

October 2020

Calendar of Events in New York's Hudson Valley

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DUTCHESS COUNTY

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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Starry Starry Night Virtual Benefit

Friday, October 2

Join honorary chairs **Rob Dyson** and **Lucy Waletzky**, and event hosts **Michael Dupree**, **Ron Lane**, and **Elizabeth Waldstein** to support the [Friends of the Walkway](#) on **Friday, October 2** at Starry Starry Night.

This **virtual event** features the premiere of a Walkway-inspired video, plus entertainment by internationally known musicians with ties to the Hudson River including **Herb Alpert**, **Happy Traum with Jay Ungar and Molly Mason**, and **Dar Williams**, and an online auction of unique Hudson Valley experiences and products.

Connect to Walkway history and stories about why our park in the sky is so special via appearances by **Mary Stuart Masterson** and others recognizable to those that love the Walkway.

The celebration pairs perfectly with our [Party and Gift Box](#) featuring your choice of wine from **Millbrook Vineyards**, whiskey from **Tuthilltown Distillery**, or beer from **Mill House Brewing Company** via Dutchess Beer



Distributors. Your tippie is accompanied by local charcuterie and cheeses sourced by **Main Course Catering**, griddled bruschetta, smoked almonds, cake balls for dessert from **Auntie Liana's Baked With Love**, plus **Ma and Pa Kettle Corn** (the same kettle corn available in the park), Hudson Valley-made artisanal products, Walkway souvenirs, and more.

The party starts when you visit walkway.org/starrystarrynight.

Walktoberfest: Food and Drink Tasting Showcase

Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4

Hudson Valley Rail Trail & Walkway Over the Hudson Ulster Welcome Center Plaza

Enjoy a socially distanced selection of Hudson Valley food, drink, artisans, and products on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and approach to Walkway Over the Hudson. Join us for tastings, cooking and cocktail demonstrations, shopping, and more!

Complete event information at walkway.org/walktoberfest

MILLS NORRIE STATE PARK // 845.889.4646

NATURE

OGDEN MILLS & RUTH LIVINGSTON MILLS STATE PARK // DINSMORE GOLF COURSE

THE MARINA is open from 7:30AM – 8:00PM daily. Patrons may launch for day use only. We are accepting transients by advance registration. Please call 845-889-4200 to make a reservation.

DINSMORE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN: Please call 845-889-4071 to book a tee time. No walk ins.

CAMPING: Reservations can be made in advance by calling toll free 1-800-456-CAMP or

<http://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com>. Online reservations are encouraged. You must have a reservation to camp. No walk-up camping stays will be accepted.

Campers are reminded to practice social distancing, bring and wear a face covering, respect the rules, and do their part to keep the campgrounds, parks and beaches open and safe for everyone. Camping capacity is limited, and visitors must make an advance reservation before arriving at a campground

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889-8851

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HERITAGE



The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh announce, “Virtually

Staatsburgh,” a compilation of all the wonderful interpretive material—from family activities to videos and blog essays—available online to learn about and enjoy the site’s mansion and beautiful landscape: millsfriends.org/Virtual.

Also, follow the Friends on Instagram, [@friendsofmills](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofmills) for updates on everything we are doing and planning.



October 1- 31 -- Photographic Scavenger Hunt Challenge!

A phone with a camera and some walking shoes are all that is needed to explore the grounds and complete ten fun riddles on a loop through Staatsburgh’s beautiful landscape along the Hudson River. All ages are invited to participate. Learn about some of the highlights of the historic grounds around the mansion while having fun! Use this QR code to download the clue sheet, or visit <https://millsfriends.org/virtual/family-fun/>.

Complete the hunt and submit your photographic answers via Facebook messenger (StaatsburghSHS) or email (staatsburghshs@parks.ny.gov). Anyone, or any team, completing and submitting all 10 tasks will win one, \$5 gift certificate, courtesy of Adams Fairacre Farms. Complete the bonus questions for something extra! Prizes will be available until October 31, 2020 or while supplies last. We invite you to post on Facebook or Instagram and tag us or use the hashtag **#StaatsburghScavengerHunt**.



