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## *A Message From Our President*

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### ***Living in Historic Times***

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly a year since we gathered in Albany for our last annual conference in September 2019. And it is even harder to believe all that has happened since then. The year 2020 has been filled with uncertainty and, for too many, hardship and loss. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us all while also demonstrating the important role government historians play in documenting and interpreting history.

This newsletter is long overdue. In a “normal” year, you would be receiving your third newsletter of the year from APHNYS. Of course, this year is anything but normal. I took office as your new president in January, and the Board of Trustees and I were transitioning well and starting to plan and implement some exciting new initiatives to improve service to you, our members. We were preparing our first newsletter in February when COVID-19 started to spread in the U.S. That issue was scheduled to include announcements about spring regional conferences, the call for proposals for our fall conference, and updates from the board. And then, life as we knew it came to a halt.

Suddenly, instead of planning regional conferences, we were cancelling them. Eventually, we also made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person 2020 Annual Meeting & Conference, which was scheduled to be held this month in Oswego. Meanwhile, we sought to be proactive in responding, as good historians do, to the need to document the pandemic that was unfolding around us. APHNYS launched two crowdsourced documentation projects that historians throughout the state could use in their own communities. As board members transitioned to working from home (and, unfortunately, a few were furloughed), often taking on additional responsibilities both personally and professionally, they participate in podcasts, webinars, and meetings on documenting crisis in real time so that we could provide advice and assistance to you. At several points, we drafted new content for a newsletter, only to find that the information would be outdated or obsolete by the time it made it into your hands.

Ultimately, we gave up on trying to publish a newsletter that would take weeks to print and mail and instead decided to focus our efforts on timely communications via email. We regret any inconvenience this has caused to you. But, if anything, this pandemic has proven that government historians *must* be able to use

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the modern age's primary communications tool of email to communicate with constituents and colleagues. If you do not already have an email account, ask your appointing body to provide you with one. If they will not, you can easily set up your own account using Gmail or another

free email service. We highly discourage you from using your personal email account for official government business; establish a separate account for your work as a historian.

Despite all of the challenges and setbacks, your board has been working hard to serve you as best we can. We have implemented a new online membership management system that will streamline membership renewal and conference registration processes and allow those who wish to do so to pay online by credit card instead of by paper check. This system will soon be integrated into a new website that will include a members-only area with resources for historians. We joined the New York Council on Nonprofits and will soon be embarking on a comprehensive review of our bylaws and policies and an update of our strategic plan with assistance of NYCON staff. We also renegotiated our contract with the Lake Ontario Event & Conference Center in Oswego to allow us to postpone our annual meeting there until September 2021 with no financial penalty. Look for more information about these and other initiatives at our annual meeting and in future newsletters.

And most importantly, we have pulled together an amazing virtual annual meeting and conference to replace this year's in-person conference. The virtual conference is free and open to all APHNYS members and government-appointed historians; it will be held using the Zoom videoconferencing platform on September 21-22. If you are a regular conference participant, you will not be disappointed. And if you have never been to one of our conference, this is a great way to get a taste of what we offer. Look for the program and information on registering in the pages that follow. Special thanks to Vice President Matthew Urtz and Programming Committee members Mark Slosek, Lauren Roberts, Kelly A. Farquhar, Michelle Finn, and John Scherer for their efforts in developing a high-quality program. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Unfortunately, between our challenges in communicating with members who do not have email during the pandemic, combined with local government's fiscal challenges, membership renewals have dropped off significantly. We count on membership dues to cover APHNYS expenses. If you have not renewed (or have never joined), please consider doing so now. The 2020 Membership Form is included in this newsletter.

Thank you for all of the work that you do to document, preserve, and share New York State's history and the history of your own communities. And thank you for your support of APHNYS. Please feel free to reach out to me, members of the board, or your regional coordinator with questions or concerns at any time.

## ***APHNYS Covid-19 Information***

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, our state's government-appointed historians have been actively documenting the crisis in their own communities. You can read about some of their efforts in the regional reports. Throughout, APHNYS has sought to provide tools and support for their work.

