



HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



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

The next meeting of the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway will take place on October 10, 2007, at 11:00 AM in the Sunset Terrace of the Chelsea Piers complex in New York City. We are pleased to welcome as a guest speaker the Chair of Hudson River Park Trust, Diana L. Taylor. The Hudson River Park is a 550-acre park, the largest open space development in Manhattan since the completion of Central Park. Extending for five miles along the Manhattan shoreline from Battery Place to West 59th Street, the park is a partnership between New York State and City. Hudson River Park, with its five miles of bikeway/walkway, represents the southernmost leg of the Greenway Land Trail in Manhattan.



Heritage Expo at Albany's LarkFest

Hudson River Valley Ramble

The 8th Annual [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#) took place on September 15-16, 23, and 29-30. Over 160 hikes, paddles, cultural events and heritage tours took place throughout the Hudson Valley, highlighting the history and natural beauty of our region.

As part of this year's Ramble events, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area also held the 2nd annual Heritage Expo, in conjunction with the Albany Lark Fest celebration. In addition to the HRVNHA, the Heritage Expo featured exhibits and informational programs from the Albany Institute of History and Art, Peebles Island State Park, Schodack Island State Park, Grafton State Park, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, the New Windsor Cantonment, Knox's headquarters, and Washington's headquarters. Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Ramble, our best ever!

Burden Iron Works

The historic [Burden Iron Works Museum](#) in Troy will soon have a new sign on their entryway. A year-long project to restore the gilt lettering above the entrance to the Museum is nearly complete, and soon a beautiful new sign with gold-leaf covered lettering will welcome all visitors to this landmark of the Industrial Age.

NEW Heritage Area Brochures

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is pleased to announce the completion of the latest in the map/brochure series, *Landscapes and Gardens in the Hudson River Valley*. This latest brochure features many of the beautiful outdoor gardens, parks, and scenic vistas that have helped to define the landscape of the Hudson River Valley and includes works by some of the most noted landscape architects in the country, including Calvert Vaux and A.J. Downing. A press event will be held in conjunction with the National Parks Service on October 5th at the [Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site](#) to commemorate the release of these wonderful new brochures.



Downing Park, Newburgh

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due December 12th for our January Board Meeting. Applications received after this date will be considered for our March Board Meeting. Applications can be downloaded from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Website by clicking [here](#).

Other Grant Opportunities:

[National Preservation Fund and Battlefield Preservation Fund grants](#) The grants are available to non-profit groups or municipalities, require a dollar-for-dollar match, and cannot be used for bricks-and-mortar construction or for the acquisition of property. For more information, please send an e-mail to nero@nthp.org. (October 1)

[2007-2008 Agri-tourism Grants](#) The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets invites proposals for a matching grant program for the development, implementation or expansion of programs, projects, activities or events which will promote New York State food and agriculture through agri-tourism. (October 30)

[NOAA Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grants](#) Funds individual grass-roots marine debris prevention and removal projects that benefit coastal habitat like wetlands and coral reefs, as well as fisheries, marine mammals, sea turtles and waterways. (October 31)

[NOAA Open Rivers Initiative](#) Funds the removal of obsolete dams and other stream barriers to improve fisheries, enhance public safety and boost local economies through benefits resulting from removal. (October 31)



[State Assistance for Shared Municipal Services](#) The Department of State is now soliciting applications for the 2007-2008 round of the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program. Competitive grants to two or more municipalities to cover costs associated with shared services, cooperative agreements, consolidations, mergers and dissolutions. Priority shall be given to applications that include: Shared services that include a fiscally distressed municipality; Plan or implement the consolidation, merger or dissolution of municipalities; Shared services between school districts and municipalities; Shared highway services; Consolidation of health benefit plans offered by two or more municipalities; County wide shared services. (December 14)

[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](#) NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, funds for affordable housing and community revitalization including: new construction, rehabilitation; emergency repair; homebuyer assistance; façade and building renovation; streetscape enhancement, downtown anchor creation; accessibility; 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. More information on grant programs can be found by contacting 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)

[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. (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)

[Management Assistance Mini-Grant Program.](#) helps board and staff members and volunteers develop skills by providing financial support to hire consultants and to help defray professional-development costs. (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)



Upcoming Greenway and National Heritage Area Events

- 10/10: Meeting of the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway (Chelsea Piers, New York City)
- 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.

