

County Executive Michael P. Hein presents:
Ulster County's Cultural Heritage Week
October 13th – October 22nd, 2017



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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein

This year the Senate House holds a special significance as we commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the Burning of Kingston which is why it serves as the perfect backdrop to announce Cultural Heritage Week. The Senate House State Historical Site was the place where the colonists shaped a newly created government and was at the time, the meeting place for the New York State Senate. During the burning of Kingston, American Colonists fled the Senate House with key possessions including important county and state capital records. Please make sure to visit during the week.

I also want to highlight a special presentation arranged by Ulster County Historian Geoffrey Miller to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the New York State Troopers. Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Benziger will speak about Superintendent George Fletcher Chandler who was a Kingston physician, soldier, and the first Superintendent of the New York State Police. Please see more information below under “Ulster County.”

Ulster County has an astonishing array of sites, structures, and objects that attest to its Revolutionary War, Civil War, industrial, agricultural, and political past and have historical significance. All have left their mark. I invite you to learn about some of the amazing history that surrounds us and attend some of the many great events being held by many of our amazing organizations in Ulster County!

County Executive Hein invites you to participate in the following events during Ulster County’s 7th Cultural Heritage Week

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk Hosts Heritage Week Activities

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/archives/>

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, is proud to present the commemoration of three very important anniversaries during Cultural Heritage Week this year. The year 2017 marks the 240th anniversary of two of the most important events in the history of Ulster County: the first New York State Constitution was ratified and read on the steps of the Ulster County Court House on April 20, 1777, and on October 16, 1777, the British arrived and burned the City of Kingston; and on October 21 & 22 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification for women’s voting rights in New York State. Both weekends are full of exciting events and wonderful displays. We hope you’ll join us!

- **“From the Ashes: Kingston After the Burning”**

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, presents an exhibit in the Ulster County Clerk’s Archives Gallery titled *From the Ashes: Kingston After the Burning*. This exhibit focuses on the period of time immediately following the Burning of Kingston. The exhibit will feature records that show what the residents were doing to reconstruct their community and rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Documents on display will include (among others) excerpts from the Trustees of Kingston Minutes c. 1777-1783,

Oaths of Allegiance to the newly formed free and independent state of New York c. 1788, Revolutionary War Service Affidavits c. 1816-1820, and the Laws of New York State featuring the first constitution of the State of New York, ratified and read in Kingston.

Available to view at the Ulster County Clerk's Archives Gallery on the 2nd Floor of the County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY. **Weekdays during Cultural Heritage Week and until 12/31 from 9:00am-4:45pm.**

- **“Records and the Revolution: Defending Our Archives”**

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is also proud to present *Records and the Revolution: Defending Our Archives* at the Ulster County Records Center. This exhibit focuses on Christopher Tappen, who was the Deputy County Clerk under County Clerk George Clinton in 1777, and the role he played in the rescue of the records prior to the Burning of Kingston. On display is a sampling of some of the records that were saved by Christopher Tappen's heroic act, including documents from the Dutch Record Series and the 101 Box Collection. Much of our local history relies on the due diligence and effectiveness of our County Clerk's throughout the years. We hope that you enjoy the exhibit and that the sampling of records helps to illustrate the scope of the records saved from the British torch.

Available to view at the Ulster County Records Center, 300 Foxhall Ave., Kingston, NY. **Weekdays during Cultural Heritage Week and until 12/31 from 9:00am-4:45pm.**

- **“Gysbert's Inventory: A Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life”**

The legacy of the Dutch settlers of Wiltwyck lives on at the Matthewis Persen House. The house sits on Kingston's historic “four corners” and was originally owned by Gysbert Van Imbroch. An inventory listing Gysbert's possessions at the time of his death in 1665 is brought to life through illustrations of clothing, kitchen items, and other articles used in 17th century daily life. The inventory also depicts items Gysbert used in his profession as a barber-surgeon as well as his book collection, one of the largest book collections in the New World. Step back in time with Gysbert's Inventory.

This exhibit was made possible through a grant from the New York State Archives Records Management Improvement Fund in the 2015-2016 grant cycle. Learn about the importance of protecting our documented history and how the Ulster County Clerk's Office safeguards the records by viewing the short film associated with the exhibit titled *The Ulster County Clerk's Office: Keeper of the Records*.

On display at the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center, 74 John Street in Kingston, NY. **10/13 (6pm–8pm), 10/14 (10am-5pm), 10/15 (10am-2pm) & 10/21 (10am-2pm).**

- **Colonial Family Fun Day at the Matthewis Persen House**

Throughout the weekend, visitors to the house are invited to try their hand at many entertaining and historic games including Game of Graces, Jacob's Ladder, Hoop Rolling and Whirligigs, just to name a few. Step behind our “Colonial Kids” portraits to see what you might have looked like in colonial dress. Bring your family and see how different or perhaps similar games and toys were in the 18th century as compared to those of today! Each game offers a unique history and skill set, whether it is pure entertainment, like Jacob's ladder or a test of dexterity like Game of Graces. Fun for children of all ages!

