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What's New?

NHA hosts workshop for Heritage Sites

On Thursday January 18th, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and [Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission](#) hosted a workshop for historic site managers and heritage tourism partners at the Wallace Center in the FDR Presidential Library. The interactive workshop was led by [Joe Veneto](#), a nationally known speaker on tourism. The workshop included a tour of [Locust Grove](#) which served as a discussion topic for breakout sessions on marketing and visitor experiences.

A follow-up workshop is planned for March 15th. For more information, please contact John Dennehey at (518) 473-3835 or by email at john.dennehey@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us.



Heritage Sites and Tourism Partners Participate in the January 18th NHA Workshop

Gardiner Open Space Plan

The [Town of Gardiner](#) has adopted an open space plan based on a comprehensive inventory of their natural resources. The plan, which will help Gardiner to preserve its rural character and natural resources, was partially funded by a grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council.

Climate Change Conference

In December 2006, the [DEC Climate Change](#) Policy Office and the [Hudson River Estuary Program](#) held a [Climate Change Conference](#) to address the topic of climate change in the Hudson Valley. The impacts of climate change were discussed with respect to ecology as well as economic development and infrastructure. Additionally, presentations focused on ways to prepare for climate change and best management practices for developing climate change strategies. As a result of the overwhelming success of this conference, additional discussions have been planned.

New York State Historic Preservation Tax Credit

On January 1, 2007, New York State's first ever [Historic Preservation Tax Credit](#) went into effect, offering incentives for rehabilitation of historic structures. State and National Register-listed owner-occupied residential structures in distressed areas are eligible for a New York State Income Tax credit covering 20% of rehabilitation costs. Additionally, commercial properties listed (or eligible for listing) on the National Register that qualify for the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit would qualify for an additional New York State credit, covering 30% of the federal credit value. It is anticipated that these state-level incentives will serve as a catalyst for economic development and rehabilitation of historic communities.



Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due February 14th for our March Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our June Board Meeting. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

["Teaching the Hudson Valley" place-based K-12 curriculum development proposals](#): Funded by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area for public and private schools in the region to help teachers develop place-based lessons that complement core curriculum and standards and partner with significant cultural, historic, and/or natural resources. For details or assistance, phone Debi Duke, 845 229-9116 x 35, FDR National Historic Site, or e-mail rova_TeachingtheHudsonValley@nps.gov. (March 15, 2007)

Other Grant Opportunities:

[2006-07 Habitat/Access Stamp Funding Program](#) Created by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to provide funding through reimbursement for fish and wildlife habitat management and the improvement and development of public access for hunting, fishing, trapping and other fish and wildlife related recreation and study. Eligible recipients include municipalities, not-for-profit corporations (NPC), and private landowners applying through a municipality or NPC. (February 5)

[New York State Council on the Arts Individual Artists Program](#): Letters of inquiry regarding grants from the Individual Artists Program, administered by the New York State Council on the Arts. Grants will support the commission of new art works in electronic media, film production, music, and theater by artists in New York State. (March 1)



[New York State Council on the Arts Architecture, Planning & Design](#): To stimulate and promote excellence in design and planning in the public realm for the benefit of all New Yorkers. The Program aims to increase awareness and appreciation of the designed environment of New York State and to advance innovation in the design and planning fields. (March 1)

[New York Main Street Grants](#) NY Main Street is pleased to announce that it is participating in the next DHCR/HTFC Unified Funding round for 2007. New York Main Street will have approximately \$6 Million in grant funds for potential awardees. (March 26)

[2007 Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program](#) Funding under the 2007 Annual Competitive Round may be used by municipalities for projects in three categories: Housing (rehabilitation, homeownership, private water/wastewater system assistance or construction of new affordable housing), Public Facility and Microenterprise. A community may propose a program that is "single purpose" in nature, addressing only a particular area of need or may propose a program that undertakes a strategy that deals comprehensively with the problems of a particular area. GOSC encourages communities to propose programs that are creative and innovative in addressing their needs. (April 9)

[Preserve New York Grant Program](#) The Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts are pleased to offer the 2007 Preserve New York (PNY) Grant Program to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations undertaking historic structure reports, historic landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. Please note that you first must discuss your project with League Technical and Grants staff before you can receive an application. (May 1)


[Conservation Trust grants from the National Geographic Society](#) For conservation and research programs that promote the sustainable use and preservation of the earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources. Grants of up to \$20,000 each to individuals who have conducted prior research or conservation work related to the proposed program. (Open)

[2007 Unified Funding \(UF\) process](#) Through the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). This Request for Proposals (RFP) describes capital programs and programmatic initiatives that will provide funds for a wide range of affordable housing and community revitalization activities including: new construction, substantial rehabilitation or moderate rehabilitation of rental or owner occupied housing; emergency repair; homebuyer assistance; façade and building renovation; streetscape enhancement, downtown anchor creation; accessibility modifications and tenant-based rental assistance. (Deadlines Vary)

