



# The Historian's Exchange

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## A message from our president

Here we are in a new year. I hope everything goes well with all of you in 2018. A Call for Proposals seeking speakers for the 2018 conference has been emailed to all those with email addresses and is included in this newsletter. I hope you will consider submitting a proposal and also share the form with any one you may know who will be an interesting speaker at this year's conference. If you know someone to whom I should send a form, let me know.

The 2018 dues form is also included in this newsletter. You can also find it on the APHNYS website: [www.aphnys.org](http://www.aphnys.org). You will find much information on that website. Please watch it often for updates on the conference and any other information in which you are interested. If you have any ideas for items, documents, etc. to be added to the website, please contact me.

Also included in this newsletter is information we have on the 2018 APHNYS Conference in Rochester. As soon as more information develops, we will share it with you.

As you know, APHNYS is divided into 12 Regions and each region has a Regional Coordinator and some also have a Deputy Regional Coordinator. Hopefully plans are underway for regional meetings for spring 2018. Affiliate Members of APHNYS should also be invited to these regional meetings. We are listing the Regional Coordinators and Deputy Regional Coordinators and their contact information in this newsletter. Check the website or contact them to find out about a meeting in your area.

Rosemarie Tucker  
President, APHNYS

A message from the State Historian:

## Annual reports, training, History Day and more...

Hello Historians,

Happy 2018! And Happy Annual Report Time! Annual reports continue to pour into my office via the new online submitting process at: <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history/resources/annualreport> as well as via email and snail mail. As I read through these reports I continue to be struck by the amount of fantastic historical work being done in every corner of the state.

A brief aside for those who have yet to send in their report and plan to do so through the new online submitting form: while the online form has worked for the vast majority of users, a few have received errors upon submitting and their work was lost. To remedy this situation, we are making the form available in Word format for download on the site. If you would prefer to download that and fill it out to return via email to me, that is

fine. If so, please send it to: [devin.lander@nysed.gov](mailto:devin.lander@nysed.gov). I apologize to anyone who received an error upon submission.

I see that there are several exciting regional meetings of Local Government Historians across the state being scheduled for 2018. I certainly encourage you to attend your local regional meetings as well as the APHNYS Annual Conference, which will be held this year in Rochester. It is a valuable use of your time to attend these meetings frequently to share knowledge with your fellow historians and learn from each other's successes and failures. I know I have gained a lot from each of the meetings I have been able to attend.

On that note, I will be facilitating another meeting of County and Borough Historians in the summer of 2018. This day-long meeting allows for the County and



Borough Historians to meet, share ideas, and learn for expert speakers and each other. In turn, it is my hope that the County and Borough Historians return to their regions and share their knowledge with their Local Government Historians through meetings that they facilitate.

In 2018 I will be continuing to work on developing a podcast on New York State History, which I hope will lead to a series of monthly podcasts featuring the unique history of New York and its role in shaping national and world events. Stay tuned as we move through the early part of the

year for more information and for our big announcement!

2018 will also see the continued development of the Office of State History website: <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history>. As always, we are looking for content so please send me your events, news, original research, links to your website, etc. Remember, this is really YOUR site and its goal is to disseminate more information about the historical work being done across NY. We are also producing a monthly informational newsletter, which you can sign up for on the main page of the website.

In March, I will be presenting a panel discussion at this year's NYS Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference on History Day. For those who don't know, History Day is an annual competition for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders based on a schoolyear-long historical research project. Students compete regionally in Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) divisions either individually or in groups in the

following categories: documentary film making, exhibit research and building, website research and building, or historical performance creation. Students can also choose to research and write a traditional paper, which is only open to individuals.

The top two highest scoring competitors in each category in the regional competitions are invited to compete in the State competition held in Cooperstown in April. Those that score in the top two of each category at the State competition can go onto compete in the National History Day contest in Maryland in June.

Schools that take part in History Day essentially create a "History Club" at which the students work on their projects. Teachers and parents that facilitate these "History Clubs" often work with Local Historians on projects related to New York State or local history. History Day projects offer a wonderful opportunity for Local Historians to work with students on projects that teach

historical methods and the value of historical research. I encourage those historians interested in learning more about how they can participate in History Day to contact their regional History Day coordinators, who can be found at:

<http://nyshistoryday.org/regional-info/>. At the very least, become a judge and see the amazing work these students are doing!

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a brief update. As always, please contact me directly with any feedback or questions at:

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## Hold the Date!

### 2018 APHNYS Annual Conference in Rochester

September 30 – October 3, 2018

#### DoubleTree by Hilton

1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

#### Tentative schedule:

##### Sunday, Sept. 30

6-8 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

##### Monday, Oct. 1

8:45 am-noon Pre-conference sessions

Noon-1 pm Lunch on your own

1 pm Conference Kick-Off Meeting

2 pm Conference Sessions

3:30-5 pm Annual Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm Cash bar & Reception

6:30-8:30 pm Dinner & Keynote speaker

##### Tuesday, Oct. 3

8:45 am-noon Conference sessions

11:45 am-12:45 pm Buffet Lunch

1-5 pm Afternoon in the Field (Destinations to be announced soon!)

5:30-6:30 pm Cash Bar & Reception

6:30-8:30 pm Annual Awards Banquet & Entertainment

##### Wednesday, Oct. 3

8:45-11:30 am Conference Sessions

Rooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton are **\$129.00 per night**. Remember to bring your tax exempt form to avoid paying the room tax. Look for information on meal costs and tours soon.

## Region 7 announces its spring conference

Sangerfield Historian Mabel Bushee and Carol Wood of the Waterville Historical Society have invited APHNYS Region 7 to meet at the new Waterville Public Library from 9 am to 3 pm on May 5. More details will be sent to Regional 7 members and posted to the APHNYS website in March.

