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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 January 14, 2009, the Greenway held a joint meeting of the Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Conservancy, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, at the Henry A. Wallace Center on the grounds of the [FDR Library](#) in Hyde Park, NY.

The Greenway Boards and meeting attendees were welcomed by Cynthia Koch, FDR Library Director; Carol Kohan, Deputy Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites; Pompey Delafield, Supervisor of the Town of Hyde Park; and Roger Akeley, Commissioner of Planning & Development for Dutchess County. Wint Aldrich, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation, gave a presentation highlighting some of the most significant endangered sites in the Hudson River Valley today. Betsy Jacks, Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, told the story of the rescue of that site with before and after photos at the site and announced additional transformational changes that will be occurring in the coming year.



Assemblyman Marc Molinaro Addresses the Greenway Boards

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro addressed the Greenway Boards and meeting attendees on his objection to the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Greenway Communities Council and Conservancy from the 2009-10 state budget and to transfer certain functions of the organizations to the Department of State.



Joint Board Meeting, January 2009

New Greenway Trails

Two new segments were added to the Greenway Land Trail at the meeting. The Historic Champlain Canal Trail in the Town of Halfmoon, and the Hudson Crossing Park Trails in the Towns of Northumberland and Saratoga were officially designated as part of the Greenway Trail.

New Greenway Communities

The Greenway welcomes the [Village of Granville](#) in Washington County as a newly designated Greenway Community. This brings the total number of Greenway Communities to 251.

Greenway Grants

Greenway Community Grants were awarded to the [Town of Germantown](#) in Columbia County and the Town of Pittstown in Rensselaer County. A Greenway Compact Grant was awarded to the City of Poughkeepsie for the [Walkway Over The Hudson](#) project in Dutchess County.

Halfmoon a Preserve America Community

Recently the [Town of Halfmoon](#) was designated a [Preserve America Community](#) based on their commitment to protect and celebrate local and regional heritage. The Preserve America program seeks to enhance knowledge about the nation's past; strengthen regional identities and local pride; increase local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support economic vitality of local communities. New York State contains 32 designated Preserve America municipalities. All of the 17 Preserve America municipalities within the Hudson Valley are also designated Greenway Communities.



"[Voices of the Hudson Valley](#)" is a collaboration of the Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley, the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council, and the Greater Hudson Heritage Network (formerly Lower Hudson Conference). The goal of this collaboration is to plan for the identification of and public access to sound recordings that document the history of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Greenway Grant Opportunities:

[Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants](#) provide financial and technical assistance to municipalities located within the designated Greenway Area who share the Greenway goals and objectives. [Greenway Communities Grant](#), [Greenway Compact Grants](#), and [Greenway Water Trail Grant](#) applications are available online or by contacting the Greenway office. (February 10)

Other Grant Opportunities:

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's \(RWJF\) Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities](#) For community partnerships to increase opportunities for physical activity and improve access to affordable healthy foods for children and families. (February 3)

[NYS Department of State](#) Local Government Efficiency Grants for municipalities, districts (including special improvement, fire, school, library, and water), regional planning and development boards for projects that promote shared services, cooperative agreements, consolidations, mergers and dissolutions. (Rolling deadline ending in March 2009)

[The Home Depot Foundation](#) For projects that encourage community involvement and result in the production, preservation, or financing of housing units for low- to moderate-income families. Proposals including urban forestry strategies that create healthier, more vibrant communities will have a distinct advantage. Letters of Inquiry (March 1)

[The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Bronx River Watershed Initiative](#) for storm water retrofit and Low Impact Development projects along the Bronx River designed to address the root causes of pollution from storm water outfalls and to improve water quality and river ecology. (March 13)

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) for eligible entities to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of risk from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. (March 16)

[The Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) to museums and universities for projects designed to enhance the professional development of museum staff. The 21st Century Museum Professionals grants are intended to support projects involving core management skills such as planning, leadership, finance, program design, partnership, and evaluation. (March 16)

