

Freedom Schooner *Amistad*

Poughkeepsie: October 12-14, 19-20

[see end for Kingston events, October 14-19]

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For more information or to volunteer call 705-8487, e-mail amistadpok@gmail.com,
or visit www.hudsonrivervalley.org/antislavery

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***Amistad* Documents Available for Viewing.** A CD-ROM, containing electronic copies of the original documents from the *Amistad* court case, is available at Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, throughout October, courtesy of the Dutchess County Arts Council and the National Archives Northeast Division in conjunction with the Poughkeepsie Library District. For more information call Adriance Memorial Library at 485-3445 x 3303.

Friday evenings through Oct. 29, 6:45 pm, Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Library. Community discussion on slavery, abolitionism, and the Underground Railroad. Read, Think, Talk, Listen, and Grow. Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Library, Suite 218, Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie. For information call 452-6088 x 3343.

Wednesday, October 11, 7 pm, "The Language You Cry In: The Story of a Mende Song," Children's Media Project. Documentary by Angel Serrano; California Newsreel, 1998 (55 min.). Winners of the City of Poughkeepsie's Weed and Seed *Amistad* essay contest for students from Poughkeepsie Middle School and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center of Beacon will be recognized at the screening. Children's Media Project, Lady Washington Firehouse, 20 Academy St. For information call 485-4480.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Free Public Schooner Tours: 2 to 5 pm

9 am, Welcome Ceremony, Waryas Park. Hosted by the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce; proclamations of welcome by Mayor Nancy Cozean and Dutchess County Legislature. Reception following at 10 am, hosted by the Mayor at nearby historic Hoffman House.

4 and 5 pm, Music of the Antislavery Cause, Dockside in Waryas Park. Vassar College students perform and interpret antebellum abolitionist music (30 min. performances).

7:30 pm, Dutchess Interfaith Council Story Circle, First Congregational Church/UCC.

“Stories of Freedom and Standing Up for Right!” at the season's first Story Circle hosted by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Donald George, *Amistad* educator and citizen of Sierra Leone, will lead. Free and open to the public. For more information call DCIC at 471-7333. At First Congregational Church/UCC, 269 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
Free Public Schooner Tours: 1 to 4 pm

FREE PASSES: visit the *Amistad* information tent in Waryas Park and get a free admission pass to visit the **Mid-Hudson Children's Museum** today, 75 North Water Street, 471-0589 ext. 11.

4 and 5 pm, Music of the Antislavery Cause, Dockside in Waryas Park. Vassar College students perform and interpret antebellum abolitionist music (30 min. performances).

4 to 6:30 pm, Catharine Street Community Center 85th Anniversary Commencement Celebration. Includes tour of the Freedom Schooner *Amistad*, with reception following at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, 75 North Water Street. For information call 473-2272.

5:30 pm, Frederick Douglass Speaks!, Second Baptist Church. THE SIMON STUDIO PRESENTS readings from the work of Frederick Douglass by actor Charles Turner, in the historic church where Douglass lectured in October 1847, having been denied the right to speak at City Hall. Location: Second Baptist Church, 36 Vassar Street.

8 pm, Samité of Uganda, with Jeff Haynes on Percussion and Charlie Shew on Bass and Guitar, Cunneen Hackett Theater. A joyful celebration of African music and its influence around the globe. Suggested contribution \$10 per person--give more, give less, but in any case come and enjoy the music! Cunneen Hackett Theater, 12 Vassar Street, 486-4571.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
Free Public Schooner Tours: 10 to noon

FREE PASSES: visit the *Amistad* information tent in Waryas Park and get a free admission pass to visit the **Mid-Hudson Children's Museum** today, 75 North Water Street, 471-0589 ext. 11.

***Amistad* Freedom Festival, Waryas Park, 9 am to 1 pm**

Join us for breakfast in the park! Schooner tours, origami boats, children's activities, storytelling, music by the Walker Family Band, St. Mark AME Zion Choir, Second Baptist Male Chorus, Vassar Antislavery Singers, and Girl Scouts Al'kebulan Drumming Circle. *Amistad* sails for Kingston at 1 pm.

