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## What's New?

### Greenway Board Meeting

The next Joint Meeting of the Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in Room 250 of the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 11:30 am.

Commissioner Ash of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will give a presentation on the State's commitment to revitalizing its parks system and protecting our historic resources. Commissioner Alexander (Pete) Grannis of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, will present on the State's response to climate change and sustainability. For more information, please contact the Greenway by email at [hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:hrvg@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us) or by phone at (518) 473-3835.

### Great Estates Symposium



The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area will sponsor the [Great Estates Symposium](#) on March 29th entitled "Stewards and Visionaries: Women of the Great Estates." The symposium will feature a variety of lectures and events that focus on the importance of women to Hudson Valley estates from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Presentations will also examine the role that women played in saving and preserving many of these significant properties.

The symposium will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the F.D.R. Presidential Library in Hyde Park and is presented by the Great Estates Consortium - a collaboration among the ten historic sites located on the east side of the Hudson River between Hudson and Poughkeepsie. These sites include [Olana](#), [Cedar Grove](#), [Clermont](#), [Montgomery Place](#), [Wilderstein](#), the National Park Service properties in Hyde Park, the [F.D.R. Presidential Library](#), [Staatsburgh State Historic Site](#) and [Locust Grove](#).

For more information and to register for the symposium, please contact Melodye Moore, Historic Site Manager for Staatsburgh State Historic Site, at (845) 889-8851.

### Association of Towns

The Association of Towns of the State of New York held their 2008 Annual Training School and Meeting Program from February 17th through 20th in New York City. This year marked the 75th anniversary of the Association's founding. The annual program features presentations and sessions focused on issues of planning and community development for municipal officials in towns throughout the state. This year, topics of discussion included wind power siting, comprehensive planning, community "hot button" issues, green infrastructure, and transportation as well as sessions devoted to state and federal regulations for wetlands and other sensitive lands. Greenway and National Heritage Area staff were on hand to speak with municipal officials, government staff, and state agency partners.



### Pattern for Progress Annual Breakfast

Pattern for Progress held their annual President's Day Breakfast on February 7th at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center. Jonathan Drapkin, President and CEO of Patterns for Progress, outlined the Work Plan for the upcoming year which included issues of affordable housing, transportation, healthcare, transit oriented development, and education. The event featured a Keynote Address by Elliot Sander, CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and a brief period for questions.





Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due May 12th for our June Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our October 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 and site educators 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 x35, FDR National Historic Site, or e-mail [rova\\_TeachingtheHudsonValley@nps.gov](mailto:rova_TeachingtheHudsonValley@nps.gov). (March 17)

#### *Other Grant Opportunities:*

[Furthermore grants in publishing](#) for nonfiction book publishing about the city; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, and design; cultural history; and civil liberties and other public issues of the day. Grants apply to writing, research, editing, design, indexing, photography, illustration, and printing and binding. Applicants must be 501(c)3 organizations. Grants from \$500 to roughly \$15,000 are awarded in spring and fall. (March 15)

[Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers National Endowment for the Humanities](#) As part of NEH's *We the People* program, the Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports series of one-week residence-based workshops for K-12 educators that use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art history, or other related subjects in the humanities. (March 17)

[Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership Agency/Organization](#) The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) invite proposals for innovative, collaborative humanities projects using the latest digital technologies for the benefit of the American public, humanities scholarship, and the nation's cultural institutions. (March 18)

[New York Main Streets Program](#): To provide financial and technical resources to help communities with efforts to preserve and revitalize mixed-use main street/downtown business districts. The Program will provide grants to stimulate reinvestment in properties located within mixed-use business districts located in urban, small town, and rural areas consistent with Articles 16A and 17B of the Private Housing Finance Law (PHFL). (March 25)

[2008 Water Quality Planning and Implementation Grants](#) for New York City Watershed Communities. Eligible projects include preparation or updating of a municipal Master Plan or Comprehensive Plan, or a component thereof, demonstrating that the municipal authority has considered land use influences resulting from the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and the need to enhance water quality protection in the NYC Watershed. (March 31)

[Industrial Heritage Preservation Grants](#) The Society for Industrial Archeology offers grants from \$1000 to \$3000 for the study, documentation, recordation, and/or preservation of significant historic industrial sites, structures, and objects. (March 31)



[Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\)](#) is a federal, state and local effort to enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school. The Safe Routes to School Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. Projects must have a minimum total cost of \$25,000. The maximum total cost for non-infrastructure projects is \$150,000; for infrastructure projects, \$400,000. (April 1, 2008)

[American Rivers- NOAA Community Based Restoration Program Partnership Grants](#) American Rivers seeks proposals for river restoration project grants as part of its partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-based Restoration Program. (April 1)


[Digital Humanities Start-up Grants National Endowment for the Humanities](#) This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities. (April 2)

[Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities National Endowment for the Humanities](#) As part of the Endowment-wide [Digital Humanities Initiative](#), these grants support national or regional (multi-state) training programs on approaches in humanities computing. (April 9)

[Picturing America](#) is an initiative of the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH), in cooperation with the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#). The goal of Picturing America<sup>SM</sup> is to enhance the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture by bringing some of America's greatest works of art into school classrooms and public libraries. (April 15)

[2008 Small Cities Community Development Block Grants](#) The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office for Small Cities announces the availability of funding for projects that provide affordable housing, access to safe drinking water, proper disposal of household wastewater, access to community-needed services in local facilities, foster microenterprise activities and economic opportunities through the support of projects that create and/or retain permanent employment opportunities that principally benefit low-and moderate-income persons. (April 21)

[Environmental Justice Community Impact Grant Program](#) The New York State DEC Office of Environmental Justice is now accepting grant applications from community organizations for projects that address environmental and related public health issues. (April 23)

[Challenge Grants National Endowment for the Humanities](#) NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. (May 1) 

[Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards National Endowment for the Humanities](#) Fellowships and Faculty Research Awards support individuals pursuing advanced research in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities. (May 1)

[Preserve New York 2008 Grant Program Preservation League of NYS and the NYS Council on the Arts](#) Grant Program to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations undertaking historic structure reports, historic landscape reports and cultural resource surveys. (May 5)


[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions National Endowment for the Humanities](#) Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions, such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges, improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. (May 15)

[Worldwide Grant Program Tourism Cares](#) Tourism Cares' Worldwide Grant Program distributes charitable grants to worthy tourism-related non-profit organizations worldwide for capital improvements or programs as outlined on the website. (May 30)

[Save our History The History Channel](#) Save Our History is a national history education and preservation initiative that raises awareness and support for preserving local heritage. The History Channel® created Save Our History to support local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across America. (June 6)

[Transportation Enhancement Program](#): a federal reimbursement program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), administered by the New York Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Eligible projects include trail development and historic preservation. Workshops for potential applicants will held by the NYSDOT Regions and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), beginning in late February or early March (June 27)

## Upcoming Events

- 3/12: Greenway Joint Board Meeting. Meeting will begin at 10:00am and will be held at Room 250 of the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York. The meeting will feature presentations by Commissioner Ash and Commissioner Grannis. For more information contact the Greenway at (518) 473-3835
- 3/29: "Stewards and Visionaries: Women of the Great Estates" at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park. 
- 7/3-13: Eighth Annual Great Hudson River Paddle ([registration now open!](#))
- 7/29-31: Teaching the Hudson Valley Summer Institute at Hyde Park. This year's topic will be "Teaching the Hudson Valley Diversity: Culture, History, and Nature 1609-2009."

## Other Upcoming Events Around the Region

3/1: [Family First Saturdays at the Neuberger Museum of Art: From the City to the Country](#): See how artists represent landscapes in different ways. Discover art together through themed-gallery talks and related hands-on art workshops for children ages 5-10, and live music by Purchase College Conservatory of Music students. (914) 251-6100

[Storytelling and Art-Making at the Albany Institute of History and Art](#): Children can listen to a story by Laura Ljungkvist in the gallery and then enjoy a related art activity in the studio. (518) 463-4478 x435

[Reading Winter Tracks](#): Children visiting Fort Montgomery can learn to decipher winter tracks and their corresponding makers. (845) 446-2134


[Family Art and Gallery Adventure at the Albany Institute of History & Art](#): Learn about the objects that were used in parlors during the 1800's. In the studio use decorative paper and cutting techniques to design a paper parlor room. (518) 463-4478