Visitors can also enjoy our Scavenger Hunt, developed for children of all ages! Come to the house and see how many of the items in the Scavenger Hunt you can find. Do you think you can find the Sun

Face? How about the late 19th century wallpaper from France? Or the burn marks from the 1777 Burning of Kingston? Put on your detective hat and search the house for these interesting items.

Located at the Matthewis Persen House, 74 John Street in Kingston, NY. **10/13 (6pm–8pm), 10/14 (10am-5pm), 10/15 (10am-2pm) & 10/21 (10am-2pm).**

- **Burning of Kingston Re-enactment: *Get Your Loyalty Papers!***

Pick up your Loyalty Papers at the Persen House before the British seize Kingston. You can choose to be a loyal subject of King George III or a revolutionary pledging your oath to the State of New York. The British just might ask you “To whom is your allegiance?” Will you be ready to answer? Will you say the King? Will you support the Revolution? Be sure to get your loyalty papers before the siege begins! You may want to pick up both since you never know who might ask to see them.

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- **Special Exhibit: *Farmers & Physicians: Uncommon Occupations for Women in the Early 20th Century***

The County Clerk’s Office is honored to collaborate with the Ellenville Public Library and Museum by providing records from the Ulster County Archives on exhibit at the Library. A reproduction of this exhibit will be available at the Persen House throughout Cultural Heritage Week. As you look through the exhibit, you will find records from the Archives that highlight hardworking local women in the early 20th century. On display you will see Deeds, Farm Registries, Ashokan Reservoir Case Transcripts, Maps, Physician Registries, Photographs, and Census Data from the 1905 and 1915 Ulster County Census records. We hope that the exhibit encourages you to learn more about the amazing women in Ulster County’s history and attend the Women’s Suffrage Rally on Sunday, October 22, which marks the 100th anniversary of the Suffrage March in New York City.

On display at the Matthewis Persen House, 74 John Street in Kingston, NY. **10/13 (6pm–8pm), 10/14 (10am-5pm), 10/15 (10am-2pm) & 10/21 (10am-2pm).** This exhibit is also on display at the Ellenville Public Library & Museum through the end of the year.

- **Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Speaks at Ulster County Women’s Suffrage Rally Re-enactment**

Participate in the Ulster County Women's Suffrage Rally! Join us for this celebratory, educational event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Vote for Women in New York State. Everyone will walk together to the Home Port for presentations by Sojourner Truth and Abby Kelly Foster. Meet at the gazebo in Gallo Park on the Rondout in Kingston, NY. **10/22, 1pm-3pm.**



City of Kingston- www.kingston-ny.gov
Burning of Kingston- www.burningofkingston.com



Friday Evening – October 13, 2017

- **The Story of the Burning of Kingston** – Presentation and lecture on the events leading up to the Burning of Kingston, life as a local Kingston colonist at the time, and the events that occurred that day and its aftermath. Presentation by Hank Yost of the First Ulster Militia, with introductions by Ulster County Historian Geoffrey Miller. Vanderlyn Gallery of the Senate House Museum located at 296 Fair St. Kingston, NY. **10/13, 5:30pm.**
- **Procession of Lights** – Following the presentation at the Senate House, participants will walk with lights (provided) from the Senate House across the historic Stockade neighborhood to the Matthewis Persen House for the first Burning of Kingston re-enactment – the Committee of Safety. Historic Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John St., Kingston, NY. **10/13, 6:30pm.**
- **The GREAT DEBATE by Colonial Kingston Committee of Safety** – Located at the historic “four corners” in the Stockade District, where the town residents hear the news of Burgoyne’s defeat at Saratoga, express fears of British invasion and then learn that a British fleet lies off the Hudson River at Kingston Point. Historic Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John St., Kingston, NY. **10/13, 7:00pm.**
- **Old Dutch Church Cemetery Candlelight Tales** – Come here the true story of the Burning of Kingston as the long-dead rise up to provide first-hand accounts of that dreadful ordeal. \$10/person and children under 12 free. All proceeds donated to the Old Dutch Church Steeple Fund. 272 Wall St Kingston, NY. **10/13, 7:45pm.**

Saturday – October 14, 2017

- **Old Dutch Church Sanctuary and Museum** – Come visit the Old Dutch Church sanctuary and museum. There will be organ music playing throughout the day. 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 10am-4pm.**
- **Historic Henry Sleight House (Wiltwyck Chapter, DAR)** - Take a tour of the Henry Sleight House, a beautiful example of Dutch Colonial and English Colonial building styles, which was built prior to 1695 on a triangular lot within the stockade district. Burned by the British, along with the rest of the Stockade, the house was later rebuilt and occupied by Village President Hendricus (Henry) Sleight. For more info on the building visit <https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/kingston/k8.htm>. 3 Crown St. (corner of Green St.), Kingston, NY. **10/14, 10:30am-5pm.**
- **“Revolutionary Express” Trolley Museum of NY** – Take a ride back in time on the trolley from Kingston’s Historic Rondout District out to Kingston Point Park where you can watch at close-range

and comfort the landing of the redcoats off the Hudson River and then battle with colonial militia. (\$5/person – pick up at 10:30am sharp at the end of Broadway, includes return trip by 12:00pm). www.tmny.org. **10/14, 10:30am.**

