

MARCH 2025

THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO! New York's Hudson Valley, East of the River



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March Highlights!

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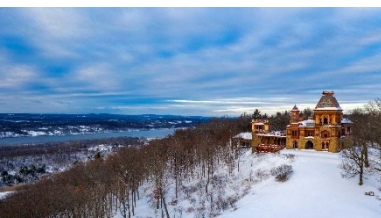
OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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Landscape: Olana State Historic Site's 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. *Image by: Peter Aaron/ OTTO*

March Tour Hours: Friday – Sunday, 11:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Olana Shop & Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape Hours:
Friday-Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Olana Eye Skycam: Virtual visitors can experience the iconic view from Olana's Studio Tower at any time and from around the world at [OLANA.org/OLANAEEYE](https://www.olana.org/OLANAEEYE). Use the hashtag #OLANAEEYE on social media to share your amazing screen captures. Follow us @OlanaFredericChurch.

Virtual Tours: Learn about Frederic Church's Olana and explore the 250-acre landscape from the comfort of your own home. Virtual tours are available on the Olana website at <https://www.olana.org/virtual-olana/>



Olana State Historic Site

Through March 30, 2025

Organized by The Olana Partnership

Frederic Church carefully studied the world around him, incorporating those observations into his paintings, guiding the viewer's eye through his composed landscapes, and encouraging them to take *A Closer Look*. This winter, The

Olana Partnership invites you to discover works of art through close looking, observation, and conversation. Unfolding over four months and featuring a series of four themed artwork installations, participants in *A Closer Look* will be encouraged to slow down, open their minds to discover Frederic Church's art in new ways, and spend time in close dialogue with select artworks from the Olana collection.

New works of art will be featured each month; no prior knowledge of art is required. Visit [OLANA.org/acloserlook](https://www.olana.org/acloserlook) for the full schedule.



K-12 Field Trips and Virtual Tours – Accepting Reservations!

Explore Frederic Church's masterwork, Olana, through a field trip or virtual tour in any season! During onsite field trips and virtual tours, students learn more about the art, culture, and history of Olana and the Hudson River Valley through place-based learning activities and lessons. For grades PreK-12 and education groups; \$5-\$15 per student | FREE for schools in Columbia and Greene counties.

Learn more by visiting <https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/>



Warm Up With an OLANA Webinar

Virtual offering – visit [olana.org/webinars](https://www.olana.org/webinars)

Get cozy and learn more about Olana and its history from home with our range of over 50 webinars highlighting the diverse stories connected to Frederic Church, his family, and creation, Olana. Topics range from the popularity of coffee in the 19th century to presentations on Church's unique artist friends and colleagues like Marianne North and Edmonia Lewis to conversations with contemporary artists like Jean Shin and Mark Igloliorte. Visit [olana.org/webinars](https://www.olana.org/webinars) to learn more.



Expert's Eye: The Art of Camping with Justin Wexler, Wild Hudson Valley Saturday, March 1 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Join experts for a series of dialogues on paintings from OLANA's collection that are worth a closer look. During each gallery conversation, experts working in fields of science, art education, ecology, and indigenous history will share what they discover within a picture's frame. During this talk, Justin Wexler of Wild Hudson Valley will lead a discussion focusing on what we can learn by looking more closely at featured elements of cultural exchange. By investigating two works of art, this conversation will probe what we can learn about the

relationship between 19th century outdoorsmen and Indigenous Peoples within the paintings' frames. This program is \$15 per person or \$10 for members or Columbia/Greene County residents. To become a member, visit [OLANA.org/membership](https://www.olana.org/membership). Advanced registration required. Please contact education@olana.org to learn more. [Register](#)



THIRD THURSDAY – Morning Mindfulness in the Gallery

Thursday, March 20 | 9:30-10:30 AM

Start your day looking mindfully at works of art in the Sharp Family Gallery. This hour-long morning session will be led by three local art therapists and will include mindfulness practices to deepen

your experience of one to three artworks on view.

FREE as part of OLANA Third Thursday/Tercer Jueves in connection with A Closer Look. Day-of, please meet outside the front door of the historic house to check-in. Pre-registration is required. Please email education@olana.org to register. Space is limited. [Learn More](#)

Painting credit: Frederic Edwin Church, Wood Interior at Mount Turner, c. 1877. Oil and graphite on paper mounted on canvas. 12 5/16 x 20 5/16 inches. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Olana State Historic Site, OL.1980.1869.A

THIRD THURSDAY – Drop-In Drawing with Charcoal

Thursday, March 20 | 2:00-5:00 PM

Stop by the Wagon House Education Center for free drop-in drawing led by The Olana Partnership teaching artists and educators. Each session focuses on a different artist-quality art material! Use inspiration from your visit to Olana State Historic Site to create your own works of art.

