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Julia Drahos' Fishkill Plains home will be featured tonight on SyFy's "Haunted Collector." DARRYL BAUTISTA/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

# Local medium's house featured in Syfy episode

#### By Nina Schutzman

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FISHKILL PLAINS - A local historic home will be highlighted on to-night's episode of "Haunted Collector," a SyFy reality series featuring parainvestigators normal summoned to find and remove objects or sources of unwanted supernatural activity.

The home's owner and medium, Julia Drahos,

who lives there with her three daughters and her father, said she has communicated with the dead since she was a child.

She wanted help from the "Godfather of the Paranormal," John Zaf-fis, host of the show and owner of the Museum of the Paranormal in Stratford, Conn., when a "menacing presence" came into her 143-year-old home.

"Like any person, if a spirit doesn't want to speak with you, it won't," she said. "This wasn't what I was used to."

Drahos' house will appear in a segment of the show called Play."

About half of the items removed from "haunted" homes end up in the museum, said Brian Cano, cast member and equipment technician special-

"By the time people contact us, they've tried everything and they're scared," Cano said.

Drahos seemed more nonchalant, he said.

She was like, 'All right, let's take care of this," Cano said.

Part of Cano's job is to electromagnetic

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www.poughkeepsie journal.com for videos and links to related articles, including a full interview with "Haunted Collector" star Brian Cano.

» For previous findings from Poughkeepsie Paranormal Investigators and IndyPara, visit http://bit.ly/XZYjBl.

» Visit www.missfannys.com for more info on Drahos' services.

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# In brief

## 2 Arlington firefighters hurt in blaze at IBM campus

Two Arlington firefighters suffered minor injuries Tuesday while they fought a fire at the loading dock of Building 6 at IBM Corp.'s Poughkeepsie campus, fire officials said.

Arlington Fire Chief Tory Gallante said the trailer of a shipping truck caught fire about 11 a.m. inside the

IBM Emergency Control assisted Arlington, City of Poughkeepsie, LaGrange and New H

with heavy smoke and the doo the loading dock sustained mi damage.

## Fireside Chat on FDR rescheduled for Thursda

HYDE PARK - Because of the weather, the Fireside Chat pla for March 7 was reschedule p.m. Thursday at St. James C pel, 10 E. Market St.

Linda Bouchey and Al Vinc retired Hyde Park educators independent Franklin D. Roos researchers, will take a look a relationship between the form sident and his dis