County Executive Michael P. Hein presents: Ulster County's Cultural Heritage Week September 29 – October 7, 2012



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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein

Ulster County is alive with history. We have a rich cultural legacy inherited from many generations. An astonishing array of sites, structures, and objects attest to Ulster County's Revolutionary, Civil War, industrial, agricultural, and political past. All have left their mark. The National Register of Historic Places lists over 160 sites in Ulster County: everywhere you turn, you can experience a special story.

County Executive Hein invites you to participate in the following events during Ulster County's 2nd Cultural Heritage Week.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk Hosts Heritage Week Activitieshttp://www.co.ulster.ny.us/countyclerk/archives

- "Document of the Day" The Ulster County Clerk will exhibit, both online and in person, one archival document from the 18th or 19th century each day. The date of the "Document of the Day" will correspond to the current date, so tune in each day to look back in time and see what was going on in Ulster County 200 and 300 years ago! 24/7 Online @ Facebook and at the Ulster County Records Center Monday, 10/1 Friday, 10/5
- "Archives in Action" The Accomplishments of the Ulster County Clerk's Archives Division The Ulster County Archives officially opened in 2002. 2012 marks its 10th anniversary. This exhibit will showcase the accomplishments reached over the last 10 years, the people it has served, the families that have been reunited and the products that have been produced. At the Ulster County Office Building during Cultural Heritage Week and until 12/31 from 9 - 4:45 PM
- "Ashokan Reservoir Collection" An Exhibit of Records Revealing the Story of the Inhabitants and the
 Lost Towns A collaboration between the Ulster County Clerk's Office and the Elting Memorial Library
 in New Paltz. This exhibit features samples of the record series belonging to the County Clerk's Office,
 that together form the Ashokan Reservoir Collection, Award Transcripts, Court Orders, Orders of
 Confirmation, Orders Depositing Money and Section Maps. If you are a descendant of a claimant or
 interested in reading about the lives and livelihoods of the residents of the Esopus River Valley at the
 turn of the twentieth century, please stop by the Elting Memorial Library and take a look. This exhibit
 will run through 11/13, during Cultural Heritage Week: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10 to 8 PM,
 Tuesday & Thursday: 1 to 5:30 PM, Saturday: 10 to 4 PM, and Sunday: 12 to 4 PM

Ashokan Center - http://www.ashokancenter.org/

Northern Blacksmiths Association Fall Meet - James Austin from Oakland, California will demonstrate traditional German forge work as well as making a Viking bearded axe. In addition to the demonstration there will be a hands-on teaching station with an instructor. Attendance at the event is by pre-registration, available on the website. \$10 for adults and children are free. Friday, 9/28 - Sunday, 9/30

Canal Forge- http://hudsonvalleyblacksmith.com/

Blacksmith Shop - Come visit a working blacksmith shop with a display of old tools and historic hardware, overlooking the Rondout Creek and adjacent to the old D&H Canal. Blacksmithing classes offered. Monday, 10/1 - Friday, 10/5 from 9 – 5 PM or by appointment at jonned@hvc.rr.com

D & H Canal Museum in High Falls - http://www.canalmuseum.org/

• Tour of Five Locks Walk

Free tours of this National Historic Landmark Five Locks Walk - Adults \$8 and Children \$ on. Sunday, 9/30 and 10/7 at 2 PM

• The Sunday Market in Grady Park

The market attracts vendors of antiques and collectibles, jewelry, vintage clothing, plants, and more. It is located on the site of the original D&H Canal Locks 17 and 18, on Route 213 East in the heart of High Falls Sunday 9/30 and 10/7 from 9 – 4 PM

Donskoj Gallery- www.donskojgallery.com

Type P: American Interpretations- New exhibit opening at the newly renovated and expanded Donskoj Gallery. This exhibit marks a milestone in a continuing odyssey for Dutch artist Hendrik Dijk who has been living in Kingston's historic Rondout for 26 years. Dijk first discovered two dozen of the World War II Type P group shelters that are the subject of the exhibit on a visit to his native Holland in 2007. He began photographing the structures in 2008. For the Donskoj Gallery exhibit, Dijk has invited 13 American artists to react, each in his/her own media, to the compelling forms and their ongoing story as features in the Dutch countryside. **Saturday, 10/6**

