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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?

National Heritage Area Website Features Farmer's Markets

In an effort to promote the Hudson Valley's agricultural heritage by promoting local agriculture, the [website](#) for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area now features an inventory of farmer's markets throughout the region. Find the freshest fruits, vegetables and flowers around this summer by clicking on the link under "Suggested Itineraries."

Board Meeting Held at Mohonk Mountain House

On June 13th, the Hudson River Valley Greenway held a joint meeting of the Boards of the Communities Council and the Conservancy, including the National Heritage Area, at the [Mohonk Mountain House](#) in New Paltz, NY. Among the presenters at the Board meeting was [Mohonk Preserve](#) Executive Director Glenn Hoagland, who gave an overview of the [Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway](#), winner of the 2006 Greenway Visions in Planning Award. Ulster County Planning Board Director Dennis Doyle gave an update on Ulster County's Greenway Compact Plan. NYS DEC Region 3 Director William Janeway was also on hand to update the Boards on recent changes at the [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#).



Joint Board Meeting at Mohonk

Items for business at this Board Meeting included the designation of new [Greenway Land Trail](#) segments and [Water Trail](#) sites, and Greenway Community grant awards. Greenway Community Grants were awarded to the Town of Nassau in Rensselaer County and the Town of Taghkanic in Columbia County for the development of each Town's comprehensive plan. The [Town of Putnam Valley](#) in Putnam County was awarded funding for amendments to the Town's Zoning and Subdivision regulations for their newly revised comprehensive plan.

New Greenway Compact Communities

The Greenway is pleased to announce that the [Towns of Lewisboro](#) and [New Castle](#) have adopted the [Westchester County's Compact](#). Additionally, the [Town of Washington](#) has adopted the [Dutchess County Compact](#).

New Greenway Trail Segments

The [Greenway Trail System](#) continues to expand. The Esopus Bend Nature Preserve Trails in Ulster County and the Rhinebeck/Red Hook Historic District Bike & Walk Tour in Dutchess County have been officially designated as part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System. Additionally, the Greenway welcomes three new Hudson River Greenway Water Trail sites: Ossining Ferry Dock in the Village of Ossining, Westchester County; Tina Chorvis Memorial Park in the Village of Saugerties, Ulster County; and the Malden-on-Hudson Boat Launch in the Town of Saugerties, Ulster County.

International Heritage Development Conference

Recently, the Executive Director and staff of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area attended the International Heritage Development Conference in Detroit. Sponsored by the [Alliance of National Heritage Areas](#) and hosted by the [Motor Cities National Heritage Area](#), this conference provided information regarding the latest trends and techniques in management and programming for heritage areas. Additionally, sessions focused on techniques used to address issues confronting heritage areas across the nation. These issues included sustainable tourism, off-site interpretation, and non-traditional partnerships. The conference also provided an opportunity to network with other heritage area professionals and staff.

Greenway Facilitates Open House in Nyack

On June 14th, the Hudson River Valley Greenway conducted a workshop in the [Village of Nyack](#) to discuss the future of Nyack's Memorial Park. The workshop began with a presentation and discussion regarding the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for the park. Participants were then given the chance to discuss issues of park use and amenities. The discussion that occurred during this forum produced a variety of creative approaches to the park's revitalization and will be of significant importance as municipal officials work to develop this waterfront resource.

Lois McClure to embark on Grand Canal Journey

From July 2nd through September 24th, the *Lois McClure*, an 1862 replica canal schooner, will embark on "[The Grand Canal Journey](#)" using the New York State Canal System. During the unprecedented voyage, the *Lois McClure* will travel 1,000 miles in 100 days, visiting 25 ports-of-call along the historic and scenic Erie Canal and New York State Canal System. At each stop along the way, communities have planned events to celebrate their distinct contribution to canal culture and embrace the arrival of the *Lois McClure*. The voyage is made possible through a partnership between the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, the [New York State Canal Corporation](#) and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due September 12th 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 Trail Grants will be due September 7th. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

Other Grant Opportunities:

[2007 Environmental Justice Community Impact Research Grant Program](#) The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of Environmental Justice announces the availability of Community Impact Research Grants in 2007. These grants will provide community-based non-profit organizations with funding from \$2,000 to \$25,000 to conduct research and education projects on multiple environmental harms and risks to their communities. (July 17)

[Wetlands Conservation Act Standard Grants](#) To promote the long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend on wetlands. (July 27)

[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)

[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)

[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 Process](#) Through the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation. Capital programs and 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)

