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A Message from Our President

As the 2018 APHNYS Conference gets closer, we are anxious to have as many in attendance as possible. We have included the Hotel Registration form and the Conference Registration form in this newsletter.

Please note that the deadline for the conference registration (not the hotel) has been extended. We ask that you process your registration form and send them in to be **postmarked by Thursday, August 30th**. The details for mailing are on the form.

We have also included the tentative conference schedule with the list of speakers and their topics with the assigned dates and times. This can also be found at the APHNYS website at: www.aphnys.org

The application for Registered Historians is to be postmarked by



August 1st so I hope you have your application completed and in the mail. Many people confused this and thought it was for membership. Registered Historian application is not a membership application. The application is on the APHNYS website. Read it over and if you have any questions, contact Sandra Bradford. Her contact information is on the application.

We hope to be selecting the winners of the Conference Scholarship. We are lucky enough to have support from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for one scholarship, the one APHNYS scholarship,

and one other funded by a long-time historian. The three winners will receive full funding for Conference Registrations, all meals, two nights at the hotel, and cost for the tour bus. Your transportation to and from the conference will be on your own; maybe you can find someone to ride with and share mileage expenses.

If you ever have questions about APHNYS, whether your dues are current, conference questions, 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.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2018 APHNYS Conference in Rochester, NY.

Rosemarie Tucker,
APHNYS President

We Want Your News!!

Do you have a meeting or an announcement you want to reach across the state? Send 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 October 15, and the issue will come out in November 2018. Send your item to Gerry Smith at historysmiths@stny.rr.com.

Editor's Thoughts



To be honest, I have a vested interest in the growth and success of APHNYS. I have served as its first president, as the current past-president and as a member of the board of the organization until a short while ago. That is why I so strongly advocate that appointed historians from across the state join and participate.

You may reasonably ask what is in it for you. Well, APHNYS is our organization — it represents our interests and provides us with a constantly good annual conference, regional meetings, newsletters and web resources that are aimed at the town, village, city, county and borough historians, as well as others interested in the history and heritage of New York. If we do not continually participate and improve APHNYS, it will wither away and die.

It is on all of us to make it continue and to make it better. One of those ways is to register and come to the annual conference. Over the last few years, the number of proposals submitted has continued to grow. More people interested in presenting their work at the APHNYS conference. Those people should have the opportunity to be heard, but that means that more people need to attend the conference. While the cost is not free, for the first time there are scholarships being offered to help those who cannot afford the conference on their own.

I have even been persuaded to come out of my self-imposed retirement to not only act as this newsletter's editor, but to present at the conference. There must be something to be said for that — so follow my lesson and come to the conference. I promise there will be less of me than 2 years ago (by about 40 pounds). Take a chance and meet your fellow historians.



**Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS)
2018 Conference**
DoubleTree by Hilton, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY
Rochester, NY

Schedule includes Speakers and Topics
(Changes may occur depending on speakers' final availability)

September 30, 2018 (Sunday)

6:00-8:00pm – Board of Trustees Meeting

October 1, 2018 (Monday) – Conference Registration 9:00am-12:30pm then 2-5pm (closed during Conference Kick-Off). Open other times throughout Conference.

Pre-Conference Sessions

10:00-11:15 am – Concurrent sessions

Textile Care, Preservation, and Display

Speaker: Bonnie Hayes, Executive Director of Historic Palmyra

But What Do You Mean My Photograph is Copyrighted? A Primer on Intellectual Property

Speaker: Gerald Smith, Past President APHNYS, Broome County/City of Binghamton Historian

The Barn Building Legacy of J. T. Wells and Sons

Speakers: Barbara Chapman, Town of Wheatland Historian; Katie Andres, Coordinator Wells Barn Legacy Project; and Dick Thomas, Photographer of Wells Barn Legacy Project

Lunch on your own – not part of conference fees

1:00pm -- APHNYS Official Conference Kick-Off: Welcoming by APHNYS President and Other Officials

2:00-3:15pm – Concurrent Sessions

The Mysterious 1917 Census: Why Historians Should Know About It

Speaker: Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian

From Waterway to Subway to Graffiti Gallery...and Beyond: Rochester's Broad Street Span

Speakers: Michael Brown, Assistant Professor of History, RIT; Daniel Broyld, Assistant Professor Public & African American History, Central Connecticut State University; Vashon Broyld, professional photographer; Christine Ridarsky, APHNYS Trustee and City of Rochester Historian

Cobblestone Buildings so Unique an Architectural Style that They Have Their Own Special Category on the National Register of Historical Sites

Speaker: Walter Gable, Seneca County Historian

3:30-4:45pm – APHNYS Annual Meeting (includes “State of the State’s History by NYS Historian Devin Lander)

4:45-6:30pm – Free Time to view Exhibits and Vendors

6:30-8:30/9:00pm -- Buffet Dinner (Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form)

Keynote Presentation: *Re-Energizing the Legacy of Frederick Douglass*. Christine Christopher, Owner of Christopher Communications and project manager for this project; and Carvin Eisen, filmmaker and owner of the production company ImageWordSound and Associate Professor in Dept. of Journalism, College of Brockport. These speakers represent the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission

October 2, 2018 (Tuesday):

7:00-8:30am: Buffet Breakfast – Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form

8:45-10:15am – Concurrent Sessions

Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr, Oh My: Using Social Media to Promote and Share Your Community’s History (An Update)

Speaker: Ray LaFever, APHNYS 2nd Vice President and Town of Bovina Historian

Deals, Grants, and Discounts, Oh My!

Speaker: Matt Urtz, APHNYS 1st Vice President and Madison County Historian

How to Become a Registered Historian

Speakers: Sandra Bradford, Registered Historian Subcommittee Chairperson and Town of Hector Historian; Subcommittee Members: Margaret Hadsell, APHNYS Treasurer and Town of Vestal Historian; and Babette Huber, APHNYS Trustee and Town of Victor Historian

10:30-11:45am – Concurrent Sessions

Effective Research Tips and Techniques

Speaker: Margaret Hadsell, APHNYS Trustee and Town of Vestal Historian

The Burned-Over District Bore Fruit: Monroe County’s Fox Sisters and the Rise of American Spiritualism
Speaker: Jacob Ludes II, President/CEO Emeritus of New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Training for Newly Appointed Historians (and those who have not had this training previously)

Speaker: Christine Ridarsky, APHNYS Trustee, New Historians Subcommittee Chairperson and City of Rochester Historian

12:00 noon -1:30pm – Buffet Lunch (Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form)

1:15-5:00pm – Afternoon in-the-field Sessions (Required to pre-register for these sessions). Check with Registration Table to see if there were cancellations or any available seats)

Tour A: George Eastman House

Tour B: Ganandagan Native American Historic Site

5:30-6:30pm – Cash-Bar Reception (pay for your own at bar; no charges/fees for food)

6:30-8:30/9:00pm: Annual Awards Buffet Dinner Lunch (Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form)

October 3, 2018 (Wednesday): (Exhibit and Vendor Area Closes at 11:00am)

7:00-8:30am: Buffet Breakfast (Part of conference fees included on Pre-registration form)

8:45-10:00am – Concurrent Sessions

Primary Proof: Finding and Identifying Primary Sources for Documentation

Speakers: Susan Hughes, Historical Grants Specialists, William G. Pomeroy Foundation; and Matt Urtz, APHNYS 1st Vice President and Madison County Historian

Revolution to Revolution: Telling the History of Sullivan County and NYS

Speaker: John Conway, Sullivan County Historian

Upstate New York on the Brink of War: Abolitionists, the North and the March Towards Civil War

Speaker: Nick Thony, Independent Scholar, Rensselaer, NY

10:15-11:30am – Concurrent Sessions

Mining for Gems: Using Your Holdings to Dazzle Educators

Speaker: Julie Daniels, Director ETV Public Broadcasting, NYS Education Dept.; and Kristi Fragnoli, Professor of Education, College of St. Rose and Consultant with NYS Archives.