Region 7 includes the counties of Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Schoharie, Otsego, and Oneida. Regional Coordinator Richard Williams, the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton Historian, can be contacted by mail at 1 Mulberry Street, Clinton, NY 13323, by phone at (315) 853-5018, and via email at [apulia@verizon.net](mailto:apulia@verizon.net).



**Association of Public Historians of New York State**  
**2018 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE**  
*DoubleTree by Hilton, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623*  
*October 1 – 3, 2018 -*  
**CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS/PANELS**

The Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS) is pleased to announce that the 2018 Annual State Conference will be held in Rochester, NY October 1 – 3, 2018. The conference planning committee is currently accepting proposals for conference presentations. Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels and interactive programs. This conference will draw approximately 125 attendees from across the New York State. The time allowed for presentations/panels will be 1 hour and 15 minutes (including questions and answers). APHNYS does not pay for speakers. We hope that all who submit proposals will think of this as getting the word out to historians, etc.

The Planning Committee is especially interested in proposals that offer:

- Insights into the history of the counties of Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates their communities, businesses, and their people
- History from throughout New York State including communities, businesses, and people
- Heritage Tourism from throughout New York State
- Transportation & Trades from throughout New York State
- Ideas and Techniques for celebrating any upcoming historical anniversaries throughout NYS such as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1918 Flu Pandemic and End of WWI
- Skills and Techniques for Local Government Historians and Family History Researchers
- Preservation, maintenance, gravestone artwork, what not to do to copy gravestones, and other information about cemeteries
- Exhibit Design: travelling exhibits, less expensive exhibits, small space exhibits, etc.
- Using Primary Sources for Research
- Other history related to New York State

**To submit your proposal, please complete this form and return to APHNYS by April 30, 2018.**

**Contact Information**

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

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Presentation or Panel Information

Title of Presentation or Panel: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will someone else be presenting with you? (If so, provide names, titles and affiliations.)

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Please describe your presentation or Panel. (Feel free to attach more sheets as necessary.)

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APHNYS will provide a laptop and a power point projector. The hotel will provide podium, microphone, screen, and equipment tables. List any other special equipment needs. (Note: **Our laptops and power point projectors do not work with Macintosh documents, power points, etc.** If you need Macintosh equipment, you will need to provide your own.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any attendance limitations on showings or presentations? (If so, please explain and provide limits.) If you wish to provide handouts, plan for 40-50 people to attend your session.

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**Thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise with  
New York State's Public Historians!**



**Please return this form by April 30, 2018 to:  
APHNYS, P.O. Box 55, Groton, NY 13073**

**or you can send it electronically in PDF format to our email:**

**[aphnys@yahoo.com](mailto:aphnys@yahoo.com)**

## Do you know your Regional Coordinator?

APHNYS regional meetings are planned by the Regional Coordinator (RC) and Deputy Regional Coordinator (DRC) in each region. If you have questions about your regional meeting, contact the appropriate person/s. Affiliate Members are also encouraged to attend these meetings.

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**Howard Kroplick, DRC** – Town of North Hempstead Historian  
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### **Region 3** (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester)

#### **Will Tatum, RC**

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#### **Sarah Johnson, DRC**

Putnam County Historian, 68 Marvin Avenue, Brewster, NY 10509 Phone: 845-808-1420 Email: sarahjohnson@putnamcountyny.gov

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#### **Ray LaFever, RC**

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#### **John Scherer, DRC**

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#### **Eliza Darling, RC**

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### **Region 7** (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie)

#### **Richard Williams, RC**

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### **Region 8** (Lewis, Jefferson, and Oswego)

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### **Region 9** (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, and Onondaga)

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### **Region 11** (Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates)

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### **Region 12** (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming)

#### **Joe Marren, RC**

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## 2018 Dues / Membership Form

For January 1—December 31, 2018

Please Type or Print Clearly and Fill Out Completely

<u>Member Information</u>		
<b>Membership Category:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Historian <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Historian <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Historian <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Historian <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Member* <small>(*Please provide your county)</small>	<b>Appointed for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Borough	<b>Date of Original Appointment:</b> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 5px 0;"><b>Note: If you are a new Historian, please provide the name of the previous historian:</b></p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>
<b>Municipality:</b> _____ <b>County:</b> _____		
<b>Your Name:</b> _____		
<b>Street Address:</b> _____		
<b>City:</b> _____ <b>ST:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____		
<b>Phone:</b> (    ) _____ <b>email:</b> _____		
<b>Municipal Billing Address:</b> _____		

Annual Dues for Historian and/or Co-Historian are based on the Municipality's Population; please circle the appropriate line.

- \$25.00 = 0—1,000
- \$30.00 = 1001—4000
- \$35.00 = 4001—12,000
- \$40.00 = 12,001—100,000
- \$45.00 = 100,001—200,000
- \$50.00 = 200,001—1+ Million

**Note:** If you are historian/deputy historian for more than one municipality, dues are to be paid for each municipality.

Annual Dues for Other Memberships are:

- \$25.00—Deputy and/or Assistant Historian
- \$25.00—Affiliate Member
- \$25.00—NYC Community District Historian

**Note:** An Affiliate Membership is for any cultural agency, educational institution, corporation, historical society, museum, or individual interested in NY State history and the work of the public historians of New York State. Affiliate members shall be non-voting.

For Office Use Only	
Date of Check	
Check No.	
Check Amount	

**Please mail this completed form with your check, payable to APHNYS, to:**

APHNYS  
 P.O. Box 251  
 Vestal, NY 13851

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.

Questions? email us at [APHNYS@yahoo.com](mailto:APHNYS@yahoo.com) or [aphnystreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:aphnystreasurer@gmail.com)



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