In March, we introduced the APHNYS Witness to History Google Form that you could use to solicit written stories and images about life during COVID-19. Since then, we have collected responses from more than 100 people from throughout New York State. This form is still available for you to use in your own community. Feel free to share the link in newsletters, email, and social media and encourage people to participate: <https://forms.gle/p7FXXFDewViKUkaG8>.

In May, we launched a groundbreaking new crowd-sourced COVID-19 documentation project for you to use and to share to capture oral stories about the pandemic and its effects in your community. The APHNYS Witness to History PixStori project allows anyone anywhere to participate by sharing images and stories about their pandemic experiences from the safety of their own home using a web-based social-media-style application. The goal is to gather a large-scale collection of image-based short-form oral histories that can collectively demonstrate how people from throughout New York State responded to and experienced COVID-19.

"Responding to broad prompts, people are invited to choose or take photographs evoking what they wish to share, from their vantage," said Michael Frisch, past president of the Oral History Association and co-founder of Talking Pictures, LLC, the company behind the PixStori application. "In writing or voice, they describe what these images say and mean to them. The result can be a compact core of image, story, reflection, and insight—on their own ground, and in their own terms."

Using a computer, cell phone, or other device, participants just go to our PixStori project site (see below), upload an image from their camera roll (or select a representative image from our collection), and use their built-in microphone record a brief oral story discussing what the image represents to them. If they don't have a microphone, they can write a story instead.

We encourage you to use this tool to collect stories from your community. Share the opportunity to contribute on your website and social media pages; personally invite community leaders, first responders, medical personnel, business owners, school teachers, and anyone else you can think of; and send press releases to your local media. All people need to participate is this link:

<https://www.pixstoriplus.com/invitation/y3j79ZFh2GagiEF4h>. You may also wish to review the tip sheet that we've created to guide participants:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1rqicKMIh7Kl\\_V\\_Ev\\_g4UU8jBsunuJHXk](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1rqicKMIh7Kl_V_Ev_g4UU8jBsunuJHXk).

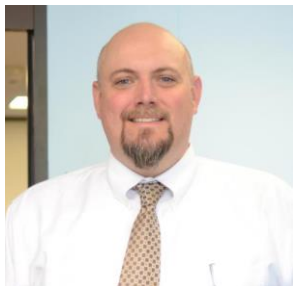
Documentation collected from these two projects will form the basis of an APHNYS COVID-19 Archive, but copies will also be distributed to the county and municipal historians in the jurisdictions from which they were received. In addition, APHNYS issued guidelines and suggestions for documenting your community's response to COVID-19. These can be found on the APHNYS website at

<https://aphnys.wildapricot.org/news/8865937>.

We are unquestionably still within a historical moment that will be of great interest to future generations. Government-appointed historians have a duty under New York State Law to document these sorts of episodes. The key here is to document, collect, and preserve as much data and information on the local reaction to COVID-19 as you can. Together we can ensure that we leave behind a comprehensive record of New York's COVID-19 experience from which future generations can learn!

Christine L. Ridarsky, President, 2020-2021

## A Message From Our State Historian



When I was a younger person, I often wondered why the saying “may you live in interesting times” was considered a curse. Why wouldn’t someone want to live in interesting times, I thought? It would be so exciting and fascinating; certainly not boring.

2020 has taught me that living in interesting times can in fact be difficult, if not actually a curse. We are living through the deadliest pandemic since 1918, the worst economy since 1929, and a time of the most civil unrest since the 1960’s, all in one year.

And we still have a Presidential election to deal with. As historians, we know the importance of documenting and recording these historically significant events, as they happen to allow for future generations to understand their past. However, the knowledge as they happen to allow for future generations to understand their past. However, the knowledge that we are living through historically significant times makes them no less stressful to endure.

I congratulate APHNYS for continuing to take a leadership role in facilitating the documentation of our current events for future historians. I also congratulate all local government historians who are continuing to do that essential work. If 2020 has taught us anything it is that none of us can know the future. But we can certainly do our best to ensure that future generations have as fully documented a past as possible so that they can learn from the mistakes that have been made.