All materials, refreshments, and drinks will be provided. FREE. Email education@olana.org for more information. [Learn More](#)



Family Tours: A Closer Look

Saturday, March 22 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Experience learning, looking closely, and conversation as a family during this series of special museum gallery tours at Olana State Historic Site. Each month, The Olana Partnership educators will lead an exploration of two to three works of art on the second-floor galleries through family-friendly dialogue and other hands-on activities. After your tour, extend your day at OLANA and head down

to the Wagon House Education Center for a free drop-in program, Art Making in the Afternoon from 1-4 PM.

Designed for families with children ages 3 and up. \$15 adults; children under 16 are free. Advanced registration required. Please contact education@olana.org to learn more. [Register](#)



Artmaking in the Afternoon

Saturday, March 22 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Inspired by your time at Olana or looking for family-friendly fun? Participate in free, drop-in artmaking in the Wagon House Education Center from 1-4 PM and learn more about Frederic Church's artist-designed home and studio on the Hudson.

This drop-in artmaking program is open to all ages and skill levels; all materials and warm beverages (coffee, tea, and hot chocolate) provided. FREE. No advanced registration required. Contact education@olana.org or call [\(518\) 751-6938](tel:5187516938) for more info.



Expert's Eye: Church as Forest Ecologist with Marc Wolf

Saturday, March 29 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Join experts for a series of dialogues on paintings from OLANA's collection that are worth a closer look. During each gallery conversation, experts working in fields of science, art education, ecology, and indigenous history will share what they discover within a picture's frame. Investigate Church's intimate forest paintings with Marc Wolf, Director of Horticulture and Environmental Stewardship at Mountain Top Arboretum in the Catskills. During this conversation, Marc will explore Church's ecological eye in three different forest scenes, illuminating the artist's observations of humanity's environmental impact.

This program is \$15 per person or \$10 for members or Columbia/Greene County residents. To become a member, visit OLANA.org/membership. Advanced registration required. Please contact education@olana.org to learn more. [Register](#)



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Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Holiday Mondays.

On the hour, 11:00am through 4:00pm

Mansion Tours

Come take a tour of the historic Clermont Mansion! Explore the legacies of the illustrious Livingston family, who called the river-side mansion home for seven generations, and the untold histories of the enslaved and paid staff whose labor made life at the mansion possible. Dive further into the histories of the people of Clermont with our Visitor Center exhibit, "Spero Meliora: Life in The Land of Livingston." Two special exhibits are on view this season, "Redefining The Family: The Livingstons and the Institution of Slavery" and "The Matriarch of

Clermont: Margaret Beekman at 300." After your tour, check out our Poetry in the Parks installation, displayed on the outer wall of the Visitor Center, take a stroll through our gardens, go on a leisurely hike on our trails, or enjoy the scenic view the river from the warmth of your own vehicle.

*Please note: Tour tickets for the mansion must be purchased at the Visitor Center. **Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are free.***

March Mansion Madness!

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Facebook

March Mansion Madness returns to Clermont! March Mansion Madness is an online tournament of Clermont's most intriguing objects, artifacts, and features! Vote for your favorite thing in each match post by hitting the 👍 for Option 1 and the ❤️ for Option 2. Not really into brackets? Don't worry! Just vote for your favorite thing in each post. There will be 3 Rounds each week, with each Round being posted at 11 a.m. and votes will be called at 7 p.m. Winners will be announced in the comments of the match post! Voting will continue throughout the month, cumulating in the Clermont Cup Championship.

Join the fun at <https://www.facebook.com/ClermontSHS!>



Lives of Livingston Ladies

Every Wednesday

Clermont Blog

In honor of Women's History Month, the Clermont blog will highlight stories of the many unique, strong, and sometimes eccentric women who were members of the Livingston family and called Clermont home. Join us every Wednesday for a new story of the Livingston Ladies!

Read the blog at <https://clermontstatehistoricsite.wordpress.com/>



Hudson Valley Violets
Saturday, March 8, 2025
11:00 AM
Visitor Center, Free!

Did you know that the Hudson Valley was once regarded as the violet capital of the world? In this program, visitors will learn about the history of the violet industry in the Hudson Valley from Clermont's own Horticulturalist, then we'll candy a violet grown by a local farm to see (and taste!) for ourselves!

