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## Hudson River Valley Institute

### A New Look for the HRVI Website

I am sure all of you are current and continuous visitors to Hudson River Valley Institute's website. I am also positive that you have all noticed the new look of its layout. The HRVI's website was re-vamped to give it a more comprehensive and clean look, which makes it much easier to navigate through. Tabs have been created, moved or modified to make searching for information quicker and more efficient. Most sections of the website have been updated with more current information, including the Student Works and Interns sections.

Not only does the website have a better design, but it also has a new way to bring more information to visitors. On the homepage, the website now has two permanent sections called What's New and What's Hot. For those who like to stay connected and up-to-date with events in the area they can subscribe to the What's New section and have the latest information emailed to you instantly.

This is an important time to stay informed on what is going on in the Hudson River Valley. This fall is the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial celebration, the opening of the Walkway over the Hud-

son, Eleanor Roosevelt's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the upcoming issue of the Hudson River Valley Review, and the Quadricentennial Conference in September. One special feature that has been added to the website to help commemorate the Quadricentennial is Robert Juet's Journal chronicling Hudson's 1609 voyage.

Robert Juet was on Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon

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### Quadricentennial Conference Update

The Quadricentennial Conference is almost here! "New York's 400 years" will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the FDR Presidential Historic site and Marist College respectively. Over two dozen speakers will be participating in panel discussions and talks covering topics such as the Hudson River's significance, Dutch-American relations, art, architecture, and Native Americans in the Hudson River Valley.

Saturday's events will conclude with a reception at the Marist's Historic Cornell Boat-

house on the banks of the river. Light appetizers and drinks will be provided.

The two day conference will be followed by a play on Sunday, written by Joseph Bruchac. "The River of Tides: A Play About Henry Hudson's Journey on the River that Came to Bear His Name" will be held in the Nelly Goletti Theater at 2pm. The production is a collaborative effort of Pace University, Marist College and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

Each event over the three days can be viewed online at the Hudson River Valley Institute's website, [hudsonrivervalley.org](http://hudsonrivervalley.org). Friday's events will be streamed over the Internet, while Saturday and Sunday's events will be webcasted live.

All of the weekend's events are free, but those interested in participating must contact HRVI to sign up. There is still room so call or email us today! (845) 575-3052 or [HRVI@marist.edu](mailto:HRVI@marist.edu)

By **Lindsay Monreau**

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## Eleanor Roosevelt's 125th Birthday

"Birthdays really have very little meaning," Eleanor Roosevelt once said in a column published in 1959, "except that I think as you grow older they give you a heightened appreciation of what gratitude you should have for every day that is granted to you." She continued, "Therefore, you enjoy each day more and you hope you can bring some joy into the lives of others."

Even though Eleanor Roosevelt's human rights work was in the 20th century, her legacy continues to live on to this day. In conjunction with her 125th birthday, on October 11, both the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill and the National Park Service have scheduled events honoring the co-founder of the Freedom House and former First Lady's life and work.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill will honor Mrs. Roosevelt by sponsoring a moderated panel discussion between Richard Holbrooke and his wife, Kati Marton at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City on September 30th. The



discussion will be moderated by NBC News Special Correspondent Tom Brokaw.

In addition to celebrating Mrs. Roosevelt's legacy, Holbrooke, a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, will discuss his appointment as Presidential Envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan. Marton will also discuss her new book, *Enemies of the People: My Family's Journey to America*.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill is a non-profit organization that is devoted to continuing the former First Lady's ideas and high ethics in the areas of human rights, social justice, youth education and development, conflict resolution and the pursuit of peace.

All donations collected at this

event will go towards Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Legacy Programs for girls, boys, women and community, which was established this year.

In addition to the ERVK's panel, the National Park Service will celebrate her birthday by holding a wreath-laying ceremony October 11 at 3:00 PM in the Rose Garden at the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. Congressman Scott Murphy is scheduled to appear.

If you would like more information on Eleanor's birthday please call Val-kill at (800) 337-8474 or visit the National Park Service's website at [www.nps.gov/elro/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/elro/index.htm). Or for information on the wreath laying ceremony at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, visit their website <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/> or call (845) 486-7770.

By **Joseph R. Ritchie**

## October Ceremony to Officially Open Walkway

The celebration for the re-opening of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge is on October 2, 2009 through October 4, 2009. The grand opening is the culmination of years of fundraising and planning to refurbish and convert the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge into Walkway Over The Hudson. This refurbishment has made the bridge the longest pedestrian bridge in the world. According to Fred Shaeffer, Walkway board chairman "I think it's going to be a great history lesson to all who participate." This opening is also part of the Hudson Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial celebration.