[The Trust's National Preservation Endowment](#) offers several types of financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit companies, and individuals involved in preservation-related projects. In 2005, through the National Preservation Endowment, the National Trust provided almost \$17 million in financial assistance and direct investment to support preservation in cities, towns, and rural areas all over the United States. If you would like more information on any of these grant programs, please contact the [National Trust Regional Office](#) nearest you. (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)

[Environmental Training and Technical Assistance Grants](#): Applications for training and technical-assistance funds from the Environmental Support Center to strengthen nonprofit environmental organizations in areas including fund raising, organizational development, and planning. Who may apply: regional, statewide, or local grass-roots organizations serving low-income or minority constituencies that have environmental issues as a significant part of the organization's agenda. (Open)

[Pollution Prevention and Economic Development](#): Supports projects that lead to measurable pollution prevention and economic development results. Eligible applicants include New York State businesses, non-profit organizations and municipalities.

[Waste Reduction, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Programs](#): Statewide and municipality-specific state assistance programs for waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. This investment leverages local funding in these program areas. Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, Recycling Coordinators, Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program. (Open)

Upcoming Events

7/1-12/31: [Full Steam Ahead: Robert Fulton and the Age of Steamboats](#): The Albany Institute of History and Art celebrates the 200th anniversary of Fulton's first steamboat voyage from New York City to Albany. (518) 463-4478

[Bobs' Folly: Inventing America's First Steamboat](#): Exhibit at Clermont featuring exhibits and interactive components related to the bicentennial of the world's first practical steamboat. (518) 537-4240

7/1-7: [4th of July at Mohonk Mountain House](#): Enjoy log-rolling contests, parades, carnival, square dance, and fireworks displays. (845) 255-1000

7/1-2: [Annual Family Fun Festival](#): The Foundry School Museum will offer a patriotic celebration for the entire family. (845) 265-4010

7/1: [Colonial Birthday Party at Philipse Manor](#): In celebration of Mary Philipse's birthday (July 3, 1730), learn about historic and worldwide birthday traditions, participate in historic games, and eat cake. (914) 965-4027

[Summer Lawn Concert Series at Locust Grove](#): Enjoy a special performance by "The Saints of Swing" specializing in electric selections of Swing classics, Jazz, Motown, and Ballroom favorites. (845) 454-4500

7/4: [Fireworks at the Empire State Plaza](#): Enjoy kids activities, music, and a free concert by The Temptations followed by a spectacular fireworks show.

Independence Day: Celebrate Independence Day at [New Windsor Cantonment](#) and [Knox's Headquarters](#) with Revolutionary War musket and cannon demonstrations and activities.

[Independence Day 1806](#): Van Cortlandt Manor celebrates with cannons, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, an Independence Day Parade and hands-on activities. (914) 631-8200

[Independence Day 1856](#): Join Sunnyside for presentations, speeches, period music, and traditional dancing and activities. (914) 591-8763.

[Independence Day at John Jay Homestead](#): Enjoy a reading of the Declaration of Independence and patriotic music on the front lawn. (914) 232-5651

7/5: [Sunset Sensations at Locust Grove](#): Sample Culinary creations with vegetables from heritage gardens at Locust Grove. Take part in cooking demonstrations and garden tours by horticulturists. (845) 454-4500 x17

7/6: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events.

7/6, 13: 18th Century Cooking Demonstrations: [Knox's Headquarters](#) features dishes prepared for the Ellison family and their military guests while [New Windsor Cantonment](#) offers fare from soldiers' rations. (845) 561-5498

7/7-8: [Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Discovery Quests](#): Each Quest is an adventure and a search on trails that range from casual to challenging. (845) 534-5506 x204

Heritage Spotlight

[Playland Amusement Park](#)



The nation's first planned amusement park, Playland offers a treat for both architecture buffs and thrill-seeking children. Realizing that its shoreline in Rye, on Long Island Sound, was increasingly attracting a rowdy crowd, Westchester County decided in 1927 to construct a 280-acre park. This park would feature a variety of family-friendly diversions including rides, a freshwater pool, beaches, a boardwalk, and skating rinks. Buildings (including Playland's most prominent landmark, the 110-foot-tall Music Tower) were designed in the streamlined Art Deco style by the team of Walker and Gillette, while the grounds were pleasingly landscaped. The park opened in 1928 and was an overwhelming success.

Much of the original architectural fabric of the park remains, as do seven original rides.



These rides include the Dragon Coaster, a wooden roller coaster that hurtles riders into a long, dark tunnel, and the Derby Racer, a carousel that reaches speeds of 25 miles an hour. In 1987, Playland was named a National Historic Landmark.

Today, Playland features 50 rides, swimming, boating, and indoor skating. Live entertainment and fireworks are also offered on summer evenings.

