

# Historic Hudson Valley

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No Reservations Necessary



*Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate*

**I**t's easier than ever to explore the fascinating historic landmarks and natural landscapes of the Hudson River Valley. At Kykuit, the Rockefeller estate, we've expanded the tour program to allow for same-day ticket purchases for walk-in visitors. Reservations are no longer necessary for individuals or for groups under 10 persons. Kykuit tours depart from Philipsburg Manor, in Sleepy Hollow, six days per week (closed Tuesdays) from April 29 through November 5, 2000. Learn more on page 2!

Enjoy discounted admission to four landmarks of Sleepy Hollow Country with the Sleepy Hollow Passport, **available on-line at:**

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# Kykuit

**New for 2000:  
An Expanded Program at Kykuit, The Rockefeller Estate**



Once home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, the estate known as Kykuit has become an internationally famous destination. Reservations for popular tours of this extraordinary site have sometimes been difficult to obtain. That's all changed for the year 2000 season—come see for yourself! Located in Pocantico Hills, New York, just 25 miles north of Manhattan, the estate features a six-story stone mansion surrounded by terraced gardens and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's collection of 20th century sculpture. The landscape offers stunning views of the Hudson River and cliffs of the Palisades.

New flexibility in tour times, routes, and the shuttle system from Philipsburg Manor means that reservations are no longer necessary for individuals. Simply walk in to the Philipsburg Manor/Kykuit Visitors Center on the day you wish to enjoy a Kykuit tour and purchase your tickets or present your pre-paid gift certificate. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. The visitors center is located on Route 9, in Sleepy Hollow, New York, just two miles north of the Tappan Zee Bridge.



Good news: There are now more tickets available, as well, for the Kykuit cruise package from Manhattan aboard NY Waterway's modern ferries. For cruise information, contact NY Waterway at (800) 53-FERRY or on-line at [www.nywaterway.com](http://www.nywaterway.com).

Kykuit gift certificates and open-ended Kykuit tickets, which can now be redeemed at any time without reservations, are available on-line at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org), or by phone at (914) 631-9491. Save 10% when you purchase gift certificates or open-ended Kykuit tickets on-line. For group reservations to Kykuit, or for general tour information, call Historic Hudson Valley at (914) 631-8200.



*Kykuit, a historic site of the National Trust, is maintained and operated by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund as a center for its philanthropic programs. Historic Hudson Valley administers the visitors program at Kykuit.*

# Family Fun

**April 8 - 9:  
Washington Irving's Birthday  
Celebration at Sunnyside**

Travel back to the year 1855 to help Washington Irving celebrate his birthday. Children enjoy a shadow puppet performance, join in period games, create birthday cards and listen to storytellers. Lemonade and birthday cake will be served to all. Picnic fare is available. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (914) 591-8763.

**April 29 - 30: Sheep to Shawl  
at Philipsburg Manor**

Scottish Border Collies display their amazing skill at rounding up sheep with demonstrations throughout the day. This popular annual event also includes demonstrations of each step in the process of turning wool into cloth using 18th-century techniques, from shearing sheep, to dyeing wool and weaving cloth. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (914) 631-3992.

**May 13 - 14: Artists on the  
Hudson at Sunnyside**

Best Bet for  
Mother's Day

A complete Mother's Day treat, with fine food and entertainment for children and adults. Artists dressed in 19th-century costume capture Washington Irving's Sunnyside. Reserve a "Victorian Picnic" for Mom in advance, complete with basket and blanket, and then enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the lawn overlooking the Hudson. Pick up a brush and help paint a giant landscape mural or become a character in a living painting. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For picnic reservations, call (914) 631-8200 Ext. 628.

**Admission Fees:**

Unless otherwise noted, admission fees for all special events are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for children (5-17) and free for children under five and for members of Historic Hudson Valley.

# Family Fun

## Special Events for Children & Adults

### May 20 - 21: Pinkster at Philipsburg Manor

The Pinkster Festival is an explosion of music, dance, and revelry. This historic cross-cultural carnival celebrates the region's early 18th-century African and Dutch heritage and traditions. Festivities include unique presentations of traditional African and Dutch dances, African storytelling, and demonstrations of traditional African instruments. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (914) 631-3992.

### May 27 - 29: Animals & Acrobats at Van Cortlandt Manor

This annual celebration of the early American circus brings an 18th-century traveling road show to life. Elephant and camel rides steal the show, but don't miss old-fashioned magic shows, tight-rope walkers, and other surprises. Picnic food is available. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Monday. Call (914) 271-8981 for information.



