

Calendar

January 6

GPS Meeting
Galway Town Hall

7:00-7:30
Social Half Hour

7:30 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

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January GPS Update

From Virginia Sawicki and Bonnie Donnan

Happy New Year! Greetings to all in this holiday season.

Our December talk was presented by Charlie Kuenzel on the life of Gideon Putnam and how he fostered the growth of Saratoga and shaped some of the city today. January 6th will bring a program by Galway's own Ed Pike on building methods past and future.

Thanks to all of you who donated to the community Christmas Basket program. Also thanks to all who contributed their time. This annual project is truly a community effort supported by many churches, the school, service organizations, businesses and individuals. Deliveries of food and gifts brightened Christmas for over 115 families.

Thanks also to our members who pitch in and help our organization all year long; making the goodies for our refreshments, setting up and stowing the chairs, working on the newsletter and website, addressing the newslet-

ters, and all you all do. We are not a very big group, and all the member participation keeps us going, and occasionally we even accomplish something great.

Two of our members have websites of interest. patriciakayart.com gives a look at Pat's work, including her project "Who Are You, Galway N.Y.?" MaryCuffePerez.com shows published work by Mary. Her book "None By Name" was inspired by local resident Rachael Scriptor. Both Pat and Mary presented popular and well-attended programs for Galway Preservation Society.

As always please keep our newsletter editor Kurt Johnston in mind for stories and photos of interest of Galway.

Check Out the Re-launch of patriciakayart.com

Local artist, Patricia Kay had revamped her website. In addition to The Maya-An Artist homage (updated) she has included two other major projects: "Who are you, Galway, NY?" which included the below photo of Gloria Wheeler, and Hong Kong-A Window Ajar.



In response to "who are you?" Gloria said: I was born in this house and have lived here all my life. My daughters and grandchildren were born here too. I live for my grandchildren. I am my home.

My Worst Christmas Present

By Don Johnston

When I was about 11 years old, it was decided that my brother and I would receive a horse and saddle for Christmas. A horse? I was hoping for a chemistry text book.

My Grandfather showed me that "Billie" was multi-gated: with the nudge of his knee against Billie's flank, he would shift from walk to fast walk, trot, cantor, run, and gallop.

Unfortunately, for me, Billie would only walk. My Grandfather suggested that he might respond to a small switch. It worked, but Billie would never again let me mount with a switch in hand. The solution was to walk Billie under a willow tree and snap off a branch. It worked, once; Billie would never again walk under a willow tree.

The story has a happy ending. My Grandfather and Billie enjoyed each other's company for many years to come.

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