Many activities are planned to celebrate this historic weekend. Beginning on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-10 p. m. there will be the grand illumination of the Walkway featuring one thousand paper lanterns being carried by volunteers on the bridge, a light exhibition, a hot air balloon display and fireworks.

On Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Marist crew team will recreate the famed Poughkeepsie Regatta, between Rogers



will also be a formal opening ceremony with remarks by Gov. David Paterson. From noon-6 p.m. there will be the Clearwater Music Festival at Waryas Park, in the City of Poughkeepsie. Also from noon-6 p.m. One River, Many Streams Arts Festival will be presented by the Dutchess County Arts Council at Waryas Park, in the City of Poughkeepsie. River cruises leaving from Waryas Park will be occurring along with the Highland HudsonFest, a street fair on Main Street and Vineyard Avenue in Highland. Saturday will also feature a Walking on Air parade that includes a Puppet procession, as well as the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome flyover. At 3 p.m. Walkway is officially open to the public. For entertainment that evening there will be a night circus, light show and

Point and the Mid-Hudson Bridge. On Saturday there

airwave dances. (All attending are asked to wear glow-in-the-dark accessories or bring glow sticks). There will also be a block party on Vineyard Avenue in Highland.

On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, the final day of celebration for the grand opening, there will be a Rooftops to Treetops: 5-kilometer run sponsored by Mid-Hudson Roadrunners. Again, river cruises will be leaving from Highland Landing Park all afternoon. Finally, the official opening of the Walkway Loop Trail. Residents can walk from Waryas Park in the City of Poughkeepsie, across the Mid-Hudson Bridge, then onto Haviland Road in Highland and head back on the Walkway.

The opening of Walkway will be the beginning of a time to use this bridge again to enjoy the scenic Hudson River as well as a place to appreciate the wonder of an engineering feat. For more information on opening weekend events go to [walkway.org/](http://walkway.org/).

By **Elizabeth Vielkind**

## Renovations to Begin at FDR Presidential Library and Museum

This coming winter the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will begin major renovations. The project is a massive undertaking and is projected to cost about \$35 million in federal funding and run through 2013. This is only the second time in the museum's history that renovations have been made.

The first phase of the project will focus on updating the building itself. Cynthia Koch, Director of the FDR Presidential Library and museum noted that though the building appears sturdy "its deteriorated condition endangers the continued preservation of the world's only archive of the Roosevelt presidency". Renovations will include new drainage, plumbing, electrical, security and fire protection systems.

In addition, updated heated and ventilation and with additional repairs to a leaky roof will ensure that the irreplaceable documents and artifacts of



the Roosevelt era are up to the National Archive's environmental standards for long-term preservation of historic collections. The National Archives standards strive to ensure that no matter what the external climate; the resources housed in the archives remain protected for years to come. Restoring the Roosevelt Library was cited as the National Archive's top priority capital improvement project for the year.

In addition to protection from environmental factors, the completion of this project will make the museum fully wheelchair accessible. New permanent exhibits will be put in place that will contain interactive components and

tell the story of the lives of the Roosevelt's and their lasting legacy. The basement will also be converted into visible storerooms of the Roosevelt family's collections from paintings and jewelry to gifts from the public. Currently these collections are in closed storerooms. However with this project, proper environmental and security controls will be put in place so they are accessible to visitors.

These improvements will ensure that the Roosevelt Library continues to preserve and display a valued part of our national and local heritage. The museum exhibits and research room will be relocated to Wallace Center and William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery during construction so that they may remain open.

For more information on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, their archival collection or the renovations please contact them at (845) 486-7778 or visit their website at [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

By **Gina Figler**

## Historic Site: Val-Kill

With the coming of Eleanor Roosevelt's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday in October, it is time to give the Val-Kill National Historic Site a visit. As autumn approaches, the beauty of Val-Kill will abound as the fall foliage arrives. A visit to the site proves to be both educational and highly enjoyable.

Start at the visitor's center where tickets can be purchased and the gift shop browsed. Move on to the playhouse where you can walk through a series of displays on Eleanor throughout her lifetime. Listen to her radio show, view her television appearance, and read her famous and intellectual quotes. On the other side of the playhouse, view a short video on Eleanor's public and private life. Learn the basics as well as startling facts. For instance, at one point the KKK had a \$25,000 bounty on her head, and her car had been wired with dynamite that luckily malfunctioned.