Please note: Registration is required for this event. Please register in advance at [bookeo.com/clermont](https://www.bookeo.com/clermont)



Crafty Kids Story Hour! Luck be a Lady:
Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day
Saturday, March 15, 2025
1:00 PM
Visitor Center, Free!

Join us for a special Crafty Kids Story Hour! Mid-March is a busy time of year--- it's International Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. So we're celebrating with stories of amazing women and the luck of the Irish! Join us in our cozy children's space to listen to stories, then learn to make a simple Celtic Knot--- a piece of elegant handiwork, traditionally crafted by women in Ireland.

*Please note: **This event is free.** This is a Family Program; all children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child.*



Those Who Served: The Enslaved and Paid Servants of Clermont
Sunday, March 16, 2025
2pm
Mansion-Meets at the Visitor Center
\$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are free.

Over the course of more than 200 years, hundreds of people worked at Clermont to keep the Livingston family comfortable. For nearly a century, the mansion was run by a mostly enslaved staff. By the 1830s, this staff was completely replaced by paid labor. Though many of their stories were lost, recent research has revealed new details about those who worked for the Livingston family. From Old Cole, a black man enslaved by Chancellor Livingston, to Shige Toshio, a Japanese immigrant who served as the Livingston's butler, to Ollie and Christopher Meyer, two young people from different continents who found love in Clermont's kitchen, join us as we uncover some of the stories of those who served. The tour also delves into the realities of enslavement, immigration, and employment across three centuries.

Please note: This tour begins in our Visitor Center; you must pay for your tour tickets at the ticketing desk. Reservations are not required but appreciated.



Alice as Artist
Sunday, March 23, 2025
2pm
Visitor Center, Free!

In 1928, Alice D.C. Livingston submitted a smattering of sculptures to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts' annual exhibition. Included was an enigmatic bronze depicting a draped female figure, hands held aloft in exaltation or prayer. Recent research has uncovered a review featuring this bronze figure in a 1928 edition of *Revue du Vrai et du Beau*. Although relatively short, this is the only published piece we have been able to find on Alice's work and her exhibition history as an artist.

In celebration of women's history month, join us for a presentation featuring this newly unearthed primary source as well as a broader discussion on the art Alice produced as a self-taught sculptor.

*Please note: **This event is free of charge.** Reservations are not required but appreciated.*



The Livingston’s Landscape:

Uncover the relationship the Livingstons had with the land and those living on it.

Sunday, March 30, 2024

2pm

Meet at the Visitor Center, Free!

Join us at Clermont State Historic Site for a guided landscape tour. On this tour we will look back through generations of the Livingston family and explore how their role as landowners shaped the land and local communities. From the questionable land purchases from Indigenous tribes to enslaved men and tenant farmers tilling the soil, to the Livingston’s own gentleman farmers, the relationship with the land and those who worked it changed many times over the past 300 years.

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

In the event of severe weather this tour will be postponed until April.

*Please note: **This event is free of charge.** Reservations are not required but appreciated.*

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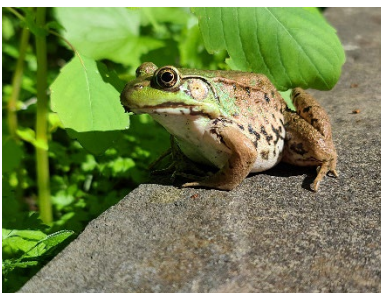
Hemlock Walk & Awareness (NYiMapInvasives)

Saturday, March 1st, 11am-12pm

Meet at the Bash Bish Parking Lot

Get involved with Citizen Science! We will be heading out onto the trail with our Park Educator to learn about invasive species and how to log an observation in iMAPInvasives with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. We highly encourage creating an iMapInvasivesNY account before joining this activity. Get more information on our Facebook event page,

Please note: *Event is free and open to all ages but is intended for adults. Weather permitting.*



Amphibian Workshop

Saturday, March 8 @ 1pm Start

Roeliff Jansen Community Library



March may come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, but for us, this month is all about the amphibians. Learn about the one's that live in Taconic State Park, how to identify them, and how we can positively impact them. Lay the foundation for a lifetime of amphibian appreciation or just quell the natural curiosity around these little creatures. We are co-hosting this Amphibian ID Workshop with Roeliff Jansen Community Library. Bringing a writing implement and notepad is encouraged. **Free of charge.**



Birding at Orphan Farm

Friday, March 14 @ 1PM

Orphan Farm Parking Area HVRT

Walking along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail there are many different animals and especially birds you may see from hawks to song sparrows and everything in between. Join our educator as we roam a section of the HVRT to see what birds and other critters we may find. Whether you are new to birding or an avid birder, all are welcome. Distance covered will be 1 ¼ mile one way, totaling 2.5 miles full trip. **Free of charge.**

Interested in the actual amphibian migration? Follow our social media for updates on when and where we will be following the amphibian march.