Artists on the Hudson at Sunnyside

### May 28: Community Day at Montgomery Place

A free grounds pass is offered today as the staff at Montgomery Place says "thank you" to the community with special nature walks, garden tours, music and much more. For information, call (914) 758-5461.

### July 4: Independence Day festivities at Sunnyside

Celebrate July 4, 1855 in true 19th-century style. Returning favorites include the annual pie judging contest, the town-hall game, and performances by a juggler. Visitors will join in traditional country dancing with live music. Bring a picnic or buy food on the property. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (914) 591-8763.

### July 4: Independence Day celebration at Van Cortlandt Manor

Visitors can join in the fun of the Fourth of July, 1800! Cannon-fire launches the festivities, and everyone is invited to parade through the manor along with its costumed residents. Stirring patriotic speeches and songs will follow the Independence Day Parade, and military re-enactors will invite one and all to join in drills and musters. Picnic food is available. Noon to 5 p.m. Call (914) 271-8981.

### July 9: Antique Car Show at Montgomery Place

Vintage automobiles grace the lawns of this spectacular riverfront estate. Enjoy a close-up look at ten classes of antique and classic cars, ranging from a Model-T to a Mustang convertible. Food is available throughout the day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (914) 758-5461, ext. 16. Admission is \$5 per person, or free for children under 6 and Members. Mansion tours are offered for an additional \$2.

### July 22 (Rain Date July 29) Camp-Out at Sunnyside

Pitch your tent by the banks of the Hudson, and sleep under the stars. Bring your picnic dinner and then join us for watermelon and period games on the lawn. At dusk, campers are led on a spooky flashlight walk to Irving's favorite haunts. Later, everyone gathers around the bonfire for magical folk tales of a summer evening with Jonathan Kruk. Campers must provide all their own gear. Admission fees are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children (3-17). Pre-registration is required. Call: (914) 631-8200, ext. 628.

### July 29: Antique Show and Sale at Montgomery Place

Dealers will offer an enticing array of fine antiques and collectibles. Booths are set on the broad shady lawns of this historic estate overlooking the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. Delicious food will be for sale throughout the day. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (914) 758-5461. Admission is \$6 per person, or free for children under 12 and Members.



Antique show and sale at Montgomery Place

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# In The Garden

*Nature Walks, Garden Workshops & More*

Best Bet for  
Mother's Day

**May 14 (Mother's Day):**

## The Garden Festival at Montgomery Place

**T**he Annual Garden Festival features garden vendors, horticultural workshops, lectures and more. Visitors will be delighted by the many unusual and hard to find plants available for purchase. Special landscape tours will also be offered. Treat Mom to a picnic overlooking the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person and free for children under 5 or for Members. Call (914) 758-5461.

**April 29: "Sweet Scents, Bitter Pills: 18th Century Herbal Medicine Workshop at Van Cortlandt Manor**

Van Cortlandt Manor presents a workshop that focuses on 18th-century herbal remedies, sweet scents, and the treatment of disease. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will make use of the manor's extensive herb garden. Advance reservations are required and may be obtained by calling (914) 631-8200 ext. 618. Admission is \$40, or \$35 for Members. Also offered on June 25th.

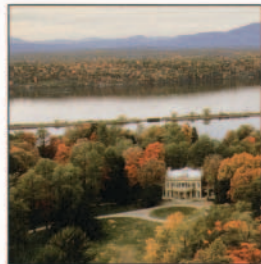
**May 6:  
Birding and Breakfast at Van Cortlandt Manor**

Experts from the National Audubon Society lead an early morning bird walk through the beautiful orchard and gardens of Van Cortlandt Manor, followed by a hearty 18th-century style breakfast and tour of the manor. The bird walk begins at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the 18th-century style breakfast, bird walk and tour is \$15 or \$13 for Members. Admission to the bird walk alone is \$4, or free for Members. For reservations, call (914) 631-8200 Ext. 618. *(Also offered in September).*



**May 18: Twilight Garden Walk at Montgomery Place**

Visitors can enjoy a twilight walk on the historic estate guided by a member of the horticultural staff. The tour comes to a close with a light dessert and sunset views on the west terrace. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, or \$8 for Members. **Twilight Walks are also offered on June 16, July 16 and August 15.** Pre-registration is required. Call (914) 758-5461, ext. 16.



