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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?



Board Meeting

The Hudson River Valley Greenway held a joint meeting of the Communities Council, the Conservancy and the National Heritage Area on Thursday, December 14th, 2006. The meeting was held at the Henry A. Wallace Center of the [FDR Presidential Library and Home](#) in Hyde Park, NY. Sarah Olsen, Superintendent of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, welcomed attendees to the Wallace Center. Additionally, Pompey Delafield, Hyde Park Town Supervisor, was on hand to make opening remarks.

In addition to designation of new Greenway and Compact Communities, a [Greenway Compact](#) Grant was awarded to Ulster County to develop their Compact Plan. The Ulster County Compact Plan initiative will include public outreach components and an assessment of existing conditions as part of the plan development. Additionally, the Wappinger Greenway Trail in Dutchess County was officially designated a part of the [Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System](#).



(L-R) Chairman McHenry, Mary Mangione, Chairman Plunkett

New Communities and Compact Communities

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is pleased to welcome the Towns of Denning, [Kingston](#), and [Woodstock](#) in Ulster County and the [Village of Rye Brook](#) in Westchester County as newly designated Greenway Communities. The Hudson River Valley Greenway also welcomes the Village of Rye Brook as a [Westchester Compact](#) Community.

GHRP website

Registration is now open for the [Great Hudson River Paddle 2007](#). Be sure to visit the newly improved Great Hudson River Paddle website at <http://www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us/ghrp/> for the latest information on this year's event including festival locations and details on registration. The Great Hudson River Paddle 2007 will take place from Sunday July 1 through Wednesday July 11, 2007. We hope everyone will join us this year on the water or on land for a festival!

Spitzer to hold first outdoor inauguration in New York in over 100 years



On January 1st in the City of Albany, Governor-Elect Eliot Spitzer will hold the state's first outdoor [inauguration ceremony](#) since 1900. The inauguration is planned to be the highlight in a series of public events held on January 1st by Spitzer and Lieutenant Governor –Elect David Paterson. Events open to the public include a meet-and-greet at the Executive Mansion in Albany, a reception at the Empire State Plaza, and a free concert at the Times Union Center featuring James Taylor and Natalie Merchant. All events will be free and will be paid using funds remaining in Spitzer's campaign fund for governor.

City of Albany 2007 Arts Grants Announced



On December 27th Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings announced the recipients of the 2007 City Arts Grants. Thirty-six organizations were awarded a total of \$350,000 from the City of Albany. Several of the awardees are designated Heritage Sites by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and include the Albany County Historical Association at Ten Broeck Mansion; Albany Institute of History and Art; U.S.S. Slater; and Cherry Hill. As a condition of the grant award, all sites must provide at least one free performance at an event for the city's school children, the elderly or disadvantaged persons.

Troy Victorian Stroll



December 3rd marked the 24th year of the [City of Troy's Annual Victorian Stroll](#). Organized by the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Stroll offered a variety of free events which included musical performances, children's activities, refreshments, carriage rides, a window decorating contest, and a visit from Father Christmas as well as characters from "A Christmas Carol." Additionally, Troy's shops and galleries were open for holiday shopping and special events. Over 15,000 visitors enjoyed this year's Victorian Stroll, making it one of the region's premiere holiday events.

Albany's Winterfest

To commemorate the end of 2006 and the start of the New Year, the City of Albany held its first [Annual Winterfest](#) on December 30th. The free event focused on families and included a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for people of all ages. The festivities kicked off with the children's Jingle Jog and was followed with a variety of events including carriage rides, dog sleds, stiltwalkers, a winter bonfire, and Olympic champion athletes performing an outdoor trampoline show. Visitors were also offered the opportunity to help paint a mural with local artists and participate in a game of mini golf. The event drew to a close with the 10th annual "Last Run," "Rock and Skate" at the Empire State Plaza Ice Rink, and an Albany RiverRats hockey game against the Binghamton Senators. The celebrations culminated in a fantastic fireworks display that was held on the east lawn of the New York State Capitol Building.



Plaza Skating Rink Open!

For those in the Capital Region, The Office of General Services recently announced the opening of the [Empire State Plaza Ice Skating Rink](#). Free skating is available seven days a week through early March. This year, there Skate Rentals are available in the Ice Rink Lounge located in the North West corridor on the Concourse Level.

Grants



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](#).

Other Grant Opportunities:



[New York State Conservation Partnership Program](#) The Land Trust Alliance has announced a fifth round of New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) grants in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Matching grants awarded in: Conservation Capacity & Excellence; Conservation Catalyst; Land Conservation Transaction. (January 24)



[Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grants](#) To help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components. Includes: individual projects (one local government); cooperative projects (two or more local governments acting together); or complex projects (one local government addressing problems involving a large quantity of records or records management problems). (February 1)

[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)

[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)



[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 ❄️

❄️ 1/06: [Happy Anniversary to the Washingtons:](#) George and Martha Washington shared their 24th Wedding Anniversary on January 6, 1783 in Newburgh. Visit Washington's Headquarters to learn about period wedding customs and celebrate with refreshments. (845) 562-1195.

