



Western New York Genealogical Society

Call for Conference Presenters:

The Western New York Genealogical Society, Inc. is soliciting presentation proposals for its upcoming Western New York Genealogy Conference to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Buffalo, New York. The conference theme is “Finding Home and Forging the Future”.

The conference will celebrate the Western New York region – specifically the counties of Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany – as a unique place of shared history.

We are looking for presenters who have well researched topics and who are able to deliver informative, insightful, and engaging presentations to a diverse audience.

The 2017 Conference Planning Committee invites proposals for lectures and workshops that discuss:

- Original genealogical and historical research
- Local genealogical projects and initiatives
- Targeted local and statewide resources
- Research methods and strategies
- Writing and publishing of family histories
- Other relevant topics

WNYGS will provide:

- An honorarium of \$100 for each lecture or workshop session (If a presentation or workshop is to be conducted by more than one person, the honorarium will be divided among the speakers.)
- Use of a projector and laptop (with standard projector-to-laptop connection/support)
- Promotion of the presenter and his/her lecture in internal and external conference materials
- Complimentary registration to the conference.

Each conference speaker will:

- Present for one hour, including time for questions and answers;
- Provide high quality electronic presentations that are clear and readable;
- Provide helpful and educational electronic handout materials for distribution to conference attendees.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals must be submitted electronically (PDF or Microsoft Word formats preferred) to outreach@wnygs.org. (*Hard copies will not be accepted*). Proposals must contain complete information suitable for inclusion in the conference syllabus.

Please submit the following information in its entirety:

Name(s) of Presenter:

Company/Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

- Program Title
- A one to two page summary of the proposed session (including resources and/or bibliography where appropriate)
- Skill level of audience (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
- Presenter's biography - not to exceed 250 words.

In addition to conference attendees, would you allow your conference materials (handouts, presentations, etc.) with proper attribution and rights information to be shared with the WNYGS membership? _____

Deadline and Decisions

The deadline for submission of conference proposals is **March 15, 2017**. Each person may submit no more than two proposals. Receipt of all proposals will be acknowledged by email.

The conference committee will review all submissions. Selections will be made by March 31, 2017. All persons who submit proposals will be notified of the committee's decision no later than April 1, 2017.

For more information, please contact outreach@wnygs.org.