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Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party

Fri., March 28 @7:00 PM

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours.

More info at <https://www.spy-hill.net/myers/astro/ltsp/> *Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.*

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75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring, NY 10516

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30th Annual Maple Celebration 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30am - 1:00pm

The sap will be flowing and we'll have pancakes on the griddle, as TOEC hosts its annual Maple Sugar Celebration! The Taconic Outdoor Education Center will be hosting its 30th annual pancake breakfast, on March 1, 2025. This event has been popular for many years and is often referred to by locals as "Sap to Syrup". Enjoy some of the Hudson Valley's best syrup on fresh pancakes in a woody setting! Maple syrup artisan John Stowell calls his handy work "the best darn maple operation east of the Hudson". See live demonstrations of sugaring the sap into syrup in both traditional and modern methods! Children

and adults will be fascinated by the free nature lectures being offered by experienced staff on site. ***This is a ticketed event that sells out fast: Please purchase your tickets early!*** **LIMITED SLOTS** are available on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**. To attend you **MUST REGISTER** in advance through Eventbrite. **Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the check-in desk on the day of the event.** Tickets can be purchased on:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/30th-annual-maple-celebration-2025-tickets-1203252022189>

**LITTLE STONY POINT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
AT HUDSON HIGHLANDS**

3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516

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**Little Stony Point Citizens Association Presents:
Maple Syrup Day**

Sunday, March 23, 10-1pm

Come join LSPCA for free pancakes, local maple syrup, coffee, hot cocoa, live music and fun for all. If available please walk, bike, train or carpool.

Rain date: March 30, 10-1pm.

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STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

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March 1 – 30 Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and select Sundays

Mansion Tours

Mansion tours by advance reservation. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings.

Photo by Pieter Estersohn

Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free.



March 2: 1pm (snow date March 9)

TEA & TALK SERIES. Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history.

Gilded Age Scandals!

"Gilded Age Scandals" focuses a spotlight on the scandalous behavior of the very rich at the turn of the century. Staatsburgh's owners, Ruth and Ogden Mills, were models of respectability, but the transgressions of their friends shocked Edwardian Society. We'll discuss celebrity murders, heiresses for sale,

and scandals that reached as high as the King of England and the President of the United States. Stories of misbehavior feature a monkey in the formal dining room, arsenic in the clam chowder, and the tale of the famous Society figure who told his distraught bride on their wedding night, "Your money is your only asset in my eyes."

Reservations required: <https://TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com/>

Cost: \$65



March 6: 7pm on Zoom

Black Staatsburg: The Gilded Age Black Community of Staatsburg

What did the "Gilded Age" mean to the free, Black community of the Staatsburg village? Join site staff for a one-hour conversation exploring that question through census records, historic maps, and the larger context of race

relations during the Gilded Age. Often pushed to the outskirts of society by White Americans, Black men and women were nonetheless able to foster a strong community in the face of constant adversity. Long marginalized in the historical narrative, the free Black community of the Staatsburg village reveals the triumphs and struggles of generations of African-Americans in the Hudson Valley.

Reservations required, Zoom link provided upon registration: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Cost: free



March 8, 15 and 22: 11am

The REAL Gilded Age: America's Elite in the Downton Abbey Era

This tour highlights the real-life characters and themes at Staatsburgh that parallel *Downton Abbey* and HBO's *The Gilded Age*. Led by a costumed interpreter, the tour shows how the Mills family and their servants conducted a busy weekend of high society entertaining, comparing Staatsburgh to what viewers saw on TV.

Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



March 8: 3pm

Irish Soda Bread in a Jar: A Child and Family Program

Celebrating Irish heritage and Staatsburgh's connections to Ireland, participants will craft Irish soda bread in a jar to bake at home. We'll tell the story of Irishwoman Annie Moore, the first immigrant processed at Ellis Island, and visit a replica of one of the Irish maid's bedrooms in the mansion. We will also learn about the Millses' daughter, who married the 8th Earl of Granard, an Irish aristocrat. All materials will be supplied. **Cost: \$5 per child.**

Appropriate for children ages 4 and older, accompanied by an adult.

