as well as weapons used by NY soldiers, sailors and airmen in our nation's wars, from the American Revolution to the Korean conflict. One gets the feel of trench warfare in the World War I display. The whole museum is artistically well-done. It would take days to read all the information displayed. A special kid-friendly feature are scavenger hunts of each section using colorful pamphlets.



## **CHICKENS!**

At the next Galway Preservation Meeting, Anne Clothier, Education Director Saratoga County Historical Society, will be telling us about chickens on Monday, February 3rd, 7 PM at the Galway Town Hall. Chickens have been a major part of the Saratoga County economy since the huge demand for eggs and meat in the 1880s for the local resort hotels in Ballston Spa and Saratoga Springs to Hattie's Chicken Shack in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There will be images and information shared on this fascinating topic. Participants are encouraged to bring stories, photos, and artifacts to share with the group as well. We hope to see you there!



### Another special history opportunity.

David Brooks, Education Director of Schoharie Crossing State Historic Park, will be speaking on the construction of the Erie Canal in his lecture, *Through the Mire: A Look at the Environmental History of the Erie Canal*, at the Galway Public Library, Saturday, February, 22nd at 11 AM.