Visitors also learn about Eleanor's annual summer retreat for the Wiltwyck boys, which included hot dogs, baseball and storytelling.

After the brief movie, a guided tour of the Val-Kill and Stone cottages is lead by one of the site's National Park Rangers. While touring the rambling cottage that used to be the Val-Kill furniture factory, visitors learn about Eleanor's compassion for all that came into her life. Armed with this new knowledge and experience visitors can appreciate on a greater level that they are walking in the footsteps of one of America's greatest leaders. The personable and knowledge-



able tour guides have a vast knowledge of Eleanor's life as well as the significant political and social events that occurred during her lifetime is seamlessly integrated into the walking tour through the cottages.

Visitors of the Val-Kill site will be able to appreciate the beauty of its grounds and the beauty of Eleanor's life-long goals. After visiting Eleanor's home, it is difficult not to feel in awe of all that Eleanor did for social change, but also with the courage to make a difference themselves.

If you would like to visit Val-Kill or would like more information please call Val-kill at (800) 337-8474, or visit their website at <http://www.ervk.org/index.html>.

By **Lindsay Moreau**

## A New Look for the HRVI Website, Continued...

in 1609, when the Hudson River Valley was discovered. While on the journey Juet kept a journal of daily occurrences. Daily, on the HRVI website, the corresponding date in Juet's journal is uploaded. This way visitors are able to follow, day by day, Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River Valley. If a reader wished to read the daily entries made by Juet all together they need only to click on The Review tab to purchase a single issue or to subscribe to the Hudson Review Valley Review.

On September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Hudson River Valley Institute will be hosting the Hudson-Fulton-

Champlain Quadricentennial Conference featuring David Hackett Fischer as the Keynote Speaker. There is no fee to attend the conference, but calling to reserve a seat is strongly suggested. If you would like to attend the conference but are unable to for some reason do not fear the HRVI website is here. In addition to a new look, up-to-date information, and more features the HRVI website is now able to web-stream. HRVI will be using this new feature during the Quadricentennial Conference. So, if you cannot make it to the conference just go to HRVI's website to watch the live web-streaming of the conference. Or if you miss the live coverage no worries! The conference

footage will be archived on the website, so you may watch at your own convenience.

If you would like to view our new website or would like more information on any of the listed events please visit our website at [www.hudsonrivervalley.org](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org). To register for the Conference, please call HRVI at 845-575-3052. For more information on quadricentennial celebrations please visit the [eexploreny400.com](http://eexploreny400.com) website. Or for more information on the Walkway over the Hudson visit [walkway.org](http://walkway.org).

By **Katie Garrison**

## Continued Meet the Intern: Emily Wist

Emily joined the Hudson River Valley Institute the fall of her freshman year and apart from a brief respite in Madrid, Spain last semester with the help of the Marist Abroad Program, has worked there ever since.



Now a senior at Marist College, Emily

is well on her way to completing a double major in Spanish and Studio art as well as a minor in History. Last semester's gallivant to Madrid greatly broadened her horizons and she is happy to bring her experiences and newly acquired knowledge back to HRVI.

As her senior year starts to get underway she looks into options for her future such as graduate school and a possible career in teaching.

On her days off Emily occupies

her time painting, watching movies with her friends, sleeping late, and cooking. Working at HRVI has allowed her to get to know and interact with intelligent and interesting people.

Emily enjoys the atmosphere of Fontaine 304, has learned a lot in the time she has spent as part of the team. She is happy to continue to complete tasks for the Institute for as long as it decides to keep her around.

By **Emily Wist**

## Environmental Awareness in the Hudson River Valley

Environmental awareness and activism first entered the American consciousness in the 1960's. Since 1962, the Hudson River Valley Region has been threatened by corporations such as Con-Edison, and other corporations, which have exposed the aesthetic and ecological integrity of the region. In 2009, the river and the region are still vulnerable. Scenic Hudson, a Hudson Valley based organization, is often considered responsible for launching the environmental movement and Clearwater, another Hudson Valley organization, has simultaneously worked to increase and sustain public participation in environmental matters.