Symposium, Parlor, Cunneen Hackett Arts Center

11 am, "Northward to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in the Hudson Valley" with Red Hook author Fergus Bordewich, Ulster researcher Darryl Brittain, and Albany researchers Paul and Mary Liz Stewart.

2:30 pm, "The Guinea Community in Hyde Park: Historical Archaeology of an Early 19th-Century African-American Settlement," Christopher Lindner and Susan Hinkle, Archaeology, Bard College.

4 pm, "The Visual and Material Culture of Slavery in the United States," Lisa Collins, Art History and American Culture, Vassar College.

Cunneen Hackett Arts Center, 9 Vassar Street, 486-457.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

5 pm, *Amistad* returns to Poughkeepsie. Local middle-school students return from Kingston aboard the schooner on the Cross-Hudson Kids' Sail, sponsored by the Poughkeepsie Journal.

6 pm, *Land of the Free*, dockside at Waryas Park Pavilion. THE SIMON STUDIO PRESENTS *Land of the Free*, the world premiere of a play by Jack Cornwell about the *Amistad* incident. Adapted and directed by Roger Hendricks Simon. Waryas Park Pavilion. (45 min.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Free Public Schooner Tours: noon to 3

4:30 to 6 pm, Farewell Party, Waryas Park. Thank you celebration for all volunteers and donors. Performance by Kazi Oliver African Drumming and Dancing is free and open to the public. Dockside in Waryas Park.

7:30 pm, Celebration Farewell Concert, First Congregational Church/UCC.

Featuring Poughkeepsie's multicultural, interdenominational choir Spirit of Unity; Western New York Conference AME Zion Chorale from Albany; and participants from First Congregational and Smith Metropolitan AME Zion. First Congregational, 269 Mill Street, 454-2960.

SPECIAL CLOSING LECTURES

Saturday, October 21, 4 pm, "Bound With Them in Chains: Quakers and the Underground Railroad." Christopher Densmore, Curator, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College. Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 103 Market Street, for information call 485-3445. Sponsored by the Akin Free Library at Quaker Hill, Pawling, and members of the Pawling Historical Society.

Thursday, October 26, 7 pm, "Native Peoples and the Beginnings of Slavery in New York." Evan Pritchard, Director, Center for Algonquian Culture. Mid-Hudson Library Auditorium, 103

Market Street. For information on both the above lectures call Adriance Memorial Library, 485-3445.

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The Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project was recently formed to research and interpret local histories of slavery and abolitionism and place them in the context of subsequent struggles for racial and social justice. Join us! Write MHAHP, P.O. Box 3647, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, e-mail reedwards@vassar.edu, or visit www.hudsonrivervalley.org/antislavery.

Amistad Poughkeepsie Information: call 705-8487 or e-mail amistadpok@gmail.com

KINGSTON EVENTS:

September 25-October 20: "The Story of the *Amistad*" museum panels on display at the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

Sunday, September 24, 4 pm and Tuesday, September 26, 7 pm: Steven Spielberg's film *Amistad* (Rated R) showing at the Rosendale Theater. \$5 ticket price goes to support the *Amistad* visit.

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm: Arrival at the Hudson River Maritime Museum of the Freedom Schooner *Amistad* with Ulster County youth sailors aboard. Drumming by POOK and dancing by Energy.

Sunday, October 15, 9 am: Welcoming remarks by Mayor Sottile.

Sunday, October 15, 10 am to 6 pm: Free public tours. Donations welcome.

Monday, October 16, 7 to 8:30 pm: Free public program at the Maritime Museum: "Voices from the Atlantic Slave Trade," Lee Bernstein, Assistant Professor, SUNY New Paltz; "Nathaniel Gordon, the *Amistad* Incident, and Sojourner Truth: New York Ties to the Slave Trade and Slavery," Myra Young Armstead, Professor, Bard College.

Tuesday, October 17, 9 am to 3 pm: School tours only.

Tuesday, October 17, 3:30 to 6 pm: Free public tours. Donations welcome.

Wednesday, October 18, 9 am to 3 pm: School tours only.

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 to 6 pm: Free public tours. Donations welcome.

Thursday, October 19, 9 am: Departure of Freedom Schooner *Amistad* for Poughkeepsie.