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**Orange County Historian hosting workshop to discuss the care and maintenance of historic cemeteries**

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun has announced that the County will host a workshop to discuss the care and maintenance of historic cemeteries from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the County’s Emergency Services Center, located at 22 Wells Farm Road in Goshen.

The workshop will be moderated by cemetery preservation expert Marianne McCaffrey-Greenfield, a 20-year member and past board officer of the Association for Gravestone Studies. Greenfield presents cemetery preservation programs for groups across the Hudson Valley such as the New York State Association of Cemeteries and New York Historical Societies, as well as area libraries, and rotary clubs. Topics covered will include the proper cleaning and repair of tombstones and markers, resetting stones, transcribing the carvings, and maintaining cemetery grounds.

Greenfield lives in Walton in Delaware County and owns Gravestone Cleaning Service.

“Orange County has a wealth of historic cemeteries, and some of them are in desperate need of proper maintenance,” Yaun said. “Because the tombstones and markers are made from a variety of materials, and have become fragile due to weather extremes, they require unique cleaning materials, and repair methods. Marianne is quite the expert in the field, and we know that attendees will leave with a lot of priceless information. We’re very excited about it.”

This event is free to the public, but due to space limitations reservations are advised. For more information, MJ Goff at 360-6978, or email [mgoff@orangecountygov.com](mailto:mgoff@orangecountygov.com).

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