



## Calendar

April 5

GPS Meeting  
Galway Town Hall

7:00-7:30 Social Half  
Hour

7:30-8:00 Business Meet-  
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8:00 Program

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## April GPS Update

By Bonnie Donnan

I'm going to refrain from current weather comments. Last month I mentioned how Washington DC had had more than twice as much snow as we had, and it seemed to snow for the entire week after wrote my piece. So, not one word.

The Greater Galway Community Services Association 2010 Easter Basket Project is underway. If you wish to donate, checks may be made out to "Community Basket Project", and mailed to Holly McConchie, 2491 Northline Road, Galway, 12074. Drivers to deliver the baskets are always needed, and if you wish to volunteer a sign-up sheet will be available at our GPS meeting, or you can contact Holly. Phyllis Keeler is chair of our nominating committee, and she will be presenting a slate of officers at our April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for the 2010-2011 year. Voting will take place at our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

We have received a gift for our archives from Steven and Kate

Singer. They have sent negatives for some copies they had made of photos of their former residence in Galway, the large white house on the corner of Sacandaga and Donnan Roads.

Pat Kay's photographic project, "Who Are You, Galway, N.Y." continues on exhibit at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa through April 30.

Thank you to our loyal videographer, Davis Bixby, who records our meetings and programs every month. He is the quiet presence in the back corner at each and every meeting.

Check out our website at <http://galwaypreservationsociety.org>. Meeting minutes are posted, text from the newsletter, and many links to interesting and useful websites.

Our next meeting, Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, will feature Rick Madej on the history of Hagaman.

## Spring on the Farm

By Mildred Follett  
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The long winter days are drawing to an end. Spring is right around the corner. Eagerness is in the air. The new seeds have arrived for the vegetable and flower gardens.

The long yearly trek to the Canadian border to the Gonyeau Brother's farms for the certified potato seeds has been taken. The potatoes are cut and ready for planting. Some springs as many as nine different varieties are planted to be tested and tried for good production and taste on a potato farm. There are Green Mountains, Chipawas, Kathadins, Wasekas, Catabas, Russets, Strawberryroans, Kenabecs and others that must be carefully marked and kept in separate plots.

The plowing has been done in the fall; now come the spring dragging, planting, cultivating, spraying, hoeing and bugging.

The oats must be planted, the alfalfa sown, and the small experimental wheat crop sown.

Somewhere in the mist of this the vegetables garden must be plowed, dragged and planted. Then the constant weeding must be done. Hopefully the flower garden gets planted too, asters, snapdragons, pansies, cosmos, zinnias, old fashioned verbenas, petunias and nasturtiums.

The first crocuses have been admired and treasured, along with the hyacinths and brilliant tulips that have kept popping up making things beautiful, cheerful and fragrant.

Inside windows are flung wide open and the annual spring housecleaning has begun with a flurry. Curtains are washed and hung out to dry in the sweet spring air, woodwork and windows are scrubbed and polished, rugs are scrubbed and cleaned, furniture must be polished until it shines. The whole house takes on a new look for spring.

The farmer's table also takes on a new look for fresh garden vegetables soon replace the canned winter ones. Oh, how delicious the crisp lettuce and radishes are, not to mention the young tender onions, with the promise of other vegetables to follow. The young cowslip greens and milkweed also give zest to the other food.

The young calves are loudly bawling and cavorting in the backyard. The young colt with his long legs dashes madly around. The baby chicks have left their incubator home and are tagging after the old mother hens.

The birds of the southland have returned with their beautiful flashing wings while their cheerful songs fill the springtime air. And don't forget the pleasure of hearing the first peepers of spring. They along with the lightning bugs add to the charm of the season.

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