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I hope spring is finally here. We look forward to continue the planning for the upcoming 2018 APHNYS Conference in Rochester (October 1-3, 2018). The deadline for speakers to submit their proposals was April 30th. The Program Committee is now reviewing the many, many proposals.

We have openings for 16 presentations including the pre-conference sessions for the morning of October 1st. If you plan to attend the pre-conference sessions, you may need to make hotel reservations for September 30th. If you plan to attend the other sessions, you will need to make hotel

reservations for October 1st and 2nd.

The selected speakers and their topics with the assigned dates and times will be distributed to APHNYS members who have email by mid- to late-May. Watch for the information! It will also be listed on our website: www.aphnys.org.

The following information is on the APHNYS website and included in this newsletter:

Conference Registration and Hotel Registration (note the separate deadlines for each)

Nominations for Awards Form (May 31st deadline)

Scholarship Form for those who qualify (August 1st deadline)

2018 Membership/Dues Form (please complete and

submit as soon as possible with payment)

William G. Pomeroy Foundation asked us to announce that the Regions 1, 2, and 3 Letter of Intent for Historical Markers has a deadline of June 11th.

We have included a copy of their postcard in this newsletter. If you have questions, contact the William G. Pomeroy Foundation as indicated on the postcard.

If you ever have questions about APHNYS, whether your dues are current, or other concerns, contact me at: aphnys@yahoo.com or by mail: APHNYS, PO Box 55, Groton, NY 13073. You can leave a message at 607-898-5867.

Rosemarie Tucker,
APHNYS President

A Message from the State Historian



Devin Lander

Hello Historians,

On April 23rd, I was honored to take part for the second year in a row as a judge at New York History Day in Cooperstown. We were greeted by beautiful weather and nearly 500 students from all over the state who were eager to compete for the right to represent New York at the National History

Day in Maryland.

ing involved in History Day proves to me that history can be engaging, exciting, fun even; and that students do care about history.

I would like to see History Day grow and become more inclusive of students from all schools. I know that teachers are busy and that resources in some districts are slim and that having students participate in History Day amounts to an extracurricular activity in most schools. Which is why I would like to encourage those Local Government Historians who are not already involved to take part in their local and regional schools' History Day programs, or work with their schools to start a program where there is currently none.

These students were accompanied by family and teachers and the atmosphere was one of excitement and fun as we took over the Fenimore Art Museum, the Farmer's Museum, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and really all of Cooperstown for the day. Students had entered their historical projects in the following categories: research paper, group and individual website, group and individual exhibit, group and individual documentary, and group and individual performance, all of which were separated into Junior and Senior levels. It was difficult for my fellow judges and I to rank the entries because they were *all* winners already, having reached the statewide History Day by ranking highly enough at their regional competitions. The quality of work that these young historians did was top notch.

The regional competition here in Albany and the statewide championship in Cooperstown have become annual highlights for me as State Historian. It fills me with pride and excitement to see hundreds of young students in grades 6-12 passionate about history and about their projects. Their enthusiasm and level of commitment is contagious, and I only wished it was something that I could bottle and distribute everywhere. Be-

Despite how wonderful the projects were that I judged both at the regional level and at the statewide competition, I was struck by the fact that in all three categories there was only one project that dealt with New York history (the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire). This year's theme, Conflict and Compromise in History, could have been filled with local and state history topics, as could any year's theme. I think this presents Local Government Historians with an opportunity to work with their schools, teachers, and students to develop exciting, engaging, and fun local and state-based History Day topics. As a judge, I know that such topics would really stand out.

Local Government Historians are resource rich treasures of historical knowledge; you know where the good local stories are! If you are not already doing so, I encourage you to reach out to your schools and find out if they are currently participating in History Day and offer to help. Perhaps you could work with a teacher or teachers to help facilitate meetings of a History Day club after school at your office, the local library, or historical society. Or, if working with students on their History Day projects is not feasible, I en-

courage you to become a judge at your regional History Day competition or the statewide competition if that is possible.

As government historians, I can think of no better or rewarding experience than to work with engaged and eager young people who care about history. As I told the students who took part in the Capital Region History Day competition, they are the future of history. Getting these students engaged and keeping them engaged ensures that the field of history, our field, has a future. History Day is a way to do that.

I can be reached at any time via email at devin.lander@nysed.gov or by phone at 518-474-0206. Thank you.

Devin Lander
New York State Historian



New Newsletter Editor



The ***Historian's Exchange*** newsletter has a new editor — or rather an old one. The APHNYS board thanks Christine Ridarsky for being editor for the last two years.