I look forward to taking part in September’s virtual conference, though I hope for the day when such meetings can once again be conducted in person. As always, I can be reached at any time via email at [devin.lander@nysed.gov](mailto:devin.lander@nysed.gov) or by phone at 518-474-0206. Please be safe and be well.

Devin Lander, New York State Historian



### Editor’s Notes

#### The Roaring Twenties

Carol McKenna



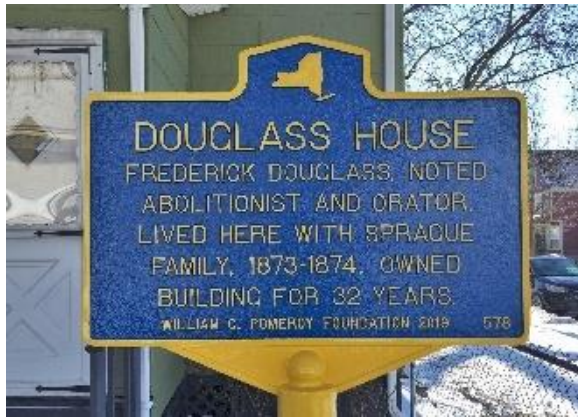
While I was not alive during the decade known as *The Roaring Twenties*, it brings to mind many images of flappers, bathtub gin and gangsters with machine guns. The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution banned the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors. The Volstead Act passed January 17, 1920 and the era of Prohibition began. It proved to be difficult to enforce and led to the illegal production and sales (“bootlegging,”) the rise of speakeasies where illegal drinking took place and an increase in gang violence and other crimes.

Support for the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment waned by the end of the decade. In 1933 Congress proposed the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment which sought to repeal the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment was ratified on December 5, 1933. Allegedly, Franklin D. Roosevelt celebrated the end of Prohibition with a dirty martini (his favorite drink - one part dry vermouth and 3 parts gin garnished with an olive).



In 1925 another noteworthy event occurred. It was the trial of John Scopes, a science teacher, who was prosecuted for teaching evolution in a Tennessee school. A recent bill made the teaching of evolution illegal in the state. Williams Jennings Bryan was a part of the team that prosecuted Scopes; Clarence Darrow was part of the team that represented Scopes. He was found guilty and fined \$100. The Tennessee Supreme Court later overturned his conviction based on a technicality. Shortly thereafter, Scopes was a graduate Geology student at the University of Chicago. He worked for Gulf Oil looking for oil deposits in South America. Scopes retired in 1963 and passed in 1970.





## Is it time to celebrate your community's history in a big, bold way?

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is ready to help with fully funded roadside markers. All grants cover the entire cost of a cast aluminum marker, pole and shipping. There's no cost to you! Check out their marker grant programs below. For complete guidelines, eligibility and how to apply, visit [wgpfoundation.org](http://wgpfoundation.org).

### New York State Historic Marker Grant Program

This program commemorates historic people, places, things or events within the time frame 1740-1920. Since 2006, the Pomeroy Foundation has funded over 640 of these markers across more than 50 NYS counties. The current grant round is open to the following counties: Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster (Region 4); Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren and Washington (Region 5); and Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence (Region 6). The online Letter of Intent to verify primary sources is due by Friday, Sept. 11. The final application is due online Friday, Oct. 2.

### Legends & Lore® Marker Grant Program

This program is all about celebrating your community's unique folklore and legends. These markers receive a lot of buzz and have a very distinct look. Is there a story in your community that should be told on a Legends & Lore roadside marker? Final applications are due Friday, Oct. 2. This is your last chance to apply in 2020!

### Historic Transportation Canals Marker Grant Program

Transportation canals played a vital role in shaping our nation's economic development and history. Commemorate one in your community! This marker grant program is available nationwide and applicants may select between two canal-themed logos. **The second grant round in 2020 opens on Friday, Sept. 4.** The online Letter of Intent to verify primary sources is due by Friday, Oct. 16. The final application is due online Monday, Nov. 16.

### National Register Signage Grant Program

This program recognizes public properties or historic districts across the United States that have been officially designated to the National Register of Historic Places. Grant recipients may select either a roadside marker or a bronze plaque. Applications are accepted year-round.

