



Note: There will be a GPS Zoom meeting at 7pm Monday, May 3, details below

↗ Zooming into the Past

~ Bonnie Donnan

The rise of Zoom, and other online platforms, nourished by the confinement of Covid, has opened the door. Programs of many topics and interests are available in my own living room with a very short trip to my desk. Tomorrow, I have to decide between “Durham Boats in Oneida Lake: Underwater Archeology” by Oneida County History at 6:30, and “Hudson: The Story of a River” presented by the Saratoga Springs Public Library and Southern Adirondack Audubon Society at 7:00. Most programs are free, but some require the purchase of a virtual ticket. Some require a registration in advance so a link to Zoom can be sent. Some are shown on Facebook Live, or are recorded and are available on YouTube.

Finding a program can involve some detective work. Many events are suggested by Facebook, their algorithms immediately picking up on your interests and “likes.” An event I plan to view is an interview with an author, Janice P. Nimura. on her book “The Doctors Blackwell” about two sisters, both doctors, one who was the first woman in the United States to receive an M.D. degree. I had never heard of the host, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland, and wouldn’t have found it without the nudge from Facebook. Clicking the “like” button on the museum’s Facebook page produced eight more online suggestions. Algorithms in action. “The Doctors Blackwell” will be presented Wednesday May 19th at 1:00 pm on [facebook.com/civilwarmed/live](https://www.facebook.com/civilwarmed/live), at the appointed time.

Local online programs can be far easier to find. Websites of local libraries and museums often list them, as does Saratoga Springs Public Library, [SSPL.org](https://www.sspl.org). The library has an extensive selection of diverse subjects. Their Zoom events require advance registration so they can send you the link.

[Brooksidemuseum.org](https://www.brooksidemuseum.org) has a series called “Experts Next Door” with the next episode “The Social Life of Hats” on May 20 at 7:00 p.m. Inspired by a Skidmore course and

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Brookside's hat collection, "stories, students, and some silliness" will fill the program. Register in advance.

Fort Ticonderoga opens the gates for the season May 1, with plans to complement any live on-site events with on-line video. Check them out at: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/calendar/>.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site has had some enjoyable shows, both solo and partnering with other local historical organizations, such as Montgomery County Department of History and Archives. Their websites are:

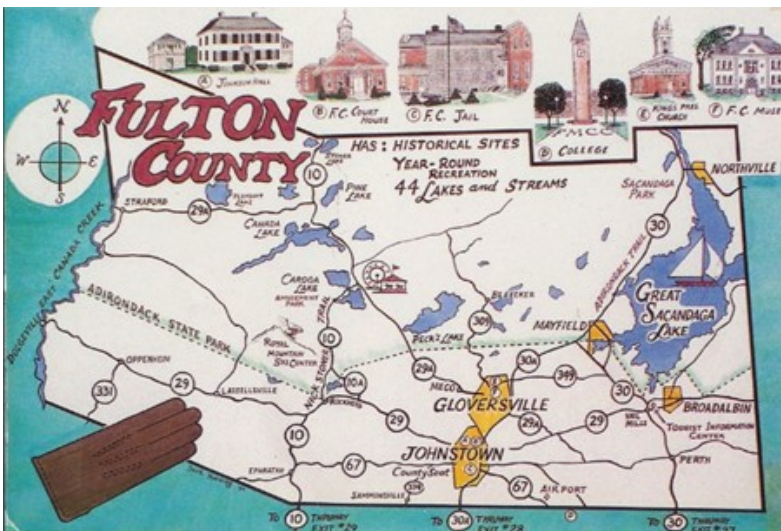
<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing> and <https://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/web/sites/departments/historian/default.asp>.

A Facebook page, "History and Legends of the Adirondacks" has many still photos, and links to history-related videos, films and museums are posted. This can be found by searching the page name on Facebook.

Schenectady County Historical Society, at <http://schenectadyhistorical.org> lists their videos, and connects to the Mabee Farm and other Schenectady history links.

↗ Interesting Tales! The May GPS Zoom Meeting

~ Wayne Brandow



Last month we enjoyed the presentation on the "Year of the Glove" by Fulton County Historian, Samantha Hall-Saladino. In it, we learned that the local glove industry was started by the early Scottish settlers. A joint program that recently celebrated this history took place with leather workers in Scotland. It was an international affair.

Samantha will be joining us once again in our May Zoom meeting. This time, the topic will be "A Peek into the Past: Interesting Tales of Fulton County." Of the many programs she has given over the years, this is her favorite. You will not want to miss it.

We will also have a brief business meeting prior to the program to **elect next year's officers**. Could you help us? If you can, please join us as **we need a quorum** to conduct business. The meeting will start at 7 pm on Monday, May 3, 2021. We hope to see you there.

