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President's Day

in the Hudson Valley

President's Day, celebrated each year on the third Monday in February, commemorates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In the spirit of this national holiday the Hudson Valley has important sites pertaining to two United States presidents. These presidents include George Washington, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Their historic sites celebrate this important holiday as a day which many Americans reflect the great things our nation's leaders have done for our country.

George Washington's headquarters is a national historic site comprised of the Hasbrouck House and three other structures, located in Newburgh, New York. The site was the longest-occupied headquarters for General Washington during the Revolution. As such, the Hasbrouck House celebrates the nation's first president's

birthday in grand style. This year President's day was a three day extravaganza which commenced on Saturday February 13th and ended on Monday February 15th. Celebrations included presentations by the 5th New York or Lamb's Artillery. There was music by a 1800s style musician Thaddeus MacGregor and duo that included Erik Lichak and Melanie Zankis. The celebration was not only for adults, the headquarters entertained children by allowing them to create their own "Badge of military merit." Birthday cake was even served on each day of the weekend. All that was asked of attendees was a donation for the site.

Franklin Roosevelt's birthday, on January 30th, is not far off from the first and sixteenth presidents. However, not to be outdone by predecessors the FDR mansion and presidential library also observe his birthday on President's weekend. Celebrated on Saturday the

13th, the festivities, this year, included the showing the 1936 movie, *The President's Mystery*. After which guests could view many presidential signatures on display at the library. Furthermore, throughout the day many of FDR's hobbies were displayed. FDR's celebration was a first come, first served event, and free to the public.

President's Day in the Hudson Valley, was certainly not overlooked. George Washington's Birthday was celebrated with many fun activities, while the FDR's was observed with a more intimate look at the life of the president. George Washington and FDR's birthday should be a day honored by Americans, whether it is birthday cake or a movie, people should visit these sites in the Hudson Valley.

By: Meghan Burke

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HRVI's Hall of Fame Showcases the Valley's Finest

The Hudson River Valley has long been home to many of the United States greatest political and cultural figures. It has been called home by famous musicians, sports heroes, presidents, and military figures. The Hudson River Valley Institute website boasts an impressive Hall of Fame, which highlights the most famous and important figures to have come out of the region. The Hall of Fame serves an important purpose, as it calls attention to the diversity and opportunity that the Hudson River Valley has to offer. It is a reminder that the Hudson Valley region of New York is a cultural and environmental wonder that attracts some of the brightest and most talented men and women in the country. The Valley is indeed one of the nation's best kept secrets, and it is not surprising that the area is responsible for producing and/or playing host to so many heroes.

In the Hall of Fame section of the HRVI website, you can find articles on a variety of public figures that have spent significant periods of time in the Valley. You can read about the brief period Jimi

Hendrix, one of the greatest guitarists of all time, holed up in Ashokan House near Woodstock to produce an album; or if that doesn't grab your interest, you may enjoy reading about controversial boxer Mike Tyson's rocky childhood in the region, or about how other sports legends such as Elton Brand, Art Monk, and Walt Weiss can trace their humble roots to the Hudson Valley. There is also an impressive list of military figures, public broadcasters, and famous environmentalists to comb through.

With such a rich history and long-standing legacy of beauty and opportunity, it is no surprise that so many of our country's icons have called the Hudson River Valley home. Though it may be small and carefully tucked away the Hudson Valley has birthed and accommodated many the United State's greatest minds and bodies for centuries.

The Hall of Fame offers an exciting overview of those people we have revered and praised for their contributions to the arts, environment, and politics of the United States, and demonstrates the importance of

the Hudson River Valley as a significant contributor to the greatness of our country. The Hall of Fame may be visited at <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/library/halloffame.html>

By: Alyssa Hewitt



HRVI is on Facebook!

