

Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Remembered

Our entire Hudson River Valley Institute community mourns the loss of Advisory Board member Dr. Frank T. Bumpus, HRVI's lead donor and a true champion of our region's history, who passed away in December 2020. A resident of Cold Spring, Dr. Bumpus was the principal donor for a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge grant that underpins HRVI's endowment and also established the endowed Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History at Marist College.

Dr. Bumpus lived his over ninety-eight years admirably, pursuing a wide array of interests and contributing greatly to his family, community, and country. As a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, Frank trained as both a bombardier and a navigator and flew forty-three combat missions, for which he was awarded seven Air Medals for meritorious achievement in flight and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Upon his discharge from the Army, he graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and then from Tufts College Medical School as a radiologist, going on to practice medicine at New York's Memorial Hospital, now Memorial Sloan Kettering.



In later years, Executive Director Jim Johnson and various Marist and HRVI friends celebrated annually with Dr. Bumpus on his birthday, where he was always in good spirits. No event exemplified this better than Frank's 90th at Marist's historic Payne Mansion surrounded by family and friends, with Frank enthusiastically welcoming guests in attendance to celebrate his achieving nonagenarian status.

Frank's contributions to HRVI extend well beyond the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History and will live on at the Institute into the future. Among them, the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Collection, paintings by artist David Wagner commemorating the march of Generals Washington and Rochambeau during the American Revolution, is permanently housed at HRVI, and the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Internship is awarded annually to a Marist student researching Hudson River Valley history. We remember Frank here in the same way we do throughout HRVI's offices and publications, as "Philanthropist, Aviator, Radiologist" and above even these, Friend.



Dr. Bumpus with nieces (L to R) Suzie Reed, Jane Nielsen, Kathy Urquhart, Penny Tanase, Marie Mentor, and Tina Wilson at his 90th birthday celebration



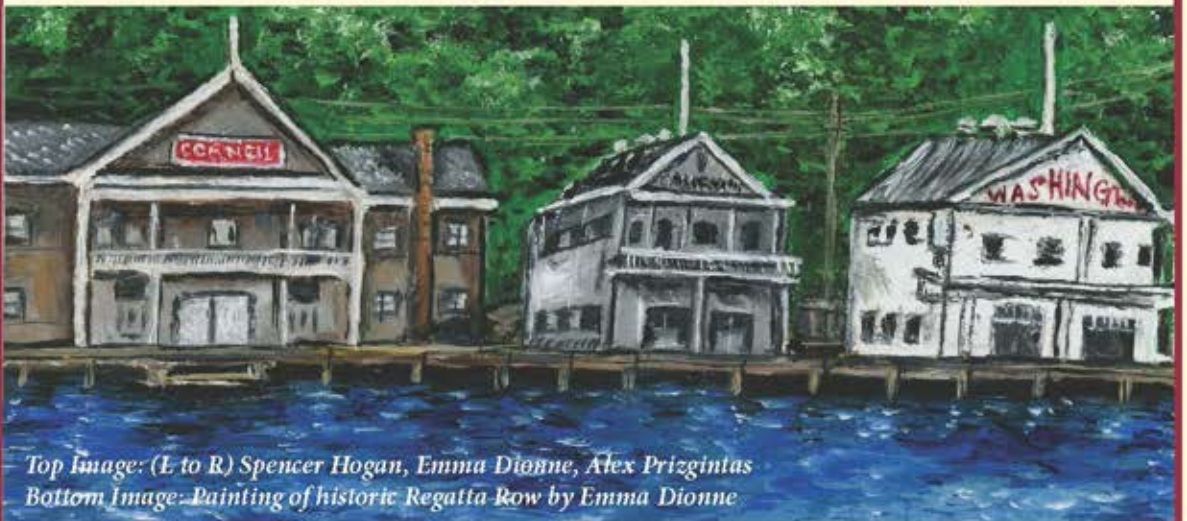
Regional History Writers on the Rise

HRVI's Virtual Program Series began on a high note in summer 2020 with three Marist students presenting highlights of their research experience and articles for *The Hudson River Valley Review*. "Regional History Writers on the Rise: Marist Student Authors and the Path to Publication" featured Spencer Hogan, Marist '20, Alex Prizgintas, Marist '22, and Emma Dionne, Marist '20, who discussed topics ranging from the invisible past of Hudson Highlands state park, to the history of the dairy industry in Orange County, to the legacy of the Poughkeepsie Regatta. Dionne's "Regional History Forum" on the Poughkeepsie Regatta, written to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the first regatta held in 1895, utilized a collection in the Marist Archives.

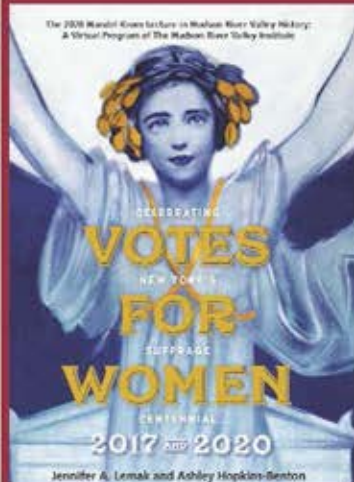
HRVI has a long history of providing publi-

cation opportunities to interns. This panel captured not only some of the best writers Marist has to offer but also some of our most distinguished students. Spencer Hogan, who served as Bienstock Family Intern for HRVI, also received Marist's Alumni Leadership Award for the class of 2020, and Emma Dionne received the 2020 Award for Excellence in History at Marist. Alex Prizgintas, currently serving as the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Intern at HRVI, continues to write, and his article, "The Ellenville Glass Works: A Forgotten Hudson Valley Industry," will appear in an upcoming issue of *The Hudson River Valley Review*.