BRITISH LANDING BEGINS

- **British Invasion** - The re-enactment begins! The British land at Kingston Point Park greeted by a small resistance force of Colonists. (Note: **NOT** Kingston Point Beach) Delaware Avenue, Kingston NY-**10/14, 11am.**
- **Hudson River Maritime Museum** – Visit the Hudson River Maritime Museum to learn about the strategic naval importance of the Hudson River during the American Revolution, and learn to play “Nine Men’s Morris,” a game popular in the 18th century. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY. **10/14, 11:30am–2pm.** (Museum will be open 10/13-10/15 11am – 5pm www.hrmm.org).
- **Bucket Brigade Contest and Museum Exhibit** – Test your meddle at an 18th century style bucket-brigade contest! Anyone can enter to win. Kingston Volunteer Fireman’s Museum, 266 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 1pm.**

STORMING OF KINGSTON STOCKADE DISTRICT

- **Senate House-** At the Senate House the American Colonists must flee with key possessions including important county and new state capital records. 296 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 2:45 pm.**
- **British Troops Arrive-** The British have made it to the Senate House; they take down the colonists flag and replace it with the British Flag, “dispatch” colonial resisters, and prepare to march through Stockade District. 296 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 2:50pm.**
- **Advancement of British Troops** - The British Troop re-enactors will advance along Main Street in the Stockade District, opposed by remnants of the local militia. Red Coats will march down Main Street to Green Street then to Crown Street and will arrive at the Matthewis Persen House and the historic 4 corners of Kingston for the final battle scene. Persen House, 74 John St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 3pm.**
- **Victor’s Ceremony** - After the battle, the Redcoats will hold a victor’s ceremony and dispatch with Mayor of Kingston. Historic 4 Corners, 74 John St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 3:45pm.**
- **Tour the Camps** - Tour the re-enactor camps with impromptu lectures on the Revolution/Rebellion in Forsyth Park. 125 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY. **10/14, 6:30pm-8pm.**
- **Colonial Grand Ball-** Attend the Grand Ball Saturday evening at the Common Council Chambers at Kingston City Hall, where there will be instruction in 18th century dance, with live music, commencing at **7pm** with the Ball itself beginning a little later in the evening. Both re-enactors and the community are invited. Come dressed in 18th century attire (or not!). The entire event is free of charge! (A bus shuttle will begin running from Forsyth Park to City Hall starting at 6:15pm and will run continuously for the evening – last shuttle leaves City Hall at 11:30pm) Common Council Chambers at Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY. **10/14, 7pm.**

Sunday – October 15, 2017

- **Visit Militia and Redcoat Camps** - Tours of the re-enactors camps with assembly, safety inspections, company drills and demonstrations. Forsyth Park. 125 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY. **10/15, 9am-12:30pm.**

- **Military Camp Tour and Drill Demonstration** – Attend the only scheduled tour of the camps along with opportunities for visitors to test their abilities with 18th century drills and camp life. Forsyth Park. 125 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY. **10/15, 11am (Sharp).**
- **Battle of Upper Forsyth Park** – Attend a tactical demonstration showing American and British Troops battle. Forsyth Park. 125 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, NY. **10/15, 12:30pm.**



Ashokan Center- <http://ashokancenter.org/>

Fall Family Fun Fest - Celebrate the bounty and beauty of autumn in the Catskills at the Ashokan Center's Fall Family Fun Fest! Participate in a variety of fun activities such as apple cidering, hayrides, nature hikes, face painting, pumpkin painting, blacksmithing, broom making, crafts and much more! Enjoy food and live music with Jay Unger and Molly Mason and friends. Entry is \$5 per person and children ages 12 and under are free! The Ashokan Center is located at 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge, NY 12461. **10/15, 10am-4pm.**

Canal Forge- <http://hudsonvalleyblacksmith.com/>

Blacksmith Shop - Come visit a working blacksmith shop with a display of old tools and historic hardware and get a chance to view some work at the forge and anvil. Overlooking the Rondout Creek and adjacent to the old D&H Canal, 496 Towpath, High Falls, NY. **Weekdays, 10/13, 10/16-10/20, 10:30am to 5pm.** May be available Saturdays, please call ahead (845) 687-7130.

D & H Canal Historical Society and Museum - <http://www.canalmuseum.org/>

Paranormal Findings – Attend a research discussion of paranormal findings in the Deputy Canal House by Marianna Boncek. 23 Mohonk Rd., High Falls, NY. **10/13, 7pm.**

Canawlers' Picnic – Come and enjoy a picnic at the Deputy Canal House. \$15 adults (ages 14+), \$5 children under 5 free. Buy tickets at the Museum or call 917-821-4134. (Rain date 10/22/17). **10/15, 12pm.**

Visit the Museum and Tour of Five Locks Walk - The museum's exhibits portray the canal's history and include a working model of a lock, a life-sized recreated canal boat cabin, a moving model of a gravity railroad brake car and dioramas of the gravity railroad and canal life, as well as other items. Many tools and artifacts are on display. Also, take the Five Locks Walk! For more information call 845-687-9311. Admission for the Museum is \$5 for adult non-members, \$3 for children. Museum is located at 23 Mohonk Rd., High Falls, NY. **Museum: 10/14, 10/15, 10/21, 10/22 10am–4:30pm.**