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

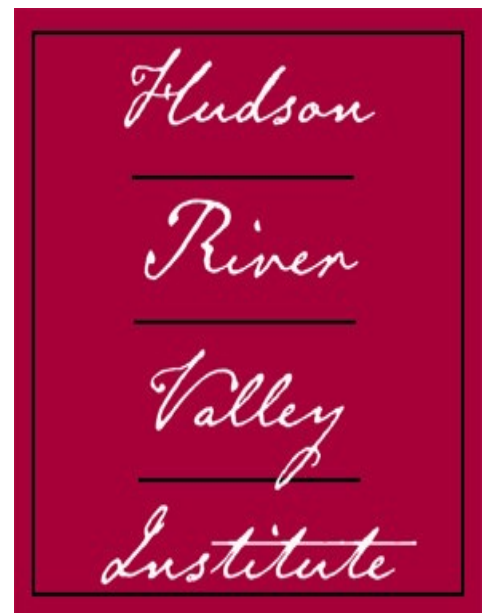
For those who cannot get enough of everything the Hudson River Valley has to offer, you can now become a fan of HRVI on Facebook. For anyone that does not know, Facebook.com is a social networking site initially used by college students, but has grown to cater to all kinds of people. Users make personal profiles describing themselves and their interests and can connect and reconnect with friends, old and new. Another aspect of the site is that individuals can "become fans" of pop culture icons, television shows, music groups, and even academic institutes like HRVI. By making a Facebook page, the

Hudson River Valley Institute is now accessible to a whole new demographic.

Staff and "fans" of HRVI can participate in discussion groups and generate new ideas for study of the Hudson River region. They can also post photos of the region, or just leave a message on "the wall" of the page. By seeing who else is a fan, users can connect and network with other enthusiasts of the area. Fans of HRVI can keep up with the latest Hudson Valley events and news. Currently featured on the page is information on an upcoming reading by Hudson River Valley writers occurring in late March. In the future, other events and relevant news will be featured on the page.

Interested in joining the group or simply learning more? Just search "Hudson RiverValley Institute" on Facebook, and become a fan today!

By: Jane Sheehan



Meet the Intern-Gail Goldsmith

Gail Goldsmith is a sophomore at Marist College, studying Journalism and Public

Praxis. This is her first semester intern- ing at the Hudson River Valley Institute.

Gail is very excited about this internship and hopes to hone her research and writing skills, as well as to

learn more about the Hudson River Valley. Goldsmith has also interned with the Virginia United Methodist Center and Initiatives of

Hope. She will be writing about the history of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge for the Hudson River



Valley Review and looks forward to dive in to how industrialization helped shape the Hudson River Valley.

Goldsmith enjoys studying Arabic and Mass Communication Law. Gail is an active member of the Marist College Fencing Club and fenced in several tournaments. She also is the Features Editor of The Circle, the Marist College Student Newspaper, and was the Race and Religion beat reporter last year. Goldsmith is a member of LGSA, Gender Equality, and Campus Ministry/Community Service. She also maintains a blog, Meaning-ism, about religion, spirituality, and belief issues in the news at www.gailgoldsmith.wordpress.com. In her sparse and sporadic free time, Goldsmith enjoys reading, and hiking.

When Gail grows up, she hopes to write about religious, spiritual, and community issues and to be a religious studies professor.

By: Gail Goldsmith

Meet the Intern-Megan Mahoney

Megan Mahoney, native of Buffalo, has an active life at Marist College. She anticipates her research and writing skills will enable her to gain a more thorough understanding of the region's remarkable history and culture. Currently, Mahoney is developing an analytical chapter focused on the Native Americans that once dominated the region's landscape.

She is a history major, and plans on attending law school after graduation. Mahoney is a Division-I athlete on the Marist College women's varsity crew team, and is co-chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She is a supervisor at the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, and tutors both college and elementary



students. Additionally, Mahoney is involved with the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society and is a MAAC scholar-athlete. Mahoney is the oldest of four, and has a twin

brother and sister and a 6 year old sister. She hopes to live and work in either Washington, D.C. or New York City.

Mahoney enjoys running and volunteering at Camp Good Days and Special Times, a camp for children with brain cancer. As co-chair of SAAC, Mahoney has dedicated a majority of her time volunteering at local soup kitchens, assisted living centers, and elementary schools. She hopes to work as a prosecutor and advocate on behalf of innocent victims. She believes that her involvement working within the community will help her when working in the public service sector.

By: Megan Mahoney

Meet the Intern-Mary Zugibe

Mary Zugibe, resident of Rockland County, is completing her senior year at Marist College as a History Major with a concentration in Public History and a minor in Social Work. Although extremely interested in American History, Mary is most fascinated by military history and revolutions, especially the French Revolution. This semester is her first semester interning at the Hudson River Valley Institute and she is currently researching the migration to, and cultural

movements of the Hudson Valley.

