

SENATE HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

SUGARING OFF

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH 11:00AM-4:00PM

JOIN US AS WE SHOWCASE MAPLE SUGARING, 18TH CENTURY STYLE! THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF BOILING MAPLE SAP, HEARTH-SIDE COOKING, MEAT SMOKING, JACK WAX CANDY TASTING, CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES AND FOLK MUSIC.

NYS CONSTITUTION DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 10:00AM-5:00PM

JOIN US FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE FIRST NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION RIGHT HERE IN KINGSTON! VISIT THE MUSEUM FOR A TOUR, PARTICIPATE IN A QUILL PEN WRITING ACTIVITY, GRAB A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL 1777 NYS CONSTITUTION, AND STAY FOR A TALK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT.

PINKSTER: JOY IS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE

SUNDAY MAY 19TH

THE PINKSTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL RETURNS TO SENATE HOUSE! PINKSTER IS THE OLDEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN HOLIDAY IN THE U.S., A DUTCH PENTECOST TRADITION TRANSFORMED INTO A JOYOUS AFRICAN CELEBRATION. PRODUCED BY TRANSART INC. IN COOPERATION WITH SENATE HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE, THE PINKSTER FESTIVAL INCLUDES MUSIC, DANCE, HISTORY, FOOD, CRAFTS, VENDORS, AND MORE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PINKSTER, PLEASE VISIT WWW.TRANSARTINC.ORG/PINKSTER



There will be music and dance for visitors to participate in and enjoy in honor of Pinkster

18TH CENTURY GROWING SEASON

SATURDAY MAY 25TH 11:00AM-4:00PM

JOIN US IN LEARNING ABOUT WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO GROW THINGS AND PRODUCE FOOD IN THE 18TH CENTURY. WATCH US PLANT OUR 18TH CENTURY INSPIRED GARDEN, SEE BEEKEEPING, SHEEP SHEARING, AND FOOD PRESERVATION. INCLUDES CRAFTS FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

LET FREEDOM RING

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH 11:00AM-4:00PM

PARTICIPATE IN COMMEMORATING AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE AT SENATE HOUSE! THERE WILL BE FAMOUS AMERICAN MUSIC, AND AN INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY FEATURING READINGS OF IMPORTANT SPEECHES ON AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

**ADMISSION RATES FOR TOURS STILL APPLY
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**296 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON NY 12401
FOR MORE INFO CALL 845-338-2786**

18TH CENTURY AUTUMNFEST

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH 11:00AM-4:00PM

EXPERIENCE SOME KEY AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FROM THE 18TH CENTURY AND ENJOY THE SEASON! THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF BLACKSMITHING, MEAT SMOKING, CANDLE DIPPING, PRESSING APPLES, AND MORE. THERE WILL ALSO BE LIVE PERFORMANCES OF JUGGLING, FIRE SPITTING, AND UNICYCLING!



Enjoy live blacksmithing demonstrations during our 18th Century Autumn Fest event

THE BURNING OF KINGSTON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH

STOP BY SENATE HOUSE ON SATURDAY DURING THE WEEKEND-LONG, COMMUNITY-WIDE COMMEMORATION OF THE BURNING OF KINGSTON. THAT DAY SITE WILL BE HOSTING, REENACTORS, A TALK, TOURS, AND MORE. FOR FULL EVENT PROGRAM AND MORE INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, PLEASE VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.BURNINGOFKINGSTON.COM](https://www.burningofkingston.com)

About Senate House:

Amidst the turmoil of the Revolutionary War, in the fall of 1777, the elected representatives of rebellious New Yorkers met in Kingston to form a new state government. While convened in Kingston in September and October, New York's first Senate met in the stone house of merchant Abraham Van Gaasbeek.

To recognize Senate House's role in the formation of New York State, in 1887, New York State acquired the property, which quickly became a vital community museum. A two-story Museum Building was constructed in 1927 to house and display the site's burgeoning collection.

Today, visitors can explore the site's museum exhibits, featuring "Kingston Stockade: New Netherlands Third City" on Kingston's early history, as well as a gallery of original works by Kingston artist John Vanderlyn.

Visitors will also take a guided tour of Senate House and experience the space as it would have likely appeared during the Senate's meetings in 1777. It is here that visitors will learn about the Van Gaasbeek family, the individuals they enslaved, and how each of their lives intersected with the American Revolution and the formation of New York State's first government.

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OPERATING HOURS:

APRIL 17—OCTOBER 31

OPEN FOR DROP-IN TOURS
WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
SUNDAYS: 1PM-5PM

Admission Fees

Adults	\$7.00
Students/Seniors	\$5.00
Children 12 and under	FREE
School & Group visits	\$5.00 / person

Group tours and school group visits of the Senate House and Museum are offered year-round by advance appointment.

The site's grounds are open year-round from dawn to dusk at no cost.

Tours of the Senate House and Museum are open by appointment only from November to mid April.



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<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/18/details.aspx>

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Calendar of Events

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