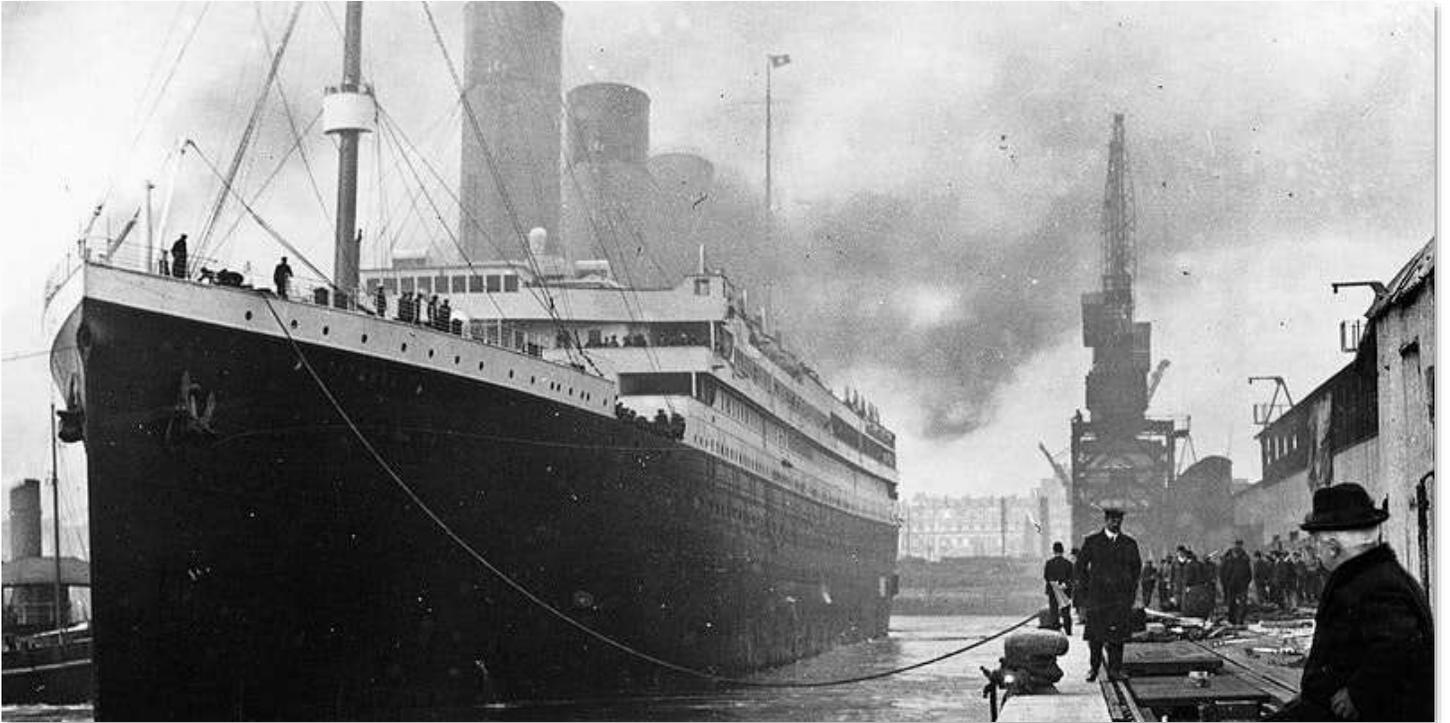
October 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 – Guided Landscape Walk of Staatsburgh’s Grounds 10am

A guided walk through the estate’s grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh’s owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run.

