



HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



A Monthly Newsletter from the [Hudson River Valley Greenway](#) and the [Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area](#)

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What's New?



Greenway Board Meeting

On March 12, the Hudson River Valley Greenway held a joint meeting of the Communities Council and the Conservancy, including the National Heritage Area, in Room 250, the Blue Room, of the State Capitol Building in Albany.

Board members and meeting attendees were welcomed by Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings. The Greenway was privileged to have as a guest speaker Commissioner Carol Ash of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Commissioner Ash gave a presentation on the State's commitment to revitalizing its Parks system and protecting our historic resources. Paul Bray spoke on behalf of Commissioner Alexander "Pete" Grannis of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, outlining some of the important steps DEC is taking to increase sustainability and respond to climate change.

Greenway Community Grants were awarded to the [Town of Amenia](#), [Village of Red Hook](#), [Town of Washington](#) and the [City of Newburgh](#).

New Communities

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is pleased to welcome the Town of Malta and the City of Mechanicville in Saratoga County as a newly designated Greenway communities. The total number of Greenway Communities is now 244.

New Water Trail Site Designations

Three new sites were designated as Hudson River Greenway Water Trail sites: Bob Shepard Highland Landing Park in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County; Madison Street Boat Launch in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County; and Champlain Canal Lock C1 in Saratoga County, the first Saratoga County Water Trail designation since Saratoga became part of the Greenway.

Henry Knox

On Saturday, March 15, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area sponsored a press event to celebrate the unveiling of the first fully restored marker on the historic Henry Knox Cannon Trail. The event was held in partnership with the South Boston Citizens' Association Evacuation Day Committee to commemorate Evacuation Day and the restoration of the 56 granite markers that delineate the trail from Crown Point and Ft. Ticonderoga to Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston. The event was held at a newly restored marker on the state line. The event featured various Revolutionary War re-enactors, including the Fort Ticonderoga Fife & Drum Corps, the 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment, and representatives from the 1st, 2nd, and 5th New York Regiments.

The Henry Knox Cannon Trail traces the route followed by Colonel Henry Knox and his troops from December 1775 to January 1776, as they transported 59 captured artillery pieces from Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point to Boston. This epic campaign delivered cannons that enabled General George Washington to evacuate the British from Boston, a key victory in the war for Independence.




The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, with assistance from Dennis Montagna, Director of Monuments Research and Preservation for the National Park Service, will complete the project to conserve the New York State Knox Trail monuments throughout the spring and summer. The project will include conserving the bronze plaques, cleaning the granite stone of the existing monuments, installing new markers to reflect historical accuracy, and to replace markers.

An extensive [inventory](#) of the Knox Trail was completed in 2000. An interactive website, including a “virtual tour” was created, with location information, a picture and directions for each marker. The inventory record for many of the markers also includes pertinent historical information from the diary Knox kept during his epic journey.



Martha Washington Woman of History Award

On Sunday, March 30, Mary Mangione was honored as a Martha Washington Woman of History Award 2008 recipient by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh. Mary was honored for her strong advocacy of American Revolution programs in New York, including the 225th Anniversary and Patriot celebrations, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and the Henry Knox Cannon Trail. The annual awards occur during Women’s History Month.



Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due May 12th for our June Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our October Board Meeting. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

Other Grant Opportunities:

[Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#) is a federal, state and local effort to enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school. The Safe Routes to School Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. Projects must have a minimum total cost of \$25,000. The maximum total cost for non-infrastructure projects is \$150,000; for infrastructure projects, \$400,000. (April 1)

[American Rivers- NOAA Community Based Restoration Program Partnership Grants](#) American Rivers seeks proposals for river restoration project grants as part of its partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-based Restoration Program. (April 1)

[Digital Humanities Start-up Grants National Endowment for the Humanities](#) This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. (April 2)

[Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities National Endowment for the Humanities](#) As part of the Endowment-wide [Digital Humanities Initiative](#), these grants support national or regional (multi-state) training programs on approaches in humanities computing. (April 9)

[Picturing America](#) is an initiative of the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH), in cooperation with the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#). The goal of Picturing AmericaSM is to enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture by bringing some of America’s greatest works of art into school classrooms and public libraries. (April 15)

[2008 Small Cities Community Development Block Grants](#) The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation’s Office for Small Cities announces the availability of funding for projects that provide affordable housing, access to safe drinking water, proper disposal of household wastewater, access to community-needed services in local facilities, foster microenterprise activities and economic opportunities through the support of projects that create and/or retain permanent employment opportunities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons. (April 21)

[Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program](#) The New York State DEC Office of Environmental Justice is now accepting grant applications from community organizations for projects that address environmental and related public health issues. (April 23)



[Challenge Grants National Endowment for the Humanities](#) NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. (May 1)

[Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards National Endowment for the Humanities](#) Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards support individuals pursuing advanced research in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public’s understanding of the humanities. (May 1)

[Preserve New York 2008 Grant Program Preservation League of NYS and the NYS Council on the Arts](#) Grant Program to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations undertaking historic structure reports, historic landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. (May 5)

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions National Endowment for the Humanities](#) Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges, improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. (May 15)

[Worldwide Grant Program Tourism Cares](#) Tourism Cares' Worldwide Grant Program distributes charitable grants to worthy tourism-related non-profit organizations worldwide for capital improvements or programs as outlined on the website. (May 30)

[Save our History The History Channel](#) Save Our History is a national history education and preservation initiative that raises awareness and support for preserving local heritage. The History Channel® created Save Our History to support local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across America. (June 6)



[Transportation Enhancement Program](#): a federal reimbursement program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), administered by the New York Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Eligible projects include trail development and historic preservation. Workshops for potential applicants will held by the NYSDOT Regions and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), beginning in late February or early March (June 27)

Upcoming Events

- 7/3-13: Eighth Annual Great Hudson River Paddle ([registration now open!](#))
- 7/29-31: Teaching the Hudson Valley Summer Institute at Hyde Park. This year's topic will be "Teaching the Hudson Valley Diversity: Culture, History, and Nature 1609-2009."
- 8/12-17: Great Hudson Valley Pedal: A 200-mile journey from Albany to New York City, experiencing heritage resources, cultural resources, and parklands
- 9/13-14: [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#): Over 160 events including hikes, bikes, walks, historic tours, and regional festivals.
- 9/20-21: [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#)
- 9/27-28: [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#)



Other Upcoming Events Around the Region



- 4/4: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and events.
- 4/5: [Family First Saturdays at Neuberger Museum of Art](#): Explore "*African Art and Culture*" and learn about the various ways sculptors represent ancestors, family members and people around them. Live music will be provided by Purchase College Conservatory of Music students. (914) 251-6100.
- 4/5-6: [Hands-on Heritage Crafts](#): Van Cortlandt Manor encourages visitors to take part in historic tasks and crafts. Make candles, operate the blacksmith's bellows, and take part in spinning, tinsmithing, quilting, open-hearth cooking, butter churning, cheese-making, and more. (914) 271-8981
- [Exhibit Grand Opening! The Reptiles and Amphibians of the Hudson Highlands](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum hosts this interactive amphibian exhibit with live animal presentations. (845) 534-5506 x204.
- 4/10: [Scholars' Lecture at John Jay Homestead](#): Robert P. Forbes, author of "The Missouri Compromise and Its Aftermath: Slavery and the Meaning of America" discusses Rufus King, a friend and Federalist contemporary of John Jay, New York Senator, and voice for the fading Revolutionary moral opposition to slavery. (914) 232-5651.
- [Book Discussion Group](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum presents a book discussion based on "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver." (845) 534-5506 x204
- 4/12: [Community Free Days at Dia:Beacon](#) Residents of Columbia County are invited to visit Dia:Beacon free of charge for the day. (845) 440-0100.
- [Saturday Program: Frog Watch](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum teaches visitors how to monitor frogs in their backyards and become a member of Frog Watch USA. (845) 534-5506 x204
- [Storytelling & Art-Making at the Albany Institute of History and Art](#): Children are invited to enjoy "If you Give a Moose a Muffin" and then make their own muffin sculpture. Registration required. (518) 463-4478 x435
- [Washington Takes Command: Aronson Memorial Lecture at St. Paul's Church](#): Washington scholar and author Peter Henriques explores the story behind Washington's command of the Continental army in 1775. (914) 667-4116
- [Family Art & Gallery Adventure at the Albany Institute of History & Art](#): Inspired by the Victorian Era of design, visitors can learn how to create a Victorian shadow paper-cut. (518) 463-4478
- [Birds of Saratoga](#): Join Skidmore College ornithologist David Steinberger at the Saratoga National Historical Park to see the dramatic aerial display of woodcocks at dusk and listen for owls on the evening. (518) 664-9821 x224



4/13: [Family Hiking Club](#): Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and investigate the wetlands. (845) 534-5506 x204

