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## New Year, New Changes for APHNYS

What gets up and falls down and then gets up again. Don't know the answer -- it's APHNYS. The Association of Public Historians of New York State represents the 1600+ local government historians who protect and preserve the history and heritage of every town, village, city, county and borough in the Empire State. Over the last two years as your president, I have seen us begin the efforts to strengthen the regions, streamline the registered historians process, and make APHNYS known across the state.

At the same time, like many of our fellow organizations, we ran into serious financial difficulties. At its November meeting, the APHNYS Board of Trustees made a series of difficult deci-

sions. As of January 1, 2013, APHNYS is no longer associated with Capitol Hill Management. What does that mean?



It means that we are now in total control of all elements of our organization. We have gone back as an all member-run group controlling our own finances, conference planning, and member-related efforts. What does it mean to you, the APHNYS member? It means we have all new

contact information that you will find on this page. We have two mailing addresses. One for all regular correspondence which will come to me. All fiscal correspondence, such as dues payments and conference payments will go to our Treasurer. We also have a new telephone number (607-595-1571) and a brand new e-mail address ([aphnys@yahoo.com](mailto:aphnys@yahoo.com)). And as you can see, we have a new webpage that is now in progress.

We will have a newsletter that will come out four times each year -- in February, May, August and November. I will be acting for the time being as APHNYS' office staff; I will be the newsletter editor, answer the phone, handle the e-mail, and represent

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## Syracuse Bound ...APHNYS 2013 Conference



The 2013 APHNYS Conference will be held from April 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool. Directly off the NYS Thruway and with a beautiful layout, it promises to be our best conference in years. For the first time, we had so many conference proposals,

we had to turn people away. In a few days, all conference information will be set, and we will be sending out registration information via our newsletter. We are keeping costs at realistic numbers and our outings and sessions promise to offer your both

fun and information at the same time. Plus, our theme of historical markers will be exciting as we learn of the William Pomeroy Foundation's announcement of changes to their program. Look inside for more information.

# New Year continued



*Coe Hall was one stop during the 2012 Long Island APHNYS Conference*

**Where TR meets  
Glidden...only at the  
2012 APHNYS  
Conference...**



APHNYS at the conference. I will make mistakes. We will stumble a bit as we get our legs back under us during this transition. We are making every effort to keep things smooth. We have a timetable of 18 months to get all fiscal matters totally in control and make APHNYS both a vibrant and solvent organization.

We are attempting to do as much electronically as possible. Already we have made contact with over 800 municipalities for dues notifications. As money stabilizes, we will mail notices to many more. What we can do is gather more and

more e-mail address for historians and their municipalities. Every historian should have an e-mail contact, and APHNYS will not share its list with anyone if the historian does not want it shared. We will send out our newsletter electronically and archive older issues on this site.

I can assure you that this website will improve as we improve. On this page you see some of our conference information that will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool. We have an absolutely packed confer-

ence and a great place to meet. If you have not attended an APHNYS conference for the last few years for whatever reason, this is the time to come back and enjoy the networking and information that an APHNYS conference provides.

Thank you for your constant support, and thanks to the APHNYS board who has been wonderful during some troubling times.

Gerry Smith,  
President

## Registered Historians Wanted...

The APHNYS Registered Historians is looking for a few good historians to participate.

Nothing says honor and distinction than being recognized by both your fellow historians and your own municipality as being a registered historian,

Over the last few years a larger and larger number of historians have become registered with APHNYS.

These historians have shown their commitment to their own profession and their area by performing all the duties of the job.

The APHNYS Registered Historians Committee has streamlined the process. The entire description and application form can be found by going to the APHNYS website at [www.aphnys.org](http://www.aphnys.org). Choose the

Registered Historians button, and click on it. There you will find a PDF file with all of the details and forms to be completed.

Please note that our mailing address for the packet has changed from the previous form.

Take the time to read the form fully, and added the requested supporting material.

Our new address for mailing completed packets is APHNYS, Attn: Registered Historians Program, P.O. Box 366, Chango Bridge, NY 13745.

The deadline submission for this program is March 15, 2013.