[Hudson River Fish Advisory Outreach Project:](#) For school programs to teach English as a second language students about the dangers associated with eating certain species of fish from the Hudson River. (March 18)

[The Captain Planet Foundation](#) to fund and support hands-on, environmental projects for children and youths. Proposals must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement and involve children and young adults. Proposals must also include adult supervision and commit to follow-up. (March 31)

[Saucony Run For Good Foundation](#) Offers Funding for Children's Running Programs. The grant program is open to nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. Maximum grant award is \$10,000. (June 13)

Rolling Acceptance of Grant Applications:

[The Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) administers state assistance programs for waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste programs. These include Capital Projects, Recycling Coordinators and assistance for household hazardous waste days.



[The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) 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. There is no matching contribution required on the part of the grant recipient.

[The Dyson Foundation](#) 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](#).

Upcoming Events Around the Region

Events identified as "2009 Quad Event" denote "2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Events." For additional information about the Quadricentennial, visit the online website at exploreny400.com.

- 2/1-8: [\(2009 Quad Event\) Light on New Netherland](#): The New York State Museum presents an exhibit on Dutch influence in our region. Topics include the Dutch Seaborne Empire, the West India Company, Fort Orange, Beverwijck, and relations with Native Americans. (518) 474-5877
- 2/1-28: [\(2009 Quad Event\) Beneath the City - Archaeological Perspectives](#): Explore Albany's archeological discoveries and their meaning at the State Museum. Learn about the early settlement, a colonial rum distillery, the city's expansion, and the daily life of past residents. (518) 474-5877
- 2/1-3/1: [\(2009 Quad Event\) 33rd Annual Dollhouse Exhibit](#): The Historical Society of Rockland County presents the this miniature and dollhouse show featuring antique pedal cars, dollhouses, dolls, and miniatures (845) 634-9629
- 2/1-12/31:  [\(2009 Quad Event\) Horseshoes & Waterwheels: NY's Tech Valley 1800s](#): Visitors to the Children's Museum of Science and Technology explore the importance of the Hudson River to the region and our nation starting in the 19th century and continuing through the present. (518) 235-2120
- 2/3: [Quadricentennial Evening Speaker Series: 1609: Henry Hudson Explores the Hudson](#): Glenn Reynolds presents this lecture at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church about the voyage of Henry Hudson. (845) 534-5506
- 2/3-3/28: [Up River: Man-Made Sites of Interest on the Hudson from the Battery to Troy](#): The Rensselaer County Historical Society presents dramatic aerial photographs of man-made sites rarely seen by those who travel along the Hudson's banks. (518) 272-7232
- 2/4—4/5: [\(2009 Quad Event\) American Waters: A Celebration of the 400th Anniversary](#): The National Academy Museum offers this exhibition of American landscape paintings whose subject is American waterways. (212) 369 4880 x 223
- 2/6: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and events.
- 2/7-28: [\(2009 Quad Event\) Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art and Culture](#): The Albany Institute of History and Art explores the influence that the Hudson has had on our region. View artifacts, works of art, and rare archival documents that will help tell the stories of the river. (518) 463-4478
- 2/7: [Family Tour at Olana](#): Enjoy a house tour specifically geared toward children and families. (518) 828- 0135 x 311.
- 2/8: [Gravity Central at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology](#): Explore gravity, learn how circus performers balance, and find out why children can't touch their toes when up against a wall. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
- 2/9: [\(2009 Quad Event\) Commemoration of The Ride of Symon Schermerhorn](#): Albany and Schenectady Mayors re-enact the historic ride at Albany City Hall. In 1690, Schermerhorn rode from Schenectady to warn Albany that the settlement had been attacked by French and Indians from Canada. (518) 434-2032
- 2/10: [Homeschool Program - It's Electric](#): The Children's Museum of Science and Technology teaches the basics of electricity as children explore static, experiment with a generator and perform experiments with magnets. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
- [Quadricentennial Speaker Series: 1709 – 1909: Cornwall through History](#): Village and Town Historians take a look back in time at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. (845) 534-5506 x 204.
- 2/13-15: [Presidents Day Weekend Tours at Olana: Lincoln, Church and the U.S. Civil War](#): Enjoy themed tours that shed light on the influence of the Civil War on Frederic Church and his art. (518) 828-0135
- 2/13: [Love Bugs](#): Children ages 4+ can visit the Children's Museum of Science and Technology to listen to a story about bugs, meet some resident bugs, and make a love bug to take home. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
- 2/14:  [Heart Science](#): Hands-on activities at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology teach how the heart works. Participants will assist in dissection of a cow heart under professional supervision. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
- [Camp-In Overnight at Children's Museum of Science and Technology](#): Spend the night discovering the earth's sky and what makes up the universe. Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120
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- 2/14-16: [George Washington's Birthday Celebration](#): Come to Washington's Headquarters - the nation's first historic site! Meet the man himself along with other famous people from 400 years of Hudson River history. (845) 562-1195

