

# 2009 Reservation Form

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

**MAY**

**Waterford Canal Fest. May 9. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** A day long celebration of Waterford's history and waterfront attractions. Free.

**JUNE**

**#1. The Rensselaer County Sewer District Sewage Treatment Plant. June 10.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Thirty years ago, this facility was cutting edge, but the technology has gotten a little long in the tooth. The County is now asking for Federal stimulus money to update its infrastructure to save more than one million kilowatt hours a year, among other things. Join Gerry Moscinski, Director of the

Sewer District, as he guides us through this fascinating but little known aspect of waste management. \$15.

**#2. EMPAC and West Hall. June 17.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Come for a guided tour of RPI's new Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media & Performing Arts Center. This state-of-the-art facility offers music, theater, media, and performance in what the *NY Times* has called "a technological pleasure dome for the mind and senses." Free, but donations will be accepted.

As a special optional treat immediately following the EMPAC tour, we will view the exterior renovations of RPI's West Hall, just down the street. Project architect Bill Brandow will discuss what was involved in bringing this 1868 former hospital back as a showpiece for the campus.

**#3. Troy's Oakwood Cemetery, North of the Lakes. June 20.** 9:00 a.m., 2 hours. This is not your usual Oakwood tour. Come inspect the less-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, of course, with a peek inside the opulent Gardner Earl Memorial Chapel and Crematory. Jointly sponsored with our friends at Oakwood Cemetery. \$12.

**#4. Medieval Architecture in Downtown Troy. June 27.** 10:00 a.m., 1½ hours. Join the indomitable Susan Griswold Blandy as she returns to our tour schedule with an examination of the Romanesque and Gothic architecture found throughout the downtown area. \$15.

**JULY**

**#5. Herman Melville in Lansingburgh. July 11.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Melville completed his

education and left on his first sea voyages from his family home on the shore of the Hudson River. Upon his return, he wrote his first two novels, and other things, in the front room of the house. Our cosponsor and owner of the house, the Lansingburg Historical Society, will open for a visit, and Warren Broderick will speak on Melville's life and work. We will then take a leisurely walk to the Academy, the boatyards, and other sites that Melville would recognize. \$15.

**#6. The Green Island Power Authority (GIPA) Hydropower Plant. July 18.** 10:00 a.m., 1½ hours. Originally built in 1920 by Henry Ford to power his new radiator factory, the plant is now owned by GIPA. Its low cost power has been a huge incentive to the development of the town, and plans are afoot to modernize and increase capacity by a factor of eight. (Please note that anyone with a pacemaker will not be permitted inside the facility.) \$15.

**AUGUST**

**#7. Origins of the Modern Horseshoe. Aug. 25.** 2:00 p.m., 2 hours. Brighten a Dark Tuesday at the track with one of our most enduringly popular tours. The modern machine made horseshoe was invented in South Troy, and 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. While the Saratoga thoroughbred track is closed, take a side trip to this internationally significant spot and learn about the transition from blacksmith to machine, including a demonstration of working models

of Henry Burden's horseshoe making machines. We will follow this session with an optional hike through the woods to the water wheel site. \$15.

## SEPTEMBER

**#8. Troy's Tiffany Treasures. Sept. 12.** 1:00 p.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.** \$15.

• 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 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 800-556-6273 for details and reservations. (The Gateway will not be taking these reservations. Sorry, no Gateway discount.)

**Hudson-Fulton Quadricentennial Event at the Burden Museum.** September 23. The Gateway hosts "Nineteenth Century Day" as part of Troy's week-long celebration of the milestone anniversaries. There will be a special Bicentennial exhibit on Hanks bells and other products, as well as a celebration of the Museum's selection as one of the 2009 "Seven to Save" sites by the Preservation League of New York State. Call 274-5267 for all the details. Free.

## 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. The 200th Anniversary of Troy Iron and Nail Factory/ Burden Iron Co. October 3.** 10:00 a.m., 2 hours. Two years after the first Troy iron mill was begun, the Troy Iron and Nail Factory was organized using the next highest available waterpower source on the Wynantskill. This entity would be transformed under the guidance and inventive skills of Henry Burden into one of the most important iron companies in the nation. This overview lecture and subsequent walking tour will examine the remnants of that early water powered industrial site and its subsequent incarnations. \$15.

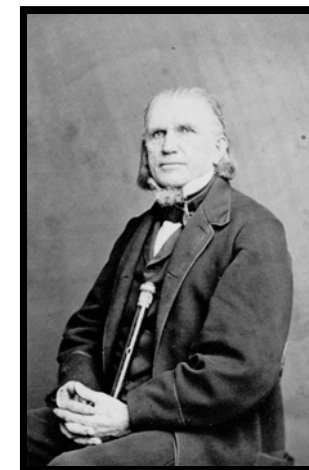
**#10. Our Annual Fall Foliage Bus Trip: A Tour of the Burden Iron Company in Southern Vermont. October 10.** 9:00 a.m., 8 hours. What? The Burden Company in Vermont? Yes, in fact, the pressure for Civil War horseshoe production sent the Burdens across the border in search of raw materials. Join archeologist and historian Victor Rolando as we follow the route of the Troy & Boston rail line that brought those materials to Troy, and visit the ore mines and washing and blast furnace sites between Shaftsbury and the Bennington area. After lunch at the fabulous Park-McCullough House, we will head west to the Furnace Grove sites and then south to Pownal where the limestone quarries were located. \$69 includes tour, bus, snacks, lunch, and all materials.

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Shown above is an image of Henry Burden, taken from page 21 of the photo album owned by his daughter Jessie Burden Wadsworth. (Special thanks to the late Evelyn Byrd Gates Metcalf for this priceless gift, and to her cousin I. Townsend Burden III for his assistance in its conservation.)