

Orange County Genealogical Society

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Saturday, August 3, 2019

10:30 AM

1841 Historic Courthouse

101 Main Street

Goshen, NY

“In the Middle of the Hudson River”

Presented by: Donald “Doc” Bayne

In a powerful PowerPoint program of words and pictures, noted naturalist, historian, photographer and environmental educator Donald “Doc” Bayne will illustrate the intriguing and mysterious history of the 126-acre bedrock island that juts out from the west shore of the Hudson River below Bear Mountain. He will show early evidence of both Native American settlements and Colonial farms on the island...and when it was a tourist site with an amusement park, hotel and picnic grounds...and served as a major U.S. naval arsenal, complete with explosions and saboteurs...and why was a “mothball fleet” of ghost-like warships moored near the island at Tomkins Cove? How did Iona Island become a treasure today as a nature preserve for visitors?

Donald “Doc” Bayne is a former Environmental Educator at Sterling Forest and leads many educational hikes in the Hudson Valley.

Refreshments following the program

All programs are free and open to the public

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