[Google's In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits](#) This program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. (Open)

[Management Assistance Mini-Grant Program](#). Helps board and staff members and volunteer leaders develop new skills by providing financial support to hire consultants and to help defray professional-development costs. The foundation will finance no more than 80 percent of a project budget, and grants will not exceed \$10,000. (Open)

[Collaboration Grants](#) Applications for grants from the Dyson Foundation's Strategic Restructuring Initiative, which supports the collaboration of two or more organizations intent on establishing a continuing relationship in order to increase efficiency and service. Grants awarded in four categories: assessment, planning, integration, and enhancement. (Open)

 [Historical preservation grants from the Travelers Conservation Foundation](#). Projects designed to conserve, protect, and restore sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance, and to promote public awareness of and participation in those conservation activities. Priority will be given to projects that are linked to tourism, that are endorsed by local tourism offices, and that have the potential for duplication in other communities. (Open)

Upcoming Events

2/01-8/12: [Earth and Fire](#): Join the Albany Institute of History and Art for this celebration of clay and ceramics, focusing on past and present artists and their works. (518) 463-4478

2/01-25: [Represent](#): Selections from the Harlem's Studio Museum on display at the New York State Museum. (518) 474-5877

Heritage Spotlight

[Philipse Manor Hall](#)

Philipse Manor Hall contains superb 18th-century woodwork, as well as one of America's earliest decorated plaster ceilings.

2/01-25: [Snow Scenes](#): Works by Walter Launt Palmer at the Albany Institute of History and Art. (518) 463-4478

2/01: [The \\$64 Tomato](#): Museum of the Hudson Highlands Evening Speakers Series presents William Alexander, author of the Best Seller, "The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost his Sanity, Spent a Fortune and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for a Perfect Garden." (845) 534-5506, x204.

2/02: [Albany's First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events.

2/03: [Community Photography Project at Val-Kill](#): Join Hudson Valley experts for an outdoor photography workshop. (845) 229-9115 x31

2/06: [Winter Cooking Classes at the Castle](#): Equus at Castle on the Hudson presents winter cooking classes to teach the art of food preparation, creation and presentation of a dinner party. (914) 524-6379.



[Museum of the Hudson Highlands Open House](#): For students interested in the 2007-8 Young Naturalist Program. (845) 534-5506 x204.

2/08: [Bannerman Castle - The Mystery Unveiled](#): Museum of the Hudson Highlands Evening Speakers Series presents Thom Johnson and Barbara Gottlock, authors of the New Arcadia book "Bannerman Castle" as they discuss the mysterious castle in Newburgh Bay. (845) 534-5506 x204.

2/10: [Romantic Roses Afternoon Tea](#): Join the Museum of the Hudson Highlands and sample scones and rose hip tea while enjoying a lecture on gardening with roses. (845) 534-5506 x204.

[Who's Doing What? Educational Programs Centered on the Hudson Valley](#): The Hudson River Environmental Society presents a conference for educators to share information about teaching on the Hudson River and its Valley. Presentations will discuss opportunities for collaboration, curriculum development, training, and funding.

2/11: ["Imagining America"](#): Join Cedar Grove for a presentation of the PBS film "Imagining America" which suggests that today's influential artists can trace their artistic roots to Thomas Cole. Discussion to follow. (518) 943-7465

[Children's Valentine Tea Party at Mount Gulian](#): Enjoy tea, traditional sandwiches, and desserts. Young guests will be invited to play 19th century games and learn etiquette of the times. (845) 831-8172

2/15: [Damselies and Dragonflies](#): Museum of the Hudson Highlands Evening Speakers Series presents Larry Federman, Audubon educator, for a presentation on the damselfly and dragonfly as well as an introduction to the NYS Damselfly and Dragonfly Survey. (845) 534-5506 x204.

2/17: [Maple Sugar Tours at Museum of the Hudson Highlands](#): Learn the techniques of maple sugaring during a walk through the Kenridge Farm forest. (845) 534-5506, ext 204.



[Calling All Owls](#): Museum of the Hudson Highlands' presents an evening of owl facts and fiction. (845) 534-5506 x204.

2/18: [Before Albany: Archaeology of Dutch – Native Relations in the Capital Region, 1600 – 1664](#): Join James Bradley, Ph.D. at the Albany Institute of History and Art for this discussion of Dutch interaction with the Native Americans. (518) 463-4478

2/19: [President's Day Celebration at Philipse Manor Hall](#): Enjoy a celebration of presidential history, featuring activities, music, and re-enactors. (914) 965-4027

2/20, 24: [Bethlehem Revolutionary War Tour](#): Enjoy a specialized tour focused on the Revolutionary War in the Town of Bethlehem. (518) 462-3825

The large stone and brick house was built in several stages by the lords of Philipsburg Manor, which once stretched for 22 continuous miles up the Hudson River from Yonkers. It became a grand Georgian-style country seat under the last lord, Frederick Philipse III, who added carved paneling in the 1750s. A staunch Loyalist, Philipse was forced to flee America during the Revolution. In the 19th century, the house became Yonkers' first city hall; it was turned over to New York State in 1908.



