

Museum of Rhinebeck History

Celebrating Rhinebeck's Rich Heritage

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Oct 1 Event to Honor Marilyn Hatch

On Saturday, October 1st, the Museum will host a cocktail reception at Astor Courts at 189 River Road to honor Marilyn Hatch for her achievements in historical preservation. Rhinebeck is well known throughout the state of New York for its success in preserving local history. No one deserves more credit or has worked harder to help the community achieve that recognition than Marilyn Hatch.



Marilyn Hatch at Quitman House in July, on the occasion of the ice cream social hosted on the lawn there annually by the Quitman Resource Center for Preservation.

The Museum board is holding this function not only as an occasion to honor Marilyn, but also to support a cause that has been important to her since she first heard about Quitman House. The funds will be used to pay for painting Quitman House and for additional preservation-related improvements needed there.

Marilyn's achievements in preservation are many, and go back to 1970 when she joined the Rhinebeck Historical Society, eventually serving as the RHS President. Marilyn Hatch was a founding member of the Museum, and she remains one of the Museum's most important advisors. From Dorothy Greenough she assumed the chair of the House and Exhibits Committee of the Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at 77 Livingston Street. She organized the effort to list 388 structures in the Village of Rhinebeck on the New York and National Registers of Historic Places. She did the same for 44 sites in the Town of Rhinebeck. She led the very successful effort to preserve two of the oldest remaining structures in Rhinebeck, namely Quitman House and the Palatine Farmstead. She also laid the groundwork that led to the adoption by both the Town and Village of Rhinebeck of ordinances to protect historic structures.

Tickets are available at \$50 each, checks payable to the Museum of Rhinebeck History, to be mailed no later than September 26th to MRH, PO Box 816, Rhinebeck 12572.

Sept 18 PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The annual Progressive Dinner sponsored by the Museum and the Quitman Resource Center will take place this year at two sites, from 4 to 7 PM on Sunday, September 18.



Frost House, 21 Chestnut St, Rhinebeck

The appetizer and entrée will be served at a Colonial Revival style home at 21 Chestnut Street in the Village. This circa 1900 home served as the residence of the Frost family, first Benson, a well-known local attorney who was a friend of FDR and his local campaign organizer, and most recently Barbara Frost, who had worked many years as a librarian and in her later years helped numerous local organizations in their efforts to document local history.

Dessert will require a trip to Red Hook. The Martin family is associated with *two* homes in Red Hook, one of which is better known partly because of its highly visible location on Route 9, at the north end of the Village of Red Hook. Do not go there. The lesser known Martin House will be the site you want to find. After passing through the light at the intersection of Route 199 and Route 9 in the Village of Red Hook, continue north on 9 about 3/10th of a mile, pass by the first Martin House, then turn left on to Willowbrook Lane, and drive on a partially paved road for about 3/10 of a mile. The gem at

the end was the home of Hendrick Marte. Built in the early 18th century, this stone house was likely built in three stages. The third floor dormer windows are a much later addition. The interior of the house includes a very special large ground-floor country kitchen that has been modernized yet retains its original open beams and a large open fireplace. Across the way there is a smaller room with an original beehive oven for baking. And adjacent to both rooms is a lovely Dutch door leading out to the old-fashioned "dooryard" and former stone well which is now incorporated into a patio setting. The landscaping to the rear of the house was designed by the same woman who designed a lot of the "landscaping" along the Taconic Parkway's original blueprint. (We repeat: This Martin house is not to be confused with the other Martin House visible from Route 9 slightly north of the former IGA.)



Hendrick Martin House, 65 Willowbrook Ln, Red Hook

Tickets for the Progressive Dinner are \$40, or \$35 if payment is received by September 10. Make checks payable to QRC and mail them to Brenda Klaproth, 132 East Market St, Rhinebeck 12572. (\$15 of every ticket is tax-deductible.)

Please be aware that ticket sales are limited to 100. For further information, call 845-876-2436, or email bklaproth@ymail.com.

SOME DONATED OBJECTS

To give the community some idea of what comes through our doors, the Museum periodically publishes a list of some of the items that we receive. We continue to be deeply indebted to the overwhelming generosity of so many local citizens who have chosen the Museum as their trustee for these treasures. Please note that while we would like to publish all that we receive, this list is only a sampling from 2010-11. (Our thanks to Curatorial Board Members Steven Mann, Kay Verrilli, and Beverly Kane for all the record-keeping involved in organizing, labeling, describing, and recording these donations.)