Reservations required; number of participants will be limited for social distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Participants will

meet outside Staatsburgh’s museum shop. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free



October 4 and 11 – Program on the Portico – Staatsburgh and the Titanic 3pm

Staatsburgh’s owners, Ruth and Ogden Mills, planned to sail on the Titanic. This ½ hour presentation on Staatsburgh’s front portico will explore Staatsburgh’s connections to the world’s most famous maritime disaster. The historic site staff will display some reproductions of items that would have been seen on the Titanic. Reservations required; number of participants will be limited for social distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free

October 10 – Program on the Portico – Gilded Age Children’s Storytime 3pm

This ½ hour presentation on Staatsburgh’s front portico for children ages 8 to 11 will feature selections from the story *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* by Lauren Tarshis. Reservations required; number of participants will be limited for social distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free

October 12, Columbus Day -- Guided Landscape Walk of Staatsburgh’s Grounds 10am and 3pm

A guided walk through the estate’s grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh’s owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run. Reservations required; number of participants will be limited for social distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Participants will meet outside Staatsburgh’s museum shop. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free



October 17 and 24 – Program on the Portico – Staatsburgh and Staatsburgh: A Gilded Age Village 3pm

This ½ hour presentation on Staatsburgh’s front portico will discuss the estate’s close relationship with the nearby village of Staatsburgh and its connection to the Mills family. Staff will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburgh's vibrant past and the legacy of Ruth and Ogden beyond the estate walls. Reservations required; number of

participants will be limited for social distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free



October 18 and 25 – Program on the Portico – Staatsburgh’s Servants 3pm

This ½ hour presentation on Staatsburgh’s front portico will discuss the advantages and sacrifices of being a servant. The staff will display some of Staatsburgh’s artifacts that were used by the servants as well as reproductions of servant uniforms. Reservations required; number of participants will be limited for social

distancing. To make reservations, visit our Eventbrite page at www.staatsburgh.eventbrite.com. Threatening weather will cancel.

Cost: free



BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.6346

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Thursday, October 1 – Sunday, October 4 – The Bannerman Castle Trust presents the Daisy Jopling Band Bannerman Castle Fundraiser! Appearing several evenings, select a concert! World-renowned Pop Violinist Daisy Jopling will perform on Bannerman Island with her band. Enjoy a magical evening of music under a full moon with stunning light illumination on the castle. Cruise from Beacon Waterfront to Bannerman Island. Includes a VIP Reception and walking tour of the island and gardens with a Bannerman Castle Trust historian. Tickets are \$250 <https://book.godo.io/bannerman-castle/specialty-events/daisy-jopling-band/>

Saturday, October 10 - The Bannerman Castle Trust’s Bannerman Island Gallery presents “Fall Harvest” Sidewalk Art Sale – One day only! 2:00 – 6:00pm (A Second Saturday Arts Night in Beacon!) Featuring Hudson Valley paintings, watercolors, photography and more! Located on the “Green” to the left (west) side of the Bannerman Island Gallery (BIG) at 150 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508. For more information please call 845-831-1001.

Sunday, October 18 – The Bannerman Castle Trust presents a Third Sunday Music Concert on Bannerman’s Island with Hudson Valley Singer/Songwriter and Guitarist Thom Joyce. Visitors taking a Sunday afternoon tour of Bannerman’s Island will get to enjoy Thom’s music as well! Tickets available at www.bannermancastle.org.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY



OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

NATURE

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GO THE EXTRA MILE! TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A CERTIFICATE AND BADGE FOR WALKING OR RUNNING EITHER THE 26 MILE PORTION OR ALL OF THE 41 MILES OF THE OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT. HANDY AQUEDUCT TRAIL MAPS MAY BE PURCHASED VIA OUR WEBSITE STORE at aqueduct.org. The Friends will recognize walkers/runners who complete the Westchester portion or the entire Old Croton Aqueduct with a 26- or 41-mile certificate and patch (free to members). Details and maps and recognition forms are available on the website. Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com, or text – 646-303-1448. Covid-19

Update: We offer open-air walks and tours involving small groups, with masks and proper social distancing required. Participation will be by reservation only. Notices of any such walks and tours will appear on our website, Facebook, Instagram and in our eBlasts. The Keepers House is still closed until further notice. Maps of the Westchester and New York City portions of the trail are available for purchase on our website. Retail locations also are listed there. Of course, the Aqueduct trail is still available for personal use and enjoyment, consistent with whatever the current health advisories are at the time. We are especially lucky to have the trail readily at foot during this time. **Watch the website of the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct for pop-up small group, socially distanced walks (pre-registration and masks required): [Aqueduct.org](https://aqueduct.org).**