Ellenville Public Library and Museum – <http://eplm.org/>

“Olde” Ellenville Walking Tour – Join Architectural Historian William Rhoads for a walk through the heart of Ellenville for an expert's view of some of the village's beautiful buildings. Meet at the library; sign up at 647-5530. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street, Ellenville, NY 12428. (845)647-5530. **10/21, 10am.**

Terwilliger House – Visit this late nineteenth century Queen Anne Victorian house built in 1895 by George Deyo. The Terwilliger House is the perfect setting for Ellenville Public Library & Museum's local history collection which includes artifacts from Ellenville Glass Works and stoneware from Ellenville Pottery, as well as products of industries that flourished in the heyday of the Delaware and Hudson Canal. Visitors will find glass plate negatives, historic post cards, oral history CDs, and research files containing articles, and ephemera and photographs. The Terwilliger House is open **Wednesdays and Fridays, 10/13, 10/18, 10/20 12pm- 4pm, Saturdays 10/14 & 10/21 10am-3pm.**

The Falcon/Avalon Museum of Roots, Rock & Roll- www.liveatthefalcon.com

Falcon FallFest – Join in the fun with the whole family while overlooking the magnificent Marlboro Falls. Enjoy art, music, food, and visit the Avalon Archives Museum of Rock & Roll. There will also be an art gallery exhibition, street performers and local Hudson Valley vendors. There will be live music on three stages. Free entry and parking. The Falcon, 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro, NY. **10/14, 12pm-closing.**

Friends of Historic Kingston (FHK) - www.fohk.org

“Treasures” Exhibit Honors “Kingston’s Part in World War I” - A highlight of this year’s exhibit honors the centennial commemoration of Kingston’s part in World War I. The United States joined in the war against the German Empire *April 6, 1917*, two and half years after the start of the war on July 28, 1914. Memorabilia from the *William Anderson Carl Collection, FHK Archives*, includes items from his tour of duty in France, photographs, and most notably his medal, the *Croix de Guerre* received from the French Government for the performance of heroic deeds in combat. A slide presentation prepared by Peter Roberts will run continuously in the gallery featuring images that depict Kingston’s role in 1917-1918 from the *Carl Collection* and the *Samuel Bernstein Collection, FHK Archives*. A special loan from the American Legion, Post 150 of the iconic artwork *Columbia* by Edwin Howland Blashfield, 1919 completes the tribute. Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery, corner of Wall and Main Streets, Kingston, NY. **10/13, 10/14, 10/20, 10/21 from 11am-4pm.**

Gomez Mill House – www.gomez.org

Take a Tour of the Gomez Mill House built in 1714 by Louis Moses Gomez and view the contributions of former Mill House owners to the multicultural history of the Hudson River Valley. It is the oldest extant Jewish dwelling in North America continuously lived in for nearly three centuries. For more information call 845-236-3126. Admission will be half price for Ulster County residents with identification during Cultural Heritage Week. Gomez Mill House located at 11 Mill House Rd., Marlboro, NY. (Wednesdays-Sundays) **10/13-10/15 & 10/18-10/22, Tours given at 10:30am, 1:15pm & 2:45pm.**

Historic Huguenot Street - www.huguenotstreet.org

Haunted Huguenot Street – Historic Huguenot Street's 2017 Haunted Huguenot Street tours will feature the mysterious history of New Paltz, including the hauntings, legends, and evolution of spiritualism through the ages. The tours will take guests through four historic structures and the burial ground. Come hear centuries-old Lenape legends in the replica Esopus Munsee Native American wigwam, meet past residents of Huguenot Street who experienced paranormal activity in their homes, learn about the rise of spiritualism and séances, and witness the fixation with the “Mysterious Talking Board” that mystified the country in the 19th and 20th centuries. The hourly

haunted tours will depart from the Dubois Fort Visitor Center beginning at 5pm with the final tour leaving at 9 pm. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as tours sell out quickly at <http://www.huguenotstreet.org/haunted>. Pre-registered general admission \$25 (10% discount for seniors and military). Dubois Fort Visitor Center, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz, NY. **10/13, 10/14, 10/20 & 10/21, 5pm-10pm (Tours are hourly- last tour is at 9pm).**

“Kasten in the Mid-Hudson Valley” - Take a special tour of the exhibition *Kasten in the Mid-Hudson Valley* led by Sanford Levy. Over a dozen American-made *kasten* from the Historic Huguenot Street (HHS) permanent collection and selected loans will be featured in the Jean Hasbrouck House and the Abraham Hasbrouck House, to complement the exhibition *Living in Style: Selections from the George Way Collection of Dutch Fine and Decorative Art*. HHS houses one of the largest collections of Hudson Valley *kasten* in the country. This focused exhibition gathers these unique cupboards from several prominent regional public and private collections, highlighting the historical uses, design, and construction of these important pieces of material culture. The tour is \$20/person (10% discount for seniors, members of the armed services and Friends of HHS) and will depart the Dubois Fort Visitor Center at 3pm. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the tour. **10/14, 3pm.**