Those who complete the program will be recognized at the 2013 Conference in Syracuse with a certificate and a special



*2012 Registered Historians receive recognition at Long Island conference*

Registered Historians pin.

Please take the time to look over the program. It denotes those who truly strive to promote excellence in history.

## Pomeroy Foundation Announces New Grant Round Dates



At last year's APHNYS Conference, we were pleased to announce the expansion of The William G. Pomeroy Foundation's Historic Roadside Marker Grant Program to include the entire State of New York. It is hard to believe we are now announcing the last grant round for 2012/2013 which includes counties in APHNYS Regions 10-12. Any municipality or 501©(3) organization is eligible to apply, and you can apply for more than one marker. We are not currently limiting the

number of markers we will grant per County or Region... so if you are interested in applying, we strongly encourage you to do so.

It has been an exciting year speaking with so many of you from all over the state, and learning about your local history. It is our goal to fund *even more markers* in 2013/2014, so we are hopeful many more agencies will apply in the future.

Remember Historic Markers:

- Preserve Your Town's History
- Provide Cultural & Educational Benefits
- Promote Historic Tourism & Economic Development

Don't miss out!

Visit [www.wgpfoundation.org](http://www.wgpfoundation.org) for more information and an application. We will also be conducting a session at the APHNY Conference in April. Hope to see you there. Any questions, call 315-476-3000 x2576 or email at [info@wgpfoundation.org](mailto:info@wgpfoundation.org).

--Paula & Nancy

### Region 10-12 Grant Round Dates:

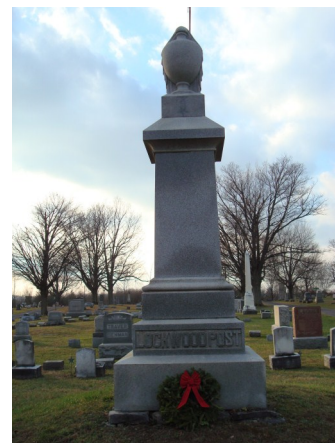
- 02/01/13 - Material available online
- 03/01/13 - Phone consultation deadline (details on the application)
- 04/01/13 - Application deadline
- End of Q2 2013 - Awards granted

## News From Around the State...

Port Byron was featured in the Feb 2012 issue of Coin World Magazine. Stephen Goldsmith wrote an article, assisted by Port Byron Historian Dawn Roe, regarding an 1838 obsolete bank note issued by Port Byron merchant Smith and Ross. The note was considered rare because it was written in two currency denominations for 12 1/2 cents and 1 shilling.

The Dana L. West Jr/Sr High School held a ceremony in conjunction with Wreaths Across America in December. Students, under the direction of Dr. Linda Townsend were the only school in New York State to participate. Port Byron

Historian Dawn Roe spoke about the Lockwood Post #175 GAR and the contributions of Port Byron's African American Civil War soldiers. Many are discovering that their posts admitted colored soldiers as members. The Lockwood Post was integrated but also elected African Americans as officers of the Post.



*Lockwood Post #175 GAR monument, the third soldier's monument erected in Cayuga County received a special wreath as part of the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Port Byron in December. The wreath was sponsored by the Owasco Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Auburn.*





## Association of Public Historians of New York State 2013 Dues Notice and Membership Application

**Membership Dues Amount: *See Chart Below***

**PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY!**

Membership for: ☐ Historian ☐ Deputy or Co-Historian ☐ Assistant ☐ Affiliate Member

Historian of: ☐ County ☐ Town ☐ Village ☐ City ☐ Borough ☐ Other

Name of Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of original appointment as Historian \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate if not sure)

Are you a New Historian? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Prior Historian (if recalled) \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Mailing Address: *(to receive correspondence, newsletters, conference info, etc. from APHNYS)*

Municipal Billing Address: *(If you want your membership renewal sent directly to your municipality for future payments)*