How New York Became the Empire City

<https://aqueduct.org/how-ny-became-empire-city>

Welcome to our virtual tour of Tom Tarnowsky's Fall and Winter 2019-2020 exhibition at the Keeper's

House. This exhibition was the culmination of years of research and collecting material related to the construction of this engineering marvel. By the 1830's New York City had depleted its own natural freshwater resources. The 300,000 citizens voted in 1834 to approve an expensive and daring project to bring "pure and wholesome" water to the city through an aqueduct 41 miles long, forever changing the fortunes of the city. This exhibition shows in detail how this miracle of engineering was accomplished. Architectural drawings, many unseen since they were made, illustrations, maps and photographs give the context of how the successful Croton Aqueduct made New York the Empire City. We have divided the virtual show up into "panels" which gather together visual and reference materials related to the different features of the Old Croton Aqueduct's construction. In each page, you can click through the slides and at the bottom move on to the next panel by clicking on the "Next" link.

ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470 x 106

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We are welcoming many new visitors to the Preserve these days as all try to get out and have very few options.

Rockefeller is a designated STATE PARK PRESERVE. A Park Preserve is a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for purposes of conservation while also allowing for passive recreation such as walking, jogging, photography or wildlife viewing. So come to Rockefeller to walk our trails/carriage roads, enjoy our magnificent trees, plants, and wildflowers - and maybe get lucky and catch a glimpse of some of our animal residents, including deer, fox, coyote, racoon, lots of birds (we are a recognized Audubon site), turtles, squirrels, chipmunks, trout, skunks, snakes, rabbits and, maybe even bobcats! But please, leave the picnic and park games at home. Thank you for your cooperation!

Events under limited numbers, which we must strictly enforce. Face coverings are required at all events as is social distancing.



Oct 1 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM | Full Moon Hike

SUBJECT TO NY STATE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
10 PARTICIPANTS ONLY.

YOU MUST SHOW YOUR PRINTED EVENTBRITE CONFIRMATION.
ALL OTHERS WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

Face coverings are required at all events as is social distancing.

Every month we give hikers an opportunity to experience the Preserve after dark in our "Full Moon Hike" series. Please join us for this very popular and special event.

Please bring a flashlight or headlamp.

Please dress according to weather conditions. Please bring water. Dogs welcome.

Meet park office courtyard.

IMPORTANT: We leave promptly at scheduled times. This is a night hike, after the park has officially closed. Late-comers will not be allowed to enter the park after the group has departed.

PLEASE NOTE: We must limit attendance at this event to 18 people maximum. Tickets are free and are on a first come first serve basis. If you do not get tickets this time, please sign up for the wait list as we almost always have cancellations. If you reserve tickets and then must cancel, please go to Eventbrite and cancel so those tickets will be shown as available to others who are wait listed. Thank you for your cooperation.

*****TICKETS AVAILABLE Sept 24, 2020 at 10:00 am ET*****

In case of bad conditions, event may be cancelled, please watch for notices from Eventbrite.

Please register this event at www.rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com

Cost: FREE

Oct 10 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Savor Your Senses Hike

As we go through our days, there is always more happening around us than we're aware of. I can promise you that, by the end of the walk, you'll be more likely to engage more of your senses during your normal activities, searching for what you've been missing. This walk will be two to three hours in length. You must sign up as attendance is limited to 10 individuals. If it's raining on the scheduled date, we'll have it the following Saturday. Make sure to bring water.

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10 PARTICIPANTS ONLY.

Face coverings are required at all events as is social distancing.

Please dress according to weather conditions. Please bring water. Dogs welcome.

