



***November 2024***

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**Civil War Program: Thank you, Scott Young!**

Galway Preservation Society members and guests enjoyed an interesting and informative talk by Scott Young in October 2024. Scott is a local Galway Village resident who has a wealth of information about the Civil War. He shared names of local men who went off to that war and some of the challenges they faced.

The November 4, 2024 program, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will be about the American Revolution, presented by Rick Reynolds. Please join us. Also remember, our meetings are open to the public, so feel free to bring guests along.

**Did you know?**

While some of you long term members have attended our meetings each month, you may not know what the Preservation Society is all about. Let me tell you by way of our Statement of Purpose:

*The Galway Preservation Society's mission is to promote, foster awareness of and practice the preservation of Galway's historical heritage, architecture, artifacts and all such memorabilia that relate to Galway, past, present, and future, all to be documented in the archives of the Society as a means of establishing a sound reference source for future generations.*

To carry out this mission, we have four committees, each of which has a different purpose.

**The Program Committee** schedules programs for each of our meetings from September through June. We strive to have topics about history, not necessarily only about Galway but our area, New York State and beyond.

We also achieve our mission by providing displays in the two display cases in the lobby of the Galway Town Hall. Our **Display Committee** changes the displays about twice a year. Look for a new one coming soon. The displays sometimes focus on history, but also sometimes highlight local activities and organizations.

A third committee, **The Newsletter Committee**, prepares “The Galway Preservation Society Journal,” which goes to our members once a month from September through June. The newsletter is open to members who wish to share memories and information about Galway. Remember: what happened in Galway, even a few years ago, will someday be Galway history!

Finally, the **Archives Committee** is a very dedicated part of our membership. The committee meets on a regular basis to collect, record and file print materials pertaining to Galway. The emphasis is on preserving manuscripts, photos, maps and prints. We are not a museum, and therefore have no way to store or display items like furniture, tools, or pottery. Our archives are stored in a special room at the Galway Public Library and are available for research, etc. through the Archives Committee.

### **Join us!**

So now you know what we are all about! If you have an interest in being part of any of these committees, please let us know. Get involved and help us to preserve Galway’s rich history.

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*Have you renewed your membership for this program year? If not,  
 \$10 dues per family household can be sent to the address below.*