Presented in conjunction with the Office of Marist Alumni Relations, this virtual program can now be viewed on-demand on YouTube at www.youtube.com/marist-alumni.



Top Image: (L to R) Spencer Hogan, Emma Dionne, Alex Prizgintas
Bottom Image: Painting of historic Regatta Row by Emma Dionne



Handel-Krom Lecture Celebrates Suffrage Centennial

The 2020 Handel-Krom Lecture in Hudson River Valley History commemorated the 100th anniversary of the nineteenth amendment being ratified with the virtual program, "Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial 2017 & 2020." The presenters, Dr. Jennifer Lemak and Ashley Hopkins-Benton from the New York State Museum, shared artifacts from the Museum's recent exhibition and companion catalog, portraying the lengthy struggle to achieve suffrage for women in New York in 1917 and nationwide three years later. Originally presented to an online audience of over 250 live viewers, this program has now been seen nearly 500 times throughout the Hudson River Valley and beyond thanks to Marist Alumni's YouTube page, www.youtube.com/marista-lumni. It will also be featured in the spring 2021 issue of *The Hudson River Valley Review*.

Established in 2012, the Handel-Krom Lecture is HRVI's premier annual program, made possible through the generous support of community leaders Shirley and Bernard Handel and the late Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert A. Krom, US Army, Retired. Covering a diverse array of themes in Hudson River Valley history, this program reaches a wide audience including students, educators, historians, and regional history enthusiasts nationwide.

HRVI Enhances Digital Presence

HRVI has implemented a number of improvements to its virtual programming and digital content. The newly updated Digital Library has a refreshed look, is mobile device friendly, and has improved searchability for visitors. In addition to the wide array of resources including lesson plans, guidebooks, and digital materials already available, the new version of www.hudsonrivervalley.org prominently features historic Hudson River Valley postcards from the collection of Vivian Yess Wadlin.

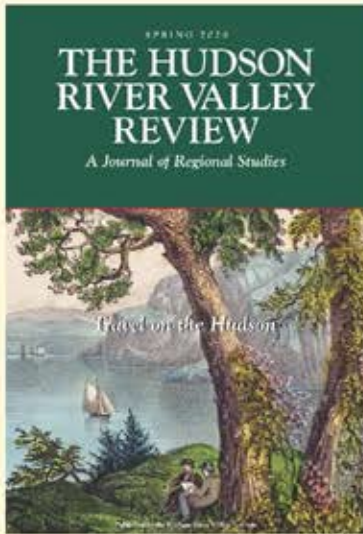
The Institute has expanded access to previous issues of *The Hudson River Valley Re-*

view by increasing the amount of published material online. Peer-reviewed content previously available only in hard copy can now be accessed for free at www.hudsonrivervalley.org/back-issues.

Through Facebook, HRVI has added a new platform to promote important people, places, and events that are prominent throughout the region. "This Day in Hudson River Valley History" is routinely reaching an audience in the thousands, and has created a forum for HRVI's staff and student interns to share historical profiles and upcoming events.

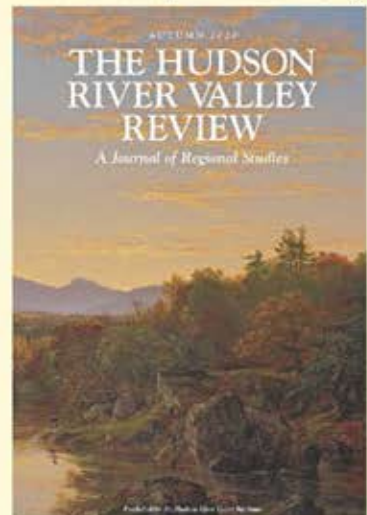


Publications Update



HRVI Executive Director Colonel (Ret.) James M. Johnson, has established the Dr. James M. Johnson Leadership & Military History Collection with his donation of over 700 books to the Marist College Library and the Raymond A. Rich Leadership Institute at the Payne Mansion. The collection covers military history, general history, biography, and leadership from ancient Greece and Rome through the twentieth century and will be available to Marist students, ROTC cadets, and researchers.

HRVI continues to publish *The Hudson River Valley Review* twice annually. Regular features include articles, research notes, pictorial essays, "Teaching the Hudson River Valley," "New and Noteworthy" book titles and full reviews, as well as "Regional History Forums." *The Review* publishes essays on all aspects of the region's intellectual, political, economic, social, and cultural history. All articles undergo peer review. *The Review* is also now available online to those libraries that have a subscription to the EBSCO Information Services America History & Life database.



Sadly, *The Hudson River Valley Review* lost a founding member of its Editorial Board in 2020. A native of Newburgh, Dr. David Schuyler was a renowned scholar and teacher and a lifelong champion of Hudson River Valley history. The autumn 2021 issue will include a section highlighting David's many contributions and his legacy.

Learn more and subscribe to *The Review* at:
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