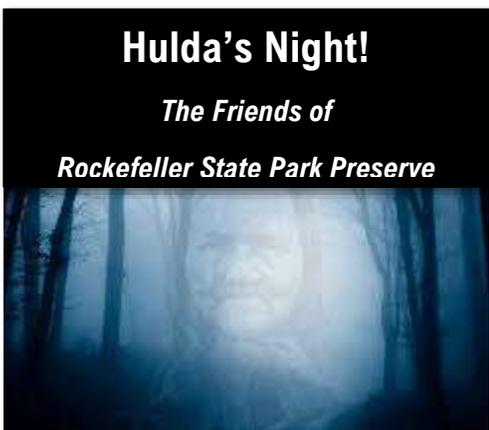
Meet park office courtyard.

IMPORTANT: We leave promptly at scheduled times.

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Please register this event at www.rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com

Cost: FREE



Oct 22,23,24 | 2 programs each night | "Hulda's Night"

Each night:

Group 1: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Group 2: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hulda's Night - The Legends of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve

In 1776 an old woman fought and died as a patriot in the Revolutionary War. Some said she was a witch, others said she was a skilled, but misunderstood, healer of Bohemian origin. What we know is she was a real person and she lived along what is today called "Witch's Spring Trail" within our Preserve.

On "Hulda's Night" a small group gathers at the home of the Preserve Manager (address below). They are guided by torch light through the dark woods, across wooden bridges and accompanied by the night sounds of the forest. They make their way to the place we believe Hulda's actual home may have stood. There they will

meet Mother Hulda and hear her tell her own story. They will also join Storyteller Mike at Spook Rock to hear other legends that have their origins within what is today the Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Due to COVID each program is limited to 25 people with no exceptions possible.

Face coverings required by all.

Dogs are not allowed for this event.

Please dress appropriately as this event is entirely outdoors. Please bring flashlights because it gets VERY dark in our woods (which is part of the fun!) No children under 10 please.

Meet at 25 Sleepy Hollow Road, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591 (home of the Park Manager)

You will be guided to off street parking and registration.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early for this event. All groups leave promptly at their start times. As this is a night event, we cannot allow any latecomers to “catch up”. You MUST leave with your group. No exceptions.

Cost: \$5/person

Each event will definitely sell out quickly. We are setting up waiting lists. Please be considerate of others and CANCEL EARLY if you cannot make it as this event so others have time to sign up and attend. Thank you.

Please register this event at www.rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651

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Farm Market

Saturdays through October

10am-2pm

Purchase locally produced healthy food and support local, sustainable agriculture.

Spymaster Activity Box

Though widely celebrated for his political and diplomatic achievements, John Jay played an important role in creating a spy network to help defend the colonies during the Revolutionary War. Designed to entertain kids for hours, each Spymaster Activity Box contains an age-appropriate book about Revolutionary spies; a book full of different types of codes to create and decode; materials and directions for over a dozen spy themed crafts and activities; secret spy gear; additional games and activities you can try at home; and access to supplementary downloadable content. Reading material and activities are designed for children entering grades 2 through 6. The price per box is \$100, with a 10% discount to members. Advanced registration and payment required. Boxes are available for pickup Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. We can also ship your package anywhere in the 48 contiguous United States for an addition \$25. Quantities are limited.



Historic Landscape Tours

Wednesday through Sunday

10:00am

John Jay began developing approximately 750 acres of land in the Bedford area as an income-producing farm in 1787, strictly as an investment at first; later to become his home in retirement. His descendants lived here into the 1950s. As you walk around the property on this guided tour, you will see many features developed by the different generations of the Jay family. \$7 per person. Advanced registration required.