### National Women's Suffrage Marker Grant Program

To help celebrate this year's centennial of the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the Pomeroy Foundation is funding 250 roadside markers to be installed nationwide on the National Votes for Women Trail. Markers commemorate the people, places and things instrumental to securing women's suffrage in the United States. Visit [nvwt.org](http://nvwt.org) for more information or to begin the marker nomination process.

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# Membership

## Join or Renew Now! 2020 Membership Renewal

Membership is essential to continue the mission of APHNYS. Though we've had to cancel this year's in-person activities, the association is still busy planning a virtual version of our annual conference (September 21 and 22) and coordinating COVID-19 documentation. In these challenging times, your role as your local government's historian is crucial to ensure your community's reaction to the pandemic is well documented. And APHNYS wants to help you with this challenge.

We encourage the officials of each municipality to pay for your membership in APHNYS, as they do for many other officials. Our dues structure is based upon your community's population as it was reported in the 2010 census. The APHNYS Membership Year goes from January 1 through December 31.

Please note that we have a new mailing address for mailing of payments since the beginning of 2020. Be sure to inform the person who writes the checks from your community to update their computer addresses before processing the payment check.

Our payment address is APHNYS P. O. Box 1363, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

If you have any questions, contact APHNYS President Christine L. Ridarsky at [publichistoriansnys@gmail.com](mailto:publichistoriansnys@gmail.com), Treasurer Zach Studenroth at [aphnystreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:aphnystreasurer@gmail.com) or Second Vice-President Ray LaFever at [bovinahistorian@gmail.com](mailto:bovinahistorian@gmail.com).



Ray LaFever  
Second Vice President



## 2020 Dues / Membership Form

For January 1—December 31, 2020

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 Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues for Historians and Co-Historians 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 or deputy historian for more than one municipality, dues are required 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

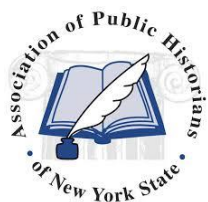
**Note:** An Affiliate Membership is for any cultural agency, educational institution, corporation, historical society, museum, or individual interested in NY State history and the work of the public historians of New York State. Per the APHNYS By-laws, Affiliates shall be non-voting members and shall not hold office.

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

**APHNYS  
P.O. Box 1363  
Sag Harbor, NY 11963**



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 2020 Virtual Conference

## September 21, 2020

Like everything in 2020, our conference this year has presented unique challenges. After the board of trustees made the prudent decision to cancel this year's conference in Oswego, we switched to the idea of hosting a "virtual" conference. Since none of us are IT people by nature, this forced us to all quickly try to figure out not only how to utilize virtual meeting software and to adapt how we offer presentations.

Rather than try to work with a large group of presenters, we parred down this year's presentations and focused on assisting historians to understand their roll and help them adapt to the changes that 2020 has brought. Some sessions will be familiar—topics such as historic markers, an orientation for new historians, and how to become a Registered Historian, but other session will explore topics more specifically relevant to the challenges in our world today. These presentations look at the new *Inclusive Historian's Handbook*, utilizing technology to present history, and documenting COVID-19 and the civil unrest taking place this year. The New York State Archives is also offering a virtual tour and live Q&A from Albany.

We made the decision early on to make this conference free to all historians. This will allow everyone who is interested to take part. If you are unable to make it, we also will be record most presentations and will make them available via our website. We hope that this is a one-year hiatus from seeing you all in person, though perhaps this year will provide a model that will allow us to make our future conferences more accessible to those who cannot attend. We look forward to seeing you virtually in September of 2020 and hopefully in Oswego in September of 2021. To register, go to: <https://aphnys.wildapricot.org/page-18059>.

## APHNYS 2020 Tentative Schedule

(Schedule subject to change)

### Sessions

#### 8:30-10:15 AM

*Training for Newly Appointed Historians (and historians that may just want to attend)*

Speaker: **Ray LaFever**, Town of Bovina Historian & APHNYS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

In this session, Ray LaFever will give new historians the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about what to expect as a historian, answer commonly asked questions and offer the opportunity for attendees to ask questions that they have.

