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Cemetery Tour reservations open

MARGARETVILLE – Reservations for the Historical Society of Middletown’s 9th Living History Cemetery Tour are now open.

The popular tour will be held Saturday, June 18 at Margaretville Cemetery. Rain date is June 19.

In addition to the walking tour, offered from 4 to 6 p.m., there will be a special early bird performance at 2 p.m. on stage at the Open Eye Theater on Main Street to accommodate those with mobility issues.

Reservations for the staged or on-site performances are required and can be made by calling 845-586-4736. Tickets are \$20; those 15 or under get in free.

This year’s tour will feature portrayals of eight people from Middletown’s past. Tour goers led by costumed guides will meet these spirits and learn about their lives.

They include a pair of newspaper editors reflecting on memorable local events of the late 19th and early 20th centuries; the valedictorian of the first graduating class of Margaretville High School in 1896, and Italian immigrant storekeeper, baker, and labor recruiter Pasco Dilello.

A barber, a game warden, and a suffragist will be portrayed, as will an early emigrant from New England whose family arrived in the Dunraven area in 1796.

Directors of this year’s production are Marge Helenchild and Michelle Macau.

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