Reservations required: <https://staatsburghsodabread.eventbrite.com>



March 16: 1pm (snow date March 23)

TEA & TALK SERIES. Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history.

The Gilded Age in a Glass

The Gilded Age gave us some of our most famous drinks: the Martini, the Daiquiri, the Old Fashioned, and others. Cocktails – their ingredients, their

stories, their pageantry – reveal more than expected about American society at the time. While sipping tea (*not* cocktails!), we'll explore technological innovations, social scandals, women's suffrage, American imperialism, and the familiar haunts of New York's elites behind the popular mixed drinks of yesterday and today. **Cost: \$65.** **Reservations required:** <https://TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com/>



March 22: 3pm

Bindlestick Bill: A Performance for Ages 4-94

Bindlestick Bill has been making music and making people laugh for over 20 years. He has performed with Pete Seeger, at Pier 40 in NYC, and with Tom Chapin during two Earth Day celebrations. One of Bill's songs about the wisdom of the Atlantic Sturgeon, called Benthic Beauties, aired on National Broadcast

Radio. In his on-stage persona as a traveling troubadour, he delights audiences young and old with his interactive performances, singing tunes and bantering with his sock monkey pal about the rich ecology and history of the Hudson River Valley. Appropriate for ages 4 to 94.

Reservations required: <https://staatsburghbindlestickbill.eventbrite.com>

Cost: \$5 per person. A family of four or more is \$15.



March 29: 11am

A Life in Service

It took a small army to run this 79-room Gilded Age mansion. See the Mills family residence through the servants' eyes, as they rose before dawn and toiled until after midnight. The tour—led by a costumed guide—will include visiting the unrestored servants' hall. Even in its unrestored state, the hall is a

striking artifact of servant life and work, featuring the servants' dining room and the footmen's bedrooms.

Reservations required: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



March 30: 1pm

TEA & TALK SERIES Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history.

The Life & Photography of Alice Austen

Staten Island, 1895: 29-year-old Alice Austen bicycles to the Manhattan ferry, carrying 50 pounds of photographic equipment, to take groundbreaking images

on the streets of New York City. Austen documented immigrant arrivals at Ellis Island; the construction of the

Statue of Liberty; paper boys, street vendors, postmen, and much more of the rich, everyday life of the period. She was the first female photographer to work outside the studio, and was a trailblazer in other aspects of her life: unmarried and living with her female partner, she supported the movement encouraging and instructing women on how to ride a bicycle, which Susan B. Anthony declared, had "...done more to emancipate women than anything in the world." Victoria Munro, Director of the Alice Austen House, will explore Austen's extraordinary life, and share the current activities at her Staten Island home. **Cost: \$65**

Reservations required: <https://TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com/>



Explore Staatsburgh's beautiful grounds along the Hudson River self-guided walking tour

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MARCH is the time to Book your 2025 Tour to Bannerman Island & Castle in the Hudson River Highlands!

The Estuary Steward Tour Boat leaves the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive in Beacon, NY from May - October 2025. Enjoy a guided, or self-guided tour of Bannerman Island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. For tour tickets

and a schedule of upcoming events including theater, concerts, movie nights, dinner events and more see: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/> Group charters & tours available, 845-831-1001 www.bannermancastle.org



**BCT March Exhibitions, Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main Street, Beacon, NY**

Bannerman Main Gallery - Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition continues -Historic exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts from Bannerman Island and the Bannerman Family Collection and some works by contemporary artists are on display - an incredible exhibition focusing on the history of Bannerman's Island and the Bannerman Castle Trust's development

since 1994! Visitor tours available, please call 845-831-1001.



West Wall Exhibition

Virginia Donovan (Paintings) and Mary Ann Glass (Photo- Mixed Media).

Ongoing show features Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. (Art Sales help support restoration and preservation projects on Bannerman's Island. Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, Noon – 5:00pm and weekdays by chance & appointment.

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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Flag Changing Ceremony

Sunday, March 16 – 12-12:30 p.m.

Center Overlook, Walkway Over the Hudson

The American Legion Post 739 organize and present monthly Flag Changing Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region's veterans and their service

to our country. These events, organized and presented by these local veterans' organizations, are open to all who wish to attend.

Sunrise Stroll | Thursday, March 20– 6:30-8 a.m.

Celebrate the start of a new season with a Sunrise Stroll on the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge. During the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, the sun rises in line with the Walkway deck, making for a spectacular photo opportunity. We're opening the gates early so everyone can have a great view of this phenomenon. There's no cost to attend Sunrise Stroll.