#### 10:30-12:00 PM

Conference Kickoff & *The Inclusive Historian's Handbook*

Speakers: **Dr. Modupe Labode** National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution; **Kimberly Springle**, Charles Sumner School Museum & Archives; **Will Walker**, Cooperstown Graduate Program, SUNY Oneonta; & **Bob Weible**, State Historian of New York Emeritus

In this session, the editors of *The Inclusive Historian's Handbook* ([www.inclusivehistorian.com](http://www.inclusivehistorian.com)) will provide an overview of this free online resource and discuss ways public historians can utilize it in their work. The presenters will offer examples of inclusive (and non-inclusive) public history and offer suggestions of ways to incorporate equity-oriented perspectives and practices at museums, historic sites, and other cultural institutions.

#### 1:00-2:00 PM

*History & Technology: Ways to utilize video & other multimedia formats*



Speaker: **Julie Madlin**, City of Ogdensburg Historian, APHNYS Trustee & Social Studies Teacher at Heuvelton Central Schools

In this session, Julie Madlin will look at ways that historians can utilize video and multimedia as way to publicize their local history in their community. Utilizing digital media is a great way to reach different audiences and it is becoming easier for historians to create and curate their own content. Madlin will provide insight from her own work creating content as a teacher.

## **2:15-3:15 PM**

*Documenting the COVID-19 pandemic & the Black Lives Matter Protests*

Speakers: **Devin Lander**, New York State Historian; **Christine Ridarsky**, City of Rochester Historian & President of APHNYS; **Lauren Roberts**, Saratoga County Historian & APHNYS Trustee; **Dr. Rob Snyder**, Professor at Rutgers University-Newark & Manhattan Borough Historian

In this roundtable, different historians will speak about different ways that they are documenting the COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter Protests in their communities. Speakers will talk about state-wise initiatives including the APHNYS google doc & Picstory initiatives and more.

### **Sessions**

## **8:30-9:30 AM**

*How to become a Registered Historian*

Speakers: **Sandra Bradford**, Registered Historian Subcommittee Chairperson & Town of Hector Historian; Subcommittee Members: **Karen Osburn**, City of Geneva Historian; **Mary Cascone**, Town of Babylon Historian

In this session, APHNYS members Sandra Bradford, Karen Osburn, & Mary Cascone will explain the registered historian program, what it involves and how historians can apply. They will also announce this year's newest registered historians!

## **9:45-11:00 AM**

*Historic Makers & Primary Sources*

Speakers: **Bill Sauers**, President of the Board of Trustees at the Greece Historical Society; Representatives from the **William G. Pomeroy Foundation**

In this session, Sauers will briefly look at the history of historic markers and some of the errors that have been made. Representatives from the Pomeroy Foundation will follow up speaking on their grant programs and the importance of utilizing primary sources.

## **11:15-12:15 PM-New York State Archives Digital Tour & Live Q&A**

Speakers: **Jim Folts**, Head of Researcher Services New York State Archives; **Monica Gray**, Archivist, Researcher Services New York State Archives; **Tom Ruller**, Assistant Commissioner, New York State Archives; Executive Officer, Archives Partnership Trust

In this session, representatives from the NYS Archives will offer a virtual tour of the archives as well as a live Question & Answer following the tour.

## **1:00-2:15 PM-APHNYS Annual Meeting**

In the final session, we will have the annual meeting, which will include the State of New York State History by NYS Historian Devin Lander, president's report, membership report, treasurer's report, and elections for trustee positions.

## *Treasurer's Report and Financials*

Following are the *Income and Expense Reports* presented as of August 26, 2020. It should be understood in the context of these unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that our income and expense statements for 2020 illustrate a stark financial contrast with those of prior years. Projections in 2019 for the 2020 budget were based on prior years' experience; the reality of current events reveals the impact of the crisis. The organization's largest and traditional expenditure and source of income – the annual in-person conference—was canceled for 2020. However, because the income and expenses associated with the event are balanced; no significant impact on the operating budget is projected.

