



Website of the month:

www.canalmuseum.org/mission.htm

Hudson Valley Music on the Web

HRVI has launched an exciting new project chronicling the contributions of the Hudson River Valley to music. The first phase of the project is the compilation of an online database. Recording of original composers will be streamed via the digital library in phase two.

Will Salluzzo, a senior majoring in History with a minor in Music, is interning at the Hudson River Valley Institute and working on Music in the Hudson Valley. He started this project last year compiling an online database of music venues, ensembles, and

composers in the Hudson River Valley. Will's project to date, can be viewed at; <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/themes/musicindex.php>~ William Salluzzo

Featured Historic Town ~Rondout~

<http://www.getawaythehudson.com/abouttown/towntours/rondout/rondmap.htm>
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/kingston/kingmap1.htm>
<http://www.ci.kingston.ny.us/kingstonforms/VisitorsGuide.pdf>

Now part of the city of Kingston, Rondout used to be a little town in it's own right, and was a large reason for the success of Kingston. During the American Revolution, Rondout and Kingston were two separate towns that were located near each other. After landing at Kingston Point in 1776, the British burned the Kingston Stockade as a punishing example of what the Crown had in store for the "rebels." Rondout, located on the Rondout Creek, was mostly spared by the troops. An ideal spot for river commerce, it continued to grow as traffic increased on the Hudson River. But when the D&H Canal was built, Rondout's economy exploded. Rondout became a booming canal town, with hotels, stores, docks, dry docks, taverns, mills, shipyards, and much more. Soon the economy had far surpassed that of the larger nearby Kingston. Not long after, Kingston and Rondout merged into one city, and maintained the name of the larger, more well known Kingston. There is still an area of Kingston today known as The Rondout, right along the river, but not many people realize its separate history.



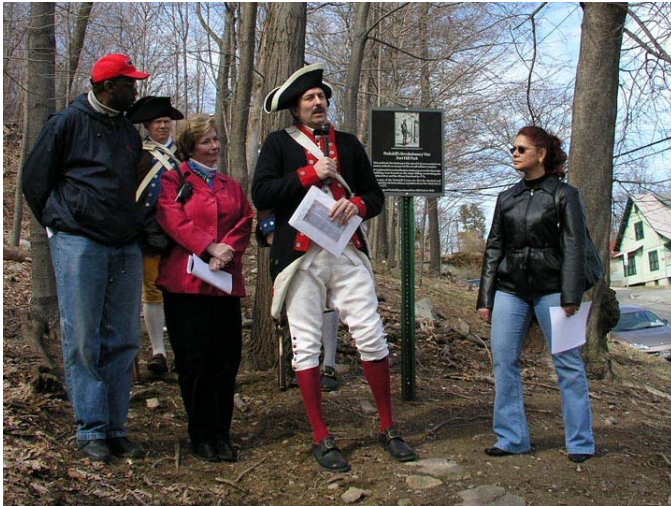
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~Fort Hill Commemoration~

Peekskill, NY



Private Bill Edsall and I participated on 26 March 2005 with the Mayor of Peekskill, John Testa, 1st NY, the Deputy Mayor Cathy Pisani, City Historian John Curran, and two members of the Common Council, Ms. Milagros Martinez and Mr. Don Bennet, Jr., in the dedication of three interpretive signs on Fort Hill, the site of a redoubt and barracks for 1200 men.



kill by 550 British soldiers under LTC John Bird.



The 5th NY participated in the 225th anniversary of the battle of Peekskill at Lent's Cove and Van Cortlandtville in 2002.



The preservation and interpretation of Fort Hill are projects of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and the Hudson River Valley Institute.

-James M. Johnson
Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley

It was the 228th anniversary of the raid against Peeks-

Featured Website

~*D&H Canal Historical Society*~

<http://www.canalmuseum.org/mission.htm>

The D&H Canal Historical Society is dedicated to informing the public about the history and importance of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, the first privately funded canal in the United States that contributed largely to New York's economic success.

facts that can be found within the museum. It also describes the "Five Locks Walk" that is available at the museum, where tourists are able to walk along beside a portion of what used to be the D&H Canal, and view actual locks that used to be used.

ing events.

To find admission prices, hours of operation, as well as the many other options available, visit their website at: <http://www.canalmuseum.org/mission.htm>

~ Kim Wilson

The website provides a history of the museum, as well as a description of the arti-

Also included are educational programs available to schools, as well as upcom-

Featured Historic Site

~*The Vanderbilt Mansion*~

The Vanderbilt Mansion is one of the best examples of how the wealthy lived in the 19th century. The mansion has 54 rooms in total, and is fully furnished. In addition it is located amidst breathtaking landscape that is perfect to take a walk in now that spring has finally arrived.

At the mansion it is possible to walk amongst the grounds and beautiful seasonal gardens, browse through the artifacts in the visitor's center, or take a guided tour of the mansion itself. School visits and educational programs are avail-

able to teachers as well.

To fully see what the mansion has to offer, as well as hours of operations and admission fees, visit the website at: <http://www.nps.gov/vama/index.htm>

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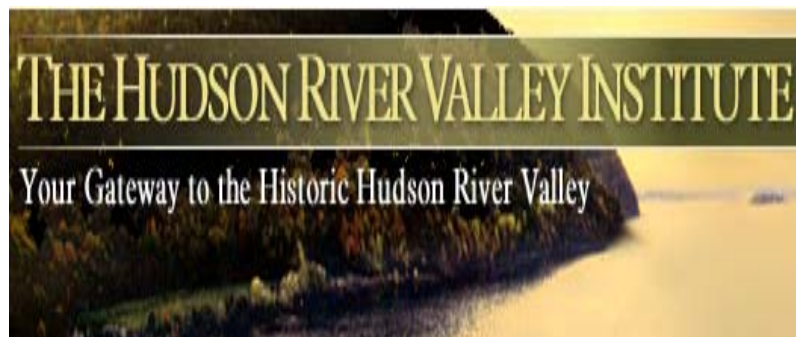
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