Postcards of various Rhinebeck sites

Photographs of various Rhinebeck sites

Astor Farm Papers

Astor Estate Papers

Vincent Astor Estate Appraisal of 1959 with Photographs and Documents

Laura Delano Estate Appraisal, Photos, Survey Map of Evergreen Land

Clayton Justus' Boy Scout Uniform

Al Stickle's US Navy WWII Uniform with other military memorabilia

Van Wagenen Family Papers, 1750s-1920s

DeGarmo Family Scrapbook of News Clippings re Family Events and Quaker History

Books re Astors, Rhinebeck History, General Montgomery, Locally Authored Fiction

Local Sporting Photographs from High School and Local Teams

Dutchess County Fair Photographs c 1920s-1940s

Dutchess County Fair Ephemera c 1860s-Present

Ed Ham's WWI Metal Helmet

Photographs of Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff Houses, Barns, Violet Sites, Anemone Greenhouses

Save the Dock Photograph Collection from late 1970s-1980s

Bowne-Sands-Schuyler-Suckley Collection of Documents, Receipts, Letters and Fence Maps

Photographs of many Rhinecliff Houses, taken in 1990s

Mary Schultz of Wurtemberg's 1855 signed Black and White Coverlet

Collection of Late 19th Century Hat Pins

Handmade Collection of Doilies, Dresser Scarves, Table Linens

Tool Box in Old Blue Paint stamped "Arthur S. Lord, Rhinebeck, NY"

Pictures of Local Country Schoolhouses

Pictures of the Construction of Phase I, Gardens Condominium

Material re History of St. Paul's Wurtemberg Lutheran Church including 250th Anniversary Plate

Framed Photo of Springside, Van Keuren Family Homestead

Rhinebeck School Yearbooks, late 1950s-early 1960s

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SOME DONATED OBJECTS (CONT'D)

Two Small Art Deco Miniature Beaded Handbags

Schultz Family Reversible Lap Robe – Wool c Late 19th Century

Photographs Used in *A Brief History of Rhinebeck* by Nancy V. Kelly

Two Miniature Iron Cannons

Deeds from the Quick Family of Rhinebeck

Local Promotional Matchbooks from Area Businesses

Ceramic Bowl, Pitcher, and Covered Chamber Pot Set in Violets – Late 19th Century

Large Tinware Canister labeled Jacob Forst at Rondout from a Rhinebeck Family Homestead

Nest of Five Yellow Ware Mixing Bowls c Early 20th Century

Early 20th Century Small Hooked Rug with Roses and Geometric Design

Slides from the Early Days of the Starr Library on West Market Street

Early 19th Century Dovetailed Box with Old Square Nails and in Green Buttermilk Paint

19th Century Pressed Glass Covered Compote in Moon & Star Pattern from Wheeler Family

Late 19th Century Doll, with Pitcher Family Provenance

Van Wagenen Family Genealogy with much Local History included

Tremper Family Genealogy with much Local History included

19th Century “Folk Art” Cole Slaw Slicer

Early 20th Century Foley Food Mill

Early Electrical Iron Toaster Oven with Brass Handles

Small Boy Doll with Original Clothes and Shoes, with Fraleigh Family Provenance

Late 19th Century Family Letters – Marquardt, Shaw, Underhill – found in bibles

Late 19th Century Unidentified Photographs from Rhinebeck Photographers J. Coumbe, Currin, Canfield, and Ed. F. Tibbals

Poster Promoting Cozine Field of Rhinebeck

Three Pieces of Ephemera related to Jolly John’s Specialty Candies of Rhinebeck

Frost Family 19th Century Autograph Book

NOV 13 AUCTION

On Sunday November 13, the Chancellor Livingston DAR and the Museum will hold a joint holiday auction and tag sale at the Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market Street. Numbers are preview will be available at 1:00 PM, the auction beginning promptly at 2:00. Gift baskets, hand made items, baked goods, new merchandise, small collectibles, antiwues, and books are among the items expected to be available. Checks and cash accepted as payment. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to do early holiday shopping. Donations of auction items are welcome. For info, contact Brenda Klaproth 876-2436 or email bklaproth@ymail.com or Steven Mann 876-6892 or email smann320@yahoo.com.

1855 COVERLET



An exciting new addition to the permanent collection arrived last spring just before the Museum opening. The coverlet is a magnificent piece of hand craft. Intricately woven and reversible (the date and name, as seen in the photo above, are woven in black on white on one side, white on black on the other), it was donated by a Museum member who was alerted to its existence by a Rhinebeck resident. A private Connecticut antiques dealer had put it in several Rhinebeck antiques shows, and it had not sold. The coverlet was made for Mary Schultz of Wurtemberg in Rhinebeck by her mother and won first prize at the Dutchess County Fair in the 1920s. The former owner had purchased it from a private estate (she could not remember in what town) because her mother's name was Mary Schultz. It will be on display at the Museum as part of its exhibit on St. Paul's Wurtemberg Lutheran Church, through Sept 25.

CIVIL WAR LETTER

Our June newsletter included letters to family or friends in Rhinebeck from soldiers at the front. In this letter, the writer is a woman living in Rhinebeck advising a friend looking for a teaching job. The war seems distant, but don't be fooled--it makes its presence known late in

the letter. (Our thanks to Steven Mann for transcribing it from the original.)