Finally, while the services of the organization have been compromised by the health crisis, such as the cost of regional meetings, the membership has responded well to the need for supporting APHNYS. The largest expense incurred in 2020 was that of upgrading the website and updating management of membership data (WildApricot.com), which will improve future operations.

APHNYS is well positioned financially for a successful 2021 and encourages members to continue their financial support of the organization.

Zachary N. Studenroth, Treasurer

### APHNYS 2020 THIRD QUARTER INCOME REPORT AS OF AUGUST 26

INCOME	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	To Date	2020 Budget
Bank Dividends Received	\$244.20	\$170.64	\$58.24	<b>\$473.08</b>	\$500.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
<b>Membership Dues</b>					
2020 Dues Received in 2020	\$2,760.00	\$1,105.00	\$1,595.00	<b>\$5,460.00</b>	\$12,500.00
2020 Dues Received & Deposited in 2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Total 2020 Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$2,760.00</b>	<b>\$1,105.00</b>	<b>\$1,595.00</b>	<b>\$5,460.00</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<b>Regional Meeting Income</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$1,750.00
<b>Miscellaneous Donations:</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$50.00
<b>Miscellaneous Receipts:</b>	\$26.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$26.50</b>	
Refund PO Box					
<b>Merchandise: (See also Conference)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$100.00
<b>2020 Conference:</b>					
Sponsors/Vendors/Scholarships				<b>\$0.00</b>	\$2,000.00
Registrations	\$0.00			<b>\$0.00</b>	\$6,500.00
Meal Income	\$0.00			<b>\$0.00</b>	\$9,500.00
Transportation/Excursion				<b>\$0.00</b>	\$1,500.00
Merchandise				<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>2020 Total Conference Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$3,030.70</b>	<b>\$1,275.64</b>		<b>\$5,959.58</b>	<b>\$34,400.00</b>

### APHNYS THIRD QUARTER EXPENSE REPORT AS OF AUGUST 26

	A	B	C	D	BF	G	H	I	J
		1Q20	2Q20	3Q20		Spent to Date	2020 Budget		
1									
2	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>								
3	Bank Fees	\$28.33	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$28.33	\$0.00		
4	Board Meetings					\$0.00	\$200.00		
5	Researching NY					\$0.00	\$200.00		
6	NCPH Conference					\$0.00	\$1,300.00		
7	Non-Conf. Postage & P.O. Boxes	\$172.35	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$172.35	\$500.00		
8	Non-Conference Printing					\$0.00	\$500.00		
9	D&O Insurance					\$0.00	\$1,300.00		
10	Outreach - Assoc. of Towns					\$0.00	\$1,500.00		
11	Accounting - Audit/Tax Prep					\$0.00	\$500.00		
12	Office Supplies	\$211.30	\$44.99	\$0.00		\$256.29	\$500.00		
13	Other (Museum Assoc. of NY)					\$0.00	\$700.00		
14									
15	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$411.98</b>	<b>\$44.99</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$456.97</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>		
16									
17	<b>COMMITTEES</b>								
18	Program					\$0.00	\$500.00		
19	Annual Awards					\$0.00	\$300.00		
20	Other					\$0.00	\$500.00		
21	<b>TOTAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>		
22									
23	<b>REGIONAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>\$34.88</b>				<b>\$34.88</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
24	Region 10 (\$34.88)		\$0.00	\$0.00					
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26	<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		
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28	<b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>								
29	Venue Deposit					\$0.00	\$3,000.00		
30	Meals/Rooms/Equipment					\$0.00	\$9,500.00		
31	* Transportation/Admissions/Deposit					\$0.00	\$2,000.00		
32	Printing / Postage					\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
33	Name Badges					\$0.00	\$500.00		
34	Advance Deposit					\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
35	Scholarship Recipient's Room					\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
36	Scholarship Recipient's Registration					\$0.00			
37	Folders					\$0.00	\$1,000.00		
38	<b>TOTAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>		
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### APHNYS THIRD QUARTER EXPENSE REPORT AS OF AUGUST 26

