



~ Start of a New Year

~ J.B. Sanders

We are starting a new year of the Galway Preservation Society with a meeting on September 13, 2021 at the Galway Town Hall. There will be a short business meeting at 7 pm followed by a presentation by Michael Diana of the Schenectady County Historical Society. It will be “Beyond the Pines” on the colonial history of Schenectady. Please join us then and at the future meetings that follow. Attached is a listing of the programs scheduled for this coming year. We have tried to provide varying topics and hope that they will be of interest to you. For the near future masks are required at the meetings for anyone who is not vaccinated. We plan to meet at the Galway Town Hall unless we are prohibited due to COVID concerns. In the future we hope to provide Combine in person and Zoom capability that will allow us to continue regardless of COVID, or bad weather.

September is also the time for membership renewal. Attached is a form to be filled out with the pertinent information. It can be mailed to the address on the form or presented at the time of the September meeting. Membership is \$10 per household. New members who have joined since January 2021 are automatically enrolled and do not need to pay the membership fee.

~ A Summer of Goodbyes

~ Bonnie Donnan

On July 10th community and congregation members gathered at Galway Bible Baptist Church to honor Wayne and Martha Brandow. The retirement gathering, recognizing Pastor Brandow for his long tenure at Galway, was a church service followed by a dinner in covered canopies next to the church. Wayne served as president of Galway Preservation Society, and Martha served as secretary for several years. His publication, *Life in Galway* highlighted community members and local history. The retired Brandows are now in their new residence in North Carolina, starting a new chapter.

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July 17th was a gathering of a different kind. A celebration of life of Mary Lynn Kopper, who passed February 7th after a long illness. With the limitations at the time imposed by Covid, a later outdoor gathering was held at the Galway Dockstader Pavilion. Mary Lynn was known by many community members through her service to so many organizations, including Galway Preservation Society. The Galway Public Library was the beneficiary of her appreciation for literature and poetry. She was a member of the Town of Galway Planning Board, Galway Lioness Club, and Glenville Hills Garden Club. Her service extended to Greater Galway Community Services Association, and their food pantry. She teamed with her husband Herb on the Docent Advisory Committee of the NYS Military Museum, and long-term work with Saratoga County Council of Fish and Game Clubs.

Our latest sad farewell is for David Schweizer, who left our world September 1st. He was a lifetime member of the West Charlton Volunteer Fire Department and Rotary International. He served on the Galway School Board, including a time as Chairman. He served as a member of the Consistories of West Glenville Reformed and First Reformed Church of Schenectady, and was a Director of First National Bank of Scotia for 41 years. Calling hours will be September 17, 2:00p.m.–5:00p.m at First Reformed Church of Schenectady, 8 North Church Street, in the Stockade area of Schenectady.

Date	Program/Speaker	GPS Coordinator
9/13/2021	"Beyond the Pines: Colonial History of Schenectady Presented by Michael Diana of the Schenectady County Historical Society	Bruce Sanders
10/4/2021	"Who is the Real Natty Bumppo" and learn about the two upstate communities who each claim their resident was the real-life inspiration for the fictional character in James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. Presented by Lauren Roberts Saratoga County Historian (lroberts@saratogacountyny.gov)	Virginia Sawicki
11/1/2021	"A Historians Challenge Keeping Up with the News" as the present quickly becomes the past. Presented by Rick Reynolds Town of Ballston Historian.	Julie Hoxsie
12/6/2021	"President Grant's Visits to Saratoga County" Presented by Paul Perrault Town of Malta Historian.	Virginia Sawicki
1/3/2022	"A Time to Share". Share your stories of Galway	Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders
2/7/2022	"Archive: Introduction to the GPS Archives". Learn to use the archives; bring a topic or name. Presented by Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders	Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders
3/7/2022	"Nathan Packer of Barkersville, Civil War Veteran and cabinet maker". Presented by Robert Wemple Town of Providence Historian.	Julie Hoxsie
4/4/2022	"Forgotten Crossroads: Rock City Falls" Presented by Karen Staulter Town of Milton Historian & Jim Richmond (jrichmo1@nycap.rr.com: 518-257-2256)	Pat Sanders
5/2/2022	"Burr House: A Picture Tour" Presented by Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders	Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders
6/6/2022	Annual Picnic	