

Calendar

March 4

GPS Meeting
Galway Town Hall

7—7:30
Social Half Hour

7:30 Business Meeting

8:00 Program

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March GPS Update

From Virginia Sawicki and Bonnie Donnan

Greetings everyone. May the green of Saint Patrick’s Day soon be followed by the green of spring.

Our February meeting was an informative, if somber, presentation by Maxine Getty about the mourning and bereavement customs of the 1800s. She did this in the person and mourning garb of Rebecca Cameron, a 19th century widow.

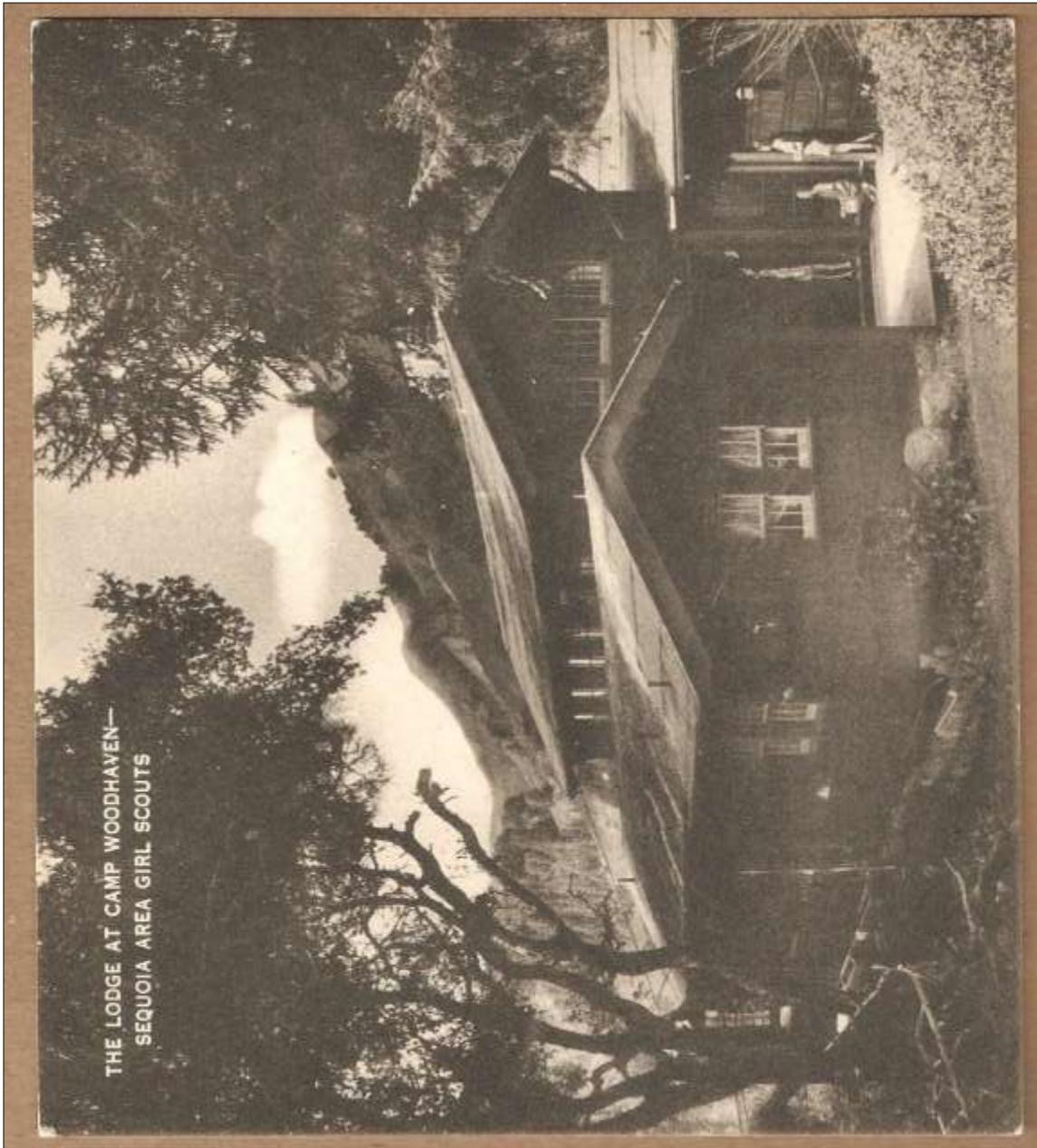
March 4th will bring “A Visit from President Grant” presented by Steve Trimm, Grant cottage tour guide.

The exhibit in the display cases “Dock’s Sketches: The Artistic Legacy of Clayton R. Dockstader” is coming to an end. We plan to replace it with a showing of family heirlooms sometime in March. Please bring an item to represent your family to include in the display. It doesn’t have to be valuable, and can’t be too large. The heirloom is a remembrance of the past, something that has belonged to your family, something that is special to you or reminds you someone in the past. Please bring your item to the March meeting accompanied with a short note about the significance of the heirloom. “This spoon was given to my Great Grandmother Jane Doe by

her Aunt Emma Jones for her birthday in 1898.” Everything will be locked in the display cases and will be covered until the exhibit is arranged.

The first week in March will bring not only our meeting and heirlooms; it will bring the 90th birthday of Lillian Bills Derby. We remember Lillian attending our meetings, and she would probably like us to remember her with some birthday cards. She is a resident of Maplewood Manor in Ballston Spa, 149 Ballston Avenue.

If your family heirloom’s story can’t be contained in a couple of sentences, consider writing a piece for our editor Kurt Johnston for this newsletter. He is always looking for bits of local history to share with all of us. Sometimes the *story* is the heirloom. Don’t be intimidated by the thought of writing a story. Give it a shot.



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