In 1962, Con-Edison proposed to build a power plant on the Hudson River, using Storm King Mountain, which is located on the west bank just north of West Point. At the time, there were no laws to protect the environment. Scenic Hudson, originally known as the Scenic Hudson Preservation Group, formed in 1963, engaging in a 17-year long campaign to protect Storm King Mountain and for the first time environmental issues were granted a voice in the New York State court. In 1981, after obtaining visibility, expressing expert insights, and executing legal strategies, Scenic Hudson defeated Con-Edison's proposal. Until the Storm King case, industrial project coordinators only



looked at engineering needs and construction costs, not ecological and regional effects. The Environmental Quality Review Act, a product of Scenic Hudson's labor, was established in 1969 and is critical because it encourages

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## Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton Receives Four Freedoms Award

On Friday evening, September 11, 2009, Secretary Clinton was awarded the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute's prestigious *FDR Four Freedoms Award* during a gala event at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Each year the Roosevelt Institute presents its *FDR Four Freedoms Award* to a single individual with a lifetime of distinguished service and commitment to protecting the four freedoms of democracy that President Roosevelt defined during his famous January 6, 1941, speech:

freedom of speech and expression

freedom of worship

freedom from want

freedom from fear

This year Secretary Clinton was selected to receive the overall top honors for her outstanding achievements in championing the four freedoms, especially in improving the lives of women and children,



throughout the world.

In addition to presenting the grand award to Secretary Clinton, the Institute also

selects four individuals, whose lives and work exemplify the ideals of one of these four freedoms. Each of these chosen individuals receive an FDR Four Freedoms Medal. This year Anthony D. Romero and the ACLU received the *Freedom of Speech and Expression Medal*; Eboo Patel and the Interfaith Youth Core received the *Freedom of Worship Medal*; Vicki B. Escarra and Feeding America received the *Freedom from Want Medal*; and the *Freedom From Fear Medal* was given to Pasquale J. D'A-muro.

Past honorees include: Presidents Clinton, Carter, and Kennedy; U.S. Supreme Court Justices William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall; the Dali Lama; and Nelson Mandela.

Guests of honor for the Friday evening's festivities were none other than HRH Crown Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands and HRH Princess Maxima of the Netherlands.

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## Featured Historian: JoAnne Myers

Dr. Joann Myers is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. At Marist College she is also the Co-Director of Women's Studies, Political Science Internship Coordinator, Director of Public Administration Concentration, Coordinator of the Women & Society Conference. She received her B.A. in Philosophy and Government, from Skidmore College. Dr. Myers received her M.S. (political) Communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, as well as her Ph.D. in Urban and Environmental Studies (Public Policy Communication) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. JAM, as her students call her, believes in active citizenship. She serves on the Board of the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, and has served as President of the Board of The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, and on the Board of the Grace Smith House. She writes a bi-monthly column for InsideOUT magazine, and has a blog at [www.blogging-for-america.blogspot.com](http://www.blogging-for-america.blogspot.com). She authored The Historical Dictionary of

the Lesbian Liberation Movement: Still the Rage (Scarecrow: 2003) and various chapters in other books. Dr. Myers will be featured in the Fall issue of the Hudson River Valley Review as she marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth and life in her piece.

Dr. Myers is organizing the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Women and Society Conference to be held the weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Marist College. As 2009 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt, the Women and Society Conference will be commemorating this First Lady's life. This conference is interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary, covering all aspects of women and gender being studied in the academy. This conference mentors and models feminist inquiry and scholarship for undergraduate students. The keynote speaker for the 2009 conference will be Robin Gerber, the acclaimed author of *The Eleanor Roosevelt Way: Timeless Strategies for the First Lady of Courage*. Gerber's book focuses on the continuing need for women to take on more leadership roles

and draws on the values, tactics, and beliefs that enabled Eleanor to bring transformational change in her own time.

Dr. Myers is a well respected professor at Marist College who is an active member in the Hudson River Valley community. Dr. Myers work as the coordinator of the Women and Society Conference at Marist College, has brought about greater understanding on women and gender issues throughout history, and this year will be no different. The 2009 conference will be celebrating the life and legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt.

By **Elizabeth Vielkind**

# The John Burroughs Association Hosts Fall Slabsides Day

On the third Saturday in May and the first Saturday in October every year, the John Burroughs Association opens the door to public. On these occasions the public is welcome to come inside the famous naturalist and conservationist, John Burroughs', rustic cabin retreat, Slabsides. His cabin is hidden down in the woods below the west side



of the ridge that overlooks the Hudson River to the East. Slabsides is frozen in time in its peaceful and isolated surroundings just the way it was when Burroughs last stood on its porch in 1920. The interior is in its original state, complete with its hand-made rustic twisted wood furniture and the famous writing table. This year, the first Saturday falls on October 3.