Other Upcoming Events Around the Region

- 10/1-12/31: [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
- 10/1: [Interpretation Training Session](#): Learn techniques for educating visitors about the history of the NYS Canal System, Mohawk Valley, and Upper Hudson Valley during this interpretive training class. (518) 237-7000 ext 202
- 10/4: [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 
- [This Perfect Riverview](#): Join Dr. Trudie A. Grace as she focuses on paintings that depict the beauty of the Hudson Highlands. (845) 534-5506 x204
- 10/5: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and special events.
- 10/5,11-14, [The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze](#): Enjoy a spellbinding display of more than 3,000 hand-carved pumpkins lit up throughout the landscape in various arrangements to create the largest and most innovative Halloween event in three states. Spooky music and sound effects included. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200.
- 10/6: [Mushroom Hike](#): Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for a walk in the woods in search of mushrooms, toadstools, brackets and fairy rings. Learn how to identify common fungus among us. (845) 534-5506, ext 204
-  [Walking Tour of the 1658 Stockade National Historic District](#): 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.
- 10/7: [Family Fun at Locust Lawn](#): Historic Huguenot Street presents a Harvest tour and seasonal activities. (845) 255-1660
- 10/9-14: [New York Archives Week Exhibit](#): An exhibit of archival material relating to the history of Yonkers and Philipse Manor Hall. On view during regular tour hours. (914) 965-4027
- 10/11: [Oak Forests of our Region: Past Changes and Current Threats](#): Dr. William S.F. Schuster will describe key ecological changes that have occurred in our oak forests and how it will affect our future. (845) 534-5506, ext 204
- 10/12-14: [Civil War Living History Weekend](#): A Civil War encampment comes to Historic Huguenot Street. There will be firing and drilling demonstrations presented by the 120th NYS Vols. (845) 255-1660.
- 10/13: [Old Fashioned Barn Dance](#): Enjoy the fall festivities of the Hudson Valley with your family. Join us for a chicken BBQ and live folk band barn dance with Caller so everyone can participate. (845) 831-8172. 
- 10/17: [Wayside Exhibit Workshop](#): Learn about educating residents and visitors with interpretive signage and exhibits.
- 10/18: [Working in and for Nature: Stories from the Past](#): Sara Tjossem discusses tension between those who wanted to develop science separate from social and political issues and advocates of social activism. (845) 534-5506, ext 204.
- 10/19-20; 26-28: [Legend Weekend](#): Delights and frights at Philipsburg Manor with bonfires, Washington Irving's Headless Horseman, ghouls, witches, and ghostly apparitions. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200.
-  [Grand Opening: Living Hudson Exhibit at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum](#): This amazing 3D exhibit recreates a remarkable journey in the watershed of the Hudson Highlands. (845) 534-5506, ext. 204
- 10/20: [Pumpkin Themed Open-Hearth Cooking Workshop](#): Pumpkins have historically graced tables across the region. Explore delicious recipes at Van Cordlandt Manor. Reservations required. (914) 631-8200, ext. 618
- [Family Fun at Historic Huguenot Street](#): Tour the French Church and graveyard. (845) 255-1660

10/26: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery exhibitions.

10/26-27: [Haunted Huguenot Street](#): Special tours focus on the ghost stories and strange occurrences on the Street and in the area. (845) 255-1660



10/27-28: [225th Anniversary of the Arrival of Washington's Army](#): Visit the New Windsor Cantonment to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Arrival of Washington's Army. Members of the Brigade of the American Revolution portray General Washington's Army as they begin their winter posting at New Windsor in October, 1782. (845) 561-1765.

10/27: Amazing Arachnids at Hudson Highlands Nature Museum: Meet a few eight legged friends, take a web walk in search of arachnid finery and finish up with an artful spider craft. (845) 534-5506, ext 204

10/27-28: [Legend Weekend Daytime](#): Sunnyside offers games for children, 19th-century magic shows, live music, puppet shows, ghost stories, and delicious picnic fare. Philipsburg Manor offers visitors pumpkin carving, corn shelling, open hearth cooking, Colonial games, children's activities, and picnic. Take a woodland walk and hear spooky tales, including Washington Irving's "The Devil and Tom Walker." 914-631-8200 ext 628

Community Spotlight

Village of Colonie



The Village of Colonie has a very rich History. A diverse array of Native Americans originally inhabited the area as far back as 12 -20 thousand years ago.