[Twelfth Night Events at Schuyler Mansion:](#) Celebrate the 18th century holiday season and Twelfth Night celebrations of Albany's past! Enjoy period tours and celebrations as they occurred in years past. (518) 434-0834. ❄️

❄️ 1/07: [Schuyler Mansion Holiday Open House:](#) Enjoy 18th century holiday fare, music, and a special visitor for the children at the mansion decorated for the holiday season. (518) 434-0834

❄️ [Salutations of the Seasons:](#) Schuyler Mansion celebrates 18th century New Years and Twelfth Night celebrations. Enjoy period music, dancing, and wassail toasts that celebrate the spirit of the season. (518) 434-0834

❄️ 1/07-08: [Quill Writing Hands-On Demonstration:](#) Celebrate National Handwriting Day and Letter Writing Month with Philipse Manor Hall. Try your hand at quill writing and learn penmanship techniques shared by the founding fathers. (914) 965-4027

❄️ 1/10: [Ten Broeck Mansion Mid-Winter Lecture Series: Freedom and Slavery in the Hudson Valley:](#) Join Scott Christianson, author and reporter for a presentation titled "Sketches from Albany's Underground Railroad History" (518) 436-9826

❄️ 1/13-16: [Jazz on the Mountain:](#) Join Mohonk Mountain House for music by some of today's best jazz artists. (845) 255-1000

❄️ 1/14,21: [Snakes at Museum of the Hudson Highlands:](#) Discover fascinating facts about snakes and meet several different species of snakes native to the area. (845) 534-5506 x204

[Cedar Grove Sunday Salon: Art Market Madness:](#) Carter B. Horsley, editor and publisher of The City Review, will discuss the dramatic resurgence of the popularity and auction prices of Hudson River School paintings. (518) 943-7465 ❄️

❄️ 1/14-22: [Wedding Tours at Philipse Manor Hall:](#) In celebration of Mary Philipse's marriage to Roger Morris on January 19, 1758, Philipse Manor Hall offers tours focusing on the wedding traditions of the 17th, 18th, & 19th centuries. (914) 965-4027

❄️ 1/16,23
30: [Winter Cooking Classes at The Castle:](#) Enjoy winter cooking classes with award winning Executive Chef David Haviland and pastry chef Laura DiGiorno. (914) 524-6379

❄️ 1/17: [Ten Broeck Mansion Mid-Winter Lecture Series: Freedom and Slavery in the Hudson Valley:](#) Join Kristina Saddlemier, Saratoga County Historian, for a presentation titled "The Underground Railroad and Abolitionism in Saratoga County" (518) 436-9826

Heritage Spotlight ❄️

[Katonah Museum of Art](#) ❄️



The Katonah Museum of Art, housed in an elegant building designed by Edward Larrabee Barnes, presents eight or nine exhibitions a year in a variety of media that span all cultures, artistic styles, and historical eras. The light-filled, intimate galleries are the setting for exhibitions that explore everything from Buddhist art, 18th- and 19th-century British campaign furniture, and American folk art to works by important contemporary artists. ❄️

A small outdoor Sculpture Garden, shaded by towering pines, displays cutting-edge works and is the site of a summertime jazz series, while the museum's Learning Center offers hands-on activities for children that. Another gallery with library-style tables features works that relate thematically to the main exhibitions, as well as catalogues and expanded literature.

The Katonah Museum of Art, Route 22 at Jay Street in Katonah, open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat. and 12-5 p.m. Sun. Admission fee. (914) 232-9555.

Community Spotlight ❄️

[Town of Woodstock](#) ❄️

❄️ At the December 2006 Greenway Board Meeting, the Town of Woodstock became the fourth community in the recently expanded Greenway boundary area to become a Greenway community. ❄️

❄️ Woodstock was founded in 1787. By the 1800s the abundance of hemlock bark ❄️

1/20-22: [Taste of Italy at Mohonk Mountain House](#): Join Arnd Sievers, Mohonk's Executive Chef, and guest chefs for authentic foods and wines from Italy. Enjoy Italian history, art and entertainment. (845) 255-1000 ❄️

1/22: [Ski / Hike to Van Leuven Cabin](#): Visit the last remaining homestead of the historic Trapps Mountain Hamlet at the Mohonk Preserve. (845) 255-0919

1/24: [Ten Broeck Mansion Mid-Winter Lecture Series: Freedom and Slavery in the Hudson Valley](#): Join Kathy Sheehan, Registrar for the Rensselaer County Historical Society, for a presentation titled "A view of the Rensselaer County Underground Railroad" (518) 436-9826