Ellenville Public Library & Museum - <u>http://eplm.sharepoint.com/Pages/default.aspx</u>

WICKED ULSTER COUNTY: Tales of Desperadoes, Gangs, & More - Join A.J Schenkman as he shares his love of history and storytelling in an interesting evening of local stories based on his new book - *Wicked Ulster County*. Stick around after the talk for a book signing. Please sign up at (845) 647-5530. Tuesday, 10/2 at 7 PM

Esopus Meadows Lighthouse in Ulster Park-

http://www.esopusmeadowslighthouse.org/

Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Tour - The tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Hudson River Maritime Museum to the lighthouse and admission to the Maritime Museum. Reservations are recommended and can be made at 845-848-3669. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. **Saturday, 9/29 from 12 – 3 PM**

Friends of Historic Kingston in Kingston- www.fohk.org

- Artwork by Michael Asbill and Jessica Poser A series of silhouettes based on the 1914 photographs of local Kingston businesses. Artworks are located in the FJJ House, garden and sites uptown. Wednesday, 10/6
- Stockade National Historic District Walking Tour

Join the Friends of Historic Kingston for the Stockade National Historic District Walking Tour in Kingston. This is a narrated tour of the largest intact Dutch settlement in New York State. The tour concludes with a visit to the interior of the circa 1812 Fred J. Johnston House. The tour departs from Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 16. Free to FHK members. Saturday, 10/6 at 2 PM

• Essential to Stylish, Kingston's Midtown Industrial Tour

The city's industrial district, located in Midtown, is now the home of stylish residential lofts, professional offices, and workshops making art supplies and design items coveted by artists, architects and decorators across the country. The Friends of Historic Kingston is offering a glimpse inside these spaces during a special guided tour of the industrial district. Reception follows with live jazz, refreshments, and a showcase of historic photos of Kingston's industrial past. Tickets are \$50.00. Reservations are required. Saturday, 10/6 from 1 - 5:30 PM

• Music in the Courtyard Free. Sunday, 10/7 at 11- 3 PM

• Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour

The Roundout National Historic District Walking Tour is a one-hour tour that traces the rise of Rondout in the nineteenth century as a thriving maritime village that mushroomed during the era when the village was the terminus for the Delaware and Hudson Canal that opened in 1828. Leaves from the Ulster County Visitor Center at 20 Broadway. \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 16. Free to FHK members. Saturday, 9/29 at 11 AM

• The Fred J. Johnston House Museum, "A Treasury of American Decorative Arts Tour"

View a visual feast of eighteenth and early nineteenth century antique furnishings and decorative arts, mostly American, collected by noted antiques dealer Fred J. Johnston (1911-1993) and displayed in eight elegant room settings he designed in his c. 1812 Federal style home and showroom in Kingston's Stockade National Historic District. \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Saturday, 9/29 from 11 - 4 PM • The Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery, "Save the Best to Last: The Fred J. Johnston Story " This exhibit celebrates the 200th birthday of the c.1812 John Sudam House and the life of noted antiques dealer Fred J. Johnston who saved it from demolition and devoted his life to preserving it. Photo exhibit honors great "preservation stories" throughout Kingston. Free admission. Saturday, 9/29 11 - 4 PM

Friends of Historic Rochester Museum- http://www.fhraccord.org/

Fall Heritage Day- Would you like to find out the value of a favorite family antique, discover some missing information about your family tree, or see a spinner at work? If the answer is "yes" to any of the above, come to the gala Fall Heritage Day. Attractions will include Antique Appraisals (11 to 1 PM), Book Sale and Table of Treasures, Heritage Crafts, local authors and artists, food, and live music. Also guided personal genealogical research, extensive displays of photographs, maps, and other memorabilia relating to Town history, and sale of publications on local history. Admission and parking are free. Saturday, 10/6 from 10 - 3 PM

Gardiner Public Library - <u>www.gardinerlibrary.org</u>

Movie-making whirlwind: Class in film-making for middle school children. \$50 per student on Saturday, 10/6 from 1 – 5 PM, screening and community potluck at 5:30 PM

