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Suffrage Campaign Wagon on Display at Capitol

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



A horse-drawn suffrage campaign wagon used by suffragist Edna Buckman Kearns to organize for Votes for Women is on exhibit at the state capitol in Albany, through May 2012. The artifact of the suffrage movement is representative of the tens of thousands of women nationwide who

participated in the 72-year movement to win the right to vote for women.

The story of the Edna Kearns suffrage campaign wagon is detailed in a blog and web site called Suffrage Wagon News Channel (suffragewagon.org), which for the past two years has been publishing news and stories of the Votes for Women movement. Suffrage Wagon News Channel is published by Marguerite Kearns, the granddaughter of Edna Buckman Kearns, and it features the writings and organizing of Edna Kearns who worked on Long Island and New York City as an writer and editor of suffrage news as well as an on-the-ground organizer for the state and national campaigns.

“All types of people are amazed when they hear stories of the suffrage movement,” says Marguerite Kearns, who said she grew up listening to family stories about Grandmother Edna, but she didn’t learn about the suffrage movement in school.

“My grandmother died in 1934, so what I know is from the papers my grandmother saved. As I read my grandmother’s writings and news clippings, I am touched by the dedication and persistence of her generation. We stand on strong shoulders, and this type of strength is something we don’t have to reinvent. It’s part of a collective memory that comes alive when

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stories of the movement are shared.”

Suffrage centennials have been celebrated in the western states where women first won the right to vote. Oregon, for example, has numerous events scheduled for its centennial in 2012. And New York State is putting preliminary plans in place to celebrate its centennial in 2017. The national centennial for Votes for Women is set for 2020 in the United States.

The exhibit is sponsored by NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo at the state capitol to recognize women’s accomplishments and as a way to make history more real for his three daughters.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

Forum on Creative Tourism Development Slated

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



Karen Shekells, the Friends of Herkimer Home and Kyle Jenks welcomed 14 attendees an inaugural cultural tourism event on March 18, and had such a productive session, they have decided to call a

follow up meeting. Titled "Maximizing Tourism's Impact on Total Economic Development", the event will take place on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 5 - 6 pm at Herkimer Home, in Little Falls, NY. They welcome you all to join the growing list of motivated individuals dedicated to fostering, encouraging and facilitating efforts to increase public traffic to historic sites in New York State. Please RSVP to Karen Shekells at karen.shekells@parks.ny.gov.



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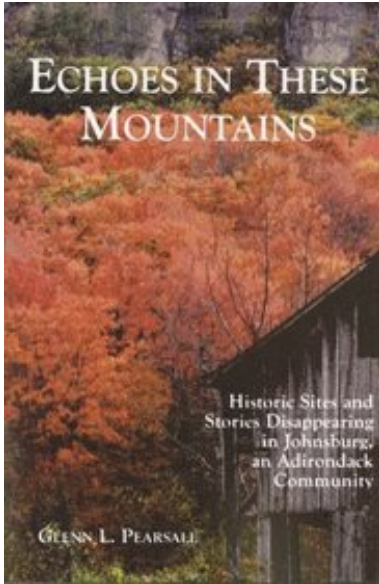
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Adirondack Local History: Echoes in these Mountains

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



Glenn L. Pearsall's *Echoes in these Mountains*, is subtitled "Historic Sites and Stories Disappearing in Johnsbury, an Adirondack Community," but thanks to Pearsall, a tireless advocate for local history, those historic sites and stories are being remembered.

The geography of Johnsbury, the largest township in New York State, is central to *Echoes in these Mountains*. The book is arranged in chapters highlighting various historic sites, all with handy maps to help locate them on the landscape. That approach - locating historical stories

around town on the landscape - is part of what drives Pearsall's personal exploration of his town's history, and what led to the answer to an interesting historical question.

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NPS Historian Talk on FDR, Hyde Park Memorial

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



National Park Service Historian, Dr. Dennis Montagna will present a talk entitled “A Designing President—FDR and his Enduring Memorial” this Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 PM. The talk will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center located at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, New York. It is free and open to the public.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt left detailed instructions regarding his

burial in the rose garden at his Hyde Park estate. He also designed the monument to mark the site. Dr. Montagna will share information about the reasons behind FDR’s burial decisions and how some of his last wishes were not instituted.

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NY Public Library's 1940 Census Tool Online

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



There is a **new online tool** developed by the New York Public Library to help people find their New York City relatives in the 1940 census, which was released April 2.

NARA released the census online for the first time, but **transcribing and indexing** the data is a slow

process, that could take as long as six to eight months.

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Saunderskill: One of the Oldest Farms in America

BY A.J. SCHENKMAN



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quickly that I have a special affinity for the Hasbrouck House in Newburgh more commonly known as Washington's Headquarters, State



Historic Site. Many of those visiting the site do not realize that a part of that site's history can be traced back to Western Ulster County, New York where Jonathan Hasbrouck's mother Elsie Schoonmaker was born and raised.

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Henry Knox Lecture at Fort Ticonderoga

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



Fort Ticonderoga's new "Fort Fever Series" concludes for the season on Sunday, April 22, at 2 pm., with "Henry Knox: Beyond the Noble Train of Artillery" presented by Director of Education Rich Strum. The cost is

\$10 per person and will be collected at the door; free for members of the Friends of Fort Ticonderoga.

Best known at Fort Ticonderoga for his Herculean feat in transporting 59 pieces of artillery from Ticonderoga to Cambridge during the winter of 1775-76, Knox went on to become one of George Washington's most trusted officers.

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Stella Bailey Honored with Woman of History Award

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



On Saturday, March 31st, Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site honored Stella Bailey, the 2012 Martha Washington Woman of History Award during their annual program "The General's Lady." Bailey was selected for her dedicated service in preserving Hudson Valley history over

fifty years. The ceremony was held in the Ritz Theatre lobby located on Broadway in Newburgh, NY.

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Woody Guthrie Centennial: Guthrie Archivist Interview

BY NICK PAVLIK



Music legend and songwriting luminary Woody Guthrie was born on July 14, 1912, and this year marks his centennial birthday. To celebrate, the [Grammy Museum](#),

the Guthrie family, [Woody Guthrie Publications](#) and the [Woody Guthrie Archives](#) have planned an international program of events, including tours, concerts, festivals, and conferences.

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Free Access to National Parks During Park Week

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, are inviting people everywhere to enjoy, explore, learn, share, and give back to America's nearly 400 national parks during National Park Week 2012.

Celebrating the theme, "Picture Yourself in a National Park," National Park Week will run from Saturday, April 21 through Sunday, April 29. Throughout the country, visitors

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TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

Great, Strange and Rarely Seen: Objects from the Vault

BY EDITORIAL STAFF



The Albany Institute of History & Art has unlocked its vault to present some of the little-known objects in the new exhibition Great, Strange and Rarely Seen: Objects from the Vault opening Saturday, April 14, 2012. A special exhibition opening reception will be hosted on April 12.

The exhibition reveals the cosmopolitan breadth of the Institute's holdings with stunning Chinese lacquer, intricately carved Japanese netsuke, and 18th-century English porcelain statuettes. Other collections, like patent models and human hair jewelry, demonstrate the ingenious and quirky sides

of human creativity. Also to be included are panoramic photographs, unusual clocks, a chronology of mirrors, women's bonnets and hats, British and American fortepianos, and riches from the Library.

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