



# 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?

### Heritage Area Announces \$50,000 Grant Program

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA) announces the availability of \$50,000 in matching grants for the *Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Heritage Development Grant Program*. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The program offers funding for projects that further the goals and mission of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area: to recognize, preserve, protect and interpret the nationally significant cultural and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley for the benefit of the Nation. **Highest priority will be given to projects or programs that feature a designated Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Heritage Site.**

An application may be downloaded from the Greenway website at [www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](http://www.hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). Applications can also be requested by calling (518) 473-3835, or by emailing the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area at [hrvq@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us](mailto:hrvq@hudsongreenway.state.ny.us). All applications must be postmarked on or before **February 5, 2010**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### Greenway Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Conservancy will be held on Thursday, January 28th, 2010. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00am. For further information, please contact the Greenway at (518) 473-3835

### New York Census Complete Count Coming Up

The Department of State is undertaking steps to ensure public participation in the 2010 Census. For 2010, special emphasis is being placed on ensuring that hard-to-count populations are included in the Census. All residents of the United States must be counted every ten years through a nationwide census.

The population of an area, as determined by the census, plays a critical role in determining federal and state funding to municipalities, as well as representation in national, state, and local governments. The public and private sector rely on census information to help guide investment decisions in infrastructure and human capital. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit the [Department of State's Census website](#) or contact (518) 473-3355.

### Mount Lebanon Shaker Village Awarded Save America's Treasures Grant

[Mount Lebanon Shaker Village](#), a designated Heritage Site of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the federal program, Save America's Treasures, to stabilize the Great Stone Barn. In 1972 a devastating fire broke out in the North Family's Great Stone Barn, which was the largest stone barn in America when it was built in 1859. Only its masonry walls were left standing. Mount Lebanon was once the center of the Shaker world in the United States; at its peak in 1860, 600 people occupied 125 buildings on 6,000 acres. After the last Shakers left in 1947, much of the property was sold, and the village dwindled to fewer than 40 buildings on only 72 acres. The Mount Lebanon Shaker Village was placed on Watch Lists in 2004 and 2006 by the [World Monuments Fund](#) due to its national and international significance.



Shaker Village Great Stone Barn

## Albany Institute of History and Art Honored for Contributions to the Region

At the end of each year, the Albany weekly paper [Metroland](#) honors area residents who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the community and make the Capital Region a better, safer, or more beautiful place. This year, they honored 20 institutions who have made such contributions to the Capital Region for 30 years or longer, in honor of the paper's own 30-year anniversary. One such honoree is the [Albany Institute of History and Art](#), a designated Heritage Site of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Metroland described the Albany Institute as follows, "Older than the Smithsonian Institution, the Louvre and the Met, the Albany Institute of History & Art traces its roots back to 1791—when George Washington was president of our fledgling nation. One hundred years ago, Albany Mayor Charles Henry Gaus declared the museum the capstone of educational development in our city, and the institute sustains that legacy to this day. The museum's extensive collections include more than 20,000 objects—from the fine landscapes of the Hudson River school to a six-pack of Hendrick's political beer—all dynamically interpreted to promote the history, art and culture of the Upper Hudson Valley. The Institute's ongoing research, publications, educational programming and exhibitions continually enrich the public knowledge of our region, and remind us that Smallbany boasts a big history, and a rich culture to be proud of."

## Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Applications for the next round of [Greenway Communities Grants](#) will be due February 10th 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:

[HOPE VI Main Street Program](#): The purpose of the HOPE VI Main Street program is to provide grants to small communities to assist in the rejuvenation of an historic or traditional central business district or "Main Street" area by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of the program are to (a) Redevelop Main Street areas; (b) Preserve historic or traditional architecture or design features in Main Street areas; (c) Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and (d) Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas. (January 20)

[Battlefield Preservation Grants](#) offered by the National Park Service for identification, preservation and interpretation of battlefield land and/or historic sites associated with battlefields. Contact the Grants Manager by [email](#) or at (202) 354-2037 for more information. (January 21)

[Local Government Efficiency Grants](#) for city or county charter revisions that include functional consolidations or increased shared services; municipal mergers, consolidations or dissolutions; countywide shared services; or the transfer of local functions to the county and multi-county or regional services; or a plan for sustainable reductions in the cost of police, fire and highway services for eligible municipalities whose cost is in the top 25% of comparable municipalities in New York State. Activities shall have a great potential for cost savings, structural change, and management improvements. The grant maximum is \$50,000. (February 24)

[The Captain Planet Foundation](#) to fund and support hands-on environmental projects for children and youths. The foundation also works to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Through environmental education, the Captain Planet Foundation believes that children can achieve a better understanding and appreciation for the world in which they live. In order to be considered for funding, proposals must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement and involve children and young adults. Proposals must also include adult supervision and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. (March 31, June 30)

### Rolling Acceptance of Grant Applications:

[The Department of Environmental Conservation \(DEC\)](#) state assistance programs for waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste programs that include Capital Projects, Recycling Coordinators, and assistance for hazardous waste days.