[Garden Tour at Clermont](#): Bulbs, Shrubs, and Flowering Trees! Come to Clermont to learn about these garden basics, and much more. Reservations required. (518) 537-4240



[Open Hearth Cooking Workshop - The Taste of Spring](#): Using a variety of 18th-century "receipts," explore the delicious taste of early spring at Van Cortlandt Manor. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200 x618

[Paul Jacobs Organ Recital](#) Celebrated organist Paul Jacobs performs at the Union Church of Pocantico Hills. Jacobs, head of the Department of Organ at Juilliard, has a repertoire spanning the 16th century to contemporary styles. He has performed throughout the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200 x618

4/16: [Art Sandwiched-In at Neuberger Museum of Art](#): Enjoy an informal lunch talk and gallery tour of *Off The Grid* with exhibition curator Jaqueline Shilkoff. (914) 251-6100

4/17: [Images of America: Bannerman's Castle](#) Visit Fort Montgomery for a presentation on the story of Bannerman's Island and its fascinating castle. (845) 446-2134

4/19: [Guided Bird Walk](#) Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature during a guided bird walk on the beautiful grounds of Clermont. (518) 537-4240

4/19-20: [Earth Day Celebration](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum presents a fun and informative weekend about Green Living. (845) 534-5506 x204

4/21-25: [Spring Break Camp at Hudson Highlands Nature Museum](#): Children can enjoy outdoor exploration and theme-based projects. Pre-registration required by April 16th. (845) 534-5506 x204

4/21-24: [Inspired by Nature: The Art of Handmade Books](#): Explore and appreciate the natural world through art and poetry with artist Barbara Gioia at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Pre-registration by April 14. (845) 534-5506 x204

4/25: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.

[Church Tower Walk at St. Paul's Church](#): Enjoy a hike up the wooden staircase in the Church tower, leading to the historic, 250-year-old metal bell, one of the oldest in the country. (914) 667-4116

4/26: [Storytelling & Art-Making at the Albany Institute of History and Art](#): Children can listen to "How do Dinosaurs Learn Their Colors?" and then experience the fun of finger painting and color. Registration required. (518) 463-4478 x435

[Guided House and Landscape Tours at Maniotoga](#): Enjoy Philipstown Day with discounted rates for county residents. Reservations required. (845) 424-3812

[The Chancellor's Sheep & Wool Showcase](#): Clermont presents shearing, spinning, dyeing, knitting and weaving demonstrations, exhibition of various breeds of sheep and other wool bearing animals, wool emporium, music & food. (518) 537-4240



[Family Art & Gallery Adventure](#) Look at Victorian designs in the galleries and choose a design to sketch. Follow with printing techniques to create a stamp. Create your own stationary and letters by using decorative papers and folding methods. (518) 463-4478

[The Great Hudson River Sweep](#) Meet at Cornwall Landing with work gloves and sturdy shoes to help clean the Hudson River. (845) 534-5506 x204

4/26-27 [Sheep to Shawl](#): Celebrate the arrival of spring at Philipsburg Manor. Enjoy sheep-shearing, dyeing wool, and weaving. Scottish border collies display their skills with sheep-herding demonstrations throughout the day while newborn lambs roam the field. (914) 631-3992

4/27: [Creating a Field Journal](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will teach visitors how to sketch the natural world. Bring a sketchbook, pencils and a sitting pad. (845) 534-5506 x204

4/29: Planning for Biodiversity: The Hudson River Smart Growth Alliance presents a conference at Marist College about incorporating biodiversity into land-use planning and community development. (845) 505-0324



Opening Dates for National Heritage Area Sites

- 4/1: Cherry Hill; Storm King Art Center; Boscobel; Van Cortlandt Manor; Union Church of Pocantico Hills; Washington Irving's Sunnyside
- 4/15: Washington's Headquarters
- 4/23: Gomez Mill House Museum



Green Tip of the Month

This month, focus on keeping your tires properly inflated. Each month would reduce your carbon footprint by about 21lbs of CO2. Over the year that comes to a savings of about 252lbs!

All information courtesy of National Geographic's [Green Guide](#)

Heritage Spotlight

[New Windsor Cantonment](#)

In 1781, the Siege of Yorktown marked the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. However, the British army still commanded a stronghold in New York City and George Washington knew there were rumors the British would restart the war to take back the colonies. Therefore, General Washington decided to keep the army close to New York City until British forces withdrew.

