



**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ESQUATAK  
PO Box 241, East Schodack, NY 12063**

August 2019

*PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2019 - 2020*

September 20, 2019, Friday, 7 PM: Early Dutch Homes in the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys. Our speaker will be Marilyn Sassi, an adjunct instructor at both Schenectady County Community College and Hudson Valley Community College. Her program will focus on examples of Dutch architecture from the 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> centuries including a few of the rural dwellings that are still intact. Schodack Town Hall.

October 18, 2019, Friday, 7 PM: Preserving Family Papers. Our speaker will be Jonathan Palmer, Archivist, at the Vedder Research Library of the Greene County Historical Society in Coxsackie. He will discuss what types of personal documents to save for future generations, how to organize them and what resources are available to assist in preserving them. Grace United Methodist Church, Nassau.

November 15, 2019, Friday, 7 PM: Eighty Year Old Widow. Ron Gabriele, a former associate professor at Columbia-Greene Community College will be speaking on Helen Dortch Longstreet who at the start of World War II took on the job of riveting B-29 bombers. She was one of the best riveters at the factory and an original "Rosie the Riveter". Mr. Gabriele will also present other interesting information about the B-29 bombers. Castleton Fire House.

February 21, 2020, Friday, 7 PM: Russell Sage, the Money King. Our speaker will be Michael P. Barrett, Executive Director of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway and Burden Iron Works Museum in Troy. Mr. Barrett will discuss the story of Russell Sage, a "Robber Baron" of the Gilded Age and how, after Sage's death in 1906, his wife's reaction to his passing became one of the greatest stories of philanthropic retaliation in American history. Castleton Fire House.

March 20, 2020, Friday, 7 PM: Ireland: Songs of Hope, Freedom and Longing. Local Irish folk, ballad and rebel music singer, Don Kelly will perform familiar Irish folk and rebel songs and tell the stories that inspired them. Sing-a-long is encouraged. Grace United Methodist Church, Nassau.

April 17, 2020, Friday 6 PM: Annual meeting and turkey dinner. St Paul's United Methodist Church, 1583 Carney Rd. off Maple Hill Road, Castleton. Our speaker will be Don Rittner, local historian and author discussing his research and new book about the Troy Orphan Asylum. Sign up for the dinner in the spring of 2020.

June 6, 2020. Saturday 11:00 AM: Guided Tour of Schenectady's Stockade District. Marilyn Sassi will lead us on a free, one hour tour of the exterior of eight homes and their history. She will also invite us into her home, the former Teller house.

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