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## Capital Region Archives Dinner

The Capital Region Archives Dinner Committee, a program of Capital Area Archivists of New York (CAANY) in co-operation with the NYS Archives Partnership Trust, is proud to present the *Eighteenth Annual Capital Region Archives Dinner* at the *Franklin Terrace Ballroom* on Wednesday October 9, 2013, at 126 Campbell Avenue in Troy, NY.

Our keynote speaker for the 2013 dinner will be Robert W. Arnold III, Adjunct History Professor at the College of St. Rose and Excelsior College, who will speak on the Civil War in New York. The Civil War was fought on distant battlefields but every New Yorker was touched by it in some way. The war had

intimate and dire effects on the families and communities of New York's many soldiers.

For further information about reserving tickets for the Archives Dinner, please contact Brian Keough at: (518) 437-3931 or [bkeough@albany.edu](mailto:bkeough@albany.edu).

The Archives Dinner Committee is also pleased to recognize individuals and organizations who or which have made significant contributions to the preservation and enhancement of local archives as part of our annual celebration.

Last year, we recognized the achievements of the New York Military Museum, the Conference on New York State History and Queensbury Town Historian Dr. Marilyn J. VanDyke.

In recent years, we have honored CSEA's 100th Anniversary, the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library and Clifton Park Town Historian John Scherer, the GE Elfun Society Volunteers, the Researching New York Conference, Susan McLane, Elaine Wheeler, Robert W. Arnold III, Andrew Raymond, Jan Allen, the late Albert Fowler, Len Tantillo, and Hon. Kathleen Newkirk.

### **Archives Month Activities around the Capital Region**

There are a lot of exciting Archives Month events happening throughout the Capital District during the month of October. Many of these are listed on the Capital District Library Council's Archives Month calendar. Visit [www.cdlc.org](http://www.cdlc.org), click on Documentary Heritage under Quick Links, then Archives Month activities.

### **Explore your Family Tree at Genealogy Day the Schenectady County Historical Society**

Saturday, October 19, 2013  
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
at the Schenectady County Historical Society, located at 32 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12305. The event has a \$5.00 admission fee and is FREE for SCHS members!

Schedule of events includes:

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
The Role of the County Clerk's Office in Genealogy — Real Life Stories by John Woodward

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
Using Court Records for Genealogy Research by Nancy Curran.

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
Local History Resources in Union College Special Collections and Archives by Ellen Fladger.

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Lunch Break – lunch off-site. List of nearby restaurants can be provided upon request.

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Accessing Historical Newspapers Online by Melissa Tacke.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Open Research Time in the Library.

For more information about Genealogy Day, contact Melissa Tacke, Librarian/Archivist at the Schenectady County Historical Society, by email at [librarian@schenectadyhistorical.org](mailto:librarian@schenectadyhistorical.org) or by phone at 518-374-0263, option 3.

The Schenectady County Historical Society is wheelchair accessible, with off-street parking behind the building and overflow parking next door at the YWCA.

### **Training Opportunities: Connecting to Collections Grant: Preservation Webinars**

Greater Hudson Heritage Network and several partners, including the Capital District Library Council, received a Connecting to Collections grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to help better protect materials in archives, libraries, museums and other cultural institutions throughout New York State.

Part of the grant money is being used to provide low-cost webinars on preservation topics. These webinars began this summer and will continue through August 2014. The next two webinar programs are: *Care and Storage of Historic Collections & Preservation of Digital Collections*. These webinars are presented by experts, open to all, and cost **only \$10!**

Please note that the first webinar in the *Care and Storage of Historic Collections* series is a

prerequisite for the rest of the webinars in the series. If you are unable to attend on the scheduled date, arrangements can be made for you to listen to a recorded version of the webinar.

For more information and to register, visit [www.c2cnys.org](http://www.c2cnys.org) or contact Priscilla Brendler at 914-592-6726 or [director@greaterhudson.org](mailto:director@greaterhudson.org).

### **Training Opportunity: Identifying 19<sup>th</sup> Century Photographs**

The Capital District Library Council's Documentary Heritage Program is co-sponsoring a webinar *Identifying 19<sup>th</sup> Century Photographs* on October 18, 2:30-3:30 pm. This course will introduce students to common 19th century photograph types and give keys to identifying them. The webinar is free for staff and volunteers at Capital District institutions, but space is limited and registration is required.

For more information and to register, visit the site of CDLC's sister institution, Central New York Library Resources Council (CLRC) at [www.clrc.org](http://www.clrc.org) or contact Susan D'Entremont at [susan@cdlc.org](mailto:susan@cdlc.org) or 518-438-2500.

### **Researching New York Conference**

*The 2013 Researching New York* will be held on November 14-15, 2013 at the University at Albany.

*Researching New York* brings together historians, researchers, archivists, museum curators, librarians, graduate students, teachers, Web and multimedia producers, and documentarians to share their work on New York State history.

The complete conference program, available shortly, includes more than 25 panels and featured events which examine a wide array of topics on New York State history, including many responding to the conference theme, *Religion in New York*, exploring how religion, religious practice, and expressions of spirituality infuse the history of New York State in a myriad of ways.

The conference keynote address will be delivered by Robert Orsi, Professor of Religion at Northwestern University. His wide ranging writings focus on social and cultural aspects of religion. Called "the reigning scholar of American Catholicism" by Publishers Weekly, Orsi is author of the landmark

study, *The Madonna of 115th Street: Faith and Community in Italian Harlem, 1880-1950* (25th Anniversary edition 2010), *Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them* (Princeton, 2004) and numerous articles and book chapters. Recent works include *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies* (2012) and *Catholics in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History* (Cornell University Press, 2012). Professor Orsi is currently working on a collection of theoretical and methodological essays, tentatively titled *Abundant History*, and on a social and cultural history of 20th-century Catholic childhoods in the United States, to be published by Harvard University Press.

Conference registration information is available at: <http://nystatehistory.org/researchny/rsny.html>.

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