[The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#) for Technical Assistance Grants for community groups to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities taking place in their community.

[Enterprise's Green Communities](#) to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing developments, as well as tracking their costs and benefits.

[Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund \(LGRMIF\)](#) offered by the NYS Archives, offers funding to help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components.

## Upcoming Events Around the Region



- 1/1-6/26: [Mapping New York's Shoreline 1609-2009](#): The New York Public Library celebrates Dutch accomplishments with an exhibition that includes early mapping from Verazzano's visit and decorative Dutch maps charting New Netherland. Globes and navigational instruments, are on loan from the National Museum in Amsterdam. (917) 275-6975
- 1/1-3/14: [Lives of the Hudson](#): Explore works by Hudson River School artists, historical artifacts, and contemporary works in this exhibition at the Tang. (518) 580-8080
- 1/1-3/1: [1609](#): The New York State Museum re-examines Hudson's voyage, myths surrounding it, and legacies of Hudson's unexpected discovery. Includes Native American life before 1609 and response to Hudson's arrival. (518) 474-8730
- [Arms and Armor of the Age of Exploration](#): The West Point Museum presents arms and armor typical of those used by the early explorers including swords, firearms, helmets and armor. (845) 938-2638
- 1/1-2/1: [Moving Bricks on the Hudson](#): The Haverstraw Brick Museum presents an exhibit highlighting the vessels that transported bricks on the Hudson during the 19th and early 20th centuries. (845) 947-3505
- 1/1-10: [Dutch New York: Roots of Hudson Valley Culture](#): The Hudson River Museum explores New York's Dutch roots and the ways Dutch culture has been interpreted throughout New York's long history. (914) 963-4550
- 1/1-3: [Hudson River Panorama](#): The Albany Institute explores the influence that the Hudson has had on our region. Enjoy artifacts, works of art, and rare archival documents. (518) 463-4478
- [Holiday House Tours at Olana](#): See how the family spent the Holiday and hear oldest son Frederic Joseph's letter to Santa Claus to find out what gifts the children wanted. (518) 828-0135
- 1/1: [Albany First Friday](#): Visit Center Square and Downtown arts venues for exhibition openings, receptions, and events.
- 1/1-2: [Winter Celebration at Lindenwald](#): Celebrate with music, drama and special tours as well as a large campfire. Reservations Required. (518) 758-9689.
- 1/2: [Annual Twelfth Night Celebration at Crailo](#): Enjoy an evening of festive music, yuletide decorations, and hearthside cooking. (518) 463-8738
- [Schuyler Mansion Salutations of the Season](#): Enjoy 18th century holiday fare, music, and mummers. (518) 434-0834
- 1/9: [Snow-how: The Science and Beauty of Ice Crystals](#): Explore the frozen fascinating science of snow and make a frosty craft to take home at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center. (845) 534-5506 x204
- 1/10: [Sunday Fun Day! Black Bear Tales](#): Come to the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center to learn fascinating facts about the largest mammal in Orange County – Bears! (845) 534-5506, ext 204
- [Center Stage: How Yonkers got its Name and Other Tales of the Dutch](#): The Hudson River Museum presents stories from New York's Dutch heritage, ranging from somber tales to rollicking fables. (914) 963-4550, x218
- 1/16: [Snakes Alive!](#): Come to the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for a program combining illustrations with living examples of the snake population in the Hudson Highlands. (845) 534-5506 x204
- [Every Evergreen](#): Learn the difference between different types of evergreens on this snowshoe hike at Minnewaska State Park. Pre-registration required. (845) 255-0752
- 1/17: [Creative Connections: Pattern and Design](#): Enjoy a family tour of Glenview and then take a design workshop to print textile designs similar to Victorian patterns and designs on upholstery and wall coverings. (914) 963-4550, x218
- 1/18: [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Community Reflects](#): Share reflections on Dr. King's writings and letters with writers and poets leading a discussion at the Hudson River Museum. (914) 963-4550, x218
- 1/21: [Want To Be a Non-Profit Organization?](#): This workshop offered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region answers important questions about establishing and maintaining non-profit organizations. (518) 273-0552
- 1/23: [Geology Fair](#): The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum presents a day of rockin'fun and facts. Rock and Gem specimens will be on exhibit as well as NY State Fossils. Enjoy lectures and activities. (845) 534-5506 x204
- 1/24: [Clermont Sledding Party](#): Spend the afternoon gliding down hills and enjoying breathtaking views. (518) 537-4240
- 1/28: Joint Board Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Communities Council and Conservancy. (518) 473-3835**
- 1/29: [Troy Night Out](#): Visit the City of Troy for an evening of arts and culture with live music, food, shopping and gallery