Historic Huguenot Street – Visit the 10-acre National Historic Landmark District which includes a Visitor Center, seven historic stone houses, a reconstructed 1717 Huguenot church, exhibit and program spaces, archaeological sites, and a burial ground that dates to the very first settlers. Huguenot Street also maintains an extensive archive that preserves early local history collections and family papers, along with a research library. Admission - Guided Tours \$15/person (10% discount for seniors and Friends of HHS, free for SUNY New Paltz students, children under 12, and active military families as part of the Blue Star Museums program). **Open every day except Wednesdays, 10/13-10/17, 10/19-10/22, 10am- 5pm.**

Hudson River Maritime Museum – www.hrmm.org

The Hudson River Maritime Museum – Visit the Museum during Cultural Heritage Week for a discounted admission of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. See their exhibit, "The Modeler's Craft" which showcases boat models from the Hudson River Maritime Museum's collection, as well as exceptional models on loan from other organizations, including Friends of Historic Kingston and the Newburgh Historical Society. **Open daily during Cultural Heritage Week, 10/13-10/22 11am-5pm.**

Hurley Heritage Society - <http://www.hurleyheritagesociety.org/>

The O&W Railway in Ulster County: Stations Along the Way - Come visit the historical exhibit located at the Hurley Heritage Society and view fascinating vintage photos of the stations gathered from the O&W archives. Learn about the kinds of commerce that drew people and goods to the stations and see what the surviving stations look like now. The New York, Ontario and Western Railway, commonly called the O&W, built a branch line from the main line at Summitville to Ellenville in 1871. Thirty years later, in 1902, the branch line was extended to Kingston. These tracks gave interior Ulster County access to Pennsylvania coal fields as well as huge markets in New York City, a real boost to the local economy. Remarkably, seven of the eleven Ulster County stations on this branch still stand today. Three are private residences, one is a business office, one is for sale, and the other two are vacant. The exhibit curators will be on hand to answer your questions. Refreshments will be served and the Museum Shop will be open. Free admission. Hurley Heritage Society, 52 Main St., Hurley, NY. **Saturdays & Sundays, 10/14, 10/15 & 10/21, 10/22, 1pm-4pm.**

Lamouree-Hackett Post 72 American Legion Veterans History Museum –

<https://www.facebook.com/SaugertiesAmLePo72/>

Veterans History Museum – Visit the Veterans History Museum containing over 300 items of historical interest, focusing on the Saugerties citizens and their participation during wartime. The museum's artifacts range from the French and Indian war to today's wars. There will be guided tours available as well. For more information call Bill Payne, Post Historian at 518-588-5462. Lamouree-Hackett Post 72 Building, 30 John St., Saugerties, NY. **10/14, 12pm-4pm.**

Matthewis Persen House Museum and Cultural Heritage Center –

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/persenhouse.html>

The Persen House will be open on the following schedule during Cultural Heritage Week:

Friday, October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Matthewis Persen House: 74 John Street, Kingston (Corner of Crown and John Streets)

- **Burning of Kingston Events at the Matthewis Persen House Friday, October 13**

6:30 p.m. Procession of Lights: Starting at the Senate House the Procession of Light will march through the heart of the Historic Stockade District to the Persen House for the first re-enactment of the Burning of Kingston weekend.

7:00 p.m. The Great Debate by the Colonial Kingston Committee of Safety: Located at the historic Persen House this is a re-enactment of the town residents hearing the news of Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga, discuss fears of British invasion, hear of the British landing at Kingston Point, and debate what to do next!

- **Burning of Kingston Events at the Matthewis Persen House Saturday, October 14**

3:00 p.m. Storming of the Stockade District: British Troops will advance up Fair Street and turn at Main Street in the Stockade District, attacked by remnants of the local militia, with street re-enactments along the way. Red Coats will march down Main Street to Green Street and then Crown Street, and arrive at the historic 4 corners of Kingston for final street battle scene when the militia make a stand inside the Persen House and finally succumb to the British attack.

3:45 p.m. Following the afternoon's fighting, the Red Coats will hold a victor's ceremony and dispatch with the Mayor of Kingston outside the Persen House.

- **Burning of Kingston Events at the Matthewis Persen House Sunday, October 15**

10:00-2:00 p.m. Join Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Re-enactor, for a special presentation. A retired professor of biology and physiology, Don Terpening will present various medicines and implements that were used by physicians during the Revolutionary War, as well as discuss the role that doctors played and their social standing during this period.

- **Kingston School Districts Students Bring History Alive, October through November**

This October, the Ulster County Clerk's Office is proud to announce two new exhibits in collaboration with students from the Kingston School District through the "History Comes Alive

through Kingston Students!” project. These two exhibits will be on display at the Matthew Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center.

The first exhibit, “*A Fingerprint on History*,” includes a display of stone house paintings completed by seven of Kingston’s elementary schools. The students bring new life to the historic stone houses by using their fingerprints to paint the stones of the houses to get in touch with history.

The second exhibit, “*The Stockade and the Hudson River*,” features paintings and drawings of ships on the Hudson created by Kingston students. The project was completed through Kingston City School District’s participation with the Hudson River Stewards Program and the artwork illustrates the importance the Hudson River had in the development of the Stockade District, and the City of Kingston as a whole.

