



~ October Meeting

~ J.B. Sanders

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on October 4, 2021 at the Galway Town Hall. No refreshment will be provided and social time will be limited due Covid concerns. Anyone who has not been vaccinated is required to wear a mask and social distancing should be observed. New business topics to be addressed will be the budget for the coming year and a proposal to hold only two business meetings per year. That would be September for budget review and approval and May for the election of new officers. Other meetings would be the presentation of programs only. The program to follow immediately after the business meeting will be “Who is the Real Natty Bumppo” presented by Lauren Roberts – Saratoga County Historian. Please join us if you can.

We have an announcement that The Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum, in partnership with the Saratoga County History Roundtable are publishing a book on the local history, *Saratoga County Stories*. The book is a compilation of Saratoga County History Roundtable stories from March 2020 through April 2021. To launch this publication two in-person events will be held. On Saturday October 23, 2-5 pm at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa and Sunday November 7, 2-4 pm at the Historic Grooms Tavern in Clifton Park. The book will sell for \$18 and the proceeds will go to the History Center. More information may be obtained or to pre-order go to <https://brooksidemuseum.org/> or email Jim Richmond of the Roundtable at saratogacohistoryroundtable@gmail.com

~ Haunted History

~ Bonnie Donnan

October brings Halloween, and with Halloween comes tales of hauntings, and restless spirits from the past that still wander the places of their lifetime. Several opportunities to share the stories of these souls are offered by museums and historical organizations.

Haunted Fulton County will be presented at the Fulton County Museum, 237 Kingsboro Avenue, in Gloversville on October 14th at 6:30 pm. “Whose spirit really walks the stairs at Union Hall Inn? Do the ghosts of the drowned LaFeare brothers return to Nine Corner

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Lake?" These and other stories of Fulton County's ghostly past will be explored. 518-725-2203.

The Fulton County Museum in Gloversville will also offer a re-telling of Washington Irving's "**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**" on Friday October 8th at 6:30 p.m. Join performer and artist Ragliacci for this exciting classic. Washington Irving's sister, Sarah Ann Irving and her husband Brigadier General Richard Dodge, veteran of the American Revolution and the War of 1812, are buried in the Colonial Cemetery on Green Street in Johnstown. The program is free, but reservations are encouraged. 518-725-2203 or Eventbrite.com.

Johnstown Historical Society is offering **Night Time Colonial Cemetery Tours** on Wednesday nights in October beginning the 13th. Find out about some of the notable residents of the cemetery, including tales of murder and grave robbing. As you might expect, the tour is not suitable for children under 6. Guides will take you into the cemetery with flashlights and lanterns, and you will need to bring your own flashlight to avoid broken headstones and tree roots. Tours are \$5, with the proceeds to support the Historical Society in the maintenance of 3 historic properties: the Drumm House, The Museum, And James Burk's Inn. Meet your tour guides at the Drumm House at 7 p.m. For information, 518-332-7695.

Schenectady County Historical Society will explore the historic Stockade after dark October 14th-October 29th with **Candlelight Tours**. You can select the "Colonial Hauntings" or "Ghostly Victorian" tour to meet the spirits of the era of your choice. The two tours are different, and explore different parts of the neighborhood. The starting point is the Museum at 32 Washington Avenue Schenectady, departing at 6:30 and 7:30, Thursdays and Fridays. Tickets are \$13. Register at www.schenectadyhistorical.org/programs.

The Saratoga Library, 42 Henry Street in Saratoga, offers **Haunted Saratoga Walking Ghost Tours** on Wednesday October 20th. The tours, starting and ending at the Library, are led by Joe Haedrich, proprietor of Haunted Saratoga Ghost Tours. A 2:00 p.m. tour is intended for adults, and will be a little too creepy for younger folks. A kid friendly tour, at 4:00, will interest the entire family and tone down the creepiness, Space is limited, and registration is required. Tours will meet on the Putnam Street patio and depart promptly at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Register here: <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8111869> for the adult program, and for families and kids <https://sspl.libcal.com/event/8177489>

Please fill out and return the membership form with your dues, \$10 per household.
P.O. box 276 Galway, 12074. You can also bring it to the meeting. Thanks.