

Marybeth Majestic
Town of Gardiner Supervisor
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Gardiner, New York 12525

Re: Historian's Annual Report

Dear Supervisor Majestic,

As the Town of Gardiner's Appointing Officer, please accept the following report of my activities for January 2022-January 1, 2023. In following with regulations set forth by the New York State Department of Education, this report will be filed with the New York State Museum's Division of Historical and Anthropological Services.

Throughout 2022, the following areas of focus:

- Continued writing for the **Gardiner Gazette** with an historian's corner.
- Published articles about Gardiner in various publications (*New York History Blog*, maintained the Facebook Page for the Town of Gardiner Historian.
- I started a popular Facebook post series about homes and people of Gardiner.
- Facebook Ulster County Heritage
- Best Author of the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Magazine
- Appeared *Crossroads of Rockland Co.*

December 4, 2021

Christmas at the Fort - Author Book Fair

January 15, 2022

Saugerties Library (New Date)

December 28, 2021

Wall Radio

<https://wallradio.com/kate-brannan/>

February 24, 2022

Queens County Historical Society-POSTPONED DUE TO COVID NEW DATE TBA

March 14, 2022

Ulster County Library Association

6:00 PM Virtual

March 29, 2022

One Thing or Another Podcast

New Jersey

April 11, 2022

WGY Radio

Albany, NY

April 23, 2022

Hudson Valley Reading Festival

FDR Presidential Library Hyde Park, New York

April 25, 2022

[WJFF Radio FM](#)

6:45 PM

May 21, 2022

[Fort Delaware](#)

Narrowsburg, NY

June 2, 2022

[Marlboro Library](#)

Marlboro, NY

June 4, 2022

Barnes and Nobles

Kingston, NY

June 8, 2022

Civics and Coffee Podcast

Los Angeles, CA

June 9, 2022

Old Baldy Civil War Roundtable

Philadelphia, PA

June 11, 2022

[Saugerties Library](#)

Saugerties, NY

June 28, 2022

[Thought Row](#) Podcast

Los Angeles, CA

June 30, 2022

[Wappingers Historical Society](#)

Wappingers, NY

July 3, 2022

Gettysburg Heritage Center

Philadelphia, PA

July 13, 2022

[One Thing or Another](#)

New Jersey

July 15, 2022

Desmond Center for Community Enrichment

Newburgh, NY

July 28, 2022

[Historic Huguenot Street](#)

New Paltz, NY

September 29, 2022

[Schenectady Historical Society](#)

Virtual

October 6, 2022

Camp Olden Civil Round Table

Hamilton, NJ

October 7, 2022

[Clinton Historical Society](#)

Clinton Corners, New York

October 8, 2022

Hasbrouck Family Assoc. (Private Event)

New Paltz, NY

October 26, 2022

[Poughkeepsie Library \(Boardman Road Branch\)](#)

Poughkeepsie, NY

November 12, 2021

Barnes and Noble

Newburgh, New York

November 16, 2022

Walden Historical Society

Walden, NY

- Conducted research on history of Gardiner/New Paltz area

- Worked on monitoring archeological sites with the NPS awarded a certificate of merit.
- Responded to several requests from people looking for genealogical information. The majority of these requests involved locating specific cemeteries and searching for family names. (Schoonmaker, Jenkinstown, veterans, Old Guilford Church, aqueduct)
- Research for several articles with local author/newspaper writer **Anthony Musso**
- Appeared in ***Southern Ulster Times, Goshen News (Indiana), North Dallas Gazette, Bristol Herald Courier (Va.) and About Town, etc.***

In 2023 pending my appointment to the position of Town Historian, I would like to focus on the following items:

- Continue promoting the town's history via social media and local newspapers.
- **Franklin's Trees** a children's book about FDR
- Civil War Roundtable, Princeton, NJ
- Grant's Cottage Gansevoort, NY
- American Middle States Conf. Sons of the Am. Rev Tarrytown, NY
- Continue to aid with research for residents and authors.
- Working with local historian on Gardiner and 156th in the Civil War.
- Launched a podcast dedicated to local history called **The History Knickerbocker** on Apple
- Continue promoting the history Gardiner via appearances

Sincerely,

AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY