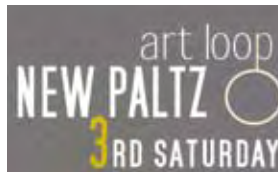




In April, HHS was the site of the 22nd Annual New Paltz Easter Egg Hunt. HHS joined the New Paltz Youth Program, the New Paltz Police Department, the New Paltz Police Benevolent Association and the Community Partnership for a Safer New Paltz to host this event. Over 1,000 attended. In prior years, this event had been held at the local county fairgrounds. Bringing it to the Street was a welcome change.

HHS Part of New Paltz Art Loop; Debuts May 16th



It's been a busy winter, full of planning for the months ahead. One project that HHS has been involved with is the development of a monthly arts walk in New Paltz.

Historic Huguenot Street is one of eleven arts and cultural organizations that have come together to create the New Paltz Art Loop. Every third Saturday beginning May 16th, Art Loop partners will be open for the free evening event. Every month, one of the partners will be the featured "host," presenting a special show and staying open late for an end of walk party.

Among the Art Loop partners are the G. Steve Jordan Gallery, Water Street Market, the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at the State University of New York at New Paltz, the Van Buren Gallery and the Mark Gruber Gallery.

HHS is partnering in order to strengthen its ties with the local community and to draw new visitors to the street. An added benefit is that the Art Loop gives HHS a venue to show off its considerable collection of artwork and to partner with local artists. Artwork will be shown in the DuBois Fort Visitor Center. More about this in the article on page 10.

HHS will host the Art Loop on Saturday, September 19th. Shown will be works by artist Tim Davis, who, through a partnership with the Dorsky Museum, created a series of work based on our collections.



Huguenot Street

HOURS

The grounds of Historic Huguenot Street, including the Harcourt Preserve, are open year-round. Special programs are also offered year-round.

From May 1st through October 31st, the DuBois Fort Visitor Center is open 10:30am to 5pm every day except Wednesday. The Visitor Center is also open on weekends in November and December and at other times for special programs.

GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours of the houses of Historic Huguenot Street are offered on a walk-in basis every day except Wednesday from May 1st to October 31st. In November and December, tours are offered on weekends.

The DuBois Fort Visitor Center opens at 10:30am. Tours begin at 11am. The final tour is at 4pm May through October and at 2pm in November and December. A standard, 60 minute tour is \$9. A deluxe, 90 minute tour is \$12. Seniors, students, AAA members and families receive a discount. Tours are free to Friends of Historic Huguenot Street and to children under six.

HHS also schedules group and school tours year-round. Group tours are offered to any groups of 4 or more. Advance registration is required. To schedule a tour for your group, family or school, contact Josephine Oliva, Special Projects Coordinator, at 845.255.1660, ext. 103 or jo@huguenotstreet.org.

HHS: THE PLACE FOR WEDDINGS AND MEETINGS

Historic Huguenot Street is an excellent setting for your wedding, special event, birthday party or meeting. Indoor meeting space is available in Deyo Hall and the Family Associations Center. The French Church is available for weddings and memorial services. For larger weddings, arrangements can be made with the Reformed Church on Huguenot Street. The grounds at HHS are available for elegant outdoor receptions. For more information, contact Nancy Gentile, Office Manager, at 845.255.1660, ext. 100 or nancy@huguenotstreet.org.

A Rare Find and New Acquisition

In the process of doing routine inventory and to review collections in storage, we recently "discovered" this small, but very intriguing little sewing machine that has probably been in the Permanent Collection at Historic Huguenot Street for over half a century. Measuring only 4¼ inches high, we at first thought that this was a child's toy, but it is not. In doing some research, we found out that this "Foliage" Sewing Machine, is a fairly rare example – it was produced for only a few years by D.W. Clark of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Patented in 1858, this sewing machine represents the earliest example in our collection. Our sewing machine is made out of cast gun-metal with a brass finish. The leafy design gives the machine its name. It is a simple hand-cranked straight stitch sewing machine. Since most households did not own sewing machines until the 1860s, this early patented example is historically significant and its presence in our collection lends even more meaning to our sewing and textile production objects. The donor and date of acquisition is unknown.