Located in downtown Yonkers, the house contains woodwork featuring carved faces, roses, and leaves, while the rare rococo-style drawing room ceiling is crafted from papier maché and plaster, and features portrait medallions and scenes of the hunt and mythology. Rooms contain exhibits about the history of Yonkers, the Philipses, and the restoration of the house. There is also a collection of portraits of every President from Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt, including works by Charles Willson Peale, Thomas Sully, and Thomas Eakins.

Located at the corner of Warburton Avenue and Dock Street in Yonkers. Open year round. (914) 965-4027

Community Spotlight

[City of Yonkers](#)

Located in Westchester County along the Hudson River and adjacent to the Bronx, the City of Yonkers is the fourth largest city in New York State. The City of Yonkers was originally part of a land grant given in 1645 to Adriaen van der Donck, known as the Jonkheer ("young gentleman") a word from which the name "Yonkers" is derived. But by the 1670s Frederick Philipse, a wealthy Dutchman, had amassed an estate which included the city of Yonkers.

Yonkers spent the next two centuries as an agricultural community. However, by the mid 19th century, industry became the economic engine as Yonkers became home to industries that

- 2/22: [Winter Hike at Olana](#): Burn off Winter Break energy on a short hike featuring one of the best views in the Hudson Valley. View restoration efforts to restore unimpeded views of the Catskills. (518) 828-0135 x305.
- 2/22: [Story Time in the Manor Hall](#): Children ages 7-10 can come to Philipse Manor Hall for a storytelling program, focusing on books about slavery in the colonial period. (914) 965-4027
- 2/23: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.
- 2/23-25: ["The Underground Railroad: Uncovering the Voices of Women"](#): The Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region presents a conference addressing the efforts of women in the Underground Railroad movement. Includes a tour of Albany's Underground Railroad locations. (518) 432-4432
-  [New York in Bloom](#): Visit the New York State Museum for this annual showcase of spectacular flora and fauna. (518) 474-5877
- 2/25: [Join Olana for the "Shelters of Snow Challenge"](#): Taconic State Park has challenged Olana to see whose visitors can build the better snow shelter. Join Olana and be part of the team! (518) 828-0135 x305.
- 2/25-27: [Small Museum Association Conference](#): The conference, held in Maryland, will address issues of small museum management and training.

Did You Know...

Did you know that the oldest continuously existing golf club in America was founded in Yonkers?

The [Saint Andrew's Golf Club](#) began in 1888 when Scottish sportsman John Reid, "the father of American golf", played a friendly round of "Gowf" around a three-hole course in front of an audience of cows.

Before long, these golfing pioneers had created a "clubhouse" in the branches of an old apple tree. Today's members of Saint Andrew's are a contemporary part of that "Apple Tree Gang," one of the proudest, most unique fellowships in American golf. Today, Saint Andrew's members play on a Jack Nicklaus signature golf course on the same Westchester County site to which the club moved in 1897. The turn of the century clubhouse is a museum of golf memorabilia which houses a collection of early clubs and balls, some actually used by John Reid, a branch from the original apple tree that served as the "clubhouse" in Yonkers, and original documents from the meetings that led to the organization of the United State Golf Association in 1895 of which Saint Andrew's was a founding member.



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

Featured Website

[Food Routes](#) - One of the greatest assets of the Hudson Valley (and New York State) is our agricultural heritage. In an effort to encourage support for local agriculture, Food Routes provides information about the benefits of "buying local." An interactive map helps residents and visitors find local farms, farmers markets, and Community Supported Agriculture projects (CSAs).

The website also contains a reference and archive section with a focus on agriculture as well as a toolkit for getting involved and supporting local agricultural initiatives. The website is designed for use by residents, visitors, municipal officials, and other non-profits with an interest in our nation's agricultural heritage. (www.foodroutes.org)

included the Otis Elevator Company (first elevator factory in the world) and Bakelite (invented in Yonkers - the first completely synthetic plastic). Following WWII, increased competition resulted in a decline in the manufacturing industry and Yonkers became a commuter-city for those working in Manhattan.



Today, the manufacturing industry is experiencing a resurgence. With crime and poverty rates lower than similar-sized cities, Yonkers has a successful track record of revitalization with new construction and adaptive reuse projects including one of the largest ever proposed in the area. Yonkers' waterfront initiatives have resulted in the city's designation as a Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail site.

Yonkers transmitted the first FM radio broadcast (1940) and has been home to many well-known entertainers including Ella Fitzgerald, Mary J. Blige, Steven Tyler, James Cagney, and Sid Caesar. The once prominent Jewish population has been replaced by Irish and Italian communities (Yonkers hosts one of the oldest St. Patrick's Day parades as well as a large Columbus Day festival).

With a rich cultural history and ethnic diversity, Yonkers has reclaimed its place as a destination for visitors and entrepreneurs.

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