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President's Message

Summer 2021



Hello NYALGRO family. My whole family (mom, two brothers, one sister-in-law, two nephews, one niece) are going to Disney World/Universal Florida at the end of August and I am so excited. My husband is staying behind—which is perfect for the sanity of our marriage!

Conference Recap

As I write this, I have just returned from our Geneva Conference and have organized all the handouts we received from our great speakers. As I usually do, I also recall some of the people I met for the first time and got to sit and talk to: Amy from Northport, Danielle from Elbridge, Michael from Madison County, Cynthia from Interlaken. And the memories: 6:18 a.m. fire alarm call Monday morning (what a way to wake up), hanging out after the banquet playing games, the amazing staff at the hotel that went out of the way to make our conference perfect.

I would also like to send a special thank you to all our attendees in the virtual setting. We all had a lot of fun connecting using the Whova® app and I felt like each of you were there with us. Hopefully, next year we will see you in person! Honestly, I was worried about how the virtual platform would work and I could not have been more pleased. A very special shoutout to Board members Kerriann Harrington and Jessica McClennan for managing that aspect for the entire conference and making it possible!

Congratulations are also in order. First, I would like to recognize our scholarship winner Jessica Emhardt, Deputy Town Clerk from the Town of Chautauqua. Second, we awarded the Guy Paquin award to Lorraine Hill-Campbell, NYS Archives Regional Advisory Officer for the Metro-Long Island Region (also covering Westchester and Rockland Counties). Lorraine has served as RAO for the past 22 years, is an asset to her colleagues and I was honored to present this award to her. Next, I would like to recognize James Tamaro, who received the first ever "Flame of Inspiration" award presented on behalf of the Board of Directors for Jim's contributions to NYALGRO – not only as a founding member but also as a wealth of advice and knowledge.

Thank you to all that attended/participated this year to help make it a success. I would like to thank all the knowledgeable speakers, the wonderful vendors—we had six in person—and the members of your Executive Board. Please share information about our great organization with your colleagues and peers.

Planning for 2022 Conference

In late September your Executive Board members will be meeting to plan the agenda for the June 2022 conference, which will be held at the Crown Plaza-Desmond in Albany. If you have any suggestions for class topics, please email them to me at nyalgro2020@gmail.com. Your input is appreciated and essential to making the conference great!

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Changes to your Executive Board

We have had quite a bit of changes to your Executive Board over the past few months. Mary Ellen Beams, who was serving as Secretary, is planning on retiring from her position of Monroe Town Clerk later this year. Board Member Louisa Ingrassia has graciously volunteered to serve as Secretary beginning immediately. Brie Novack and Erica Linden are both stepping down to focus on their work and family lives. This caused there to be three vacancies on the Board. At and after the conference we had several individuals show an interest in serving and the Board met to discuss. We encourage membership to consider serving and we had three people volunteer. I am happy to introduce Matthew Shaler—Madison County Records Management Coordinator, Dina Falcone—Town of Lysander Town Clerk, and Colleen Rathbun —Town of Queensbury Third Deputy Town Clerk. I look forward to working with each of them, I believe they will be an asset to our Board and will work very hard for you. Do you want to serve on the board? We hold elections every autumn using a website called *electionbuddy.com*, so voting is now easier than ever!! If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board please send an email to Donna Mumbulo, Nominations Chair, at MumbuloD@dcmoboces.com

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions about NYALGRO or just to say hi! 845-928-6829 ext 7.

—**Desiree Potvin, President**
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Conference Class; "Inventory on a Budget" with Desiree Potvin



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My Experience as a first time attendee at the 2021 Nyalgro Conference

My experience as a first-time attendee at the NYALGRO conference was a pleasant surprise! It's amazing how much information I picked up in a matter of a few days. The first thing I noticed upon registering, is how friendly all of the members of NYALGRO were. Everyone was very welcoming and helpful. From Disaster Recovery to FOIL, there really is something for everyone who works with records. Upon returning to my office, I began to implement a **Social Media Policy** with guidance from Keriann Harrington, City Clerk of Oneonta, and a **Disaster Recovery Plan** thanks to Amanda Detschner, from the Village of Barker. I especially liked the **Inventory on a Budget** discussion by Desiree Potvin, Town of Woodbury. Working in a Municipality, I'm often asked to keep my budget low, and her suggestions are something I can use when managing my records. If you haven't been to a conference, I suggest you attend the 2022 conference. You will definitely pick up strategies to keep your office running efficiently!

—By *Dina Falcone*, Town Clerk, Town Of Lysander



Desiree and Mary Ellen Beams



Information on FOIL with Kristin O'Neil



Conference Class



Jim Tammaro receiving his recognition award



Mary Ellen Beams—retirement



Lorraine Hill Campbell receiving Guy Paquin Award

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Hon. Albert M. Rosenblatt, Historical Society of the New York Courts
September 17, 2021

The People's Records: Celebrating 50 Years of New York State Archives
Tom Ruller, New York State Archivist, and retired State Archivists Edward Weldon,
Larry Hackman, V. Chapman Smith and Christine Ward
October 26, 2021

Mystery Solved at the State Archives: Paying for the Constitutional Convention of 1787
with Adam Levinson, StatutesandStories.com, John P. Kaminski, University of Wisconsin-Madison
and Sergio Villavicencio, Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society
November 9, 2021

*Researching and Writing About the Life of Disability Rights
Activist Lucy Gwin*
with James M. Odatto, State University of New York at Albany
December 7, 2021

Exploring the People and Places that Make New York Great
with D. Joshua Taylor, New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
January 18, 2022

Black History Month: A Conversation
with Mary Liz and Paul Stewart, Co-Founders of the Underground Railroad Education Center
February 1, 2022

Hidden in the Archives: Stories of New York's Forgotten Female Figures
with Jasmine Bumpers, New York State Archives; Amy Murrell Taylor, University of Kentucky;
and Jennifer Burns, State University of New York at Albany
March 15, 2022

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with Aaron Mair, Adirondack Wilderness Water and Jobs Coalition
April 5, 2022

December 1813: The Fall of Fort Niagara and the Burning of the Niagara Frontier
with Richard Comstock and author Richard Barbuto
May 10, 2022

History Education: Bringing History Organizations and Educators Together
with Kristi Fragnoli, College of St. Rose and NYCHE; Grace Leatherman, NCHE;
Lavada Nahon, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation; and
Jennifer Hesseltine, APT North Country Liaison and K12 Education Consultant & Strategist
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