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What's New?

Great Hudson River Paddle

The Eighth Annual Great Hudson River Paddle finished up its 11-day run in New York City on Sunday, July 13th. The 144-mile journey from Albany to Manhattan was a resounding success again this year, with paddlers stopping at several designated heritage sites along the way. The Hudson River Valley Greenway would like to thank all of our public and private partners in making this year's paddle the best yet!



8th Annual Great Hudson River Paddle

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route

Madame Chantal Chauvin, Deputy Consul General of France in New York, recognized Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Dr. Jacques Bossiere, Serge Gabriel, and Col Jim Johnson on July 14th for the passage of [Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route](#) in the House of Representatives at the Bastille Day reception at the New York City Consulate. There were some 350 people present, including Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

The Jean Hasbrouck House Reopens

The jambless fireplace, massive ceiling beams, and steeply pitched roof of the 1721 Jean Hasbrouck House have made it a focal point for [Historic Huguenot Street](#) in New Paltz. In 2004 the house closed after 105 years as a museum. Since that time, extensive restorations were made to the house including reconstruction of the north wall as well as reproduction and installation of Dutch casement windows based on the 1722 originals. The restoration process also unearthed a great deal of information about the residence itself including the discovery of an even older house underneath. For more information about visiting the Jean Hasbrouck House, call (845) 255-1660.

Henry Knox Cannon Trail Update



Tom Podnar Working on Knox Plaques

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is pleased to announce the completion of Phase 1 of the Henry Knox Cannon Trail Initiative. With assistance from Dennis Montagna, Director of Monuments Research and Preservation for the National Park Service, and Tom Podnar, of McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory, restoration was completed on the Knox Trail markers within New York State. These efforts included the conservation of the bronze plaques and the cleaning of the granite stone monuments. Phase 2 of the initiative will include the replacement of missing markers within New York State.

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.

Transportation Study in the Capital District

The [Capital District Transportation Authority](#) has partnered with the Hudson River Valley Greenway to issue a customer survey about the bicycle racks aboard CDTA buses. Feedback will be used to monitor and improve the quality of this service, as CDTA works to make transit use more convenient, safe and reliable for cyclists. If you are interested in participating in the online survey, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due September 19th for our October Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our January Board Meeting. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

Greenway Conservancy Small Grants will be due September 8th. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).



Other Grant Opportunities:

[National Parks Service](#) Rivers & Trails Program or RTCA, is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, State, and federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. (August 1)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#) The Access to Artistic Intelligence Grant encourages and supports artistic excellence, preserves our cultural heritage, and provides access to the arts for all Americans. This category supports projects that provide short-term arts exposure or arts appreciation for children and youth as well as intergenerational education projects. (August 11)

[American Hiking Society 2009 National Trails Fund](#) is the only privately supported national grants program providing funding to grassroots organizations working toward establishing, protecting and maintaining foot trails in America. The grants range from \$500 to \$4,999 (August 15)

[NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets RFP](#) This program offers assistance to counties with State approved agriculture and farmland protection plans and other municipalities that have adopted a local farmland protection plan. This program funds local initiatives that are intended to maintain the economic viability of the State's agricultural industry and its supporting land base and to protect the environmental and landscape preservation values associated with agriculture. (September 15)

[Greenway Conservancy Small Grants](#) RFP is available to all Greenway Communities. These \$1,000-\$10,000 grants provide funding for trail planning, construction and amenities, historic landscape preservation, regional and local partnership development as well as many other resource enhancement and economic development projects. Total funding available for 2008 is \$56,000. (September 18)

[New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Boating Infrastructure Grant Program](#) is a program of the Department of the Interior and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Funds are awarded to appropriate state agencies for the development and maintenance of facilities for transient, non-trailer recreational boats. (Between August 1 and October 1)

[Institute of Museums and Library Services](#) Museums for America grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. Museums for America grants are designed to be flexible: funds can be used for a wide variety of projects, including: ongoing museum work, research and other behind-the-scenes activities, planning, new programs, purchase of equipment or services, and activities that will support the efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies. (November 1)

[Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education](#) is offering several grants (Adobe Reader required):

[2009 Partnership Grants](#) The goal is to build knowledge farmers can use, to encourage the understanding and widespread use of sustainable techniques, and to strengthen partnerships between farmers and service providers (December 9)

[2009 Farmer Grant Application](#) The goal of the Farmer Grant program is to help farmers explore sustainable and innovative production and marketing practices. Successful proposals define a problem, offer innovative solutions, and test new ideas. Awards ranged from \$3,182 to \$10,000, and the average grant is \$6,570. (December 16)

[The Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) administers state assistance programs for waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. Funding is provided on a 50% reimbursement rate for eligible costs. The programs include Capital Projects (construct materials recycling facilities or state-of-the-art composting facilities), Recycling Coordinators (salaries & public education programs) and assistance for household hazardous waste days. The application process is ongoing (Continuous).

[The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) is accepting applications for Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs). TAGs are a citizen participation tool available to eligible community groups to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community. Eligible community groups may apply to receive grants for up to \$50,000 per eligible site. There is no matching contribution required on the part of the grant recipient (Continuous).



