

OHA hosts history ghostwalk

Actors bring famous local figures to life at Oakwood Cemetery.

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The Onondaga Historical Association will host a history-themed summer ghostwalk in historic Oakwood Cemetery, where participants will be guided to visit "ghosts" of the famous and infamous of Central New York.

The "ghosts," costumed actors, tell their character's story while standing at the gravesite.

OHA's history ghostwalk of summer 2012, "Oakwood Revisited," will be held starting at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and June 22 and 23. Tours will leave every 15 minutes until 7:15 p.m., rain or shine. Tours last an hour and a half. Reservations are advised.

This is the second time ghostwalk is being held in Oakwood Cemetery, an outstanding example of 19th-century landscape design and architecture. Characters from Syracuse's past, including a convicted criminal, inventor, artist, military officer and a "shady lady," will be portrayed in various places around the older portion of the cemetery, which was built in 1859 between Comstock Avenue and East Colvin Street. The program will include a variety of new characters not seen in prior ghostwalks.

Participants should enter from the East Colvin Street entrance and drive to the gothic-style chapel, which was dedicated in 1880 and boasts a 70-foot tower made of Onondaga limestone. Parking is available there. Check-in and the tour begin at the chapel.

Admission is \$12, \$10 for OHA members. For more information and reservations, call Karen at 428-1864, ext. 312.