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**OGS TO MARK FALL SEASON WITH “CAPITOL HAUNTINGS” TOURS**  
**New online registration for this *spooktacular* look at New York State’s Capitol**

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner John C. Egan today announced that OGS will give special tours of the New York State Capitol that will explore the legends, folklore and “ghost stories” connected to the historic building in downtown Albany. The “Capitol Hauntings Tours” are free and open to the public and begin on October 4. New this year is the online registration tool that will allow groups of ten or less to sign up by visiting the OGS website at [www.ogs.state.ny.us](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us).

Daily tours will begin on October 4. They will be offered Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., through Friday, October 29. Tours will also be offered Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. from October 12 to 29. Saturday tours will be offered on October 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Reservations are required for these popular tours. Parties of 10 or less can schedule their visit online at [www.ogs.state.ny.us](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us) and larger parties should call 473-7582 to make arrangements.

Join the “ghost hunting” Capitol Tour Guides as they take you through the “hot spots” of the Capitol. Brave visitors will make their way to the exact spot where Samuel Abbott, the Capitol’s night watchman died in the Capitol fire of 1911. Then they will explore the legend of the “Secret Demon” near the Great Western Staircase. Find out which two Presidents of the United States are said to have visited the State Capitol after they died. Learn about the state Assembly Chamber’s secret, hidden murals and the tormented artist who created them. This hour-long tour has many spooky stops and offers lots of fascinating information.

The Capitol is closed on Sundays and on Columbus Day, Monday October 11.

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