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**CLIFTON PARK, New York** – The Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern, a not-for-profit association dedicated to Historic Grooms Tavern, will host a slide show and historical talk by John L. Scherer on Sunday afternoon, April 25, 2010 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Grooms Tavern, corner of Grooms and Sugarhill Roads, Rexford, New York. Mr. Scherer’s talk is entitled, “Attractions of the Rexford Amusement Park: Luna Park.”

Mr. Scherer’s talk will tour the sights of Rexford’s very own amusement park once located along the Mohawk River near Alplaus. The park, first known as Luna Park, after the famous amusement Park in Coney Island, opened in 1906. The park had several different names throughout its life, known as Palisades Park in 1916, and later as the Rexford Park. During its heyday, the Park incorporated wide ranging special events and amusement rides with a picnic area for socials and clambakes; surviving into the mid-1930s.

John Scherer has been Town Historian for the Town of Clifton Park since 1978. He graduated from the New York State University at Albany with a B.A. in history and from Cooperstown Graduate Program with an MA in Museum Studies and American Folk life. He was curator of Decorative Arts at the New York State Museum from 1967 to 2009. Among other things, John is an advisory member for the Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern and Town of Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission. He was instrumental in founding the Clifton Park Historic Preservation Commission and served as its first chairman.

Admission to the talk is free and the public is cordially invited to attend this enjoyable examination of local history.