- **Artifact Exhibit by Dr. Joseph Diamond, Associate Professor at SUNY New Paltz**

Nina Postupack is so honored to host an exhibit by Dr. Joseph Diamond, showcasing a variety of artifacts from his own collection. Dr. Joseph Diamond is an Associate Professor of Archaeology at SUNY New Paltz with over 40 years of archaeological experience. His research and teaching interests center on Northeastern, North American, historical, and physical anthropology. Dr. Diamond was instrumental in bringing the Persen House alive through the more than 20,000 artifacts discovered during his 2001 dig, and it is exciting to have him once again open a window to the past with this fascinating new exhibit!

New York State Covered Bridge Society- <http://www.nycoveredbridges.org/>

Perrine’s Covered Bridge- Visit Perrine’s Covered Bridge, originally built by Benjamin Wood in 1844, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of April 13, 1973. An information table and display boards of existing and past covered bridges in Ulster County will be available inside the bridge. Perrine’s Bridge is located on Rt 213 off of Rt. 32 S towards Rifton. **10/22, 11am-4pm.**

Old Dutch Church- <http://www.olddutchchurch.org/index.php>

Historic Cemetery Tours- The Old Dutch Church and Theater On The Road will present “Historic Cemetery Tours” in the graveyard of the church. Visitors can meet the ghosts of the Revolution with vivid memories of the burning of Kingston. Follow lit candles as you move through the Cemetery and stop at five stations to hear stories of the leaders and inhabitants of Kingston in 1777. Ghosts will talk about their roles in the community, where they were when Kingston burned, how they aided the Revolution and the rebuilding of their homes. Tours are approximately 1 hour. Tickets are \$10 per person, children under 12 are free, group discounts are available. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. For more information or to order tickets call (845) 475-7973, email theatreontheroad@gmail.com or visit <http://www.theatreontheroad.com/cemetery-tour.html>. **10/13, 7:45pm (to commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the Burning of Kingston), 10/14 & 10/21, 7pm (arrive by 6:45pm).**

Old Dutch Church Sanctuary and Museum – Come visit the Old Dutch Church sanctuary and museum during the Burning of Kingston events. There will be organ music playing throughout the day. 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 10am-4pm.**

Opus 40 – <http://www.opus40.org/>

Woodstock Artists At Home: 1947 – Opus 40 will take visitors on a trip to the rustic, artsy Woodstock of 70 years past with its newest gallery show, Woodstock Artists At Home, 1947: The Photography of Tom Leonard. Tom Leonard gained renown as one of the country's most acclaimed photographers of architectural and industrial subjects. His work adorned the covers and pages of magazines like House & Garden, from the early 1940s until his death in 1957. However, some of his greatest work may have been photographing the working process and home lives of the artists who pioneered the legendary Woodstock artists' colony, from the 1920s into the postwar era. The show includes thirty portraits of local artists at work and play. Admission fee includes visiting the grounds and the gallery, \$10/person, \$7/senior citizens and students, \$3/child ages 6-12. Opus 40 Gallery, 50 Fite Road, Saugerties NY 12477. (845) 246-3400. **10/13-10/15 & 10/19-10/22, 11am-5pm.**

Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History - <http://www.rehercenter.org/>

Dedication of Two Peace Poles – Join the Reher Center for the dedication of two Peace Poles which will have “May Peace Prevail on Earth!” emblazoned in 16 different languages representative of the many ethnic and immigrant groups in Ulster County. The dedication ceremony will include a ceremony with 40 flags from around the world and the ringing of peace bells. The Peace Poles will link our community with communities around the world that have planted Peace Poles in the same spirit of peace. The event, sponsored by the Reher Center of Immigrant Culture and History, a project of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, is an outgrowth of its annual Kingston Multicultural Festival held the first Sunday in June. T.R. Gallo Park on the Rondout, Kingston, NY. **10/19, 4pm.**

Saugerties Historical Society - <http://saugertieshistoricalsociety.org/>

Open House – The Saugerties Historical Society will be holding an Open House. Come enjoy a free hot dog, look at some historic postcards and see the new barn. Membership forms will be available as well. Free event. Located at the Kiersted House, 119 Main Street Saugerties, NY. **10/21, 11am-2pm.**

Saugerties Pro Musica - <http://www.saugertiespromusica.org/>

Saugerties Pro Musica Concert – Saugerties Pro Musica presents the Harmonic Brass of Munich in concert. Renowned for big elegant brass sound, the Harmonic Brass of Munich spreads good humor through its meticulous playing combined with baroque joie de vivre, serious musical work alternating with giggling boyishness. It is an ensemble that "...with its glamorous-virtuous way of performing is one of the best of its kind worldwide ... the feel-good ensemble for all the senses." There will be a "meet the musicians" reception afterwards with free refreshments. Admission for adults is \$15, seniors \$12, children and students are free of charge. For more information: saugertiespromusica.org (845) 679-5733. Saugerties United Methodist Church, 67 Washington Avenue, Saugerties, NY (Corner of Washington Avenue & Post Street). **10/15, 3pm.**