Highland Public Library - www.highlandlibrary.org

Adult Knitting and Crocheting Group: Bring your needles/hooks and yarn and join us for some time of relaxation and conversation. From beginners to experts, all are welcome. For more information call the library at 883-5015. Thursday, 10/4 from 4:30 – 6 PM

Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston - http://www.hrmm.org/

• The Annual Bluestone Festival

Are you familiar with the city of Kingston's bluestone and its history? Whether you are a novice or an expert on the subject, plan on visiting the annual Bluestone Festival at the Maritime Museum in Kingston. Sunday, 10/7

• Raising a Barn on the Rondout – A Dialogue with Jack Weeks and Allan Shope – Lecture Series Dr. John C. (Jack) Weeks, HRMM Chair, Barn Raising Committee, and Allan P. Shope, President, Clearwater and Carbon Neutral Architect, will discuss the Kingston Home Port and Education Center project, a joint building project between HRMM and the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*. Suggested donation \$5 or "pay what you wish." Wednesday, 10/3 from 7 – 9 PM

Jennie Bell Pie Festival in Rondout Valley - <u>http://www.jenniebell.org/</u>

Jennie Bell Pie Festival- Weekend Extravaganza - Hosted at Kelder's Farm and Homegrown Mini-Golf, this weekend is full of amusements, games, music, fireworks, vendors, and of course, pie! Don't miss out on all of the (delicious) festivities. 9/28 - 9/29 from 12 - 9 PM

Kingston Library - <u>www.kingstonlibrary.org</u>

Teen Art Lab After-School Art Club: Come explore the arts: painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, sculpture, crafts, and more! No prior experience necessary. Open to all students ages 13-18. No registration required. Free. **Tuesday**, **10/2 from 3:30 to 5 PM**

Kingston Paddle Pals in Kingston - http://tinyurl.com/bsvyuoc

Free Kayak Tours - Free Hudson River Lighthouse/Park Kayak Tours. Novices can paddle the Rondout Creek to Kingston/Rondout Light House while the experts can take on tours of the Hudson south to Esopus Meadows Lighthouse or north towards the Kingston Rhinecliff Bridge pass Rotary Park, Kingston Point Park, Post Park, or Rider Park depending on the tide. The kayak group can be accessed at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KingstonPaddlePals and emails can be sent to the group at <u>KingstonPaddlePals@yahoogroups.com</u> on Saturday, 9/29 at 10 AM

Marlboro Free Library - marlborolibrary.org

- Art from the Heart: Local artists gather in the Library's community room to draw and paint together. Wednesday, Wednesday, 10/3 from noon 4 PM
- Hudson Valley Iris & Daylily Society meeting: Group's purpose is to educate the public on the culture, growing and propagation of irises and daylilies. Meeting in the community room. New members welcome. Sunday, 10/7 from 1:15 4:15 PM

Matthewis Persen House Museum and Cultural Heritage Center-

http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/countyclerk/Persen%20House%20Schedule%202012.pdf

• The Town of Plattekill Burial Grounds History Revealed

Join volunteers from the Plattekill Historical Society at the House for the day. They have been working diligently to record information pertaining to the numerous burial grounds within the Town of Plattekill in order to keep this important part of the town's history alive. A collection of photographs and documents pertaining to the Town of Plattekill burial grounds will be on display at the House. Saturday, 9/29 from 10 - 2 PM

• A Look at Ulster County and the Civil War

Join members of the Ulster County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee as they commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The Committee will be exhibiting materials that demonstrate the important and significant role that Ulster County played in this war. Saturday, 9/29 and Sunday, 9/30 and through 10/31 from 10 - 2 PM

• A Look at the Munsee's Way of Life

Save Native Sites will be at the Persen House and local indigenous history will be discussed regarding the Munsee's way of life when the Dutch and English colonists came to Atharhacton (now Kingston) in the 1600's. Historic and pre-historic artifacts from the area will be on exhibit. Saturday, 10/6 from 10 - 2 PM

Meet Me in Marlborough- http://www.meetmeinmarlborough.com/

• Heart of the Hudson Valley Bounty Festival

Sip, taste and discover the Valley's Bounty. This festival showcases the heart of the Hudson Valley with an array of agriculture, attractions and local businesses that are from the bounty of Marlborough and surrounding communities. Don't miss out on the fireworks display **Saturday**, **10/6** from **10-7** PM

• Annual Milton and Marlboro Harvest Celebration

Enjoy a unique agricultural experience celebrating 300 years of farming. Come enjoy a day viewing the spectacular foliage while you visit the farms to pick fresh fruit or stop by a farmers market to choose from a selection of vegetables, fruits, baked goods and more. Have some local wine, and eat a specially prepared agri-cuisine at one of the Meet Me in Marlborough participating restaurants. Overnight accommodations & additional attractions are also available; shops, spas, B&Bs, horseback riding, historical sites, festivals and much more! Saturday, 10/6, Sunday, 10/7 and every weekend in the month of October

Olive Free Library Association - <u>www.olivefreelibrary.org</u>

Yoga Classes: Wednesday, 10/3 at 9 AM and Thursday, 10/4 at 7:30 PM

O&W Napanoch Train Station Museum in Napanoch - <u>http://www.nyow.org</u>/

Rosco O&W Museum - Experience the O&W refurbished caboose on the site of the Roscoe Station, the original trout weather vane and train signal, the Cooks Falls and Roscoe watchman's shanties, The Beaverkill Trout Car and the O&W station motif building. The museum now also contains O&W artifacts and memorabilia, other railroadiana, and local history displays showing the impact of the O&W on community life, hunting, fishing, farming, tourism and local industries on **Saturday, 10/6 and Sunday 10/7**

Phoenicia Library - <u>www.phoenicia.lib.ny.us</u>

Art Hour Saturday: Gourd decorating and Wreath decorating to bring in the fall colors. All ages welcome. Saturday, 10/6 from 1 – 2:30 PM

Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art in New Paltz - <u>http://www.newpaltz.edu/museum/</u>

Free Gallery Tour - Love art? Don't pass up a free gallery tour accompanied by a guest educator, Kevin Cook on Saturday, 10/7 at 2 PM

Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy- http://www.saugertieslighthouse.com/

Public Visiting Hours - Come visit the outdoor public areas of the Lighthouse from sunrise to sunset throughout the year and throughout Cultural Heritage Week

Saugerties Public Library - <u>www.saugertiespubliclibrary.org</u>

Creative Writing Group: Hone your poetry skills, character development abilities, use of adjectives, understanding of theme, and oh-so-much more. **Thursday**, **10/4 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM**

Senate House State Historic Site- <u>http://www.nysparks.com/historic-</u> <u>sites/18/details.aspx</u>

18th Century Autumn Festival- Visitor will have a chance to see demonstrations of activities that were traditionally done in the autumn during the 18th century including meat smoking, apple cider pressing, making apple butter and blacksmithing. Hands on activities including making cornhusk dolls and action figures, dipping candles and making dried apple wreaths are also available and are fun for all ages. Visit with the 1st Ulster Militia which will be encamped on the grounds demonstrating 18thc. military camp life. Period music will be provided by the lively duo "Marilee and Kate". Guided tours of Senate House will be provided by costumed interpreters regular admission rates of \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and free for children 12 and under, and members of the Friends of Senate House. All outside events are free on Saturday, 10/6 from 11-3 PM

Shandaken Arts - <u>www.ShandakenArt.com</u>

- Outdoor sculpture parks
 - 49A Sculpture Park in Highmount, two miles past upper Belleayre Lodge at Galli Curci historic mansion on Galli Curci Road (49A)
 - Poet's Sculpture Park across from Railroad Museum in Phoenicia
 - Mama's Boy Dog Sculpture Park in Phoenicia
 - Pine Hill Community Center Sculpture Garden on Main Street in Pine Hill
 - Art studios throughout Shandaken to visit by appointment
- Gallery exhibitions at The Arts Upstairs and Cabane Studios in Phoenicia