Connecting to Collections Virtually

Thursdays

12:00pm

The Homestead's expert staff offers a guided exploration of our collection – join us on Instagram Live for short curatorial talks. This month's programs include:

- October 1 – Amusements
- October 8 – Staff Favorites
- October 15 – Abolition
- October 22 – John Jay's Bed Chamber
- October 29 - Lamps

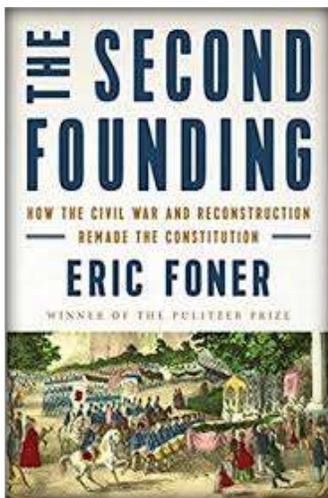
Play Days @ Jay (@Home)

Fridays

1:00pm

We've missed seeing you at our usual Friday afternoon Play Day's @ Jay program! While we wait to play together again, you can have your own Play Days @ Jay (@ Home) – join us on Instagram Live for an activity, craft, or mini-tour. Check our website for details on each week's program, which will include a list of supplies you'll need to participate. Our website also features lots of fun at-home activities for your whole family! This month's programs include:

- October 2 – What is this mystery object?
- October 9 – Make a bird feeder
- October 16 – Pumpkin craft
- October 23 – Make Thomas Jefferson's Corn Bread
- October 30 – Tour of the Dining Room



The Founders Lecture with Eric Foner: *The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution*

Thursday, October 15

This event will begin at 7:00pm as a webinar.

The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments abolished slavery, defined birthright citizenship, and prohibited denial of the right to vote based on race. Foner explores the circumstances under which these Amendments were passed, and the ways in which they're being interpreted still, as recently as 2013, when the Supreme Court declined to use the 15th Amendment to strike down laws which make it more difficult for non-whites to vote. Foner is DeWitt Clinton Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University, and winner of the Pulitzer, Bancroft and Lincoln Prizes, as well as multiple other awards and honors. Pre-registration is required. www.johnjayhomestead.org

Visit our website for lots of digital content!

- Virtual tour of John Jay's Bedford House
- Digital version of October's Thematic Tour – John Jay and John Adams (Previous month's tours are also available)
- Digital versions of past and current exhibits
- Play Days @ Jay (@ Home) kid's activities
- Games you can play at home
- Fun activities for adults too!

Need to get out of the house?

Our 62-acre park is open to you every day from sunrise to sunset! Hike the perimeter trail. Grab a fishing pole and see what you can catch in the ice pond. Stretch your legs and breath some fresh air on a self-guided landscape tour. Take in the beauty of our various gardens. We encourage you to visit our spacious site while keeping social distancing in mind and wearing a mask.

Our Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center is OPEN!

Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-4pm

More than 200 years after it was built, John Jay's original Carriage Barn has been given new life as the Homestead's Education & Visitor Center. Open daily May through October, the Carriage Barn hosts educational exhibits; a 12-minute biographical video about John Jay and his accomplishments; a gift shop and a reading room.

PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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Thursday, October 1st, 5:30-7:30: Community Gallery Extended Hours

New York State has been the location for many historic movements, including Women's suffrage. October's exhibit at the Manor explores the places, people and ideals that fostered the movement to secure of female voting rights throughout the country. Join us as we provide extended hours to help showcase this landmark topic! **5:30PM-7:30pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

Saturday, October 10th, 10:00AM: Saw Mill River Heritage Tour

Join the staff of Philipse Manor Hall on this walking tour of downtown Yonkers. Philipse Manor Hall and downtown Yonkers have both shaped and been shaped by the Saw Mill, or Nepperhan, River. Following the river from its mouth at the Hudson to Chicken Island, patrons will learn about the growth of Yonkers from 1682 to the present and discuss how these changes are connected to larger trends in New York and the United States. Tours limited to 12 people. Reservations encouraged. **10:00AM-11:00am | Location: Yonkers | \$5 per adult. \$3 for seniors (62) and students. Free for children 12 and younger | Ages: All Ages**

COLUMBIA COUNTY

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537-4240

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Peter, Peter Pumpkin...Carver? October 3 @2:00PM