John Burroughs built his cabin and covered the exterior in natural first cut hemlock slabs, hence the name "Slabsides", in 1895 with the help of his brother Hiram. Slabsides' purpose was several-fold. First, Slabsides pro-

vided a retreat for his writing and for entertaining his friends and well-wishers. At the same time it helped to relieve some of the privacy problems that were developing around his home on the river, Riverby, one and a half miles to the East on the other side of the ridge. By the 1890's, John Burroughs was becoming a very popular figure and the steady stream of fans descending on Riverby was becoming more and more of a distraction to both the author and his family. There was also an agribusines component to Slabsides. The reclaimed swamp next to Slabsides became part of Burroughs' farming operation where he cultivated blanched white celery for the lucrative niche market of fancy table settings in high end hotels, like the Plaza Hotel, in New York City. In the late 1800's one had to be extremely creative to afford the luxury of time to be both a farmer and a writer.

The John Burroughs Association, with headquarters in the American Museum of Natural History, has maintained the great naturalist's cabin since shortly after he died in 1921. In addition to the semi-annual Slabsides open houses, there is a 170 acre nature sanctuary surrounding Slabsides that is open to the public year round from dawn till dusk for hiking and communing with nature. Schools and special groups can

contact the John Burroughs Association directly through their website, <http://research.amnh.org/burroughs/>, regarding visits to Slabsides by special appointment.

The John Burroughs Association also promotes nature writing and for the last 83 years has offered their annual John Burroughs Medal Award for outstanding natural history writing. Since 1988 the Association has held a competition to honor authors of books and essays for young readers. And beginning in 1993, they have given an annual award to authors of outstanding natural history essays. The ceremonies for these awards are held each year in April in the American Museum of Natural History.

Please visit The John Burroughs Association website for contact information, information regarding submitting entries for their nature writing competitions, and details for the Fall Slabsides Day at: <http://research.amnh.org/burroughs/index.html>.

To view the special issue of the Hudson River Valley Review on John Burroughs go to <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/review/pdfs/HRVR25Pt1online.pdf>. If you would like to subscribe to the Review go to <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/review/subscribe.html>.

**By Steve Grim**

## Meet the Intern: Mike Sweeney

Mike Sweeney is currently a junior at Marist College, studying both history and business administration with an emphasis in marketing. This semester Mike will be interning at the Hudson River Valley Institute for the first time. He is very excited to start his internship with the Hudson River Valley Institute this semester! Mike is hoping to gain a whole lot of knowledge from this experience while also contributing his skills, knowledge, and abilities to the Institute. Mike's greatest historical interest is World War II, as well as US history with regards to the 1950's, 60's, and 70's.

When not studying or working, Mike spends a great deal of time volunteer-

ing at the Marist Brother's retreat house, just across the river in Esopus, NY. What Mike enjoys the most is working with different groups of high school students on various events and retreats; as well as, working on the property and in the kitchen. On campus Mike also likes to volunteer some of his time with the Campus Ministries. During his free time Mike enjoys



doing various activities. Including watching war films as well as going to the movies.

As Mike was born and raised in the Bronx, he is thus a huge Yankee fan and can foresee them winning the World Series this year. Mike also enjoys working on his car; as well as, playing lacrosse. Lastly, he enjoys reading historical fiction novels. The one novel that he particularly enjoyed this past summer was *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara.

**By Mike Sweeney**

## Environmental Awareness in the Hudson River Valley, Continued...

close examination and the development of alternative approaches, which was unknown at the time.



Scenic Hudson spent the first 35-years of its existence campaigning

against Con-Edison's Storm King Project; however, it has also drawn attention to the regional impact of waterfront development and protected 20,000 acres of land, in an effort to protect the cultural and historic value of the Hudson River Valley, which Congress has identified as a National Heritage Area. Clearwater, formed in 1966, launched primarily by Pete Seeger and people who wanted to clean up the Hudson, has been working to celebrate the region, educate citizens, and advocate for policy change. Clearwater is not only a classroom on the Hudson, but a proponent of legislative change: successfully defeating the Conrail Company's attempt to discharge oil into the Hudson

and encouraging the EPA to be more conscientious when dealing with matters concerning the region. Only recently has General Electric agreed to safely dredge the Hudson River and clean up PCBs, which have threatened the ecosystem for the last two decades.