Rochester's Suffrage Exhibit: Accomplishing More through Community Partnerships

Speaker: Michelle Finn, City of Rochester Deputy Historian; Daniel Cody, Collections Manager Rochester Historical Society; Juilee Decker, Assistant Professor Museum Studies, RIT; Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Director of Rare Books, Special Collections & Preservation, Univ. of Rochester; Kathryn Murano Santos, Senior Director Collections & Exhibits, Rochester Museum & Science Center

New York Digitation and Indexing Projects: Newly Released Collections for Historians and Genealogists

Speaker: Susan Miller, Director of Programs & Outreach, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City

Conference Concludes



If you haven't paid your 2018 dues, get them in as soon as possible.
DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR 2019. It will be revised for 2019.

2018 Dues / Membership Form

For January 1—December 31, 2018

Please Type or Print Clearly and Fill Out Completely

Member Information

Membership Category:

- ☐ Historian
☐ Co-Historian
☐ Deputy Historian
☐ Assistant Historian
☐ Affiliate Member*
 (*Please provide your county)

Appointed for:

- ☐ County
☐ Town
☐ Village
☐ City
☐ Borough

Date of Original Appointment:

Note: If you are a new Historian, please provide the name of the previous historian:

Municipality: _____ **County:** _____

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **email:** _____

Municipal Billing Address: _____

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.

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| 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 or aphnystreasurer@gmail.com

Regional Meetings

On Saturday June 30, 2018, The Long Island Historian Summit convened in Roslyn, New York. All Historians from Region 2 and the Borough Historians from Brooklyn and Queens were invited. Howard Kroplick, North Hempstead Historian coordinated the day, with support and encouragement from The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.



Map courtesy of Stony Brook University's Map Library

In his opening remarks, Howard Kroplick thanked all who attended and provided some statistics on local Historians. The potential number of Historians in Region 2 is 117; 72 are confirmed for a 62% currently appointed. County (2), Town (13), and Hamlet (5) are 100% filled. The shortage is in the Incorporated Villages (potential 95; only 50 are filled). We are most pleased with the County and Town results, and hope the Village numbers will improve.

Sixty-five attendees were feted to a morning program of welcome remarks from the New York State Historian, Devin Lander, followed by a panel discussion, *Obtaining Funding for Historic Projects*, moderated by Barbara M. Russell, Town of Brookhaven Historian. The panel was represented by Frances Gubler, of the Preservation League of New York State; Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation; Colleen Heemeyer, of the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites; Scarlett Rebman, Humanities NY; and Priscilla Brendler of the Greater Hudson Heritage Network.

During lunch, there were two keynote speakers: The Hon. Peter Fox Cohalan, Suffolk County Historian and Thomas Ruller, New York State Archivist.

The afternoon panel discussion, *Resources for Historic Stewards*, was moderated by Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, President of the Long Island Historical Societies. Presenters included Paula Miller, Executive Director of the Pomeroy Foundation; Dr. Tim Bailey, Director of Education for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History; Alexandra Wolfe, Executive Director of Preservation Long Island; and Dr. Tim Lloyd, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The last two presentations were *Challenges of a Newly Appointed Historian* by Amy Folk, Southold Town Historian and *Preserving Burying Grounds* by Zach Studenroth, Southampton Village Historian and Region 2 co-representative to APHNYS.

It was the largest meeting of Long Island historians ever and, according to Devin Lander, the New York State Historian, likely the largest gathering of local historians at a New York State regional meeting

For those who had a few more minutes, Howard Kroplick, talked about adaptive reuse of old structures, specifically the one we were in for the summit. Formerly, a manufacturing building for coin operated washing machines, it is now a mixed use (100 % occupied!) of commercial and retail space. He then took us on a tour of part of the building which houses his antique car collection. What a treat to end the day. For me, it was standing next to Walter Chrysler's 1937 seven passenger limousine, custom built as a gift for his wife, Della.

Barbara M Russell, Town of Brookhaven Historian



Howard Kroplick, North Hempstead Historian and Kathryn Curran, Executive Director of the RDL Gardiner Foundation take a ride in the 1909 Alco Black Beast.



APHNYS 2018 Conference Registration Form

Annual State Conference in Rochester

October 1—October 3, 2018

Deadline for Reservations: ~~Postmarked by Friday, October 3, 2018~~ **Thursday, August 30, 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, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

To make a reservation at *DoubleTree by Hilton*, please return form via fax to 585-427-8673, 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.

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