



## October 2017 Newsletter

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### 2017 Governor Hugh L. Carey Gala

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Irish American Heritage Museum, we invite you to join us for the Annual Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards Gala, November 3rd, at 6 PM at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center. We are honoring two of Irish America's most respected and generous community leaders: CSEA President & AFL-CIO/AFSCME International Vice President Danny Donohue and Retired NYS Assemblymember & Albany Historian Jack McEneny. The Museum will also be recognizing Governor Carey's Tax Commissioner, James Tully

To add to the evening's excitement, we will be joined by Anne McCloy of WRGB as our Master of Ceremonies, Irish dancing will be performed by the Farrell School of Irish Dance, and Toss the Feathers will be providing traditional Irish Music. Our honorary co-chair for the event are City of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan and brand new Irish Consul General Ciaran Madden.

The Irish American Heritage Museum, a 501(c)3 nonprofit permanently chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York as an educational institution, strives to tell the stories of the Irish and Irish Americans here in the United States. Our mission is to preserve and tell the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring all to examine their own heritage.

For many years, Hugh Carey served on the Museum's Board of Advisors, providing guidance and helping facilitate the Museum's educational programs and events. As you know, among his many, many accomplishments in public life first as a U.S. Congressman and then Governor of New York, Mr. Carey led efforts to end the violence in Northern Ireland and support peace in the region at a time when this was not a fashionable cause for U.S. elected officials. Further, he actively sought to foster beneficial links between Ireland and the U.S. by helping to maintain and grow commerce between the two countries and encouraging goodwill and sportsmanship.

Interested in joining us for the evening? Tickets can be purchased by calling 518-427-1916. Sponsorship, honorary committee, and congratulatory ads for the journal are still available.



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### Women of Influence: Honorary Alumnae of Russell Sage College October 18 6:30PM

Dr. Kathleen Donnelly, retired professor of Chemistry at Russell Sage College, will take the audience on the journey through the amazing women and their contributions that have been honored by Russell Sage College throughout its storied history. The stories told are highlighted in Donnelly's 2015 book "Women of Influence: Honorary Alumnae of Russell Sage College of The Sage Colleges.

Women of Influence is a series of essays about thirty of the outstanding women from diverse fields who were awarded Honorary Degrees from Russell Sage College of The Sage Colleges. Following an introduction about the founder of the program, James Meader, the essays begin with the first Honorees; Eliza Kellas, Founding President, and Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of New York. In subsequent years, women from diverse fields were recognized, including a cryptologist, physicists, educators, poets, a paleontologist, sculptors, Nobel laureates, activists, physicians, novelists, and more.



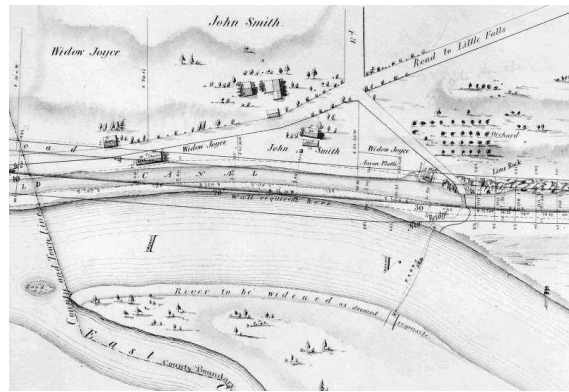
Some had advanced degrees, one never finished second grade. A common thread was that each of the honorees found a way to overcome gender-based discrimination. These essays are intended to introduce these remarkable women to new generations so they can continue to inspire others.

## Mapping the Canal: David Vaughan and the Erie Canal

October 26

6:30PM

Many of us know the story of the Irish laborers on the Erie Canal, but, as our current exhibit tells, the Irish story does not end there. Join the Museum as we explore the life and fantastic work of David Vaughan. Retired New York State Museum curator, Craig Williams, will present 19th century draftsman David Vaughan and the significant maps and observations he made on New York's Erie Canal. Surveyor, draftsman, and mapmaker David Vaughan, who came from Ireland to Albany in 1847, brought mid-nineteenth century New York alive through his skilled and artistic maps and documents.



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\$5 non-members

## Family Discovery Day: Celtic Traditions of Halloween

October 28

12-2PM

Did you know trick-or-treating, "Jack-o-Lantern," carving pumpkins and other Halloween traditions can be traced to Ireland and the Celtic New Year? Kids' Halloween Discovery Day explores the Celtic origins of many of America's Halloween traditions. Kids' storytelling and craft activities reveal customs handed down to generations of Americans from Ireland.



## Capital Region Irish Events

October 6 @ 7PM- Kevin McKrell and Jeff Strange. CDIAA. 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY 12208

October 8 @ 3PM-7PM- Traditional Irish Set Dancing. CDIAA. 375 Ontario St. Albany,

NY 12208

October 14- North Sea Gas performing at the Celtic Hall. 430 New Karner Rd.Albany, NY 12205

October 17 @ 6:30PM- Irish Citizenship Workshop (SOLD OUT!!!). Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 18 @ 6:30PM- Women of Influence: Honorary Alumnae of Russell Sage College Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 25 @ 11AM-2PM- Open Genealogy Session. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 26 @ 6:30PM- Mapping the Canal: David Vaughan and the Erie Canal. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

October 28 @ 12-2PM- Celtic Halloween Traditions Family Day at the Museum @ the Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

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