3/1-2; 8-9, 15 21-22 [Maple Sugar Tours](#): Get a taste of maple sugaring at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Includes a walk through the forest, stopping at points of interest to learn aspects of making maple sugar. (845) 534-5506 x204

3/2: [The Hudson River School of Rocks](#): Explore how landscape artists learned geology and portrayed it in their art. Learn how Thomas Cole employed this strategy in his series "The Course of Empire", and in the process turned the tables on European art. Cedar Grove presents this discussion as part of its Salon Series. (518) 943-7465




- 3/7: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and events.
- 3/8: [Washington's Women](#): In recognition of Women's History Month, join St. Paul's Church for a discussion about "The Women of Washington's World". Enjoy a courtroom drama based on the story of a woman accused of horse thievery in the 1780s, and finish with a tour of the cemetery, learning about the lives of American women. (914) 667-4116
- 3/12: **Greenway Joint Board Meeting, Room 250 of the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York.** 
- 3/13, 27: [Book Discussion at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum](#): Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Executive Director and environmental educator for a discussion based on the book "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life." (845) 534-5506 x204
- 3/15-4/20: [Gulag: Soviet Labor Camps and the Struggle for Freedom](#): This traveling art exhibition for secondary students and adults will be held at the Steel Plant Studios at Marist College. A curriculum package is available as well as limited funding for student transportation. (845) 229-9116 x28
- 3/15: [Storytelling and Art-Making at the Albany Institute](#): Children can listen to a story by Karen Teis in the gallery and then enjoy a related art activity in the studio. (518) 463-4478 x435
- [Family Art and Gallery Adventure at the Albany Institute: Design Casting](#): Carve and cast a simple bas-relief sculpture, understand how negative space creates positive relief in the process of casting. Intergenerational programs for children ages 6-12 and accompanying adults. (518) 463-4478
- 3/16: ["Remember the Ladies" at the Saratoga National Historical Park](#): Sip tea and enjoy 18th century style cookies while listening to diaries and letters written by women who lived during the dramatic days of America's Revolution. (518) 664-9821 x224
- 3/16: [Craggs, Carriageways and Culture](#): Join a park naturalist for a short walk around Lake Minnewaska and explore the unique cultural history of the Park. Learn about the two resorts that once stood here and entertained generations of visitors with majestic views and carriage rides. (845) 255-0752
- 3/17: [Music at the Albany Institute of History and Art](#): In anticipation of the Hudson River Quadricentennial in 2009, The Egg has commissioned three of New York's finest, and most diverse contemporary composers and musicians to create new music honoring the beauty and rich cultural history of the Hudson River Valley. (518) 463-4478 x420 
- 3/20: [Family Tour at Olana](#): Enjoy an Olana house tour specifically geared toward children and families. (518) 828-0135
- [First Day of Spring Hike](#): Celebrate the first day of spring and the Vernal Equinox by getting outside for a little fresh air at Olana. Families are welcome. (518) 828-0135
- 3/22: [Guided Bird Walk](#): Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature during a guided bird walk on the beautiful grounds of Clermont. (518) 537-4240
- 3/27: [Haunted Hudson Valley](#): Join Linda Zimmerman, ghost hunter, on a tour of some of the valley's most haunted places and find out what she discovered during her investigation of Fort Montgomery. Book sale and signing to follow. (845) 446-2134
- 3/28: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.
- 3/29: **"Stewards and Visionaries: Women of the Great Estates" - Great Estates Symposium at the Wallace Center in Hyde Park.**
- [Gallery Talks at Dia:Beacon](#): Join Christina Rosenberger as she talks about artist Agnes Martin. The discussion will take place in the museum's galleries. (845) 440-0100 x44
- [Homegrown Harvest](#): Come spend the morning at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum learning how to start a backyard garden. Learn the basics of growing your own healthful vegetables from Master Gardeners of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County. (845) 534-5506 x204
- 3/30: [Thomas Cole and Christian Geology](#): During Thomas Cole's life, many geologists connected science with religion, searching for geological evidence of the stories contained in the Bible. Learn how this influenced Cole's work as a landscape painter. Cedar Grove presents this discussion as part of its Salon Series. (518) 943-7465



### Green Tip of the Month

This month, Wash clothes in cold water rather than hot. Each month would reduce your carbon footprint by about 42lbs of CO2. Over the year that comes to a savings of about 504lbs!