**May 21 and June 3:  
Garden Workshops at Montgomery Place**

The May 21 workshop is titled "Container Gardening," and offers a fresh look at pots and containers that present interesting opportunities. The June 3rd workshop is titled "Window Boxes," and will examine creative ideas for planting rustic or urban boxes with annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, vines, or shrubs. Both workshops are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. Call (914) 758-5461, ext. 16 for advance registration (required). Admission is \$20 per person, or \$18 for Members.

# Performances & Readings

Concerts, lectures and more

August 26-27:

## Annual Sunnyside Jazz Festival

**S**pread out a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy continuous open-air jazz performances beside the Hudson River from noon to 7 P.M. World-class performers include Hugh Masekela on Sunday, and groups offering a taste of everything from Dixieland and Swing to Brazilian and modern jazz. Refreshments are available. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (5-17). A two-day pass is available. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Festival co-sponsors Jazz Forum Arts at (914) 631-1000 or **on-line at [www.jazzforumarts.org](http://www.jazzforumarts.org)**

The Hudson Valley's  
Biggest Jazz Event



Hugh Masekela

## April 2, 9, May 20 Concerts at the Union Church

Enjoy three great spring concerts. On April 2, the renowned chamber music group Poetica Musica performs. On April 9, it's the Hudson Harp Consort in concert. On May 20, Judith Hancock presents an organ recital. Call (914) 631-2069 for reservations and complete details.

## May 6: Theatrical Presentation:

*"The Fire This Time"*  
at St. Paul's Church  
National Historic Site

Be a part of the trial of the century: the 18th-century Cuffe, an enslaved man owned by Adolph Philipse, is tried in New York's Supreme Court on charges of arson and conspiracy "to kill and murder the inhabitants of this city." This

thought-provoking dramatic re-enactment is based on an actual event. For more information, call (914) 631-8200. St. Paul's Church is located in Mount Vernon, New York. Also offered *May 20 and June 10 at The Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow.*

## May 20: Literary Reading at Sunnyside — Rick Moody

The Hudson Valley Writers' Center Inc. and Historic Hudson Valley are co-sponsors of a reading by author Rick Moody at Sunnyside. His novels, including *Garden State*, *The Ice Storm* and most recently, *Purple America*, have earned the author critical praise and major awards. *The Ice Storm* became

an award-winning feature film in 1997. Prior to the reading, guests are invited to picnic on the grounds overlooking the Hudson River and tour the cottage. The reading is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is followed by a reception and book signing. Reservations are suggested. Tickets are \$12 per person or \$10 for members of the HVWC or HHV. Call (914) 631-8200, ext 628.



Rick Moody

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# Hudson Valley Harvest

*Dinners, Cooking Workshops & More*

June 17 - 18:

## Annual Hudson Valley Wine & Food Festival at Montgomery Place

**E**njoy an unforgettable weekend of fine food and wine tasting. Sample the best of the Hudson River Valley including gourmet delicacies from prepared foods to fine herbs and spices, a farmer's market with fresh produce, cooking demonstrations and workshops, and more. Wine exhibitors on the grounds of the 434-acre Hudson River estate will include Cascade Mountain Winery, the Clinton Vineyards and the Millbrook Winery. Live musical performances add to the festive atmosphere. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (914) 758-5461. Admission to the festival is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12). Members are free.

April 8 & 22:  
**Cooking Workshops at Philipsburg Manor:**

### *Ethnic Cooking in the Colonial Era*

This workshop series allows hands-on learning. The workshop on April 8th features the Native-American cooking tradition while the workshop on the 22nd features recipes from the West African tradition. Workshops are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required and may be obtained by calling (914) 631-8200 Ext. 618. The cost of each workshop is \$40, or \$35 for Members.

Thursdays in May:  
**Country Teas at Sunnyside**

Sunnyside is the setting for a series of afternoon teas every Thursday in May. Visitors are taken on a garden tour of the romantic landscape and then visit the public rooms of Irving's home. A country tea is presented in the sunny tearoom near the visitors center. A costumed guide will read aloud from Irving's personal correspondence, completing the mood. Reservations are required: call (914) 631-8200, ext. 618. Tickets, are \$18 per person or \$16 for Members.

June 11: **Garden Tea at Montgomery Place**

After touring the romantic landscape, visitors will be treated to light refreshments while they listen to poetry and music in the Elliptic Garden. 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required: call 758-5461, ext. 16. Tickets, are \$10.00, or \$8 for members.

June 24:

## "Summer Savories." Open Hearth Cooking Workshop at Van Cortlandt Manor

The Open Hearth Cooking workshop introduces students to the basic tools and techniques of fireplace cooking. Authentic recipes of the 18th-century will be prepared. Offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the admission fee is \$40, or \$35 for Members and includes workshop, refreshments and a tour. Advance registration is required; call (914) 631-8200.