On Playland Parkway in Rye, open from early May-late September. Admission to the park is free; there is a fee for parking and rides. 914-813-7000, 914-813-7010.

- 7/7: [Walking Tour of the 1658 Stockade](#): Visit Kingston to explore the largest intact early Dutch settlement in the state. Follow historic streets and stop at the site where the State Constitution was drafted. (845) 339-0720.
- [Summer Celebration](#): Enjoy an old-fashioned picnic at Wilderstein featuring summer food, dancing, music, and an auction. 845-876-4818
- 7/13-20: [NY-NJ Trail Conference](#): Enjoy dozens of hikes and workshops on trail and nature topics during this meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) on the campus of Ramapo College in northern New Jersey.
- 7/14,28 [What Will We Find?](#): Visit the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and learn about fish living in the Hudson River. (845) 534-5506 x204.
- 7/14: [Campout at Sunnyside](#): Bring a tent for this popular overnight campout event for families. The outing features a picnic, flashlight story walk, and songs and stories around the campfire. (914) 631-8200 x618
- [Colonial-era Quilt Workshop](#): Visit Van Cortlandt Manor to learn the techniques for making a colonial-style quilt. (914) 271-8981.
- [Guided Tours of Huguenot Graveyard](#): Explore the graveyard at the 1717 French Church. Changes in funerary rites, and the unique customs of the Dutch and French settlers will also be discussed. (845)255-1660
- 7/15: [Locust Lawn Candlelight Tour](#): Historic Huguenot Street offers special tours of the Evert Terwilliger House (1738), and the Josiah Hasbrouck House (1814). (845) 255-1660.
- [Sports and Games of the Past](#): Celebrate National Recreation and Parks Month at Philipse Manor and learn to play colonial games. (914) 965-4027
- [Antique Car Show at Locust Grove](#): Enjoy a car show on the lawns of the historic estate. (845) 454-4500
- 7/16-20: [Time Travelers Summer Camp](#): Kids can enjoy this day camp at Huguenot Street and explore history through hands-on activities. (845) 255-1660
- 7/21-22: [Byrdcliffe Furniture Workshop](#): An introductory workshop teaches about the joinery, materials and finishes that the masters of Byrdcliffe used. Build your own piece of furniture in the Byrdcliffe style. (845) 679-2079
- 7/21: [Afternoon Lecture and Tea at Wilderstein](#): Historian Cathy Knepper discusses her recent book, "Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters to Eleanor Roosevelt Through Depression and War." Tea to follow. (845) 876-4818
- 7/21: [Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art Family Day](#): Learn about the Arts and Crafts movement through hands-on activities. (845) 257-3844
- [General Henry Knox Birthday](#): Enjoy living history role-players and a fantastic 18th Century style magic show. (845) 561-5498.
- 7/22: [To Draw Your Attention - 18th Century Arts and Mysteries](#): Visit New Windsor Cantonment and enjoy cannons, surveying and engineering demonstrations, and open hearth cooking. (845) 561-1765.
- 7/23-27: [Archaeology Camp at Huguenot Street](#): Kids 9 to 13 can take part in a real archaeological dig and discover artifacts. (845) 255-1660 x102
- 7/25-29: [Empire State Summer Games](#): Westchester County hosts the 2007 Empire State Games, one of the largest amateur athletic programs in the nation.
- 7/27: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.
- 7/29: [African-American Foodways Festival Philipsburg Manor](#): Explore the influence of African heritage on American cuisine. (914) 631-3992.
- 7/30-8/2: [John Jay Homestead Summer History Camp](#): Children in grades 2 through 6 can enjoy historic crafts and activities. (914) 232-5651.

Community Spotlight

Town of Colonie

Situated along the northern border of Albany County, the Town of Colonie is the largest town in the Northeastern United States. The Town of Colonie is home to both the Village of Colonie and the Village of Menands.

Originally, part of the Rensselaerwyck Manor, this land was outside the Village of Beverwyck (now Albany) and was referred to as "the Colonye" - a Dutch term meaning "the settlement outside the city." By the late 18th century, "the colonye" had been renamed the "Town of Watervliet." It was during this period that Mother Ann Lee came to the town and established the first Shaker settlement in America.


Over the next century, unrest grew between the urban and rural portions of the Town of Watervliet. In 1895, the Legislature granted permission for the rural portion of the town to secede. This portion became known the Town of Colonie and the remaining urban portion became known as the City of Watervliet.

Today, a number of families reside in the Town of Colonie and visitors from throughout the region come to enjoy its amenities. "The Crossings" and the "Mohawk and Hudson Bikeway" offer a variety of trails and gardens while the town's network of pocket parks provide additional recreational opportunities. Cultural institutions include the Pruyn House and the Watervliet Shaker Historic District as well as Siena College.

