



## NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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### **New Scotland Historical Association's Draft Program Schedule 2019-20** (Titles are tentative and subject to change)

**Oct. 1, 2019 (7:30pm-9:30pm) This Old Historic House: How to Restore a Period Home** - Architect John Mesick will talk about how one should restore a period house. A retired architect, John's former firm worked for nearly forty years in restoring interiors of the NYS Capitol as well as on restoration projects at Jefferson's two homes, Monticello and Poplar Forest, and several of his buildings at the University of Virginia.

**Nov. 3, 2019 (2:00pm) - Albany's Lost 98 Acres** - In 1962, the New York State seized 40 blocks in the core of downtown Albany for construction of Empire State Plaza. During the next two-and-a-half years, the State tore down 1,150 buildings, displacing roughly 400 small businesses, 3,300 households, and 7,000 people—over 5% of the city's population. Historian Dr. David Hochfelder will tell some of the stories of these people and their communities.

**Dec. 3, 2019 (7:30pm) Demon Rum! Songs of Temperance and Prohibition** Take something away, you only make it more attractive. Songs of temperance and prohibition come from both sides of the bar, with some trying to quell the flow of demon rum and others hurrying to drink it up. As ever, Lost Radio Rounders finds the history, the humor and the pathos in the great American battle over the bottle.

**Feb. 2, 2020 (2:00pm) Bob and Ray Eberle, the pride of Hoosick Falls** - Hoosick Falls natives, Bob and his brother, Ray Eberle were both singing stars of the Big Band era. They were extremely popular, singing with the likes of Jimmy Dorsey, and Glen Miller, and in popularity polls were consistently ranked with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. NSHA member and musician Bob Suss will describe the brother's careers with pictures, and audio clips.

**March 1, 2020 (2:00pm) Genealogy Research at the NY State Archives** - John Diefenderfer, of the New York State Archives, will provide an overview of the records at the State Archives that are rich genealogical sources including real property records, military service records, census records, naturalization records and wills and probate records. He will also demonstrate the online access tools available to researchers to locate information at the Archives.

**[Change] April 14, 2020 (7:30pm) "Getting the Job Done: Construction, Builders, and Building Materials in the Upper Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, 1755-1765."** The French and Indian War transformed Albany and its surrounding area. The growth in the region included the construction of a number of large residences that followed the model of English "country seats." Archeologist Walter Wheeler will examine construction practices, materials acquisition, and labor sources used to construct these buildings.

**May 5, 2020 (7:30pm) The Ten Broeck Family and its Mansion 1798-1947** - Ten Broeck Mansion staff will present a virtual tour of the Mansion and discuss the members of this prominent Albany family who lived there.

**All Programs will be held at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center**