- 2/15-16: [Washington's Birthday at the New Windsor Cantonment](#): Soldiers bring to life the Continental Army's final winter encampment with musket and cannon firings, medical demonstrations and other aspects of daily life. Children can enlist in the Army, drill with wooden muskets and get paid in Continental currency for their service. (845) 562-1195
- 2/17: [Drowning the Dry Ice Delusions](#): Children are invited to the Children's Museum of Science and Technology to make metal scream and create dry ice bubbles as they explore the properties of dry ice. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
-  [Art and Nature Indoor Exploration](#): Children are invited to Olana's farm complex to explore art and nature as they find stations to observe and sketch nature and study Frederic Church's paintings. Pre-registration. (518) 828-1872
- [1809 -Fulton's Legacy: Hudson River Steamboats](#): Allynne Lange presents an illustrated history talk about Robert Fulton's development of the steamboat at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. (845) 534-5506 x 204
- 2/18: [What's the Phase?:](#) Exploration the phases of The Moon at the Children's Museum of Science and Technology. Do experiments to model the phases of the moon and learn about its path Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120
- 2/19: [Life on the International Space Station](#): Microgravity at Work: Visit the Children's Museum of Science and Technology to see how Astronauts learn to live and work in space. Pre-registration. (518) 235-2120
- [Architecture for Kids](#): Come to Olana's farm complex to explore architecture. Experiment with architecture blocks, color fine details of Victorian houses, and create a structure. Pre-registration required (518) 828-1872
- 2/20: [Candy Science](#): Children visiting the Children's Museum will learn about the science of candy as they experiment with life savers, make marshmallows explode and much more! Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120
- 2/21: [We Dig Dinosaurs](#): Children can become paleontologists at the Children's Museum with their own fossil as they explore dinosaur life and meet a living reptilian cousin of the Dinosaur. Pre-registration required. (518) 235-2120
-  [Snowshoe Walk for Beginners](#): Take a winter walk at Olana and explore the woods. Reserve a pair of our snowshoes and come learn the basics. Reservations required. (518) 828-0135
- 2/24: [1909: The Palisades Interstate Park and the River](#): Join the authors of "New York's Palisades Interstate Park" to learn about the early years of this resource at the Cornwall Presbyterian Church (845) 534-5506 x 204
- 2/27: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.
- 2/28: [Family Tour at Olana](#): Enjoy a house tour specifically geared toward children and families. (518) 828- 0135 x 311.

Heritage Spotlight

[Kykuit, The Rockefeller Estate](#)

Kykuit, the country home of the Rockefeller family, is one of the most impressive Hudson Valley estates. The house contains a collection of art and antiques, while the grounds feature a spectacular array of gardens, sculpture, and a sweeping vista of the Hudson River.

The 40-room Neo-Classical Revival-style villa was completed in 1913 on a commanding hill (named Kykuit - or "lookout" - by early Dutch settlers) for John D. Rockefeller, the founder of the Standard Oil Company. In later years, it was the home of his son, philanthropist John D. Rockefeller Jr., and grandson, Nelson A. Rockefeller, four-time governor of New York and Vice President under Gerald Ford. The house, its furnishings, and 87 of the estate's 4,000 acres were bequeathed by Governor Rockefeller to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1979.