Member's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*We strongly encourage Historians to set-up an e-mail account in order to receive APHNYS updates!*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
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*APHNYS does hereby certify that the items of the account are true and correct; that no Federal or State taxes for which the municipality is exempt are included; and that no part of the same has been previously paid. APHNYS has new mailing addresses. The fiscal address for receiving dues, conference payments, etc. is APHNYS, PO Box 2985, Setauket, NY 11733. Regular correspondence should be sent to APHNYS, PO Box 366, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745. If you have questions, email us at [APHNYS@yahoo.com](mailto:APHNYS@yahoo.com) or call 607-595-1571.*

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### Dues Structure

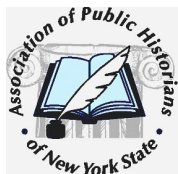
*2013 Annual Dues for Historian is based on Community's population*

0 – 1,000 .....	\$25.00
1,001 – 4,000 .....	\$30.00
4,001 – 12,000 .....	\$35.00
12,001 – 100,000 .....	\$40.00
100,001 – 200,000 .....	\$45.00
200,001 – 1+ Million .....	\$50.00

*2013 Annual Dues for the following categories are as follows:*

Deputy/Assistant Historian Dues .....	\$25.00
Affiliate Member Dues <sup>1</sup> .....	\$25.00

<sup>1</sup> **Affiliate Membership** is for any cultural agency, educational institution, corporation, or individual interested in NY State history and the work of the public historians of New York State. Affiliate Members shall be non-voting members and shall not hold office.



# Call for 2013 Nominations

*APHNYS Awards to be presented at Annual Conference*

## **Franklin D. Roosevelt Local Government Historian Professional Achievement Award**

*Awarded for lifetime achievement in the practice of public history in NYS.*

## **Edward J. Winslow Local Government Historian Award for Excellence**

*Recognition for excellence in one or more public history projects or publications.*

## **Joseph F. Meany Award**

*Excellence in a military, labor, or marine project or publication.*

## **Hugh Hastings Award**

*Honoring citizens and government officials who work to promote, preserve and stimulate interest in the history of NYS.*

## **APHNYS Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History**

*Excellence in cooperation and promoting local history.*

I would like to nominate the following individuals for the :

Franklin D. Roosevelt Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Edward J. Winslow Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph F. Meany Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Hugh Hasting Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Excellence in Promoting Local History Award:: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

***All nominations must have supporting statements or information attached to this form to assist the APHNYS Awards Committee in its review.***

(Nomination submitted without supporting statements or information will not be reviewed. Please note: Roosevelt, Winslow, Meany awards are for the Public Historians/Deputy Historians; Hastings Award is for non-Public Historians; and the Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History is open to all.)

**The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2013.**

Please complete this nomination form and e-mail to [aphynys@yahoo.com](mailto:aphynys@yahoo.com)

or mail to APHNYS, P.O. Box 366, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745.



## 2013 Annual State Conference Schedule of Events

**Please Note:** During each concurrent session, we attempt to offer conference attendees a focus choice of: History Session (H) or Skills Session (S).

### Tuesday, April 16, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.                      APHNYS Board of Trustees Spring Meeting

7:00 p.m.                              APHNYS Movie Night for Early Arrivals  
*A number of video selections on local history topics.*

### Wednesday, April 17, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.              Conference Registration

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.                Pre-Conference Session(s)

Session A –            ***Teaching Local History Using Historic Markers (S)***

Town of Deerpark Historian Norma Schadt will talk about her project restoring local historic markers. She will showcase the community's involvement and how they turned the signs into a historic bus tour.

Session B –            ***Lincoln's Gift from Homer, NY: A Painter, an editor and a detective (H)***

Town of Homer, NY Historian Martin Sweeney will speak about 3 men who played pivotal roles in Abraham Lincoln's presidency with roots in Homer, NY.

Session C -            ***Basic Orientation for Newly Appointed Historians (S)***

Dr. Marilyn Van Dyke, Town of Queensbury Historian

Workshop for Public Historians on the job for 1-3 years; provides overview of role and responsibilities, as well as insights on how to get the job done.

Lunch (on own/hotel restaurant available)

1:00 p.m.            **APHNYS Official Conference Kick-Off**

Welcoming by APHNYS and local elected officials, including someone important TBD.

