

2011 Reservation Form

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Gateway Tours

- The Gateway's tours are designed to help educate the public about the rich and significant industrial heritage of the Hudson-Mohawk region, the Silicon Valley of the nineteenth century, which continues to make important technical contributions to the nation.
- Besides these public tours, the Gateway regularly schedules special tours, on topics relevant to our mission, for school groups, clubs, family outings, and such. Call or write if you are interested in arranging such an event.
- Numbered Gateway tours **require reservations**, which can be submitted by mail using the enclosed form, by telephone at 518-274-5267, or by email (see our contact page for address). Further information and directions will be provided once the reservations are confirmed.
- The Gateway reserves the right to change, cancel, or reschedule any tour if conditions require such action.
- Gateway members **always** get a \$2 discount off the posted price of any Gateway tour. Some non-Gateway or co-sponsored tours listed here do not qualify for this discount, as noted in their descriptions below.
- Children under 12 are free (except on bus tours) and must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

MAY

Waterford/RiverSpark Canal Fest. May 7. 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A day long celebration of Waterford's history and waterfront attractions. Free.

#1. A Neighborhood Is Born and Then Reborn. May 14. 9:30 a.m., 3½ hours. Troy's Liberty Street was a major center of abolition and Underground Railroad activity in the years before the Civil War. A number of the properties have recently been purchased and renovated with an eye to restoring the street to its antebellum glory, while also bringing it into the 21st century. We will begin with an illustrated lecture by Barbara Urban, who will provide context for the expansion and growth

of the neighborhood in the 1830s. Then we will walk the street, closely examining the various renovations that are underway or completed. Jointly sponsored with the Rensselaer County Historical Society. \$15 each for lecture or walking tour, or \$25 for both.
At 2:00 p.m., RCHS will host a tour of the Hart-Cluett House, focusing on the 1830s, while Richard Hart was Mayor of the city, and Betsey produced children 10 through 13, all while planning the weddings of the 3 eldest daughters. \$5 non-members, free members.

JUNE

#2. Oakwood Cemetery's "Northern Millionaires' Row." June 18. 9:00 a.m., 2 hours. Returning to the calendar by popular demand, this is not your usual Oakwood tour. Come inspect the lesser-known northern section of this famous garden cemetery, where we'll concentrate on industrial themes, visiting the plots of the Burdens, the Gilberts, the Griswolds, the Gurleys, the Harts, and the Ides. We'll start with a peek inside the opulent Gardner Earl Memorial Chapel. Jointly sponsored with Oakwood Cemetery. \$12. Sorry, no Gateway discount.

#3. The Empire Generating Co. Plant. June 24. 10:00 a.m., 1½ hours. Empire Generating operates an environmentally sensitive natural gas fired 635 megawatt electric generating plant. The site is also one of the first constructed under the voluntary NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program instituted in 2003. Come see what it takes to produce energy that supports more than a half million homes. \$15. (This is on Friday morning, not our usual Wednesday. Limited to 20 attendees. Wear sensible shoes.)

AUGUST

National Night Out at the Burden Museum. August 2. 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will be hosting the Burden Iron Works Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood associations at their annual public safety awareness event and cookout. Free and open to the public.

Civil War Days at Schuyler Flatts. August 20-21. The Gateway is pleased to be a co-sponsor with a number of other organizations of this weekend long event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of our Civil War. Authentic period reenactors, music, and exhibits will bring to life the period of our nation's greatest political and social strife. Not only will we have a display, but we will also be selling signed copies of our own Steve Muller's Gateway publication, *Troy, New York and the Building of the USS Monitor*. Free. See www.nycivilwar150.org for additional information.

SEPTEMBER

Saratoga Springs Civil War Encampment. September 16-18. Another weekend-long event commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of our Civil War. Authentic period reenactors, music, and exhibits will bring to life the period of our nation's greatest political and social strife. Not only will we have a display, but we will also be selling signed copies of our own Steve Muller's Gateway publication, *Troy, New York and the Building of the USS Monitor*. Free.

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#4. Troy's Tiffany Treasures. September 24. 1:00 p.m., 3 hours. One of our most popular tours of all time. Troy may very well have more Tiffany windows per square mile than any other city in the nation. We will briefly describe the life's work of Louis Comfort Tiffany and then guide you on a walking and driving tour of the abundant Tiffany windows and interior designs in downtown Troy. **This always sells out, so be sure to register early.** \$20.

• As it is every year, our Tiffany Treasures tour is a Hudson River Valley Ramble event. For those who might want to enjoy a full day of Tiffany windows, Troy's Oakwood Cemetery will also be hosting a Ramble event on the morning of this same day. Their tour will highlight the Tiffany and Armstrong windows in the opulent Gardner Earl Memorial Chapel. If you have never seen the grandeur of this building, you should not miss the opportunity. Call 1-800-556-6273 for details and reservations. (Please note that the Gateway does not take reservations for the Oakwood tour. Sorry, no Gateway discount.)

OCTOBER

Don't forget to attend the Gateway's annual Gala. It is always a highlight of the year. Call 518-274-5267 for further details.

#5. The Monitor Contract and the Troy Banks. October 1. 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Two Troy iron masters were instrumental in getting the USS *Monitor* approved and built as an answer to the threat of the Confederate CSS *Virginia* (formerly USS *Merrimac*.) The construction contract was signed in Troy on October 4, 1861. We will visit the sites that were involved, as well as take a

walk along "Banker's Row" to discuss the financial institutions that guaranteed the successful completion and performance of the vessel. \$15.

#6. Annual Fall Foliage Bus Trip: The Copake Iron Works Museum. October 15. 9:00 a.m., 9 hours. Located in the Taconic State Park abutting Massachusetts and Connecticut, this was an iron center dating from 1845 through the early 1920s. The original furnace still stands, as do the owner's and workers' housing, and a museum in the old machine shop. (It was the viewing of this site that turned the late and legendary Richard Sanders Allen into an iron enthusiast.) \$69 includes tour, bus, snacks, lunch, and all materials.

NOVEMBER

#7. Origins of the Modern Horseshoe. November 12. 2:00 p.m., 2 hours. One of our most enduringly popular tours. The modern machine made horseshoe was invented in South Troy, and the original and subsequent patents were awarded to Henry Burden. By the late 19c this historic site was producing nearly one million horseshoes a week, powered in part by the most powerful vertical water wheel in history and, in all probability, the model for the world's first Ferris Wheel. Come see this internationally significant spot and learn about the transition from blacksmith to farrier, including a demonstration of working models of Henry Burden's horseshoe making machines. We will have on display the original 1835 Letters Patent for a horseshoe machine issued to Burden and personally signed by President Andrew Jackson.

We will follow this session with an optional hike through the woods to the water wheel site. \$15.

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the signing in Troy of the contract for the construction of the USS *Monitor*. Shown above is an image of a bronze bas-relief of the famous battle between the *Monitor* and the CSS *Virginia*, more popularly known as the *Merrimac*, which occurred on 09 March 1862. Attributed to Caspar Buberl, this sculpture is mounted on the 1891 Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Troy.

Photo by Karen A. Barrett.
See event #5 inside.