With this issue, Gerry Smith re-

assumes editorship of the newsletter. The

newsletter is published every February, May, August, and November.

The newsletter is an important link to all of the appointed historians across New York State.

The editor strongly encourage historians and members to submit news items and notices of meetings of import to the history community to him.

The next issue's deadline is July 15. Items can be sent to him at historysmiths@stny.rr.com.

Historian receives award

On April 5, 2018, Broome County and City of Binghamton Historian Gerald Smith received the 2016 Herbert H. Lehman Prize for Distinguished Service in New York History from the New York Academy of History.

He received the prize during the Gala Dinner for the Academy that was held at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City.

The event had about 90 attending the dinner and it included former APHNYS President Carol McKenna, and former board members Sharon Wilkins and Caledonia Jones.

Smith is the past president of APHNYS. He is the Head of the Broome County Local History &



Gerald Smith (left) and Garet Livermore (right)

Genealogy Center in the Broome County Public Library with an annual usage of 15,000 researchers, and sits on the board of the Broome County Historical Society, among many other groups.

Smith was appointed Binghamton City Historian in 1984 and County Historian in 1988. He is the author of five books on the Broome County area, and writes two weekly columns for the Press & Sun-Bulletin newspaper. In addition, he has a monthly radio segment entitled "Binghamton Then" on WNBC-AM radio.

Smith was APHNYS' first president from 1999-2000 and again from 2011-2016, as well serving in many board capacities.

We Want Your News!!

Do you have a meeting or an announcement you want to reach across the state? Sends us your news items to be put into the next issue of *The Historian's Exchange*. Do you have an historian who has been honored — then send us the information so we can spread the word. This is our newsletter and the more information we have, the better we are informed and can do our jobs.

The deadline for the next issue is July 15, and the issue will come out in August 2018.

Send your item to Gerry Smith at historysmiths@stny.rr.com.

Call for 2018 Nominations

APHNYS Awards to be presented at Annual Conference October 1-3, 2018

DoubleTree Hotel, 111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

Franklin D. Roosevelt Local Government Historian Professional Achievement Award

Awarded to an appointed historian for lifetime achievement in the practice of public history in NYS.

Edmund J. Winslow Local Government Historian Award for Excellence

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

APHNYS Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History

Excellence in cooperation and promoting local history through research, writing, and other related accomplishments

Hugh Hastings Award

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

Joseph E. Meany Award

Excellence in military, labor, or marine projects or publications.

I would like to nominate the following individuals for the:

Franklin D. Roosevelt Award: _____

Edmund J. Winslow Award: _____

Excellence in Promoting Local History Award: _____

Hugh Hasting Award: _____

Joseph E. Meany Award: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

All nominations must have supporting statements or information attached or mailed with 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 and Winslow, awards are only for the Appointed Historians; Hastings Award is for other than Appointed Historians; and the Award for Excellence in Promoting Local History and Meany is open to all, including Appointed Historians or Deputy and/or Co-Historians.)

The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2018

Please complete this nomination form and e-mail to aphnys@yahoo.com

or mail to APHNYS, P.O. Box 55, Groton, NY 13073

If mailing the form, be sure it is postmarked by May 31, 2018

INITIAL DRAFT

New! 2018 APHNYS Conference Scholarships

APHNYS annual conferences consist of interesting and helpful seminars, guest speakers, vendors, and history-related tours. Plus they're a great place to network with fellow historians!

Surveys and discussions have made APHNYS officers and trustees aware that many historians do not have a budget or adequate funds to attend the annual conference. APHNYS is here to help you succeed in your position and one way we can do that is by offering qualifying historians a conference scholarship.

This year's scholarship will cover the costs for: Registration, Meals, Hotel Room for two nights, and Tour. You will only be responsible for your travel costs.

As historian you are eligible to apply if you:

- Have been a paid member of APHNYS for 3 years or were newly appointed within the last year.
- Have been unable to attend a conference during the last 3 years due to lack of funding.
- Have never attended a conference due to lack of funding in your budget.

If you are eligible, just fill out the application completely and submit it no later than August 1, 2018 to:

APHNYS President
P.O. Box 55
Groton, NY 13073

2018 APHNYS Conference Scholarship Application

Name _____

Municipality _____ County _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Your 2018 Salary _____ Your 2018 Budget (not including salary) _____

Scholarship recipients will be notified by September 1, 2018.

2 February 2018

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Historic Markers

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

WGPfoundation.org

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Your Region's Deadlines:

Letter of Intent

June 11, 2018

Final Application

July 7, 2018



QUESTIONS? Call Christy @ 315.913.4060 or email: info@wgpfoundation.org

Upcoming Regional Meetings

Region 2 Meeting June 30th

The Long Island Historian Summit, sponsored by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, will provide an opportunity to discuss challenges, opportunities and experiences relevant to their positions.

The Summit will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at the Waterfront at Roslyn building, 55 Lumber Road, located in the historic district of the Village of Roslyn.

Speakers and moderators will include Devin Lander (New York State Historian), Thomas Ruller (Assistant Commissioner for Archives and New York State Archivist), The Honorable Peter

Fox Cohalon (Suffolk County Historian), Howard Kroplick (Chairperson and Town Historian of North Hempstead) Zach Studenroth (Village Historian of Southampton), Barbara Russell (Town Historian of Brookhaven) and Dr. Georgette Grier-Keys (President, Board of Trustees of Association of Suffolk County Historical Societies).

The Summit is open only to assigned village, town, county and borough historians of Long Island. Please forward the names and email addresses of any assigned Long Island historian to Howard@Kroplick.com.

For more information or to register, please contact Howard Kroplick.



There is a \$25 fee for registration and lunch.

On behalf of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, I look forward to seeing you at this "historic" meeting.

Howard Kroplick
Chairperson-Long Island Historian Summit
Town of North Hempstead Historian



APHNYS 2018 Conference Registration Form

Annual State Conference in Rochester

October 1—October 3, 2018

Deadline for Reservations: Postmarked by Friday, August 3, 2018

Name: _____ APHNYS Region: _____

Title: _____

Municipality: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Spouse / Guest Name: _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I am a newly or recently appointed Public Historian
- ☐ I am a continuing Public Historian
- ☐ I am a Deputy/Assistant/Co-Historian/Community District
- ☐ I am an Affiliate Member of APHNYS
- ☐ I have been a member of APHNYS since _____
- ☐ This will be my first visit to Rochester.

Please make checks payable to **APHNYS**
and return this completed form
with payment to:

APHNYS 2018 Conference
P.O. Box 251
Vestal, NY 13851

Conference Registration (Please fill in all that apply):

Registration:

- _____ \$65.00/person—Member Registration Fee for Full Conference or One-Day Attendance
- _____ \$75.00/person—Non-member Registration Fee
- _____ \$25.00/person—Spouse/Guest Rate if s/he would like to attend sessions
- _____ \$25.00/person—Student Registration Fee to attend sessions (include copy of Student ID)

Meals:

- _____ \$40.00/person—Monday Oct. 1—Keynote Speaker Banquet
- _____ \$20.00/person—Tuesday Oct. 2—Breakfast
- _____ \$26.00/person—Tuesday Oct. 2—Lunch
- _____ \$40.00/person—Tuesday Oct 2—Annual Awards Banquet
- _____ \$20.00/person—Wednesday Oct 3—Breakfast

Tuesday Afternoon Field Experience:

- Maximum 44 Seats Per Option — Register Early — Choose One
- _____ \$20.00/person—Option A to George Eastman House & Museum
- _____ \$20.00/person—Option B to Ganondagan Native American Historic Site
- (Price includes Transportation & Admission Fee)

\$_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED



APHNYS 2018 CONFERENCE HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

DoubleTree by Hilton, 111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

To make a reservation at *DoubleTree by Hilton*, please return form via fax to 585-475-1658, or call Reservations Desk 585-475-1510, or mail to hotel (address listed above). You can also go on-line to their website: www.rochester.doubletree.com (be sure to use the Group Code)

Group Code: APH

Deadline for Room Reservations: September 1, 2018



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Please check which accommodations you would like (hotel is 100% non-smoking):

☐ Single Occupancy: \$129 + applicable tax unless tax-exempt

☐ Double Occupancy: \$129 + applicable tax unless tax-exempt.

Roommate's Name: _____

Please specify any special requests, i.e.; handicap accessible room, etc.: _____

Appointed Historians and/or Deputy Historians: You must obtain a tax-exempt form from your local government and present the form to the hotel at time of check-in.

Check-In: 3:00 PM

Check-Out: 12:00 Noon



Rooms that are not reserved by cut-off date of September 1, 2018 will be returned to the hotel to sell. Reservations made after the cut-off date will be made based on availability.

If making reservation using a Check: Please complete this form and mail with check to the address below.

To guarantee with credit card:

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

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Board of Trustees will meet Sept. 30 at 6pm

Conference Dates: October 1, 2, and 3, 2018

There will be pre-conference sessions the morning of October 1st. Conference will end mid-day October 3.

**DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE
APHNYS OFFICE**



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