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PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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Did you know? Philipse Manor Hall is open year-round! Explore the museum on your own or take a guided tour. Free scavenger hunts for kids! Museum open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.



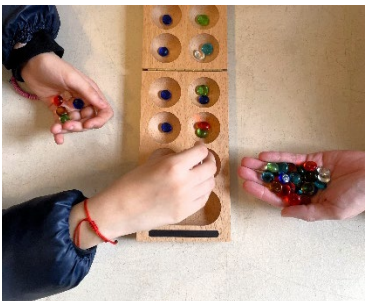
Morning Hatha Yoga

Every Sunday

10:30 AM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | \$18/person

Yoga is back! Ring in a healthier new year with our Morning Hatha Yoga class, Sundays at 10:30 AM. The beautiful sunlit Gothic Chamber is the perfect place for a morning yoga class. This open level class is for everyone - from beginners to long-time practitioners. Within the structure of the class and the instructor's

skillful guidelines, you will work at your own pace and level, and modifications will be offered. You will leave having worked your body, calmed your mind and opened your heart. Fee is \$18/class, registration available at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



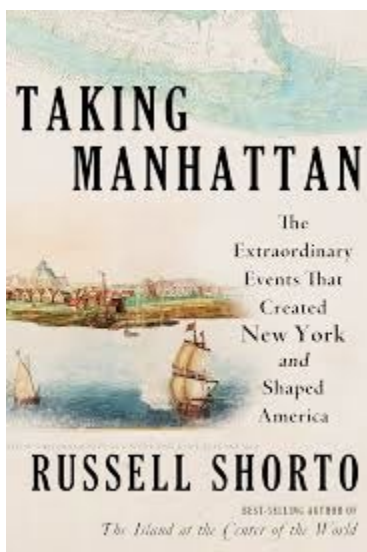
Saturday, March 1, 2025

Story Time & Games

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Free!

Join us at 12:00 PM for story time with librarians from the Yonkers Public Library! Then stay afterwards for historical games, fun for all ages. Explore how people played in the past with games like mancala, shut the box, skittles, quoits, cup and ball, and more. This program is free and open to the public, sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Registration is not required.

Learn more at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Saturday, March 8, 2025

"Taking Manhattan" Book Talk & Signing with Russell Shorto

4:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and online | Tickets start at \$30

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are excited to host Russell Shorto on Saturday, March 8, 2025 for an evening celebrating the release of his new book *Taking Manhattan: The Extraordinary Events that Created New York and Shaped America* (out March 4, 2025). Shorto will talk about his book, highlighting the experiences of women for International Women's Day, then stay afterwards for a book signing. Optional wine & cheese event with Russell Shorto to follow. Tickets and more information at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/taking-manhattan-book-talk-and-signing-with-russell-shorto>



Wednesday, March 12, 2025

New York State 250th Commemoration Commission Public Meeting
Time TBA | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall and online | Free!

New York State 250th Commemoration Commission will hold a public meeting at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers, NY. Meeting will also be broadcast online. Details at www.phipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Thursday, March 27, 2025

She-Merchants, Sachems, and Slaves: Women in Colonial New York

6:00 PM | in-person at Van Cortlandt House Museum in the Bronx & online

Philipse Manor Hall program and education manager Sarah Wassberg Johnson presents this special talk for Women's History Month at the Van Cortlandt House Museum in the Bronx, NY. New York was one of the most diverse of the thirteen colonies, thanks to its Dutch colonial roots. Religious and racial diversity meant that colliding cultures had different ideas of how to treat women. In this talk by historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson, you will learn about women's rights (or lack thereof) in Munsee, Iroquois, African, Dutch, and English culture, and how enslaved women's rights changed over time. Learn about women's roles in everyday life, uprisings, and war. Meet individual women like Dutch she-merchant Margaret Hardenbroeck De Vries Philipse, Esopus sachem Mamanuchqua, Jewish merchant Rebecca Gomez, Revolutionary War soldier Deborah Sampson, and more. Register at <http://www.vchm.org/events.html>

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March 8, Saturday at 10 am –Weir Tour. Free, easy, 2-hour tour. Meet at the front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk/parking lots nearby). After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate.

Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=280>



March 9, Sunday at 1 pm – Croton Dam Hike. Enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/2 hours (total) loop hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. Meet near the restrooms at the rear (south end) of the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY. 10567, GPS Coordinates: 41°13' 20.46" N -73°51'12.59" W. The leader of the hike will discuss the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the features of the Croton Dam, the trailhead of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. The Aqueduct was completed in

1842 to supply fresh water to a thirsty New York City. (From Metro-North Hudson Line Croton-Harmon Train Station: 15-minute taxi.) Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: preregistration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=281>



March 16, Sunday at 1 pm – Tibbetts Brook Park Loop – Free, easy 4-mile (total) loop, beginning and ending (where we will meet) by the admission booth near the park entrance at 355 Midland Avenue (at Teresa Avenue), Yonkers, NY 10704. Time varies from 1-4 hours (at each walker's option). Discover the connections between the Old Croton Aqueduct, Tibbetts Brook Park, and South County trails. Learn the history of the Old and New Croton Aqueducts at Tibbetts Brook Park. Learn about three Croton Water structures. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: Pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=282>



March 23, Sunday at 10 am –Weir Tour. Free, easy, 2-hour tour. Meet at the front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk/parking lots nearby). After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate.

Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=284>



March 29, Saturday at 10 am –Weir Tour. Free, easy, 2-hour tour. Meet at the front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk/parking lots nearby). After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=285>



March 30, Sunday at 11 am – Spring Walk on the Aqueduct in Van Cortlandt Park. Free, easy, 3 miles/3 hours, **one-way walk.** Meet at McLean Avenue and Sherman Avenue in front of St. Paul the Apostle Church. Street parking is available on McLean Avenue, or use the W20 bus to McLean Avenue or the W4 bus to Sherman Avenue. From McLean Avenue, we will walk south along the Aqueduct through Van Cortlandt Park to Bedford Blvd. West and Goulden Avenue, with a stop by the Jerome Park Reservoir. To return from the **one-way** walk, you can take the W4 or W20 bus back to McLean Avenue or the #4 or D train available at Bedford Park Blvd. Walk is mostly flat, but rocky; wear appropriate shoes. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=287>

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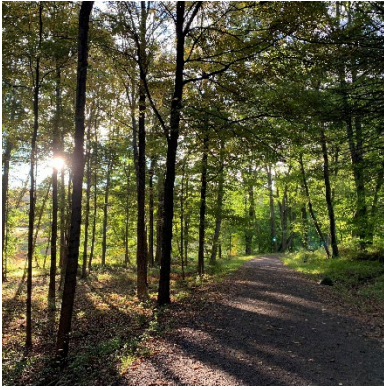
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Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably

March 4 from 9 – 10 am

Start your day with movement! Get energized in this virtual session with postural therapist, Joey Zimet, and learn exercises to improve posture and function. The class will incorporate unique standing, sitting, and floor exercises that are gentle and easily adapted to fit your needs. These methods are well-studied and based upon neuroscience, biomechanics, the myofascial system, and other variables. Treat yourself to some maintenance and self-care! Registered participants will receive a link to join. Cost: FREE. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Old Growth Forest Hike

March 8 from 9 am – 12 pm

In April of 2022, the forest along Big Tree trail was inducted into the Old Growth Forest Network, demonstrating our commitment to protecting this area in perpetuity so that it will someday become a true old growth forest. Relatively undisturbed by human activity for 150 years, this area contains some of the Preserve's oldest and tallest trees. Join Mike for a 6-mile hike to Big Tree trail, and along the way explore some of the Preserve's most treasured landscapes and features, including the 13 Bridges trail, the Pocantico River, and the Triple-

Arch Bridge. We'll emerge from this forested landscape and complete the hike with a view of Swan Lake. Leashed dogs are welcome. Be prepared to move at a steady pace; some hiking experience is recommended. Max: 20 people. Cost: FREE, registration required. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Aquatic Ecology of Swan Lake

March 9 from 1 – 3 pm

Join the Preserve's Flora Project Manager, Kate Cooper, for a 'deep dive' into Swan Lake's aquatic ecosystem! Learn about the history of the Preserve's ecology, the work we are doing to restore native habitats, and the connections between terrestrial (land) and aquatic (water) ecosystems. Become a community scientist in this interactive program and assist our stewardship team with water sampling and aquatic insect surveys.