In 1782, the Continental Army set up its winter quarters in New Windsor, approximately 60 miles north of New York City along the Hudson River. While the officers slept in nearby homes, soldiers constructed nearly 600 huts aligned in rows on over 1,600 acres of land. In August 1782, General George Washington visited the soldiers' huts to award the first Badge of Military Merit (the Badge would later be renamed the Purple Heart). In 1783, Washington issued a cease fire order, officially ending the war for the Army. During the occupation in New Windsor, the Cantonment housed a total of 7,500 troops and their families.



In an effort to preserve this final cantonment of the Revolutionary War, the Town of New Windsor acquired 167 acres of the original site in 1936. While many of the original structures had been lost, several of the structures were rebuilt to reflect the appearance of the site during its occupation. One of the most significant structures included the reconstruction of the large Temple of Virtue, which originally served as a meeting place for the men.

Today, the Cantonment is owned by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and is operated by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. The site commemorates the final encampment of the Continental Army and explores the day-to-day lives of the soldiers through uniformed interpreters who offer displays on blacksmithing, camp life, and military drills. Two museum buildings contain artifacts uncovered during archaeological digs, dioramas, and a large exhibit of artillery.

In 2006, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor was opened at the New Windsor Cantonment to commemorate the birthplace of this significant award. Today, the Hall of Honor seeks to preserve and interpret the dramatic stories of America's combat-wounded military personnel.

New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site, located on NY Route 300 in New Windsor, is open year round 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. & Wed.-Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun. Closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission; a special combined admission is available to the Cantonment, Washington's Headquarters, and Knox's Headquarters. 845-561-1765

Community Spotlight

[Town of Hillsdale](#)



The Town of Hillsdale was established in 1788 and was taken from the nearby Town of Claverack in Columbia County. "Hills Dale," as it was known at one time, lay just some twenty miles east of the Hudson River. It was here that a Swedish sailor, Roeliff Jansen, and his family arrived after traveling up that estuary in their small "krag." Most of what is now the Town of Hillsdale belonged to the Van Rensselaer family, major beneficiaries of the Dutch patroon system. As a result, much of Hillsdale today was once within the manor of Rensselaerwyck.

Hillsdale was also the setting for one of the heroic achievements in the battle for independence. During the winter of 1775 to 1776, Colonel Henry Knox and his troops retrieved munitions at Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Knox and his men transported these munitions over the snowy countryside to provide vital assistance for General

Washington's troops near Boston. Recently, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and its partners celebrated the restoration of the monuments that mark the epoch journey of Colonel Knox.

Today, Hillsdale is predominantly rural with five hamlets where development is more concentrated. The scenic views and natural resources have become the defining characteristics of the community along with farming and dairy operations. Hillsdale is also strategically located within proximity to venues in New York and Massachusetts, including Tanglewood, The Norman Rockwell Museum, and Catamount Ski Mountain.

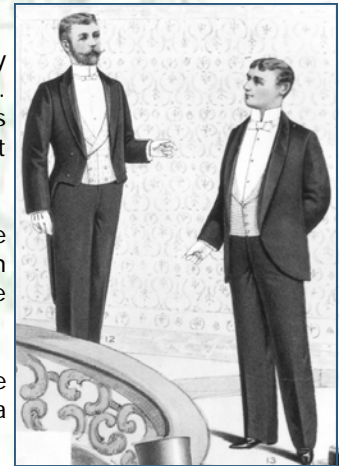
Did you know that the best-dressed in society owe their thanks to the Hudson Valley?

In the mid 19th century, Pierre Lorillard IV developed a resort in Rockland County for the "socially prominent." One of the patrons of this resort was millionaire coffee broker James Brown Potter. During a summer visit to England, Potter and his wife Cora were introduced to the Prince of Wales (later to become Edward VII). During their visit, Prince Edward was so taken with Cora's beauty that he invited the couple to his Sandringham estate.

At that time, Victorian etiquette dictated that men wear tailcoats in formal settings. However, Prince Edward had developed a preference for wearing a short jacket for formal occasions to provide an elegant yet comfortable alternative. When James asked about suitable attire for the occasion, Prince Edward suggested that James visit the royal tailor to have a short jacket made as well.

The Potters returned to the United States and James showed his unusual jacket to his friends at the resort. During the resort's first Autumn Ball, Pierre Lorillard's son and his friends decided to play a prank by showing up wearing similar "tailless dress coats" with their evening vests.

The event was reported in society newspapers but the prank backfired as the new style quickly gained popularity in favor over the traditional white-tie and tails. The jacket was named the "Tuxedo" in honor of this resort community, Tuxedo Park.



M. Born & Co. Spring and Summer Catalog, 1894 (Library of Congress)

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