	A	B	C	D	BF	G	H	I	J
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41	<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>								
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43	<b>Web &amp; Social Media Expenses:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
44	Wild Apricot website (C. Ridarsky)	\$1,728.00							
45	GoDaddy Web hosting		\$42.34	\$0.00					
46	Total Web & Social Media	\$1,728.00	\$42.34	\$0.00		<b>\$1,770.34</b>			
47	<b>2020 Reimbursements:</b>								
48	All Reimbursements - See Exp Detail								
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50	<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>				<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		
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52	<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,728.00</b>	<b>\$42.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$1,770.34</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
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54	<b>TOTAL 2020 EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$2,174.86</b>	<b>\$87.33</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$2,262.19</b>	<b>\$33,500.00</b>		
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# *News from Around the Regions*

**Do you know your Regional Coordinator?** Regional Coordinators (RC) and Deputy Regional Coordinator (DRC) are your local conduits to APHNYS. If you have questions about APHNYS membership or services, don't hesitate to contact your representative.

**Region 1 – Vacant – No Report**

**Region 2** (Nassau and Suffolk) – **Zachary H. Studenroth RC**, 631-702-2406 or [zstudenroth@southamptontownny.gov](mailto:zstudenroth@southamptontownny.gov)  
As of June, 2019, **Howard Kroplich** retired as Town Historian for the Town of North Hempstead.

**Region 3** (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester) – **Will Tatum RC**, 845-296-5695 or [wtatum@dutchessny.gov](mailto:wtatum@dutchessny.gov); **Gregg Hamilton, DRC**, 917-817-7863 or [Gregg.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:Gregg.hamilton@gmail.com)

Village of Warwick, Orange County Historian **Ivy Tulin** reports that she and her colleagues Town of Warwick Historian **Dr. Richard Hull** and Deputy **Sue Gardner** have been busy filming short segments documenting the local experience of COVID. These videos are available on the Warwick Historical Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/whsny.org>. Neighboring Town of Chester Historian **Clifton Patrick** reports that the Chester Historical Society and the Village of Chester Arts are hosting an exterior art exhibit at the 1915 Erie Station, Chester's local history museum. Dutchess County launched an online COVID History survey in early April, which has netted 458 responses. The Putnam County Historian's Office created an online program to celebrate Putnam County Day in June, which is available here: <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/putnam-county-day-2020-a-virtual-celebration/>.

**Region 4** (Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, and Ulster) – **Ray LaFever RC**, 607-832-4609 or [bovinahistorian@gmail.com](mailto:bovinahistorian@gmail.com)

As in the rest of the state, historians in Region 4 have had to cancel many events (my Town of Bovina, Delaware County has postponed its Bicentennial celebration to July 31/August 1, 2021). **Karen Cuchinello**, historian for the Village of Stamford, Delaware County, has taken advantage of the pandemic to work on a number of projects, including compiling histories on houses in the village. **Geoffrey Miller**, historian, hosted the Fourth Annual Ulster County History Conference/First Virtual Mini-Conference on August 6. Entitled 'Rethinking Local History and How We Talk About It,' the conference focused on documentation and experiences of African-Americans. **Susan Stessin-Cohn**, historian for the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County has been having daily email communications with a local infectious disease doctor in charge of the hospital's Covid unit. She notes that "his writings are very powerful and thoughtful."

**Region 5** (Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Warren, and Washington) – **Lauren Roberts, RC**, 518-884-4749 or [historian@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:historian@saratogacountyny.gov); **John Scherer, DRC**, 518-371-2691 or [jlscherer@aol.com](mailto:jlscherer@aol.com)

No report

**Region 6** (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence) – **Teresa Brannon Haley, RC**, [minervahistory@hotmail.com](mailto:minervahistory@hotmail.com)

No report

**Region 7** (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie) – **Richard "Dick" Williams, RC**, 315-853-5018 or [apuliah@verizon.net](mailto:apuliah@verizon.net)

**Dick Williams** noted that "being a member of several historical societies in this area I can report that many are still getting out newsletters and trying to keep in touch with their members and the public. Oneida County History Center (OCHC) has reopened as has the Clinton Historical Society..." The Clinton Historical Society has programs for its 2020-



21 season all lined up and will provide them to a very limited live audience and have them available also on the Society's web site which is [www.clintonhistory.org](http://www.clintonhistory.org).

**Region 8** (Lewis, Jefferson, and Oswego) – **Justin White, RC**, 315-849-3160 or [Justin.white@oswegocounty.com](mailto:Justin.white@oswegocounty.com); **Thomas F. LaClair, DRC**, 315-686-5794 or [historian@townofclayton.com](mailto:historian@townofclayton.com)

**Justin White**, Oswego County Historian, writes, “For Region 8 there is nothing to report. I have been looking at this as the year that nothing happened. It is a time for all of us to do our part in a safe and secure way within Federal and State guidelines, and that it is what I would consider our report.” He went on to note that “All of us are doing what we can from home and answering phone calls or emails. We are a peaceful region and while there have been some small outdoor presentations by college students regarding peace and equality they have not been protests, but public awareness events.”

**Region 9** (Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, and Onondaga) – **Matt Urtz, RC**, 315-366-2453 or [matthew.urtz@madisoncounty.ny.gov](mailto:matthew.urtz@madisoncounty.ny.gov)

**Laurel Auchampaugh**, Town of Owasco, Cayuga County, has developed a large collection of materials related to the pandemic, including interviews of three local Auburn students caught overseas in Seoul Korea, London and Italy at the onset of the pandemic. **Bonnie Kisselstein**, Town of Lysander, Onondaga County, has been doing many zoom meetings. She noted “some are good and some are a waste of time.” **Matthew Urtz**, Madison County Historian, has conducted close to fifty interviews with local civic leaders, business owners, university leaders, not-for-profits, food pantries, teachers, etc. with four basic questions: 1.) What does your business/organization do? 2.) When did COVID-19 appear on your radar? 3.) How did your business, organization adapt? 4.) How will COVID-19 affect you in the future?

**Region 10** (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins) – **Kathy Ouimet, RC**, 503-508-2222 or [aftonnyhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:aftonnyhistorian@gmail.com)

Many of our offices and museums have been shuttered during the pandemic and though Phase 4 has allowed us to open, very few of us have resumed our normal hours. The historians that I spoke with have been compiling data on their communities to submit to the State Historian on Covid-19; many have been increasing their Facebook presence, such as the Town of Greene Historian **Peg Ross** who has been writing about women of her area and is doing a comparison piece on the flu of 1918 and the virus of today; Town of Pharsalia Historian **Jerry Sayles** has been scanning and researching local newspapers for information on his community. A special note of congratulations to Tompkins County Historian **Carol Kammen** who was awarded the 2020 Lehman Prize for Distinguished Service in New York State History.

**Region 11** (Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates) – **Babette Huber, RC**, 585-742-5065 or [bmhuber@town-victory-ny-us](mailto:bmhuber@town-victory-ny-us); **Rosa Fox, DRC**, 315-573-4493 or [rfox@townofhuron.org](mailto:rfox@townofhuron.org)

**Rosa Fox**, Town of Huron Historian, noted that in Wayne County, “COVID-19 precautions have closed many of our smaller museums and history centers through the summer and fall of 2020, a few staff and historical society volunteers around the county have worked hard to open their facilities. **Wayne County** is getting ready to celebrate Wayne County’s Bicentennial in 2023. A steering committee was established in 2019. This committee is actively working on a number of projects for this milestone event. These sub-committees, along with the Wayne Historians Organization have been successful in meeting frequently due to the social platform Zoom. Rochester City Historian **Christine L. Ridarsky**, reports that Monroe County is also preparing to celebrate its bicentennial in 2021. County Executive Adam Bello participated in a biannual meeting of the county’s municipal historians in July to discuss how best to mark the milestone. **Peter Evans**, Wayne County Historian, noted that he recently discovered a previously unknown letter signed by William Tecumseh Sherman in the county archives among other letters in a box without a special label. It has probably been sitting there for over 100 years and is now well identified and labeled.

**Region 12** (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming) – **Vacant --** No report



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