

GATEWAY TOURS FOR 2017



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Shown above is a very rare image of Henry Burden's famous "Niagara of Waterwheels" that was recently donated anonymously to the Burden Museum by a long-time Gateway member. See inside for details about our annual horseshoe tour and optional walk up to the waterwheel site.

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 to info@hudsonmohawkgateway.org. 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 tours listed here do not qualify for this discount, as noted in their descriptions below.
- Children under 12 are free and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MAY

Waterford/RiverSpark Canal Fest. Saturday, May 14. 9:00 am, 9 hrs. A daylong celebration of the end of Waterford's centennial anniversary as the eastern anchor of the NYS Barge Canal version of the Erie Canal. This is one of the best free events of the season.

1. Industrial landscapes of South Troy. Tuesday, May 30, 4:30 pm, 2 hrs. By special request and in conjunction with the RCHS's exciting new project to update Bernd Foerster's seminal *Architecture Worth Saving in Rensselaer County* (1965), come enjoy a walking tour of the changed landscapes of the industrial end of Troy: past, present, and future. Co-sponsored by our friends at RCHS. \$15.

JUNE

Apollo- King Solomon Lodge Masonic Civil War Encampment. June 04 and 05.

The Gateway is pleased to once again be part of this premier weekend-long event commemorating the ending of our Civil War. We will set up a booth relating to the contributions this region made to the war effort. Authentic period reenactors, music, and exhibits will bring to life the period of our nation's greatest political and social strife. Free.

2. "North of the Lakes." Saturday, June 17. 9:00 am, 3 hours. Returning to the calendar by popular demand, this is not your usual Oakwood tour.

Come inspect the lesser-known northern section of this fabulous rural cemetery, where we'll concentrate on the plots of James A. Burden, the Gilberts, the Griswolds, the Eddys, the Gurleys, the Harts, the Ides, and so many more. We'll start with a peek inside the opulent Gardner Earl Memorial Chapel and Crematorium. This is a NYS Path Through History Weekend event, which is jointly sponsored by the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery. \$15.

AUGUST

4. National Night Out at the Burden Museum. Tuesday, Aug 1. 5:00 pm, 4 hrs.

We will once again host the Burden Iron Works Neighborhood Association, and the other South

Troy NAs, at their annual public safety awareness event and cookout. This is our largest public event of the year, and it is a real highlight for the kids, with face painting, art and music, and so much more. Free and open to the public.

World History Days at Schuyler Flatts.

Aug 20-21, 10:00 to 5:00 on Sat., and 10:00 to 3:00 on Sunday. Once again this year, this weekend-long event expands well beyond the usual inclusion of our Civil War. Authentic period reenactors, music, and exhibits will bring to life historic periods ranging from the Medieval to the present. To assist in this refocusing effort, our display will be celebrating the region's contributions to the Industrial Revolution. Free.

SEPTEMBER

3. Troy's Tiffany Treasures. Saturday, **Sept 16.** 1:30 pm, 3 hrs. This is our most popular tour 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 Maitland Armstrong windows in the opulent Earl Chapel and Crematorium, followed by a walk through this renowned garden cemetery. 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 this Oakwood tour. Sorry, no Gateway discount.)*

4. Collar City Ramble. Saturday, **Sept. 23.** 1:00 pm, 2 hrs. This will be our second Hudson River Valley Ramble event for the year. As part of a citywide Transport Troy day, we will host a two-hour walk around the new Burden Pond Environmental Park hiking trails. This is a medium effort, 2.5 mile walk, ending with an overview of the famous Burden water powered mill site.

The Burden Museum will be open from 10:00 am that morning and until 4:00 pm. There will be an exhibit and then a discussion at the museum about the changing landscape of South Troy at 12:15 before the walk begins. Come for some of the event, or all of it.

The online site at www.collarcityramble.com will provide further and updated information.

Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER

5. The Family Mausoleums of Oakwood Cemetery. Saturday, **Oct 7,** 9:00 am, 3 hrs.

This was a sell-out last year, so we will offer it once again. This beautiful rural cemetery has a number of spectacular mausoleums that serve as the resting place of some of Troy's most prominent families. Join us as we explore the family history as well as the architecture of these hidden gems. While most are privately owned, we will be able to peek inside a few of them while they undergo their annual Fall cleaning and maintenance. This is a NYS Path Through History Weekend event. \$15.

Mark the date and don't forget to attend the Gateway's Annual Gala on 19 October 2017. This year we will be honoring Ruth and Robert "Bob" Pierpont for their years of work in the historic renovation and rehabilitation fields, including particularly his service as the chief architect on much of the work that has been done and is planned here at the Burden Museum. It is safe to say that this year will be a blowout, with some really special treats. **Call 518-274-5267 for further details.**

NOVEMBER

6. The Origins of the Modern Horseshoe.

Saturday, Nov 4, 2:00 pm, 2 hrs. This is 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 and 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 wheel site. (If you plan on joining the walk, please remember to wear sensible shoes and dress for cooler weather in the woods.) \$15.

2017 Reservation Form

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