

Marybeth Majestic  
Town of Gardiner Supervisor  
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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 2021-January 1, 2022. 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 2021, 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).
- Facebook Ulster County Heritage
- Appeared Walden Historical Society
- Appeared Times and The Valleys Museum
- 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)
- Several appearances on radio talk show, podcasts, including **Wall Radio, Crossroads of Rockland County and The Historians**
- 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**

In 2022 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.
- **Unexpected Courage and Patriots and Spies** released after pandemic delays.
- Speaking at Saugerties and Wallkill libraries, Queen County Historical Society, Philadelphia Civil War Roundtable, Rough Draft Book Store and Café, Barnes and Noble (covid permitting)
- Continue to aid with research for residents and authors.
- Launched a podcast dedicated to local history called **The History Knickerbocker** on Apple
- Covid permitting Addison Gardiner Day with Alan Rothman
- Continue promoting the history Gardiner via appearances

Sincerely,

AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY