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John Jay Homestead invites you to participate in New Exhibit

April 30, 2020 (Katonah, NY): John Jay Homestead State Historic Site will be mounting a new exhibit and is asking the public to help. *Reflections on Our Past: A Viewer Response Exhibit II*, will be an entirely digital exhibit curated with responses from our community.

In 2013 we opened our first *Reflections* exhibit in our Back Parlor Gallery. Invited guests, representing our local community, were asked to select an object from our collection to comment on in whatever medium they wished. Their responses included drawings, poems, essays, and even an exact replica in clay. Today we invite you, our digital community, to participate in our second *Reflections* exhibit.

Participants will choose one of twenty-five objects to respond to; the objects we've selected for inclusion can be found on our website. The responses may take any form, and participants are encouraged to be creative. The exhibit is open to all ages.

All of the directions, images of available objects and submission instructions can be found on our website, www.johnjayhomestead.org. Submissions are due by May 31, 2020. For questions please contact Bethany.white@parks.ny.gov

John Jay Homestead continues to add digital content on a rolling basis. We encourage you to check our website regularly.

The grounds of John Jay Homestead are open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset. We encourage you to visit, but maintain social distancing.

John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is one of the six state historic sites and twelve parks administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation—Taconic Region.

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