

Calendar

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May GPS Update

May 4

GPS Meeting
Galway Town Hall

7:00-7:30
Social Half Hour

7:30 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

Spring has finally arrived in Galway! Daffodils and forsythia are in bloom, but if one looks hard enough small "glacial" deposits of snow and ice may still be found.

We're happy to report that President Bonnie Donnan has been released from the rehabilitation center and continues to improve.

At our April meeting, members enjoyed hearing Ranger Joe Craig speak on the later life of Benedict Arnold in England. Mary Lynn Kopper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2015-1016: Richard English for President; Mary Cuffe-Perez for Vice-President; Martha Brandow - Secretary; Linda Carpenter - Treasurer and Carol Schweizer - Trustee. Additional nominations may be submitted prior to the election at our May meeting. Remember that a quorum is required to validate the election so please make every effort to attend the **May 4th** meeting.

Please plan to attend our next meeting which will be held on Monday, **May 4th** at the Gere House, 5782 Sacandaga Road (NYS Route 147) Galway. We are grateful to Kathy and Jeff Gordon, the current owners, who invited us to hold our meeting at their home. Since the meeting is at a private residence, attendance will be restricted to

GPS members. Jim Collins, a previous owner, will speak on "The History of the Gere House."

On Saturday, **May 16th** GPS will be represented at the "History Faire" sponsored by the Heritage Hunters, a genealogy and local history organization. All are invited to attend this interesting and free event which will take place from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Clifton Park- Half-moon Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park. Many local history groups and museums will be present.

Please consider volunteering to march in the GPS contingent at the **May 25th** Galway Memorial Day Parade and to sell GPS items in the Village Park. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

Our **June 1st** meeting/picnic will be held at Galway Town Hall. Sue Surdyka is coordinating this event. Please sign up to bring a food dish to share and consider volunteering to assist Sue. Again, this meeting is limited to GPS members.

Our next quarterly Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Wednesday, **July 8th** at 7 PM at Galway Town Hall. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May 4th meeting!

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More Timeline for the GPS

1985 – Jo Lord headed memorial flower barrel committee. Barbara Holbrook copied all early Baptist church records for GPS archives.

1986 – Set of colored slides of all roads in Galway was made. Inventory of Jersey Hill Cemetery by Mildred Hathaway.

1987 – GPS meetings were held in the Galway High School Library. “Galway Trunk” project initiated by Jean Schwarz and Arlene Rhodes, with Galway artifacts and program available for presentation to 4th grade classes when they study local history. Logo for GPS was designed by president, Herb Kopper. Joseph Henry Historical Marker erected. Mildred Hathaway copied 500 pages from journals of Galway Methodist church and Presbyterian churches found in safe at Galway United Methodist Church. She also copied letters written by Joseph Henry concerning Galway, from *Letters of Joseph Henry Vol. 1* at Union College Library. Arlene Rhodes copied history of Galway in 1900s written by Ethel Robb.

1988 – Organized the Galway Village Sesquicentennial Celebration with Arlene Rhodes and Jo Lord co-chairs. Celebration held on Sat. May 21, 1988, with special stamp cancellation offered. Another set of salt-glazed pottery based on a Hudson-French design was commissioned from a Wisconsin potter for the Sesquicentennial.

1989 – Provisional charter granted by NYS Board of Regents.

1991 – Joined the Mohawk Valley Museums Consortium. Memorial flower barrels in the Village placed and maintained. Town Bicentennial committee formed, with Arlene Rhodes chairperson, June Michelfelder Secretary, Alice Bingham Treasurer; Jo Lord organized craft fair, Herb Kopper arranged for commemorative stamp. Bicentennial bumper stickers, tee shirts and stationery available for sale. Plans made to celebrate with a parade, art show, dramatic production, possible house tours, etc.

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