The Editor

Rhinebeck, February 10, 1862

My dear Friend:

I ought to have written you long ago but I was hoping to secure a school for you if you wished it and thus have deferred it until now. I wish you could come and see us, can't you visit us in the Spring?

I got Uncle George to inquire about that School at the depot, and he says it is not a district school; it seems that the Depot belongs to the district at the Flat Rock near the docks, but it being so far off, some one built the house which is now occupied for a school house for a kind of church, for all denominations to worship in.

It is now rented for a school, and is taught generally by some young lady living at the station for so much a scholar. To know more particular about it you might write to Mr. Isaac F. Russel(l) if you would like to have it. I do not know who is to teach our school here, but I suppose David the present Teacher, he seems to be well liked.

Mrs. Abram Brown's wonderful Mr. Dean teaches the Hook School for 12 dollars per month, and boards around, he could get no other, Kate Asher and Ophelia are both looking for schools. Mr. Dewitt has lost two sons in the army with typhoid fever, and they are nearly broken hearted, they mourn like Rachel of old and refuse to be comforted because they are not.

How many homes and hearts are made desolate by this terrible war; it seems to me that the

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STICKLE COLLECTION

Rhinebeck residents know Janice M. Stickle from their contact with her when they visit Stickle's, the variety store on East Market Street she and her husband Al opened in the 1940's. Her nephew Matt now runs the business most days, but you'll find Janice manning the counter at least one day a week.

Janice doubles as a Museum trustee and has donated numerous unique objects to the Museum's permanent collection. One such object is the Magic Lantern with original slides and in its original box, described in another issue of this newsletter and in our brochure.

Recently, Janice donated her late husband Al's Navy uniforms as well as his military identification card and tags. She also included at the same time numerous pieces of ephemera related to Rhinebeck, two women's grooming sets, one of which belonged to Al's mother and was made of tortoise shell, and two small women's Art Deco beaded bags.

At the last Museum board meeting, Janice brought in for donation two handmade linen and lace aprons which came from the house at 95 East Market Street where her parents resided. She also donated a small box containing two miniature cast iron cannons, one in old red and black paint, which her late brother-in-law, Dirk Best Stickle, had played with as a child. She said that one had been fired at least once. Dirk's widow had brought the cannons with her to Rhinebeck on a recent trip she made here from her home in England. The Museum is extremely grateful to the Stickle family for these important donations.

SEPT 10—BOOK UNVEILING

The Rev. Dr. Mark D. Isaacs, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg in Rhinebeck, will speak about his new book on the 250 year history of the church. The presentation and book signing (\$25.00/book to be put towards the cost of publishing) will take place at the Quitman House, 7015 Route 9 in Rhinebeck on September 10th at 2:30PM. Included in the book is a series of profiles of some of the



Photo courtesy St Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg

influential ministers and families of the parish, including the Rev. Dr. Frederick Quitman. Also mentioned are the history of the school, the Shed Association, the turkey suppers and other important traditions of this historic church. Following the talk, feel free to view the Wurtemberg exhibit inside the Museum.

CIVIL WAR LETTER (CONT'D)

Author of it will have sins almost unpardonable to answer, and that ere long God will come out in terrible judgement against such offenders.

Please write me whenever you can. I made an extra effort and visited my sisters in New York City last month. Flora has written you. We are well. Believe me as ever your devoted friend.

E. Frances Barringer

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DUES INVOICE FOR THE PERIOD January 1 through December 31, 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible check in the amount of \$ _____

Please enclose your employer's form if your employer has a matching grant program (e.g. IBM).

Please apply my payment for the year 2011 as follows:

Lifetime.....\$1,000 _____ Family.....\$15 _____

Lifetime option \$250 x 4 years ___ Individual.....\$10 _____

Sponsor.....\$100 _____ Student.....\$5 _____

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TOTAL.....\$ _____

Please make checks payable to MUSEUM OF RHINEBECK HISTORY and mail to the Museum at the address above. Thank you!

PLEASE MAIL THIS IN ASAP IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET FOR 2011!

NOTE: If you have family archives that you wish to donate to us, please check below and someone from the Museum will be in touch with you. _____

Join Us Oct 1 at Astor Courts



Thanks to the generosity of the owners of Astor Courts, who are ardent advocates for preservation of local history, their home will be open to the Museum and its members for the Museum's October 1 event honoring Marilyn Hatch. Details are on page 1 of this newsletter.

President's Message

If you remain among those who haven't yet attended to dues payment for 2011, please delay no longer. The form for doing so is inside the newsletter.

Join us September 10th for a book signing, Sept 18th for our Progressive Dinner, October 1st to honor Marilyn Hatch, and come to our Auction November 13th. Details about each event are in this newsletter.

If you haven't yet seen our exhibit that focuses on the history of the Wurtemberg area of Rhinebeck, please do so soon. We will be open 2-4 PM Saturdays and Sundays through September 25th.

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