Kick off the Halloween season by coming to Clermont for some socially distanced pumpkin carving. Learn a little about the history of the Jack o'Lantern and how once upon a time we carved...turnips?!?! We will provide the tools and the pumpkins. You make sure to bring your creativity! Join us and get a jumpstart on your Halloween decorating! This program is FREE, but registration is required. PLEASE NOTE: Clermont

follows all NYS Department of Health guidelines for safety during the COVID 19 pandemic. Masks and social distancing will be required of all tour participants until these guidelines are lifted by New York State Parks



Get Into the Spirit(ualism) of Halloween: October 4 @2:00PM

Lecture. Join Clermont's School Program Coordinator Emily Robinson as she examines the history of the Spiritualist Movement. This movement led to the early 20th century popularity of activities like seances, tarot cards, and Ouija boards. And it began right here in New York! Come join us to learn about some spooky local history. This program is FREE, but registration is required. PLEASE NOTE: Clermont follows all NYS Department of Health guidelines for safety during the COVID 19 pandemic. Masks and social distancing will be required of all tour participants until these guidelines are lifted by New York State Parks.

Historical Halloween Story Hour: October 10 @ 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Join some of Clermont's costumed interpreters as they read a classic Halloween tale that has its roots right here in the Hudson Valley: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow! This program is FREE, but registration is required. PLEASE NOTE: Clermont follows all NYS Department of Health guidelines for safety during the COVID 19 pandemic. Masks and social distancing will be required of all tour participants until these guidelines are lifted by New York State Parks.

How Serena Became Katrina: The Story of Serena Livingston and Washington Irving: October 11 @ 2:00PM

Join Clermont's School Program Coordinator Emily Robinson as she discusses the life of Serena Livingston. Granddaughter to Margaret Beekman Livingston and niece to Chancellor Robert Livingston, Serena was also courted by well-known Hudson Valley author, Washington Irving. This Livingston girl so caught Irving's eye that she supposedly found her way into one of his most famous and enduring stories. This program is FREE,

but registration is required.

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“A Tyrant with whom he will never be reconciled”: The Livingstons and Their Community in the Revolutionary War: October 18 @ 11:00AM & 1:00PM

Join us to commemorate the 243rd burning of Clermont with “A Tyrant with whom he will never be reconciled”: The Livingstons and Their Community in the Revolutionary War, a walk and talk on Clermont’s grounds that will discuss the important role Clermont and the Livingston family played during the American Revolution which culminated in the British

army assault on Clermont in 1777. Hear the stories of the Livingston family and other residents of Clermont including enslaved people and local Palatine tenants and free holders. Comfortable shoes are suggested. There is no charge to attend the program, but visitors must register in advance on Eventbrite. Attendance will be limited to aid in social distancing.

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Shooting Ghosts: The History of Spirit Photography: October 25 @ 2:00 PM

Come to Clermont and hear Historic Interpreter, Zachary Veith discuss the invention of what was known as Spirit Photography. At a time when the idea of photographs was relatively new and the influence of Spiritualism was on the rise, many photographers claimed to be able to capture the image of the dearly departed. And many folks, including the famed author of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, were more than ready to believe it. This program is FREE, but registration is required.

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From Scripture to Séance: The History of Halloween in the Livingston Family: October 31 @ 2:00PM

Join Clermont Historic Interpreter Molly Feibel as she looks at how the Livingstons would’ve celebrated this beloved fall holiday. From when the First Lord came to America in the 1670s and Halloween was more of a religious observance to the early 20th Century when seances and parties were all the rage, we will be exploring what the Livingston could be found doing on October 31st. This program is FREE, but registration is required.

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OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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OLANA TOURS

Guided tours (walking and driving) of Olana will be offered in October. Please check the online calendar for availability.