Max: 20 people. Appropriate for all ages. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

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Full Moon Hike: "Worm Moon"

March 14 from 7 – 9 pm

Tickets available February 18 at 10 am

Experience the Preserve after dark! Join Shayla, Hailey, and Dave for a 4-mile hike on carriage roads lit by moonlight. We walk at a brisk pace and there will be hills; some hiking experience is recommended. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.*

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History of Rockwood Hall

March 15 from 10 am – 12 pm

Join Rockwood docent, David Teich, on an adventure into the past as we explore the remains of Rockwood Hall and its rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Former estate of William A. Rockefeller Jr., this site boasts scenic views overlooking the Hudson, lush forests, and remnants of 19th century luxuries. The hike is about 2 miles roundtrip; leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society

March 22 and 24 from 8 – 10 am

Get to know our feathered residents! Join an expert from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society on a bird walk around the Preserve. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Binocular loans available upon request. Ages 8+. Max: 25 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Bill Golden.* Please register at: sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/



Forest Bathing: Equinox Celebration

March 22 from 10 am – 12 pm

Enjoy a mindful stroll in the woods and connect with nature through sensory exploration inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, “forest bathing” and finish with herbal tea as you take a moment to reflect. Led by Mindful Outdoor Guide and certified Forest Therapist, Cindy Olsen, this experience will be an opportunity to celebrate the natural world in honor of the vernal equinox. The walk is about 1 mile round trip. No pets please. Max: 20 people. Ages 18+. Cost: \$5. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.*

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Sensory Hike: Rise and Shine!

March 28 from 9 – 10:30 am

Awaken your senses and tune in to nature in this embodied experience with Linda Parker. You’ll be amazed at what you notice when you home in on one sense at a time. Take this opportunity to quiet your mind and connect with the forest using this unique approach. Max: 15 people.

Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle; NYS residents over 62 park free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.* RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Featured Trail of the Month



Clermont State Historic Site: Riverside Trail

1 Clermont Avenue, (GPS use 416 Woods Rd)

Germantown, NY 12526

Trail Map: [ClermontTrailMap.pdf](#)

Distance: 0.85 mile stretch

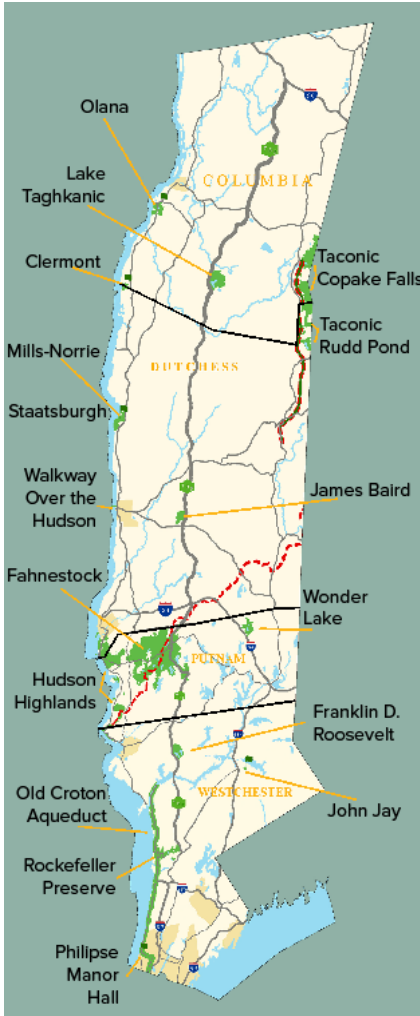
Difficulty Rating: Easy

Clermont State Historic Site is located along the east side of the Hudson River. This property once belonged to the wealthy Livingston family, whose mansion, gardens, and other structures remain – some still intact while others in ruin. This park has plenty to offer! Aside from its long history, it is home to over 7 miles of trail. The Riverside Trail, blazed white, begins at the site's parking lot, and continues along a gentle sloping field providing a stunning view of the Catskill Mountains over the Hudson River. This trail is

just under a mile out and back but is often walked in a loop with the Chancellor's Trail (see park map). The Riverside Trail at Clermont is a calm walk with great views making it perfect for a peaceful winter stroll or cross-country ski through the woods.

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Please contact the park/site for information regarding fees & availability



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- Fahnestock Winter Park**
Administration (845) 225-7207
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- Franklin D. Roosevelt**
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Pleasantville (914) 631-1470
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STATE GOLF COURSES

- Dinsmore**
Staatsburg (845) 889-4071
- James Baird**
Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

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Germantown (518) 537-4240
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Katonah (914) 232-5651
- Olana**
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- Philipse Manor Hall**
Yonkers (914) 965-4027
- Staatsburgh**
Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS

- Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC)**
By Group Reservations Only
Cold Spring (845) 265-3773
- Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)**
Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

STATE HISTORIC PARKS

- Old Croton Aqueduct**
Dobbs Ferry (Park Office) (914) 693-5259
- Walkway Over the Hudson**
Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

PROPERTIES OWNED BY NYSOPRHP AND MANAGED BY NON-PROFITS

- Bannerman Island**
Beacon, (845) 831-1001
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