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 23 & 29:  
**18th-century Dinners at Van Cortlandt Manor**

Travel back in time and dine on foods selected from original Van Cortlandt family recipes, freshly cooked and served by waiters in period costume under a tent overlooking the Croton River. Period music completes the festive mood. Appropriate wines, ales and cider are offered with dinner. Reservations are required. The cost of the dinners is \$50 per person, or \$45 for Members. Call: (914) 631-8200, ext. 618. (Also offered August 5, 12 & 19)





# On-Going Exhibitions

Special Programs

## Special Programs for Children

Every Thursday in August:

### "From a Child's Perspective" at Sunnyside

Visitors are given a child's eye view of the 19th century with this highly engaging, educational tour. Highlights include tales of Sunnyside's child residents, an interactive scavenger hunt, hands-on activities, and displays of period toys. For information, call (914) 591-8763.

Summerweek

July 10 — August 11:

### History Day Camp Program at Sunnyside, Philipsburg Manor and Van Cortlandt Manor

Summerweek, for children ages 9-12, is an educational and entertaining week-long day camp filled with hands-on activities and learning. Children may enroll in one or more of the sessions, offered at three historic sites in Westchester County. Call (914) 631-8200, ext. 628 for information and reservations.

July 10 — July 21:

### History Day Camp Program at Montgomery Place

Montgomery Place offers an educational and entertaining day camp for children ages 6-8, from July 10-14. The following week, July 17-21, the Summerweek day camp program is offered for children ages 9-12. Call (914) 758-5461.

## Site Hours

### April through October

Sunnyside is located in Tarrytown, NY. Philipsburg Manor is located in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Van Cortlandt Manor is located in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and Montgomery Place is located in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

These sites are open six days per week (closed Tuesdays) from 10am to 5pm with the last tour starting at 4pm. Call (914) 631-8200 for directions.

The Union Church of Pocantico Hills: Tours are available weekdays (except Tuesdays) from 11am-5pm, Saturdays from 10am-5pm and Sundays from 2pm-5pm, unless church activities are being held. Call: (914) 332-6659.

**Kykuit:** Tours are available six days per week (closed Tuesdays) from April 29th to November 5th, 2000. Tours depart from the Philipsburg Manor visitors center where same-day walk-in tickets are available. No reservations are necessary for individuals. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Call (914) 631-8200 for details.

Seasonal café service is available at Sunnyside and Philipsburg Manor.

## Weddings, Commercial Shoots, Corporate Events

Several of our historic properties are available for weddings, commercial photo shoots, corporate events, and other functions. For commercial shoots, call (914) 631-8200, ext. 637. For wedding information call (914) 631-8200, ext. 619.



April 1 - August 15:

### Cross Roads and Cross Rivers - Gallery Exhibition at Philipsburg Manor

This exhibition outlines the nature of cultural pluralism in early New York. The gallery exhibition and accompanying catalog reflect the wealth of recent research conducted in the area of early New York history and draw on the collections of Historic Hudson Valley as well as other institutions and individuals. The exhibition and related publications were made possible by a generous grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The exhibition was curated by Kathleen Eagen Johnson. Admission is free. For information, call (914) 631-3992. Purchase the catalogue or explore the exhibition on-line at: [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org)

## Thanks

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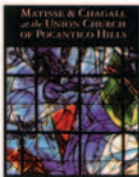


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### Membership Benefits

#### Individual (\$50)

- Unlimited free admission for one adult to HHV's five historic sites: Sunnyside, Philipsburg Manor, Van Cortlandt Manor, Union Church of Pocantico Hills and Montgomery Place
- One discounted ticket to Kykuit each time you order
- Free or reduced admission to special events
- Three passes for free admission to sites
- 10% discount at HHV Gift Shops
- 10% discount to Summerweek, our living history day camp
- Friends of Historic Hudson Valley decal
- Biannual Calendar of Events
- Members Candlelight Tour and Reception
- Exhibition opening receptions for members

#### Associate\* (\$35)

- All the benefits of Individual Membership for seniors age 60+ and full-time students (ID required)\*

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- Unlimited free admission for two adults to HHV's five historic sites
- Two discounted tickets to Kykuit each time you order
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- Three passes for free admission to sites
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#### Family (\$100)

- Unlimited free admission for two adults & children under 18
- Four discounted tickets to Kykuit each time you order
- Free or reduced admission to special events
- Six passes for free admission to sites
- 10% discount at HHV Gift Shops
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