Richard Ottinger, the first congressman who ran as an environmentalist in New York, captured the sentiment well: "The efforts on the Hudson had tremendous national significance, significance in establishing the environmental movement, and significance in establishing the field of environmental law." The Hudson Valley region, however, is still endangered by inefficient power plants, and plastic and oil particles that damage and kill plant and animal life.

David Conover suggests that presently one of the greatest challenges that must be overcome is complacency. Although organizations such as Scenic Hudson and Clearwater have increased

effective environmental legislation, it is important to consider the subtle forms of environmental destruction and understand the environmental movement as an ongoing process. The impacts of decisions made in the region are not only felt locally, but also globally. The Hudson River connects this region to the Atlantic Ocean and ultimately the broader ecosystem, ultimately increasing the importance of the environmental movement in the Hudson River Valley.

For more information on Scenic Hudson please visit their website at <http://www.scenichudson.org/>. Or if you would like to know more about Clearwater please go to <http://www.clearwater.org/> for more information. If you would like to visit Storm King Mountain, please visit <http://www.nynjtc.org/content/storm-king-state-park-2> for more details.

By Maxine Presto

## Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Receives Four Freedoms Award, Cont.



Their majesties are also New York's royal guests for our Hudson Quadricentennial Celebration of the Dutch discovery and settlements in the new world of the Hudson River Valley.

In her remarks upon receiving her Four Freedoms Award, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton drew attention to the parallels of the emergencies facing President Roosevelt's world when he made his landmark speech in 1941 and today's volatile global challenges to freedom. She made it very clear that establishing and maintaining FDR's four universal freedoms throughout the world requires tremendous effort and participation by more than just a few individuals.

For more information please see: the Roosevelt Institute site at <http://feri.publishpath.com/fourfreedoms> ;

the Reuters news release at <http://>

[www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS199616+10-Sep-2009+PRN20090910](http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS199616+10-Sep-2009+PRN20090910) ;

the transcript of President Roosevelt's January 6, 1941, famous Four Freedoms speech (*Congressional Record*, 1941, Vol. 87, Pt. I.) can be viewed at: <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/history/ralph/workbook/ralprs36b.htm> ;

Secretary Clinton's remarks upon receiving the Four Freedoms Award at

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2009a/09/129164.htm>

By Steve Grim

## Hudson River Valley Events

For more information on events in the Hudson River Valley

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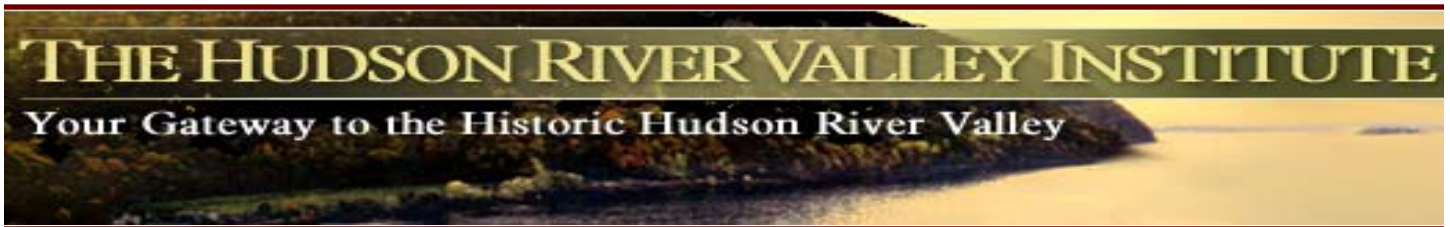
*The Hudson River Valley:  
"The Landscape that Defined America"*

The Hudson River Valley is one of only 37 congressionally designated National Heritage Areas in the United States. As one of the most important regions in the United States, it is the fountainhead of a truly American identity. Recognizing the area's national value, Congress formed the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in 1996 to recognize, preserve, protect, and interpret the nationally-significant history and resources of the valley for the benefit of the nation.

The Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) is the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Its mission is to study and promote the Hudson River Valley and to provide educational resources for heritage tourists, scholars, elementary school educators, environmental organizations, the business community, and the general public. Its many projects include the publication of *The Hudson River Valley Review* and the management of a dynamic digital library and leading regional portal site.

As the center for the study of the Hudson River Valley, the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College is the central hub for information about the region that Congress called "the Landscape that defined America."

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