

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 2016-December 2016. 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 2016, the following areas of focus:

- Continue to write for the Gardiner Gazette with an historian's corner.
- Board member Shawangunk and Gardiner Historical Society.
- Carol LeFevre, A.J. Schenkman and Supervisor Majestic, brought author Ronald Knapp to Gardiner.
- Started documenting the burial grounds and notable persons buried in Gardiner/New Paltz
- Published articles about Gardiner in various publications (*Times Herald Record*, *New York History Blog*, and *Ulster County Magazine*)
- Created first ever Town of Gardiner Historian Facebook Page.
- Worked with the Plattekill Town Historian on numerous articles.
- Contributed to the Facebook Page for the Gardiner Library.
- Conducted research on history of Gardiner/New Paltz area.
- Consulting Historian for Historic Huguenot Street
- Responded to requests from people looking for genealogical information.
- Lectured extensively on local history and Gardiner History.
- Historical Consultant for a feature length documentary. <https://Vimeo.com/familymemoryservices/gwhq>
- Historic Huguenot Street published a booklet I helped create on the burial grounds on HHS.
- Interviewed on WAMC/Northeast Public Radio, "Listen with the Lights on"
- Interviewed WDST 100.1 Doug Grunther's Roundtable
- Interviewed WFNP 88.7
- Nicole Lane, Supervisor Majestic and A.J. Schenkman worked with the Ulster County Hist. Society to bring Women's Centennial Exhibit to town library (2017).

In 2017 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.
- Inventory the town's records for Hudson River Valley Heritage.
- Continue to aid with research for residents and authors.
- Design a series of history talks that would be open to the public. I am speaking at the Gardiner Library in 2017.
- Possibly create a booklet with Leroy Carlsen on these vanishing grounds.
- Pending book contract.

Sincerely,  
AJ Schenkman

Historian, Town of Gardiner, NY