[The Dyson Foundation](#) announces guidelines for the funding of environmental programs and activities. The Dyson Foundation awards grants in several different program areas that each have specific guidelines. To view the guidelines for Dutchess County-based organizations and programs [click here](#). To view guidelines for organizations and programs located in Columbia, Greene, Orange, Putnam, and Ulster counties, [click here](#). (Continuous)


Upcoming Greenway and National Heritage Area Events

- 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 200 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

- 8/1: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events.
- 8/2: [Campout at Sunnyside](#): Bring a backpack and tent for this popular, overnight campout event for families. The outing features a picnic supper, a flashlight story walk at twilight, and songs and stories around the campfire. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200 x618
- 8/2-3: [British Encampment](#): His Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot returns to encamp on the scenic, history-making grounds where their regiment stood 231 years before at the Saratoga National Historical Park. 518-664-9821 x224
- 8/3: [River Day at Van Cortlandt Manor](#): Take a boat-ride and celebrate our relationship to the river in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Hands-on activities include fishing, hearth cooking, and brick making. Enjoy on-water opportunities, music, picnic food, and storytelling. (914) 271-8981.
- 8/4-8: [Eco-Mornings Environmental Program at Staatsburgh](#): Hands-on activities, outdoor games, and art projects each day on different ecological topics. (845) 889-8851
-  [The Journey: Olana's Summer Arts Program \(Session II\)](#): Children ages 6-12 work in small groups at the Picturesque estate of Frederic Church as they "journey" to one of the locales visited by Church in the 19th century through art, music, history and other hands-on activities. (518) 828-0135
- [Riverweek Day Camp](#): Children can experience this one-of-a-kind day camp at Van Cortlandt Manor where campers will examine the impact of the Croton and Hudson Rivers in our history and culture and our ecological impact on the rivers through time. (914) 631-8200 x643
- 8/5, 12, 19, 26: [Tuesday Music Series](#): Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the scenic views of the Saratoga National Historical Park while listening to noontime concerts. Listen to a range of musical forms with a historical twist. (518) 664-9821 x224
- 8/7, 14, 21, 28: [From a Child's Perspective](#): Children can experience this one-of-a-kind day camp at Sunnyside where campers will examine the impact of the Croton and Hudson Rivers in our history and culture and our ecological impact on the rivers through time. (914) 631-8200 x643
- 8/8-10: [Canal Splash](#): Organized by the Canal Corporation in partnership with Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, is a series of locally coordinated events to celebrate the history, culture and recreational appeal of the New York State Canal System.
- 8/9: [Community Free Days at Dia:Beacon](#): Residents of Putnam County are invited to visit Dia:Beacon free of charge. This date coincides with "Second Saturday Beacon." (845) 440-0100
- [Weekend Nature Program: Butterflies and Moths](#): Learn about the life cycles of butterflies and moths at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Explore the museum's meadows and fields in search of them. (845) 534-5506 x204
-  [Manitoga - Special Guided House and Landscape Tours](#): Special discounted rates for residents of Westchester County Reservations required. (845) 424-3812
- [Outdoor Concert with Jesse Lege](#): Enjoy a free outdoor concert at the Senate House as a part of their Summer Concert series with Jesse Lége, renowned Cajun accordionist, and his band, Bayou Brew. (845) 338-2786
- 8/10: [18th Century Day](#): Step back in time at Schuyler Mansion with 18th century activities including puppet shows, music, oxen cart rides, blacksmithing, basket weaving, chair caning, candle making, and tinsmithing. (518) 664-9821 x224
- 8/12-17: **Great Hudson Valley Pedal: A 200-mile journey from Albany to New York City, experiencing heritage resources, cultural resources, and parklands**

- 8/17: [Selling the Cantonment by the Pound](#): Enjoy a historic program commemorating the 225th anniversary of the auction that brought an end to the New Windsor Cantonment. (845) 561-1765
- 8/18-22: [The Artist's Eye - A Summer Drawing Intensive](#): This popular five-day intensive program takes place in the terraced gardens of the Rockefeller estate. The class will be led Randolph A. Williams, a professor of studio and art education at Manhattanville College. Registration required. (914) 631-8200 x618
- 8/20: [Guided Bicycle Tours](#): Fantastic scenery and stories of 1777 mark these guided Saratoga National Historical Battlefield bicycle tours by volunteers Kyle and Lynn Jenks. Helmets required. (518) 664-9821 x224
- 8/23-24: [225th Anniversary of the Mustering out of the Commander in Chief's Guard, 1783, Constitution Island](#): **Each day will include formation, drill, boat, and tactical weapons demonstrations, music, and lectures.**
- 8/24: [Family Tour at Olana](#): Enjoy an Olana house tour specifically geared toward children and families. Pre-registration is required by the preceding Friday. (518) 828-0135
-  [Family Hiking Club](#): Enjoy a family hike at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Enjoy an afternoon walk in the woods with family. Registration required. (845) 534-5506 x204
- [Take Me To The River Blues Fest](#): Come to Troy's River Front Park and enjoy this annual festival featuring a wide lineup that includes some of the area's best Blues musicians. (518) 270-4624.
- 8/26: [Nature Strollers](#): Join Naturalist Guide, Laurel Dodge on a one-hour hike with the tykes at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Nature Strollers is a hiking group for families with babies, toddlers and young children. The trails are stroller and toddler friendly. (845) 534-5506 x204
- 8/29: **Troy Night Out**: Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.

