



# Aurora Historical Society Speaker Series 2019-2020

The Aurora Historical Society hosts an exciting and informative speaker series. Presentations take place at the Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street in East Aurora. Meetings begin with refreshments at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

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**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

## On Alexander von Humboldt's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

### Exploring the Connections between Humboldt, the City of Buffalo, and President Millard Fillmore

Stephen Vermette, Professor of Geography, Department of Geography & Planning, SUNY Buffalo State

Have you driven on Humboldt Parkway in Buffalo? Why does Buffalo have a road named for a Prussian scientist? Come learn about Buffalo's and Millard Fillmore's connection to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Humboldt's birth in 1769!



**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

## Aurora Historical Society Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Reception

The annual meeting of the Aurora Historical Society includes election of board members and adoption of the 2020 budget. Following official business, we will hold a member and volunteer appreciation reception.

*Not a member yet? Please join us and find out what membership could mean to you!*

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

## Battle Over the Ballot: East Aurora's Journey through Women's Suffrage



Robert Lowell Goller, Town of Aurora Historian

In commemoration of the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Aurora Town Historian Rob Goller will explore the women's suffrage efforts in the Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora in the decades leading up to November 1917, when women were granted the right to vote in New York State. This presentation will go beyond the important role the Roycroft played in the movement and explore lesser-known local suffrage workers; the challenge to convince East Aurorans—both male and female—that women were qualified to vote; and the local efforts after 1917 to encourage women to cast their ballots and run for office.

**Thursday,**  
**Heritage Dis-**

**CANCELLED**

**March 26, 2020**

**covery Center**

Barb and Don Owens

All under one roof in South Historical Society, the Steel Plant thanks to the Owens family of East Aurora. Come learn more about their dedication to preserving Buffalo history.

Buffalo are housed the Western New York Railway Museum, and the Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society—



**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

## Postcards: A Pictorial History of East Aurora and More

Grace Meibohm, Meibohm Fine Arts Inc. of East Aurora



"I have been collecting postcards for more than 30 years. With my love for local history, my postcard collection has grown in series including: the Roycroft Campus, East Aurora and surrounding Southtown hamlets, artist Margaret Evans Price and certain areas of Buffalo. The stories that postcards tell through the varied commercial publishers, real photo images, and the personal text written on the cards, to me brings our local history to life."