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

**Historical Markers Program – William G. Pomeroy Foundation**

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.            Concurrent Session 1

Session A –            ***Complimenting the State Social Studies Standards for 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Presenting a colonial festival. (S)***

Town of Lysander historian, and retired teacher, Bonnie Kisselstein will present her teaching experiences and how she created an event that showcased colonial lives to her school districts fourth graders

Session B –            ***Covered Bridges and their role in the Civil War (H)***

Town/Village of Oxford Historian Vicky House will present on the importance of the covered bridge during the war. She created 25 story boards that show images of the bridges and the stories associated with them.

Session C –            ***Finding New York Military History on the Internet: Dead Men do tell Tales (S)***

Heidi Bamford, Region Archivist for the Western New York Documentary Heritage Program, will search for “voices” from the past whose stories document the local impact that national and international conflicts have had on the lives of people in New York

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.            **APHNYS Annual Meeting & Elections**  
“State of the State’s History”  
with NYS Historian Robert Weible

5:30– 7:00 p.m.    **Annual Awards Banquet**

Presentation of 2012 APHNYS Awards

Dessert Presentation:      Keynote Presentation by Robert Weible – “An Irrepressible Conflict”

## Thursday, April 18, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conference Exhibit Area Open

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

Session A – ***Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr, OH MY!: Using social Media (S)***

Ray LaFever will showcase how he used social media to promote the Town of Bovina's History. LaFever created a history blog, a flickr page to showcase historical photos and utilizes other forms of social media. He will discuss the pros and cons of using Social Media and what you can do to be sure you are not leaving people who do not use social media out.

Session B – ***Betsy Doyle: Hot Shot Heroine of the War of 1812 (H)***

Niagara County Historian Catherine L. Emerson will give a power point of Betsy Doyle and her husband Andrew and the myth of "Fanny at Fort Niagara:"

Session C – ***Disaster Planning for Historians***

*After Irene, Lee and Sandy, historians need help. Marianne Hanley and Stokoe of Syracuse University-Bird Library will give a power point presentations aimed at disaster planning for historians.*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 2

Session A – ***"Then and now:" A turnkey local history Smartphone app (S)***

David Hochfelder, Associate Director of the Public History Program at SUNY Albany will introduce public historians to a new platform for easily disseminating historical content to a broad audience.

Session B – ***Dr. Mary Edwards Walker: Her Legacy Lives on. (H)***

Town of Oswego Historian George R. Demass and Oswego County Historian Justin White will give a Power-Point presentation on Dr. Walkers struggles for women's rights and justice issues after the Civil War.

Session C – ***In the Eye of a "Perfect Storm": Syracuse, NY in 1918 (H)***

Independent researcher Terry Lehr talks about how events including WWI, temperance, woman's suffrage, and more impacted the Spanish Flu epidemic that hit CNY in 1918.

11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch & Afternoon Field Session Instructions

12:30 – 5:00 p.m. Afternoon In-the-Field Sessions

***Out & About in Syracuse: A Bus Tour of the Onondaga Historical Association, the Erie Canal Museum and a special tour of Gaylord Brothers — makers of archival and office supplies***

5:30 -7:00 p.m. Dinner

Desert Presentation: ***Living History with the Loomis Gang (H)***

Village of Morrisville Historian Sue Greenhagen will demonstrate how living history can be utilized to tell a story. This story tells the history of the Madison County Sherriff in the 1860's gives his personal account of the infamous gang of horse thieves from central New York.



## Friday, April 19, 2012

7:00 – 11:00 a.m. Conference Registration

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conference Exhibit Area Open

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

Session A – ***The Post Office During the Civil War (H)***

Town/Village of Oxford Historian Vicky House will give a PowerPoint Presentation on how the post office came to be during the Civil War, highlighting envelopes, stamps and letter writing. She will also talk about how Pictorial Postmarks can help an event.

Session B – ***The History of a half-acre (H)***

Tricia Shaw, Education Coordinator of the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will show how the history of the small piece of land that was utilized in many ways and how Hurricane Irene exposed foundations that led archaeologists to be able to trace the properties development from the early 1800's to today.

