

# **GATEWAY TOURS FOR 2010**



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Shown above is an image of John Burden, the nephew that Henry Burden brought over from Scotland to run his iron operations in Vermont. John later manufactured collars and cuffs and maintained a residence in Troy, where he died a century ago this year. (Photo from the Jessie Burden Wadsworth album, a gift from Evelyn B. Metcalf, with conservation assistance from I. Townsend Burden III.) See event #4 inside.

## 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](mailto: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 (except on bus tours) and must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

**MAY**

### **Waterford/RiverSpark Canal Fest. May 8.**

9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A day long celebration of Waterford's history and waterfront attractions. Free.

**#1. The DeFreest Barn at Rensselaer Technology Park. May 26.** 10:00 a.m., 1½ hours. Join Tech Park Director Michael Wacholder in an examination of the reconstruction of an historic mid-18th century Dutch "H frame" barn built by an early settling family. Retaining many of the original timbers, the barn is now reborn as a cutting edge multipurpose conference center. This visit is jointly sponsored by our friends at the Society of Architectural Historians. \$15.

## JUNE

**#2. Troy's Oakwood Cemetery, North of the Lakes. June 12.** 10:00 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 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 and Crematorium. Jointly sponsored with our friends at Oakwood Cemetery. \$12.

**#3. Cohoes School Street Hydropower Plant. June 16.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Brookfield Power has been working recently to enhance and update their 95 year old National Register hydropower facility located next to the famous Cohoes Falls. Not only have they made technical improvements to the plant, but they have also created a new four acre Overlook Park very close to the falls themselves.

Sturdy shoes are a must, and there is a fairly rigorous climb back up from the lower elevation. Anyone with a pacemaker will not be allowed into the facility. Picture ID is required for admittance, and no cameras will be permitted. Space is strictly limited, so reserve early. \$15.

**#4. Centennial Anniversary of John Burden's Death. June 24.** John Burden, nephew of Henry, ran the Burden operations in Vermont, and was later a collar and cuff manufacturer in Troy. The St. Andrews Society of Albany, of which John was a member, celebrates the centennial of his death by hosting a fundraising event on our behalf. Proceeds will help pay for the new roof at the Burden Museum. Call 274-5267 for additional details. \$75.

## JULY

**#5. The Kate Mullany House/American Labor Studies Center. July 17.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Kate Mullany was a young Irish immigrant who in 1864 organized and led the "Collar Laundry Union," the first truly all-female labor union. Join Director Paul Cole as he shows us the ongoing renovations transforming her home, now a National Historic Site, into the site of the ALSC, promoting the study of labor history. \$15.

## AUGUST

**#6. Civil War Days at Schuyler Flatts. Aug. 21-22.** The Gateway is pleased to be a co-sponsor with a number of other organizations of this weekend long event. 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 be selling signed copies of our own Steve Muller's new Gateway publication "Troy, New York and the Building of the *USS Monitor*." Free.

## SEPTEMBER

**#7. Robert H. Robertson, Architect of the Burden Office Building. Sept. 24.** 6:00 p.m. Join us on a special Friday night event as we show off what \$950,000 worth of renovations to our own architectural treasure looks like. We will then enjoy an illustrated lecture by Dr. Daniel Snyder, professor of architecture at Fairfield Univ. and Director at the Pequot Library, another Robertson creation. Dan will

show us a selection of Robertson's work "From Great Camps to Skyscrapers." Jointly sponsored with the Society of Architectural Historians. \$25.

**#8. Troy's Tiffany Treasures. Sept. 25. 9:30 a.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 afternoon of this same day. Their tour will highlight the Tiffany and Armstrong windows in the opulent Earl Chapel and Crematorium. 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.**

**#9. Janet Moyer Design Studio. Oct. 18.** 7:00 p.m., 2 hours. Troy based Jan Moyer is an internationally known lighting designer and artist. (See her website at [www.janmoyerdesign.com](http://www.janmoyerdesign.com).) Come visit her studio during one of her acclaimed training sessions, and then enjoy an evening walk through her six acre estate while it showcases the

lighting designs that have been developed by the students during their time with her. Please note that this is a Monday evening event. Appropriate footwear is strongly advised. \$15.

**#10. Our Annual Fall Foliage Bus Trip: The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Oct. 9.** 9:00 a.m., 9 hours. Located in Vergennes, the LCMM is situated on a five-acre campus with 18 exhibit buildings, a fleet of small watercraft, three full-scale replica vessels (including the traveling canal schooner *Lois McClure*), and a wide variety of dynamic education programs. See a working half-size model of the kind of horse-powered ferry boat that Burden built in the 1820s. \$69 includes tour, bus, snacks, lunch at the Basin Harbor Club, and all materials.

## **NOVEMBER**

**#11. Origins of the Modern Horseshoe.** **Nov. 20.** 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 patent was awarded to Henry Burden almost exactly 175 years ago to the day of this tour. 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 water wheel site. \$15.

# 2010 Reservation Form

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