1/30: [Opossums and Groundhogs](#): Meet the resident opossum at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and learn all about these unique animals. Make a groundhog puppet to take home. (845) 534-5506 x204



[Ice Crystals](#): Join Minnewaska Nature Center and learn the facts and fiction behind frozen flakes as well as the origami skills to make your own. Pre-registration required. (845) 255-0752

[Celtic Foot Prints](#): The Arts Center of the Capital Region weaves stories, song and dance to follow the Celts from Central Europe to Scotland, Wales & Ireland and across the Atlantic to Appalachia. (518) 273-0552

1/31: [Tricky Tracks](#): Learn how to identify winter wildlife prints at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and then go on a winter hike in search of these tracks. (845) 534-5506 x204

[Science Sunday: Mars: Beautiful But Hostile to Life \(As We Know It\)](#): Visit the spectacular locations of Mars from the Hudson River Museum and learn about the challenges facing life on the "red planet." (914) 963-4550, x218

## Green Tip of the Month



Natural Christmas trees are 100% biodegradable as long as they aren't buried in landfills. Instead, they can be recycled into mulch and hiking-trail chippings. Some cities have even recycled Christmas trees into barriers for shoreline stabilization and beachfront erosion prevention. To find out if your community has a Christmas-tree recycling program, contact the local parks and recreation department, public works department, recycling department (often at the department of sanitation) or your mayor's office.

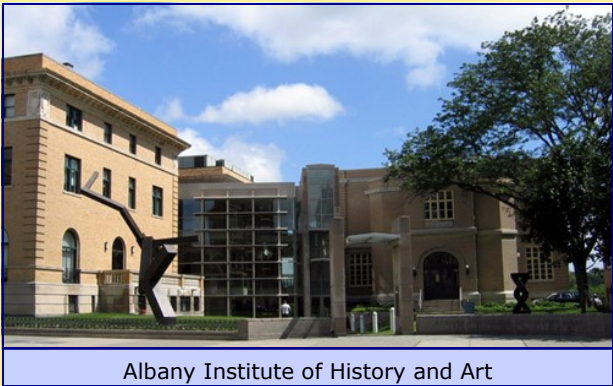


All information courtesy of National Geographic's [Green Guide](#)

## Heritage Spotlight



### [Albany Institute of History and Art](#)



Albany Institute of History and Art

Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History and Art is one of the oldest museums in the country and offers a chance to explore the fine art and culture of the upper Hudson Valley from the late 17th century to the present.

Permanent displays in the museum feature landscapes by Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church, Thomas Doughty, and other Hudson River painters; 18th-century portraits by Nehemiah Partridge, Pieter Vanderlyn, and other early limners, as well as later paintings by such noted artists as Ezra Ames, Ralph Earl, John Vanderlyn, and Edward Lamson Henry; silver, furniture, and ceramics that belonged to some of the region's founding families; and works by Albany sculptor Erastus Dow Palmer (renowned for his "White Captive"). There is also a selection of artifacts and mummies from ancient Egypt. The museum also hosts traveling exhibitions and mounts themed shows based on objects from its collections not normally on display.

## Did You Know...?



### **Did you know the Hudson River Greenway is an international-recognized model?**

In the early 1990s, Czechoslovakia was experiencing a period of rapid economic development. In an attempt to help balance the economic development with cultural and natural resource protection, representatives from Czechoslovakia met with representatives of the newly-formed Hudson River Valley Greenway. Following the model of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, a Czechoslovakian organization was created and known as the "Greenways/Zelene stezky" (GWZS). Similar to the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the GWZS focuses on regional community partnerships to foster "smart planning" and environmental stewardship. Based on the success of this initiative, the GWZS has been instrumental in the Environmental Partnership for Sustainable Development in Central Europe.

Since its creation, the Hudson River Valley has continued to serve as a model, both locally and abroad, for regional planning at the grassroots level, sustainable development, and conservation of cultural and natural resources.

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