All tour participants are required to: Wear a mask covering the mouth and nose during the tour. Maintain social distance (six feet) at all times. The Olana Museum Store is open Friday through Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. The landscape is free and open daily 8:30 AM to sunset. To learn more and purchase tickets visit OLANA.org



**OCTOBER 3, 10, & 17 at 10 AM
FAMILY EXPLORER TOURS AT OLANA**

Learn about the artistic adventures of Frederic Church while taking a journey of your own! Discover Olana’s designed landscape and unique architecture on an outdoor walk filled with family-friendly discussion and activities. For families with children ages 5 and up. 1/4 mile, EASY. To purchase tickets and review the health/safety guidelines for this tour visit OLANA.org



**ONGOING
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/OLANAEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAEYE on social media to share your amazing screen captures. Follow us @olanashs



LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

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**Fri., October 16: Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association
Monthly Star Party, 6:00 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. RSVP is required at least one day beforehand. 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.meetup.com/mhastro>. *Registration: Required*



REGIONAL GEOCACHE CHALLENGE

Pick up a Taconic Region Geocache Challenge Passport at a participating park or historic site office or download a copy from www.parks.ny.gov

Treasure Hunt Fun Now thru November 11, 2020!



Questions & Answers with Marilyn Holst

*Chief Interpreter of History at
Staatsburgh State Historic Site*

Chief Interpreter, Marilyn Holst, of Staatsburgh State Historic Site in Staatsburg, NY, will be retiring at the end of this month after 38 years with NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Presentation. We asked Marilyn some questions to reflect on her years here with the Parks.

Tell me about growing up and what your family life was like. I was born and raised in this area , Clinton Corners (over the hill next town) and had relatives who worked on the Mills Estate, who lived here in the Hamlet of Staatsburg when the Mills were

actually here.

What led to your involvement with Staatsburgh State Historic Site? My involvement with NYSOPRHP started with Clermont in 1982 as Seasonal Tour Guide. I also became a Security Guard at Olana State Historic Site. Staatsburgh State Historic Site started out as Mills Mansion when I came to work here in 1986. An opportunity to be a full-time tour guide and do research to assist with the plan of Restoration of the Site.

Do you have a favorite Staatsburgh SHS event or memory to share? My journey with NYSOPRHP has been a great journey. People and history always amaze me . I have many memories. Working with Volunteers. So many exciting Christmases .So many great fellow workers. Genealogy of the Livingstons. So Fascinating! Top of the List , Giving Guided tours to the numerous Patrons. Meeting the descendants of the Livingstons and Mills. Doing the House Cleaning of an awesome Mansion.

Thank you, New York State Parks, for allowing me to have had a great opportunity and journey in my life.

NYS OPRHP wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to Marilyn Holst for her amazing dedication provided to Staatsburgh State Historic Site over the years as Chief Interpreter.
We send her best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement.



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HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Protect Yourself and Others

Practice Social Distancing

Even if you are well, stay home as much as possible. In public, keep at least 6 feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.

Wash Your hands. Cover Your Cough

Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Take Caution with New Yorkers at Risk

Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly & people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those at risk, call instead.

New York State Parks—Taconic Region Facility Locations and Phone Numbers

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



STATE PARKS

- Clarence Fahnestock Memorial**
Carmel (845) 225-7207
- Fahnestock Winter Park**
Administration (845) 225-7207
Snow conditions (845) 225-3998
- Franklin D. Roosevelt**
Yorktown Heights (914) 245-4434
- Hudson Highlands**
Peekskill to Beacon (845) 225-7207
- James Baird**
Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489
- Lake Taghkanic**
Ancram (518) 851-3631
- Margaret Lewis Norrie/
Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills (Mills-Norrie)**
Staatsburg (845) 889-4646
- Rockefeller Preserve**
Pleasantville (914) 631-1470
- Taconic/Copake Falls**
Copake Falls (518) 329-3993
- Taconic/Rudd Pond**
Millerton (518) 789-3059
- Wonder Lake**
Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

STATE GOLF COURSES

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

STATE HISTORIC SITES

- Clermont**
Germantown (518) 537-4240
- John Jay Homestead**
Katonah (914) 232-5651
- Olana**
Hudson (518) 828-0135
- Phillipse Manor Hall**
Yonkers (914) 965-4027
- Staatsburgh**
Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS

- Taconic Outdoor Education Center (OPRHP) 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) 831-6346
- Clinton House State Historic Site**
Poughkeepsie, (845) 471-1630
- Jay Heritage Center**
Rye, (914) 698-9275