



September Meeting

~Carol Schweizer

The June GPS meeting was a “yummy-pot-luck” picnic followed by a program on The Nolan Family presented by Russ Vandervoort, the Town Historian of Waterford.

Here we are in September! This is the beginning of our new program year for Galway Preservation Society. The program committee has scheduled a great line-up of speakers for the coming year with vice-president, Colleen Germond, chairing the committee. We hope to see you all at the September meeting on September 11, at 7:00pm (second Monday because of Labor Day.) Doors will be open at 6:45 if you wish to arrive and have some time to visit with other members before we begin the brief business meeting at 7:00. Bob Wemple, Providence Town Historian, will give his presentation on the Trevett Chair Factory, a program that had to be cancelled last spring. The Zoom meeting number is 294 161-5132 if you can't be at the meeting in person.

GPS is very grateful to Bruce Sanders who served as our president for the last two years. He did a very good job of keeping us going, with Zoom, through much of the pandemic. He will continue to provide Zoom connection for those who can't attend in person. Thank you, Bruce for all you have done and continue to do for GPS! A thank you also to Virginia Sawicki for her time as a board member. Virginia continues to be an active member, especially attending to our presence at the Memorial Day events. We welcome Phyllis Sleeper as our new secretary and Jon Hallgren as a new board member.

I am reflecting on several community activities over the past several months.

- 1) The dedication of the new Veterans Memorial at Town Hall was a beautiful tribute to local veterans and a way to honor those who served our country.

- 2) Galway held its second Blueberry Festival in July at the Dockstader Park. There were many local blueberry businesses represented as well as numerous community organizations, including GPS. Visitors were interested in hearing about what we do as a local historical society.
- 3) In August, the Galway Fire Department celebrated its 100th Anniversary in a big way! We congratulate the members, both past and present, who gave and now give of themselves to help keep the Galway area safe. All of these happenings are what make me appreciate our wonderful little Galway community.

There is a membership renewal attached to this newsletter. Please mail your \$10 family membership to Galway Preservation Society, PO Box 276, Galway, NY 12074 or bring the form filled out with your dues to the September meeting. Hope you will join us again this year. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor!

This Month at the Archives

~ Co-Chairs: Arlene Rhodes and Pat Sanders

Donations:

From the Jeanne Schwarz collection and donated by Arlene Rhodes, the Yorker Club collection is a wonderful addition to our archives. Bonnie Donnan has just finished accessioning the collection, and it is now in the process of being housed in document boxes.

Arlene Rhodes has donated the *Treasures of Verse* by Seth Root, 1915. Seth Root was a Galway resident.

From the Town of Galway Historian's office, the 2023 Galway Veteran Memorial Dedication Ceremonies on CD.

Carol Michelfelder Schweizer has donated four ration books from the 1940s. The ration books were distributed by the government along with stamps that allowed the book holder to purchase certain goods. These ration books demonstrate the hardships endured by her family during World War II.

Digitized: The Fred Shulz Journals (1914-1923) have been digitized and are available to the public for research by appointment.

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