In her free time she enjoys snowboarding, running and reading. Over the summer, Mary had the opportunity to attend the Marist College trip to South Africa where she had the chance to volunteer at a battered women's shelter and help in townships surrounding Cape Town. This became a life changing experience she won't soon forget. In fact, this opened her mind to the idea of

traveling in the future. She currently is considering the possibility of exploring a career in a business that requires traveling to extravagant places. Next year Mary hopes to apply to graduate school at the University of North Carolina. Although she is uncertain of the exact path in which she is hoping to pursue, she knows that she would like to continue some type of future dealing with history.

By: Mary Zugibe

George Clinton: The Father of New York State

Considered to be one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, George Clinton, was an American soldier and politician. Charles and Elizabeth Denniston Clinton, Irish immigrants, settled in Ulster County, New York, where the future vice president was born on July 26, 1739. His father was a role model for his later political interests since Charles Clinton was a member of the New York Colonial Assembly. Clinton's political life saw him in the roles as the first Governor of New York from 1777 to 1795, and then the Vice President under Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

As a soldier Clinton enlisted in the British Army to fight in the French and Indian War at the age of 18. His service eventually gave him the opportunity to rise to the rank of lieutenant. He subsequently studied law in New York City, became clerk of the court of common pleas and served in the colonial assembly. Clinton was also known for his hatred of the Tories; He supported the American Revolution by supplying food to the troops at Valley Forge. Clinton also supported the Revolution by becoming a member of the Continental Congress. On July 8, 1776, he was ordered to take the field as brigadier general of militia under George Washington. He was then appointed Brigadier General by Congress

in March 1777. He was given the distinct honor of becoming the first Governor of New York from 1777-1795. He is considered one of America's Founding Fathers because he was president of the State convention which ratified the Federal Constitution. Clinton then became Governor of New York again from 1801-1804.

In 1805, George Clinton took office as the nation's fourth vice president on March 4. A Revolutionary War hero, who had served as governor of New York for two decades, Clinton seemed an ideal choice for the position. He was the second vice president to serve under Thomas Jefferson, having replaced fellow New Yorker Aaron Burr. He was re-elected in 1808 and served under President James Madison until his death in office. Clinton died in Washington, D.C., on April 20, 1812. He was initially buried in the Congressional Cemetery. However, he was re-buried in the First Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, in Kingston, N.Y., in May 1908; where visitors can pay homage to the first Governor of New York.

George Clinton rendered a lifetime of service to New York and the Nation. In the historic Hudson River Valley, Clinton County, New York, and the bridge between Rhinecliff and Kingston, New York are named after him.

Nationally, Clinton is honored in Washington, D.C. where a gilded equestrian sculpture of him on Connecticut Avenue has been erected. In 1873, the state of New York donated a bronze statue of Clinton to the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall Collection.

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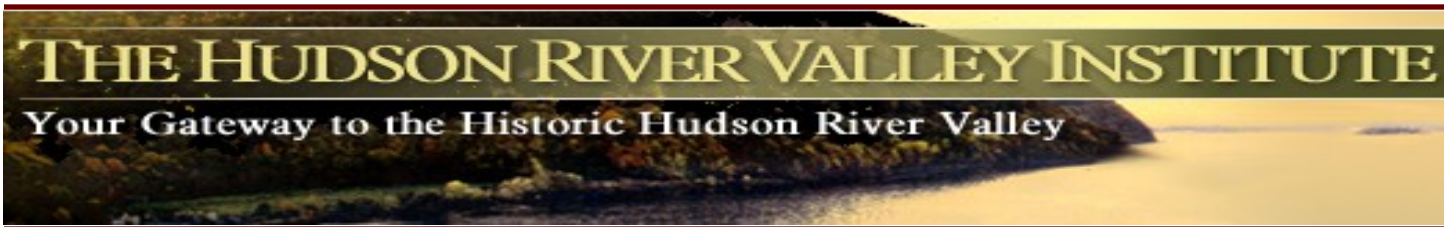
***The Hudson River Valley :
"The Landscape that Defined America"***

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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