The first catalogued acquisition of 2009 is a 19th century sampler with Gerow and Cooley family history. This alphabet sampler represents embroidery of a very utilitarian nature. Nevertheless the needlework exhibits the obvious talents of its young maker, Emma Jane Gerow, who in 1826 was 16 years old. Emma worked seven sets of alphabets in upper and lower case, using a variety of cross-stitch techniques in tan, black, blue, green and red silk thread on a cotton or linen ground. The sewing is neatly executed. In addition to letters, Emma has worked one line of numbers. For an additional decorative flourish, she has included a partial flower and foliate border, along with geometric emblems (and "&"s) that separate each alphabet. The entire composition is enclosed by a single saw-tooth border.

The Gerow genealogy lists Emma Jane Gerow as having been born on July 18, 1811. If the date and age that Emma worked into her sampler is correct, than she would have been born in 1810. We do not know when she died. Her parents were Gilbert Gerow (1787-1863) and Anna Cooley Gerow (1791-1852). The family had ties to Plattekill, New York. Emma married John Jackson in 1830. They had three daughters. The donor of this sampler is the great, great grandson of Emma Jane Gerow, Robert M. Gardner.

HHS Website Gets a Little Makeover

While the new look of our website is, well, new, some fine-tuning was in order. If you've visited our website recently, you might have noticed a new, streamlined look on the homepage. The numbers of colors were reduced, events spotlights were made more prominent and a rotating Museum Shop item highlight were added.

In related news, HHS will soon be taking new steps into social media. We'll expand on our popular eNews with a presence on Facebook and a mini-blog on Twitter. Stayed tuned for both, which will debut this summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May through October 2009



NEW PALTZ ART LOOP

Historic Huguenot Street partnered with local galleries and other arts and cultural organizations to create the New Paltz Art Loop, six sensational evenings of arts. This monthly arts walk is the third Saturday of the month beginning at 4pm from May through October. For each of these months, works by local artists or selections for the extensive pictorial collection at HHS will be on display. For more information, visit www.huguenotstreet.org or www.newpaltzarts.org.

5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19 (hosted by HHS) and 10/17

EXHIBITS

Through December 20th

Before Hudson: 8,000 Years of Native American History and Culture

Based on and inspired by artifacts recovered during recent archaeological digs on the Street, this exhibit shines a light on the people who were here to greet Hudson and the Europeans that followed him.

Opening Saturday, September 19th 4 to 10pm
HHS and the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art
Present Tim Davis

HHS Hosts the New Paltz Art Loop (see inset) and partners with the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz to present works by photographer Tim Davis. Exhibit in the Gallery @ the DuBois Fort. Opening 4 to 8pm. Arts Loop "After Party" 8 to 10pm.

Continuing Exhibit

A Notion to Sew: The 19th Century Needlework of Hylah Hasbrouck and Her Daughters at Locust Lawn

Explores the lives of the affluent Hasbrouck women of Locust Lawn at a time when the role of women in society was being transformed. There will also be rotating "mini exhibits" in the gallery at the DuBois Fort Visitor Center.

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

Are you a descendant? Many of the founding families have active Family Associations. Historic Huguenot Street works with these Family Associations, who in turn support the work of HHS. Family Association meetings for 2009 are as follows:

Terwilliger Family Association • 6/26 & 6/27

Gerow Family Association • 7/25

Crispell Family Association • 8/1

LeFevre Family Association • 9/19

Bevier-Elting Family Association • 9/26

Hasbrouck Family Association • 10/10

DuBois Family Association • 10/16 & 10/17

In addition, two Huguenot families recently contacted HHS and have arranged to hold their family reunions here at our site. While these are not families related to New Paltz, we welcome our "brethren" to the Street:

Marshon Family Reunion • 6/27

Floyd Family Reunion • 7/16 & 7/17

For more information about any of these family meetings, please contact Nancy Gentile at 845.255.1660, ext. 100 or nancy@huguenotstreet.org.

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