Business and commercial opportunities abound in Colonie and include regional attractions, such as Colonie Center and Latham Farms, as well as local businesses.

Regional transportation corridors, such as I-87 and Central Avenue, help connect Colonie to the surrounding region while the Albany International Airport helps connect the region to the rest of the world.

The Town of Colonie has come a long way from its roots as the land "outside the city." Today Colonie has transformed itself from a pass-through to a regional destination.



Did You Know...



Did you know Albany established the first municipal airport in the United States?

In 1910, Glenn Curtiss won the New World Prize for the first sustained flight, traveling from Albany to New York City in his "Albany Flyer." A year later, a strip of land was designated on Westerlo Island and maintained by the Albany Chamber of Commerce as the "Quentin Roosevelt Memorial Field" in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt's son. Soon, Albany welcomed a number of famous aviators including Amelia Earhart, James Doolittle and Clarence Chamberlain. In 1927, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed his "Spirit of St. Louis" at the airport shortly after his historic flight to Paris.

As air travel increased, Albany relocated its airport to farmland owned by the Shakers in Colonie. During construction, Shakers loaned tractors and tools to the work crews and often offered them lunch. In 1928, the first municipal airport in the nation, Albany Municipal Airport, opened with the inaugural flight carrying cigars from the mayor of Albany to the mayor of Buffalo. The grand opening was marked by an air meet and exposition. Albany's airport also housed the first airport weather bureau.

By 1930 Albany was known as the "aerial crossroads of the great Northeast" and continued to attract many well-known figures. In 1932, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt flew from Albany Airport to Chicago to accept the presidential nomination for the Democratic Party. Other presidential candidates who landed in Albany included Governor Thomas Dewey, John Kennedy, Richard Nixon, George Wallace, Barry Goldwater, William Bradley and Albert Gore. In 1994, Air Force One landed at the Albany Airport with President Clinton on board.



Over the years, the Albany Airport has experienced a number of changes and renovations designed to meet the changing needs of the airline industry and its passengers. In 1998, the airport was renovated and opened as the "Albany International Airport." This latest redesign included expansions and renovations to the terminal that reflect the region's rich Dutch and Shaker heritage.

Covering 1,200 acres and accommodating 1.5 million passengers, the Albany International Airport has remained a significant transportation center of the northeast and will continue to do so in the 21st century.

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

Upcoming Greenway and National Heritage Area Events



- 7/1-11: [Great Hudson River Paddle](#): An opportunity to paddle from Albany to New York City, combined with festivals in several riverfront communities
- 8/14-19: [Great Hudson Valley Pedal](#): A six-day, 200-mile bicycle tour from Albany to New York City through the magnificent and historic Hudson Valley.
- 9/15-16
23,29-30 [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#): Highlighting the scenic, natural, cultural and historic resources that earned the region its designation as a National Heritage Area.
- 9/22: [Patriot's Weekend 2007: The Crossing at King's Ferry 1782](#): - Commemorating the 225th anniversary of the return march of General Rochambeau's French expeditionary army to the Hudson River Valley.
- 11/13-14: New York Heritage Development Conference: Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area partners with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and New York State Heritage Area Association to present this conference on issues and opportunities for heritage development.

Trail Spotlight

[Discovery Quest Trails - Hudson Highlands Nature Museum](#)

On June 13th, 2007, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum (formerly Museum of the Hudson Highlands) unveiled their new name and logo. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, the public was invited to enjoy their new education program called "Discovery Quests." Staff from the Hudson River Valley Greenway were there to help celebrate!



The Quests follow four trails built on the 177-acre Kenridge Farm property. Specially created Quest Guidebooks provide puzzles and the clues to solve them as hikers learn about nature and the landscape at interpretive posts along each trail. The Pond Quest is a short trail that meanders past ponds and cattails and interprets the birds, dragonflies and other water-loving creatures that inhabit wetlands. The Field Quest leads hikers through the Museum's farm fields and loops back through open woodland, identifying field plants and insects along the way. Tree identification and woodland animals are the themes of the Woodland Quest and the Hiking Quest leads past geologic features and signs of former activity.



The Hudson River Valley Greenway has supported the museum's efforts to develop the Discovery Quests program. In 2005, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum received a Greenway Trail grant to construct a segment of the Discovery Quest trails and in 2006 they received a Greenway Trail grant for a trailhead pavilion and a bird interpretation platform. The Discovery Quests provide a unique opportunity for hikers of all ages to interact with nature and learn about the plants animals and landscapes that exist in the region. The Greenway looks forward to designating the Discovery Quest trails a part the Greenway Trail system.



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