❄️ 1/26: [Step into the Painting with the Museum of the Hudson Highlands](#): Elizabeth Jacks, Executive Director of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site will describe the project which maps some of the artists' favorite painting sites. (845) 534-5506, ext 204. ❄️

1/27-29: [Scottish Weekend at Mohonk](#): Enjoy lively Scottish dancing, a single malt scotch talk and tasting, bagpipe and drum classes, a Celtic art workshop, a talk on Scottish history, and a workshop on kilts, clans, and tartans with Ann Stewart. (845) 255-1000

1/28: [Beginning Snowshoeing at Olana](#): Learn the basics of snowshoeing and enjoy a trek around the wintry Olana landscape. (518) 828-0135

[Gallery Talks at Dia](#): Neil Printz, Editor of the Andy Warhol catalogue raisonne project, will lecture on Andy Warhol. (845) 440-0100 x44.

❄️ [Wonders of Woodchucks](#): Join the Museum of the Hudson Highlands to Discover fascinating facts about woodchucks. (845) 534-5506, ext 204.

1/31: [Ten Broeck Mansion Mid-Winter Lecture Series: Freedom and Slavery in the Hudson Valley](#): Join Lisa Anderson, Bioarchaeologist for the New York State Museum, for a presentation titled "An African-American Burial Ground in Schuylers Flatts, New York" (518) 436-9826

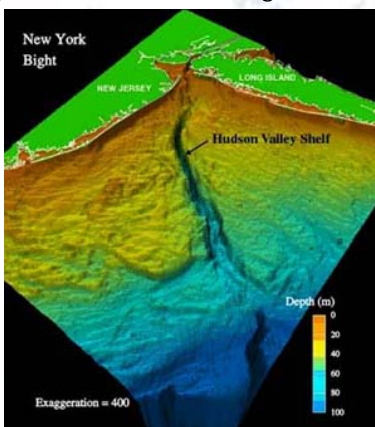
Did You Know...

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Did you know that there is a Canyon in the Hudson River Valley comparable to the Grand Canyon?

The [Hudson Canyon](#) is a submarine canyon, a pathway from land to sea, and is an ancient extension of the Hudson River Valley. The Canyon was formed during the last Ice Age when the sea level was about 400 feet lower and the mouth of the Hudson River was near the edge of the continental shelf, about 100 miles east of its present site. The river discharged sediment that helped carve the canyon aided by underwater avalanches of mud and sand. ❄️

The Hudson Canyon extends over 400 nautical miles seaward from the New York/New Jersey Harbor, across the continental margin, and to the deep ocean basin. Its walls rise three-quarters of a mile from the canyon floor making it comparable to the Grand Canyon, whose cliffs are over a mile deep and 270 miles long. It is the largest known ocean canyon off the East Coast of the United States, and one of the largest [submarine canyons](#) in the world.



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

(used to produce tannic acid) in the Catskill Mountains made Woodstock a center for the tanning industry. The town's quarries also supplied bluestone for sidewalks and roads throughout the nation. As cement became the preferred construction material, the local bluestone industry dried up.

However, the beauty of the Catskills created a thriving tourism industry. Railroads made the beauty of the Catskills accessible and resulted in the era of the grand Catskill mountain houses. In 1875, the Overlook Mountain House opened and, for the next 25 years, played host to various dignitaries and tourists eager to get a taste of the fresh mountain air. ❄️

While only the ruins of the Overlook Mountain House are visible today, the Overlook Mountain Fire Tower offers a spectacular panorama that includes the Hudson River, Ashokan reservoir, Taconic range and, occasionally, Albany. ❄️

Referred to as the "colony of the arts," Woodstock is renowned as an international center for the arts. At the turn of the 20th century, the Arts and Crafts movement put its mark on Woodstock. Attracted by the natural beauty of the area, Ralph Whitehead, along with Bolton Brown and Hervey White established the renowned artist colony Brydcliffe. White would go on to form his own artists' community, the Maverick. ❄️

Woodstock's reputation as a center for the arts continues to attract artists, musicians and intellectuals. Today's Woodstock is now home to a rich diversity of arts and artists.

Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadrcentennial

As of January 1:

731 Days

Until the Quadrcentennial



❄️ For more information visit the official website for the Quadrcentennial at www.exploreny400.com.



Scenic America - While economic development is an essential component for many communities, the physical ramifications associated with this development can have detrimental impacts to visual aesthetics and quality of life. In an effort to guide development in a way that protects natural and cultural resources, Scenic America has developed their website for municipal officials, developers, and residents.



Through a context-sensitive design approach, Scenic America recommends strategies for mitigating visual impacts of development and infrastructure. These recommendations are supported by case studies and often include model ordinances to facilitate implementation. Issues addressed by Scenic America include: billboards and sign control; community planning and design; scenic byways; scenic easements and viewshed protection; telecommunications towers; transportation planning and design; tree conservation; and underground utility wires. (www.scenic.org)

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