First-floor living spaces were designed in the Classical Revival style by Ogden Codman Jr., then America's leading interior decorator. More comfortable than opulent, they contain excellent examples of 18th century-style furniture, as well as Asian ceramics. An underground art gallery holds works from the collection of Nelson Rockefeller, including pieces by Andy Warhol and Alexander Calder as well as tapestries commissioned by Nelson Rockefeller based on his favorite paintings by Picasso and woven under the artist's supervision.

The dramatic grounds, designed by noted architect William Welles Bosworth, feature formal gardens in a variety of styles built on terraces. Enhancing the meticulously tended plants and shrubbery are fountains, a grotto, and pavilions, as well as Nelson Rockefeller's collection of large-scale sculptures, including works by Louise Nevelson, David Smith, and Henry Moore.

Tours of Kykuit depart from the Visitor Center at Philipsburg Manor, on Route 9 in Sleepy Hollow. A variety of tours are offered daily except Tues. from late April-early November. Admission fee. 914-631-9491.

Green Tip of the Month

This month, turn down your thermostat by 2 degrees. Each month would reduce your carbon footprint by about 53lbs of CO2. Over the winter months that comes to a savings of about 318lbs!

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

Community Spotlight

[City of Cohoes](#)



Located in Albany County at the junction of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, the City of Cohoes has demonstrated the value of promoting community resources. Land was originally purchased in 1630 from Native Americans before becoming part of the Rensselaerwyck Manor but the area's proximity to a naturally-occurring waterfall defined the course of its history.

By the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, water power and the newly-established Erie Canal helped to establish Cohoes as a vital destination. With over 203,000 spindles fueled by the power of the waterfall, Cohoes became known as "the Spindle City." The largest employer in Cohoes, Harmony Manufacturing, was once one of the largest cotton mills in the world and owned many of the city's houses, stores, and churches. One of Cohoes' more notable residents during this period was future-president Chester A. Arthur who served as a local schoolmaster during the mid 19th century. In 1874, two local businessmen capitalized on the booming population by building the Cohoes Music Hall. Over the years, the third-floor theatre hosted the likes of Sarah Bernhardt, John Philip Sousa, and Jimmy Durante, George M. Cohan, and Lillian Russell. As industry changed in the early 20th century, many businesses moved out of Cohoes in search of cheaper labor, power, and raw materials.

While a number of industries still remain in Cohoes, the city's focus today is on its exceptional businesses, variety of special events, and unique cultural resources. The city's downtown commercial district is housed in buildings that date from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Cohoes Falls, the largest cataract east of Niagara Falls, continues to be a scenic destination for many visitors while the Cohoes Music Hall has been fully restored and showcases a number of performances throughout the year. On the first floor of the Cohoes Music Hall is the [RiverSpark Visitor Center](#) which helps to promote the city's industrial heritage. The city is also filled with excellent examples of adaptive reuse including the city library, housed in the former St. John's Episcopal Church, and "The Lofts," a residential community located in a portion of the former [Harmony Mill](#).

Whether dining along Remsen Street, admiring the Cohoes Falls, or watching a performance at the Music Hall, a visit to the City of Cohoes is sure to be a lesson in our nation's industrial heritage and an example of the benefits that come from promoting our

Did You Know?

Did you know the 3-Part Hudson River Greenway "recipe for success" ?

- Part 1: While many organizations and government programs look at a "top down" approach to regional initiatives, the Greenway method is a "bottom up approach." The Greenway works at the local level to affect change by interacting directly with community organizations, municipal officials, and citizen groups.
- Part 2: The Greenway non-regulatory stance respects municipal "home rule." Rather acting as an agent of enforcement, the Greenway advises communities and provides recommendations and education regarding "best-practices."
- Part 3: A balanced representation. The Greenway staff have experience in a variety of disciplines while the Greenway Boards represent community stakeholders, state agencies, public organizations, and government officials to facilitate dialogue, ensure consistency, and reach consensus.

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