Senate House – <http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/18/details.aspx>

18th Century Autumn Festival – Step back in time with demonstrations of hearthside cooking, pressing apples into cider, meat smoking, as well as blacksmithing which is sponsored by the Palisades Park Conservancy. Visitors will have a chance to make a Cornhusk doll, dip beeswax candles and play with 18th Century toys and games. The Third Ulster Militia will be demonstrating

18th century camp life and Schuyler Gratto will entertain one and all with amazing balancing and juggling tricks, and stilt walking. This is a free event. 296 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 11pm-3pm.**

Guided Tours of the Senate House - Visit New York's first State Capital and explore the house that was the place for the newly formed State Senate. See the art and furnishings at the museum at 296 Fair Street, Kingston, NY. Tours of the site are on the half hour and the last tour begins at 4:30pm. Tickets for the tour are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, children 12 and under free. 296 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **Wednesdays-Saturdays 10/13, 10/14, 10/18 – 10/21, 10am-5pm and 10/15 & 10/22, 1pm-5pm.**

Shandaken Historical Museum - <http://www.shandaken.us/services/town-of-shandaken-historical-museum/>

Tour the Museum – Visit and tour the Shandaken Historical Museum, housed in the former School District No. 10 Building, a 1925 structure appearing on the National Register of Historical Places. The Museum contains the illustrious history and local family genealogy of the area and includes historical information representing the 12 hamlets of Shandaken. Admission is Free. 26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY. **10/13, 10/14, 10/15, 10/20, 10/21, 10am – 4pm.**

The Library at the A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center - <http://africanrootslibrary.org/>

Indigenous Day Celebration – You are invited to the Indigenous Day Celebration at the newly opened Library at the A. J. Williams- Myers African Roots Center. First watch a short puppet show for all ages! Then listen to a talk by local author and scholar Paul Bermazhon! Finally participate in a community discussion with refreshments served. Our focus sheds new light on an old story: the mis-labeled ‘discovery’ of a land inhabited for centuries by highly developed civilizations; the permissions to steal the land; the effect on our lives today; closing discussion about actions open to the residents of Ulster County and United States in the light of our cultural heritage. Free to the public. A. J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center, 43 Gill St., Ponckhockie, Kingston, NY. **10/21, 6pm-8pm.**

Trolley Museum of New York - <http://tmny.org/>

Open House at the Trolley Museum of New York – Visit the museum for an in-depth tour of the museum and its collections. There will be a presentation by local historian Chester Hartwell on the history of transportation in the Ulster County area (particularly the City of Kingston), as well as the history of the line in which the museum operates on. The tour will conclude with a ride on one of the transit vehicles along the whole 1.5 mile stretch of mainline. For questions please call (845) 331-3399. Discounted admission for adults \$5.00. Trolley Museum of New York, 89 East Strand Street, Kingston, NY. **10/21, 12pm.**

Ulster County - <http://ulstercountyny.gov/ulster-county-historian>

Presentation on Superintendent George Fletcher Chandler – Kingston physician, soldier, and the first Superintendent of the New York State Police - In celebration and commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the New York State Troopers, join Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and County Historian Geoffrey Miller as they welcome guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Benziger who will give a presentation regarding Superintendent George Fletcher Chandler, a visionary and exceptional man, who without benefit of any law enforcement experience, set the

course for a brand new police agency, creating everything from entrance requirements to uniforms to a mission which remains relevant today. This presentation is part of a year-long celebration commemorating 100 proud years of service by the New York State Troopers. Lieutenant Colonel Robin H. Benziger has been a Member of the New York State Police since 1983. Her present assignment is as Assistant Deputy Superintendent at Division Headquarters in Albany, N.Y., where she oversees the training function, civilian hiring, and labor management issues in the Office of Employee Relations. Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster, Room 104, 94 Mary's Ave., Kingston, NY. **10/17, 7pm.**

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - Join County Executive Mike Hein, the Ulster County Office of Economic Development and the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by recognizing some of the outstanding leaders, entrepreneurs, educators and artists in Ulster County. Ulster County residents will be honored for their economic and cultural contributions to our communities. Please RSVP <https://2017hispaniculster.eventbrite.com>. Gaby's Café, 143 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. **10/19, 9am.**

Ulster County Historical Society & Ellenville Public Library and Museum – www.ulstercountyhs.org / <http://eplm.org/>

“Ulster County Women of Note” Exhibit - Ulster County Historical Society & Ellenville Public Library & Museum collaboratively present the exhibit “Ulster County Women of Note” which celebrates women’s history, the centennial of women’s suffrage, and the right to vote in New York State. It features photographs and short narratives of “women of note” from all walks of life and backgrounds in Ulster County. This special exhibit intends to inspire and build community, as well as commemorate and educate. On display at the Ulster County Historical Society at the Bevier House 2682 Route 209, Marbletown, NY. **10/14, 10/15, & 10/21, 11am-5pm & 10/22 at the Suffrage Rally (see below) at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, 1pm-3pm.**