Community Spotlight

Town of Woodstock

Woodstock was officially created as a township in 1787. The town began as a hub of farming, quarrying and tanning. Many industries existed in Woodstock, among them the glass factory in Bristol (now Shady). Built in 1809 and running through the middle of the 19th century, Woodstock was home to five glass factories. Simultaneously, in the 1830's the demand for leather for shoes and many industrial uses (belts for increasingly large mills) reached the point where it was profitable to ship hides from California and South America and tan them in the U.S. Tanning required a plentiful water supply and tannic acid, which could be obtained from hemlock bark. The Catskill Mountains, with many streams and a vast hemlock forest were a natural place to locate the industry, and tanneries sprang up all through the Catskills.



The town has long been a mecca for artists, musicians, and writers, even before the music festival made the name "Woodstock" famous. Film and art festivals attract big names, and hundreds of musicians have come to Woodstock to record. The town even has a separate "Artist's Cemetery". In the nineteenth century, long before the present fame, the Woodstock area was known internationally as a center for American artists and craftspeople. In 1902, the Arts and Crafts movement came to Woodstock when the beauty of its setting and close proximity to New York City attracted Ralph Whitehead and his partners, Bolton Brown and Hervey White. Woodstock appeared to be an ideal site and Whitehead immediately purchased five farms on Mount Guardian. On these farms the necessary shops, residences and a library were built to Brown's designs, and in 1903 crafts people came as residents and Byrdcliffe was started. The famed [Byrdcliffe arts and crafts colony](#) was established, and shortly afterward the Art Students League of New York City opened a summer school here. Today is home to galleries that are widely noted for exhibits of the finest arts and crafts. To complete the artistic environment we also have important recital halls upon whose stages distinguished classical, jazz and popular music ensembles regularly perform.

Woodstock is the town that has given its name to music festivals, and has earned a reputation as home to one of the most exciting periods of American popular music. Although the festivals were actually held in Bethel, many of the creative people who made the festivals what they were have been part of the charmed life of Woodstock, and some still reside here among the wooded hills. The historic relationship between artists and non-artists has created the social dynamic that allows the town to flourish and earn the fame which has descended upon it. ~ Adopted *Edgar Leacraft, Woodstock Town Historian*

Green Tip of the Month

Insulate your water heater. Each month would reduce your carbon footprint by about 26lbs of CO2. Over a year that comes to a savings of about 312lbs!

Heritage Spotlight

Van Cortlandt Manor

Van Cortlandt Manor, a museum of living history, offers glimpses into the life of a Hudson Valley Patriot family. The bottom portion of the three-story stone and brick house was built in the late 1600s by Stephanus Van Cortlandt, who amassed 135 square miles of surrounding land. In 1749, his grandson, Pierre, turned the simple hunting lodge into an elegant residence, adding the upper stories and porches. The house remained in the Van Cortlandt family until 1945; it was purchased in 1953 by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to assure its preservation and is now owned and operated by Historic Hudson Valley.



Most of the furnishings in the restored and paneled rooms belonged to the Van Cortlandts and reflect their occupancy from 1790 to 1815. There are family portraits and other artwork; Dutch-, Georgian-, and Federal-style furniture; as well as porcelain and china. The kitchen is the best equipped of its period in America. Even the gardens and orchard, tended by workers in period dress, are historically accurate: only heirloom species available during the post-Revolutionary period are grown. Tours emphasize not only the Van Cortlandts, but their slaves and tenant farmers. Also on the grounds are a restored ferry house, built before 1750, which once served travelers on the Albany Post Road, and a reconstructed tenant house, where demonstrations of textile-making and open-hearth cooking are offered. A walking trail affords a vista of the property and the Croton River.

Text Van Cortlandt Manor, located at South Riverside Avenue in Croton-on-Hudson, is open 10 a.m. -5 p.m. daily except Tuesday April-October, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. weekends only November-December. Guided tours. Admission fee. 914-631-8200

Did You Know...

Did you know that Susan B. Anthony was a resident of the Hudson Valley?

In the years before she would play a pivotal role in the women's rights movement, Susan B. Anthony spent much of her childhood in the Hudson Valley. In 1826 when she was 6 years old, Susan moved with her family from Massachusetts to Battenville in Washington County where her father entered into the cotton manufacturing business. In 1839 they would move again within the county to Hardscrabble (later renamed Center Falls). Susan's summers during these years were spent at her relative's farm and spice mill in the Town of Halfmoon in Saratoga County. When Susan left home in 1839, she found work with her first teaching position at *Kenyon's Friends' Seminary* in New Rochelle, Westchester County. Susan B. Anthony's childhood home in Battenville is listed on State and National Registers of Historic Places.



Have some good Hudson Valley Trivia you'd like to share with everyone? [Let us know!](#)

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