Native Americans once used Central Avenue as a trail between the areas presently known as Albany and Schenectady. The trail was surrounded by pine trees so the Native Americans referred to it as Ska-Nek-Ta-De, or "trail of open pines." Central Avenue continues to be a main thoroughfare and its development has paralleled the development of the Village of Colonie.

In 1621 the Dutch established a lucrative trading and fur trapping operation in the area and established various new settlements within the region.

Dutch influence was strong in the area. The VanRensselaer family owned much of the land in present-day Albany County and charged rents to tenants living on and/or working their lands. In 1839 the anti-rent wars began. Tenants refused to pay the heirs to the VanRensselaer estate taxes and skillfully used the media and politics to win the rent war. The tenants' victory all but eliminated leasehold tenure in New York State.

Colonie grew from its 19th century agrarian beginnings to the commercial and residential center it has become today. The Village experienced moderate growth from the 1930s through the 1950 but experienced a boom in residential growth during the 1960s. Commercial growth, however, lagged behind residential growth. Commercial growth along the Central Avenue corridor increased significantly in the 1980s with businesses and retail centers replacing areas formerly occupied by single-family homes.

Today the Village's growth enjoys a relatively stable population, but to ensure that potential future growth does not destroy the character of the community the citizens enjoy, the Village updated its comprehensive plan in 2003.

Trail Spotlight

[Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail](#)

One of the newest trails to be designated as part of the Greenway Trail System, the Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail, is an exciting addition to the Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST) in Rensselaer County. Located in the RPI/Rensselaer Technology Park, CMOST has developed the Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail to enhance existing outdoor education opportunities on the site.



The Trail leads from the main entrance of the Museum and into the Hudson River Watershed lands that abut the Kline Plantasies Killitie, a small tributary of the Hudson River. Interpretation along the trail highlights natural characteristics of the area, including historical and manmade features. The trail ends at the future site of the CMOST outdoor classroom and kids will also be able to take part in trail maintenance, along with CMOST volunteers and staff.

The designation of this short trail segment is significant to Greenway Trail development in Rensselaer County. It is the first formal trail to be designated in the RPI/Rensselaer Tech Park, which is home to an extensive network of existing paths that have been damaged from ATV use. CMOST anticipates that the designation of the Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail will serve as a catalyst for renewed interest in rehabilitating and maintaining all of the trails in the Park. The Greenway is excited about this new trail designation and looks forward to supporting the Children's Museum of Science and Technology in their efforts to improve outdoor recreation opportunities for the public in Rensselaer County.

Heritage Spotlight

[Union Church of Pocantico Hills](#)



What appears from the outside to be a simple stone country church contains fine examples of modern stained-glass art created by Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall and commissioned as memorials by members of the Rockefeller family.

Henri Matisse's rose window, in shades of vivid yellow, light green, and blue, was the artist's last work. He finished its design - including the selection of its colors and the exact type of glass - just two days before his death in 1954. It was commissioned by Nelson A. Rockefeller to honor his mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller who was a patron of modern art and a founder of the Museum of Modern Art.

Several years later, Marc Chagall was commissioned to create "The Good Samaritan." This magnificent window was saturated with a deep blue and installed in the church's nave as a memorial to John D. Rockefeller Jr. Chagall later went on to design eight smaller windows, seven on Old Testament themes and one inspired by the New Testament, within the sanctuary.

Today, Union Church of Pocantico Hills still houses an active congregation and remains open to the public for tours.

The Union Church of Pocantico Hills, at 555 Bedford Road, is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays (except Tuesday), 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., and 2-5 p.m. Sun. April-December. (Church activities may preempt visiting hours.) Admission fee. 845-631-8200.

Did You Know?

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has its own MySpace page?

In an effort to reach a wider audience and keep up with the latest marketing trends, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has launched its own page on the popular "MySpace" website. MySpace is currently the world's sixth most popular English-language website, the sixth most popular website in any language, and the third most popular website in the United States. The site gains new registrations at a rate of 230,000 per day. As of September 2007, there are over 200 million accounts.

The page for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area gives a general overview of the Heritage Area and includes photos of landscapes and sites from the region. Through a bulletin board function, the Heritage Area posts information about events and activities going on in the Hudson River Valley. As users connect to the website, the page provides an opportunity to network with professionals and enthusiasts from around the world. To access the MySpace page for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, visit www.myspace.com/hrvnha

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



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