Celebrate Women’s Suffrage in Ulster County - You are invited to celebrate this landmark 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in New York and experience a re-enactment of a suffrage rally and march, beginning at Gallo Park and then on to the Home Port at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. The public is invited to wear period costume and join in conversations with costumed actors whose role will be to engage people in discussion about the women’s rights movement. There will be music by *The Saints of Swing* while walking from Gallo Park to the Hudson River Maritime Museum where you will be welcomed by Kingston Mayor Steve Noble and Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. For more information contact Suzanne Hauspurg - UCHSdirector@gmail.com or call 845-377-1040; or Asha Gollieher at lgollieher@rcls.org. Gallo Park on the Rondout, Kingston, NY. **10/22, 1pm-3pm.**

Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum of Kingston

<https://www.facebook.com/volunteerfiremansmuseum.ofkingston>

Bucket Brigade Contest and Museum Exhibit – Test your meddle at an 18th century style bucket-brigade contest! Anyone can enter to win. Kingston Volunteer Fireman’s Museum, 266 Fair St., Kingston, NY. **10/14, 1pm.**

Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild – www.woodstockguild.org

Exhibition TERRA (noun: earth, land) and Opening Reception - Visit the TERRA Exhibition which addresses the environmental and sustainability issues facing the Hudson Valley and today's world, community, and the immediate personal responsibility that belongs to each and every one of us. Eight artists present beautiful, thoughtful works, which vary widely in terms of the means of presentation, but which are steadfastly nature-based: a quirky, Renaissance-like painting by Julie Heffernan; a wall of 20+ black walnut ink drawings of rocks and rivers by Iain Machell; a large totem-like twig sculpture by Nancy Azara; an installation of beautifully hand-carved “spoons” by Samm Kunce, painstakingly made from a fallen ancient lilac bush on her property; large-scale photographs by Edgar Cardenas, a sustainability artist/scientist; a pair of detailed, landscape paintings on large ash log slices by Alison Moritsugu, depicting the subtle destructive signs of the emerald ash borer and a compelling narrative on the decline of native species; a new project-specific sculpture by Ian Laughlin, and a series of small “damaged” books on found wooden ledges by Matthew Fasone. Curated by Melinda Stickney-Gibson. Participating artists include: Nancy Azara, Edgar Cardenas, Matthew Fasone, Julie Heffernan, Samm Kunce, Ian Laughlin, Iain Machell, and Alison Moritsugu. BYRDCLIFFE Kleinert/James Center for the Arts, 36 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY. Free Admission, suggested donation \$5. Exhibition, TERRA, Opening Reception **10/21, 4pm-6pm**. Exhibition hours during Ulster County Cultural Heritage Week: **10/21 & 10/22, 12pm-6**.

Wicked Woodstock at White Pines – The Second Annual Haunted House - a wicked tour of the home of Byrdcliffe’s founders Ralph and Jane Whitehead with spooks and scares. Suggested age 14 and over. Cost: \$10 per Haunted House visitor. White Pines, 454 Upper Byrdcliffe Road, Woodstock, NY. **10/21 & 10/28 5:30pm-8pm**.

County Executive Hein invites you to visit these Cultural Heritage Sites and Organizations located in Ulster County throughout the year:

- A.J. Snyder Estate in Rosendale
- Bevier House Museum/ Ulster County Historical Society in Marbletown
- Brunel Park in Boiceville
- Canal Forge in High Falls
- Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center in Mt. Tremper
- Century House Historical Society in Rosendale
- Cragmoor Historical Society in Cragmoor
- Ellenville Public Library & Museum in Ellenville
- Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission in Ellenville
- Esopus Meadows Lighthouse in Ulster Park
- Friends of Historic Rochester in Accord
- Greenfield Park Schoolhouse/Museum in Greenfield Park
- Historical Society of the Town of Olive in Shokan
- Historical Society of Woodstock in Woodstock
- Hudson River Maritime Museum Kingston
- Kingston Historic Landmark Preservation Commission in Kingston
- Kingston Land Trust in Kingston
- Klyne Esopus Museum
- Kripplebush Schoolhouse Museum in Kripplebush

- Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission in Stone Ridge
- Marlborough Historical Society in Marlboro
- Marlboro Library in Marlboro
- New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission in New Paltz
- O & W Napanoch Train Station/Museum in Napanoch
- Old Dutch Reformed Church in Kingston
- Opus 40 in Saugerties
- Perrine's Bridge in Rifton
- Rondout Lighthouse in Kingston
- Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art in New Paltz
- Saugerties Historical Society/Kiersted House in Saugerties
- Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy in Saugerties
- SUNY Ulster: Local History and Special Collections Room in Stone Ridge
- Third Ulster County Militia in Gardiner
- Town of Plattekill Historical Society in Clintondale
- Town of Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill
- Trolley Museum of New York in Kingston
- Ulster County Genealogical Society in Hurley
- Ulster County Round Table in Kingston
- Volunteer Fireman's Hall and Museum in Kingston

As County Executive, I thank you very much for sharing Ulster County's Cultural Heritage Week with us and for enjoying all that Ulster County has to offer. Please feel free to call my office at: 845-340-3800 or the Ulster County Department of Tourism at: 845-340-3566 should you require any assistance.

~ *Michael P. Hein*