Session C – ***SHPO Inventory Project (S)***

John Bonnefide, Division of Historic Preservation, will present about the new initiative to track historic buildings. Historians will be able to fill out inventory forms for their historic buildings on the computer and submit them to SHPO for inclusion on the inventory.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

Session A – ***Coming of age-The Cavalry Corps in 1863 (H)***

Deputy Town of Plattsburgh Historian G. William Glidden will continue his presentations on the Civil War focusing on the Cavalry Corps in 1863.

Session B – ***See you in court: using legal transcripts to help reconstruct a Manhattan neighborhood. (H)***

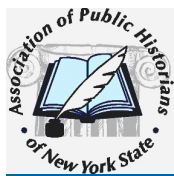
Matthew Spady, Local Historian for the Audubon Park Historic District, will present on the history of Audubon Park and its development

Session C – ***Paths to teaching local history-A panel discussion (S)***

Town of Montgomery Historian Suzanne Isaksen, Broome County Historian Gerry Smith, Madison County Historian Matthew Urtz, and TBD will present briefly on their individual efforts on how to teach and inform their local communities and schools about their history. This will be followed by a group discussion

12:00 p.m. Conference Concludes

## 2013 Annual State Conference Planning Extra Programming Notes



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Use this form to register for the 2013 Annual State Conference in Syracuse

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ APHNYS Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ I am a newly or recently-appointed Public Historian.
- ☐ I have been a member of APHNYS since \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I am a Registered Historian.
- ☐ This will be my first visit to Syracuse.

Please make checks payable to APHNYS

and return this form to:

APHNYS 2013 Conference

P.O. Box 2985

Setauket, NY 11733

**Conference Registration** (Please check all that apply):

**Registration**

- ☐ Member Registration Fee (*Full Conference/One-Day Attendance*).... \$65.00/person
- ☐ Non-Member Registration Fee..... \$75.00/person
- ☐ Spouse/Guest Rate (if he/she would like to attend sessions)..... \$25.00/person

**Meals**

- ☐ Wednesday Evening Awards Banquet..... \$36.00/person
- ☐ Thursday Breakfast..... \$21.00/person
- ☐ Thursday Lunch.....\$26.00/person
- ☐ Thursday Evening Dinner..... \$36.00/person
- ☐ Friday Breakfast..... \$21.00/person

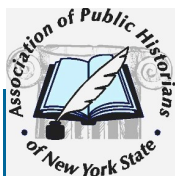
**Thursday Afternoon Field Experience**

- ☐ Transportation & Admission Fee (required for all making trip)..... \$ 19.00/person

**Membership** (For those who have yet to renew or wish to join APHNYS)

- ☐ Renew Your APHNYS Membership for 2013 (see rates on earlier page).\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_



# HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

To make a reservation at the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool,

Please call 315-457-1122, Fax 315-451-0675

Mention that you are with the APHNYS Conference to receive the special conference rate, ask for code: APH or book online by using the following link:

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/liverpool/syrlp/hoteldetail?groupCode=APH>

Complete this form below and mail or fax to the hotel



## APHNYS 2013 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

APRIL 17-19, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which accommodations you would like:

☐ Standard Single Occupancy- \$104 + applicable tax unless tax-exempt

☐ Standard Double Occupancy—\$104 + applicable tax unless tax-exempt Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please specify any special requests, i.e.; handicap accessible room, non-smoking room, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

You must obtain a tax-exempt form from your local government and present this form to the hotel at time of check-in

Check-In: 4:00 PM Check-Out: 12:00 PM

*Rooms not reserved by cut-off date of 3/17/33 will be returned to the hotel to sell.*

*Group reservations made after the cut-off date will be made based on availability.*

☐ Paying by Check: Send deposit of one (1) evening's rate to the address below.

☐ To guarantee with credit card:

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel/Questions/

Phone Reservations:

315-457-1122

Please return this form or fax to:

Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool

441 Electronic Parkway

Liverpool, NY 13088

Attn: Reservations

Return this form to the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool. Do not send to the APHNYS office.



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