

‘Town of Onondaga’ book signing announced

“Town of Onondaga,” by Mary J. Nowyj, Town of Onondaga historian, is a new book in the Images of America series from Arcadia Publishing.

Mary has been a resident of Onondaga Hill for 37 years and has watched the main corridor of the area change from a sleepy little town into a bustling community. She taught communication skills at Onondaga Community College for 25 years, has authored articles and books on inspirational reflections and is the current town historian.

The Town of Onondaga was incorporated in 1798 and currently consists of eight hamlets within a 65-mile radius.

Originally part of the Onondaga and Salt Springs Reservations, the region was not part of the Military Tract of Central New York after the Revolutionary War.

Individuals arrived for its farmlands, mills, quarries, salt production and vast topography. A particularly fruitful crop in South Onondaga and Navarino is the apple.

The first Onondaga County Courthouse was established here, as was the first county home for the poor. OCC was built on a hilltop and has become an identifiable and highly respectable educational landmark in the town.

The book signing will be at Onondaga Historical Museum, 321 Montgomery Street, NY from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 14. Books can be purchased in OHA’s Gift Gallery or at cnyhistory.org/gifts/gifts.html.

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