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



### [Albany City Hall](#)

A grand Romanesque-style building, Albany's city hall was designed in 1882 by Henry Hobson Richardson, then America's greatest architect, who got the commission completely by chance when the existing city hall burned down while the architect was working up the street on the New York State Capitol. Constructed of Rhode Island granite with a darker stone trim, the building features a profusion of arches (including a carved trio across the front entryway) and a pyramidal-roofed, 200-foot-high tower. Considered to be the most Romanesque of all of Richardson's buildings (later to be known as "Richardsonian Romanesque"), it contains many of his trademark features including intricately patterned stonework, rich floral carvings, and fanciful finials and gargoyles.



The tower contains a 49-bell carillon - the first municipal carillon in the United States - installed in 1927 as a tribute to soldiers who served in World War I. Collectively weighing 27 tons (the largest bell alone tips the scale at 11,000 pounds), the bells are regularly played at noontime on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and on Sunday afternoons during the summer.

*Albany City Hall is located at 24 Eagle Street in the City of Albany.*



### [City of Albany](#)



Strategically located along the western bank of the Hudson River, the City of Albany is the capital of New York State and forms the "Capital District" with nearby cities of Troy and Schenectady. Albany is the fourth oldest continually inhabited city in the United States and the second oldest state capital. The [Pine Bush](#), located at the far edge of the city, is the only sizable inland pine barrens in the United States and is home to many endangered species.

Originally known by native Americans as Penpotawotnot, Albany's colonial ties began with Henry Hudson's exploration in September 1609. In 1624 the Dutch East India Company built Fort Orange, a fur trading post, and by 1652 the area was incorporated as the village of Beverwyck. In 1664 the English took the land and renamed the village "Albany" to honor the Duke of Albany. Governor Thomas Dongan formally chartered Albany in 1686 and appointed Pieter Schuyler as mayor. In 1797, Albany was designated capital of New York State. With the advent of the steamboat, railways, and nearby canal development, Albany quickly became a transportation center.

Today Albany is a center for politics and education in New York State. Higher education institutions include Albany Law School, the College of Saint Rose, Maria College of Albany, Sage College of Albany, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Medical College, Excelsior College, and the State University at Albany. The city also plays a vital role in the regional ["Tech Valley"](#) initiative and is home to many national and international entities. Albany's cultural amenities include galleries, arts venues and museums as well as summer concerts and festivals. The city contains some of the finest examples of American architecture and includes works by Richardson, Fuller, and Eidlitz. Significant features include historic [Center Square neighborhood](#), [Washington Park](#) (designed by Vaux and Olmstead, architects of Manhattan's Central Park), the Empire State Plaza, and the State Education Building. Residential neighborhoods throughout the city retain their pedestrian-friendly orientation.

Albany was designated an ["All American City"](#) in 1991 and is currently recognized as a top city in the fields of technology and nanotechnology. With numerous amenities for residents and visitors, Albany offers something for everyone.

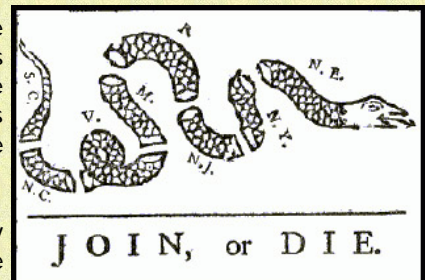
### Did You Know...



Did you know that our nation's first attempt at unification occurred in the City of Albany?

Today, the City of Albany is the Capitol of New York State. However before it became the capitol, a meeting of representatives of seven of the British North American colonies (Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island) took place in 1754. This meeting was known as the Albany Congress. Representatives met daily at Albany, New York from June 19 to July 11 to discuss better relations with the Indian tribes and common defensive measures against the French.

Out of these meetings came Benjamin Franklin's "Albany Plan of Union" which was an early attempt to form a union of these colonies. A portion of this plan was used later in writing the Articles of Confederation which kept the States together from 1781 until the Constitution. The Albany Plan of Union marks the first partnership that existed between the colonies.



Cartoon by Benjamin Franklin, urging support for the Congress

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

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