Stone Ridge Public Library - <u>www.stoneridgelibrary.org</u>

- Memoir Writing Workshop: Bring in something you've recently written or are working on to share. Anyone interested should contact Brian Drabkin by email or at 687-4711 or Diane in the Program Office at 687-8726. Saturday, 10/6, 1 3 PM
- Fall Book Sale: Annual fall book sale on the library lawn will feature book bargains galore and delicious soups donated by local restaurants to enjoy on site or carry out. Home-baked sweets, coffee, cider, pumpkins and jeweled-colored mums will also be available. Saturday, 10/6, 10 2 PM

The Leaping Trout - <u>http://www.theleapingtrout.com/</u>

The Leaping Trout Art Project - The Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents "The Leaping Trout Art Project" which includes 35 trout displayed across the Eastern Catskill region **throughout Ulster County Cultural Heritage Week.** Download a map at <u>http://www.theleapingtrout.com/images/leaping_trout_map.pdf</u> Town of Esopus Library - esopuslibrary.org

Writers Group: Creative writing group meets every other week. Open to new members. Wednesday, 10/3 from 6- 8 PM

Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission, the Village of Saugerties Historic District Review Board and Audrey Klinkenberg, the Town of Saugerties Historian and Associate Ulster County Historian -

http://saugerties.ny.us/content/History

History Realized - Using examples of new understandings and findings about history that have occurred over the past year, this presentation explains how our history becomes our heritage. Digitized images of the founding documents of the village of Saugerties will be projected on the large screen at the Saugerties Public Library's community room in a presentation that shows by example how they define the heritage we protect today at the Saugerties Public Library on **Tuesday**, **10/2 at 6 PM**

Town of Wawarsing - http://www.townofwawarsing.net/

Historic Preservation Day's focus will be the schoolhouse, the first Local Landmark in the Town of Wawarsing, with recognition also of the Quaker Meeting House (also a local landmark). Both are owned by the Town of Wawarsing. Will be held at the Greenfield Park One Room Schoolhouse on Saturday, 9/29 at 11 AM

Ulster County Community College- http://www.sunyulster.edu/library/collections/

Local History and Special Collections Room - The local history collection was formally established in 1972 to offer students and faculty the opportunity for historical research, as well as meet the community need for local history. The collection emphasizes material relating to Ulster County but also includes the history of neighboring counties, the Hudson Valley, the Catskill Region and selected materials that covers the general history of the state. Materials include books, maps, postcards, a file of pamphlets, articles and newspaper clippings. There are some early census surveys, celebration publications, documents relating to the Ashokan Reservoir, and brochures from Lake Minnewaska and Mohonk Mountain House from Monday, 10/1 to Friday, 10/5 from 8 to 4 PM

Ulster County Historical Society and Friends of the Old Dutch Church-<u>http://www.ulstercountyhs.org/document/traditional-country-dinner-dance.pdf</u>

Traditional Country Dance and Dinner - Join us in learning dances and music handed down from generation to generation. Live music by Tamarack & Friends group, joined by caller Paul Rosenberg and guest fiddler Will Welling, will teach us all the joy of American dance and music. The cost of admission is \$10 for dance and \$15 for dinner with warming soups and stews, bread, cheese, and dessert provided by local restaurants. Beverages will be available through Friends of the Old Dutch Church in Bethany Hall in the Old Dutch Church on Saturday, 10/13 from 2 – 5 PM

Woodstock Public Library District - <u>www.woodstock.org</u>

A Public Art Happening: In celebration of the Woodstock Library's recent acquisition of the former town laundromat on Library Lane, local artist and Friends of the Library Board President member Michael Hunt is coordinating a new art exhibit on the exterior walls of the old laundromat. Hunt will create some works while others will be designed by him and completed by members of the Woodstock community. Saturday, 10/6 from noon – 4 PM

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
- Bruderhof Museum in Rifton
- Canal Forge in Alligerville
- Catskill Heritage Alliance in Shandaken
- Century House Historical Society in Rosendale
- Cragsmoor Historical Society in Cragsmoor
- 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
- 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
- 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 Community College: Local History and Special Collections Room in Stone Ridge
- Ulster County Genealogical Society in Hurley
- Ulster County Round Table in Kingston
- Volunteer Fireman's Hall and Museum in Kingston

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.

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