

Calendar

October 6  
GPS Meeting  
Galway Town Hall

7:00-7:30  
Social Half Hour

7:30  
Business Meeting

8:00  
Program

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## October GPS Update

By Bonnie Donnan

The weather has been absolutely beautiful. Warm days, bright blue skies, brilliant sun lighting up the advancing fall colors. The downside is that the mosquitoes are still active, especially the wretched little tiny ones, the Tiger Mosquitoes, that bite any time of day. Our native, larger, less aggressive, mosquitoes don't dine until much later in the day.

Our September meeting was a program presented by Rev. Wayne Brandow on the history of our local Baptist church, the Bible Baptist Church of Galway. Just a brief community note: the church will be celebrating their 225th year on Saturday October 11th at the church on East Street 10 am to noon.

The program at our October 6th meeting will be Malta Town Historian Paul Perrault on the Malta

### Rocket Test Site.

Mildred Hathaway, a very active past member of GPS, will be turning 102 on October 12. For those who would like to send her good wishes in a card her address is 1 Treeline Drive, #E3, Rochester, N.Y. 14612. Mildred was my third grade teacher, and was a delight in the classroom to an eight year old.

On the subject of cards: we are still looking for a "Sunshine Person" to send greeting cards for GPS. If you are willing, please let us know.

The Book is closer. Over 300 photos, many interesting facts. It is the story of Galway in the first half of the 20th century. This was Galway in the time of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. Watch for it

## A Two Part Timeline of the Galway Preservation Society

Timeline of some of the events and projects of the Galway Preservation Society.

1972 – GPS founded as outgrowth of America's Bicentennial.

April 14, 1974 – Roaring 20s Fashion Show, a fundraiser to purchase a second file cabinet for storage of archives. Published *First Settlers in Galway* written by R.M. Clute, a copy of a paper read on 7/13/1928 at Galway Historical Society.

Nov. 4, 1975 – House Tour was held, with tour books sold. Published: *Old Days Old Ways* by Mildred Follett; *Tour of Galway Today with Glimpses of the Past* by Harry Hathaway, photographs by Arlene Rhodes; *Favorite Recipes of Galway Yesterday and Today 1774-1975*.

1976 – Salt glazed stoneware crocks reproduced, based on Hudson-French pottery. Potter Beaumont made the first 26; Professor Brodie from Skidmore College made the other 100.

1978 – Parkis Mills display awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at Saratoga County "this is Your County" display in Congress Park in Saratoga Springs contest sponsored by county Historian Violet Dunn.

June 1979 – Provided funds from sale of reproduction crocks and Harry M. Hathaway Memorial fund to landscape Joseph Henry Elementary School grounds.

1980 – Reproduced postcards of the 1900s with historical captions.

Aug. 1981 – Participated in Old Days Old Ways celebration held at school. From 1981 – 1987 various GPS members attended workshops sponsored by the Federation of Historical Services in Troy.

1982 – Participated in Winter Carnival at school. Compiled Galway Central School Directory listing graduates from 1900 – 1982. Published *A Bride Goes West* by Mildred J. Follett.

1983 – Roaring 20s Event with costumes, band music.

1983-84 – GPS received Heritage Award from Federation of Historical Services for a project in collaboration with the Galway Central School to preserve and archive records salvaged from a fire in the home of the Village historian and other records.

1984 – Old Time Story Night was held in May in conjunction with the Saratoga County Historical Society Oral History Project, with funding from the NYS Council of the Arts. Slides of postcards and pictures of Parkis Mills, Galway pottery, etc. were shown. Committee consisted of Arlene Rhodes (chairperson) and Dusty Rhodes, Jim Donnan, Olaf Hansen, Mildred Hathaway, Phyllis Keeler, Mary Alice Kremp, Florence Reedy, and Helen Sanders. Merit Heritage Award received from Federation of Historical Services. Birthday celebration on Nov. 2 to mark 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elizabeth Kelly's birth. She was first settler born in Galway; some of her descendants attended. Richard Carter book was sold. Mary Packer inventoried Christian Cemetery and gave copy to GPS archives.

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