

Fo'c'sle News

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The Hudson River Maritime Museum is celebrating the art of craft this summer with Brightwork: A Makers' Festival featuring the National Boat Building Challenge! Builders and woodworkers are front and center on Saturday as teams of two compete in the National Boat Building Challenge. The museum courtyard will feature Hudson Valley makers with live demonstrations and shopping opportunities and the day will include FREE children's activities.

The National Boat Building Challenge debuted at HRMM last year with teams from all over the county participating. Teams compete to build a 12-Foot Carolina Bateau in four hours which will be raced along a course on the Rondout Creek. Boatbuilding speed, accuracy, and seaworthiness are requirements for winning and competitors will be judged on these categories.

Last year Team Caduceus took third place! Dr. Jeff Arliss and Dr. Jack Weeks, who also serves on the museum's Board of Trustees, are up against some tough competition this year The National Boat Building Challenge World



Champions, coming off a record-fast build, will be joining competitors from as far north as Maine and far south as North Carolina. Both members of Team Caduceus are sailing enthusiasts and part time builders. Dr. Weeks also owns and operates his own sawmill. If anyone has a chance at toppling the champs, its's Team Caduceus! For more info, please visit WWW.HRMM.ORG/BRIGHTWORK.

Museum Hours

Open 7 days a week, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come explore our new exhibit "The Hudson River and Its Canals: Building the Empire State."

Please check www.hrmm.org

before planning your visit.

WHY WE GIVE

STAFF

After our retirement as high school teachers, we were immediately involved with new grandchildren and lots of projects. We rediscovered the Hudson River Maritime Museum as Joan began a family genealogy book about her paternal ancestors who settled in the Rondout in 1834. The more research we did, the clearer it became that the HRMM was the perfect match for our interests and need to give-back to our community. Of four ancestor



Carl & Joan Mayer, HRMM supporters

brothers, two worked on the early D&H Canal and two provided the canal workers and their animals with supplies. Their sister's family began the Kline Brick Manufacturing Plant in Port Ewen.

As Steven Spielberg said in his 2016 Commencement Speech at Harvard University: "Social media that we're inundated and swarmed with is about the here and now. But I've been fighting and fighting inside my own family to get all my kids to look behind them, to look at what already has happened. Because to understand who they are, is to understand who they were, and who their grandparents were, and then, what this country was like when they emigrated here."

We were greeted warmly by Museum staff members who found opportunities for us that matched our skills and personalities. Carl began transcribing sloop articles in vintage newspapers, work he is able to do at home at his own pace. Joan is currently assisting the curator in digitizing some of the vast records in the museum archives. Volunteering at HRMM means being treated royally by the staff. They are incredibly motivated, busy and smart, always collaborating with one another on new projects and ways to attract more volunteers and funding for the museum's educational goals. New heating and AC have allowed the Museum to be open year-round, and the new Boat School has a variety of classes and lectures. We were attracted to help fund the Youth Boat classes, which give lifelong carpentry skills to a group of youth who are mentored in all aspects of building a rowboat and oars to use with it when they launch at the end of their $3\frac{1}{2}$ months of classes. There are innumerable ways to support the HRMM, now a vital part of the rebirth of this small community on the historic Rondout Creek. We, our grandchildren, and other visitors always enjoy finding something new to learn there.

Welcome New Staff



We would like to introduce you to two new staff-members! Korina Brewer has joined the staff as our new Dockmaster. Paul Daley will be joining the museum staff the week of Brightwork as our new Education Coordinator. He will train with current Education Coordinator Tashae Smith until she departs for the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Studies in the fall.

COMING SOON

Voyage of the Southern Cross



Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum in welcoming the 12-foot *Southern Cross* and her captain Howard Rice this July! Howard built the small ship that has sailed around the world. Before and during his voyage he shared his experiences with elementary school classrooms through web based interactive voyage updates, satellite phone classroom broadcasts and live course tracking. Captain Howard is currently on the second leg of his journey and will be docking at HRMM in late July. Stay tuned for more information on how to visit this unique ship and for info on educational opportunities and lectures.

For more information on the *Southern Cross* and her voyages, visit www.voysc.com.

Secret History of American River People: Shanty Boat

A Secret History of American River People is a dialogic and participatory project that gathers and presents the oral histories of people who live and work on major American river from the deck of a recreated 1940s-era shantyboat over a series of epic river voyages. The project explores the issues facing current river communities, the long history of people who have lived on and adjacent to the river, and basic river ecology.

Now entering its fifth year of voyages around the country, the *Shanty Boat* will be coming to the Hudson River Maritime Museum July 13-16, 2018. Founder Wes Modes will be giving a special lecture, "The Secret History of American River People" on Sunday, July 15th at 2:00 PM, \$10 for HRMM members, \$15 non-members. To register, visit www.hrmm.org/lecture-series.



Kalmar Nyckel



The tall-ship *Kalmar Nyckel* will be visiting Kingston, New York at our docks August 3–7, 2018! Stay tuned for more information on how to book deck tours, tickets for public sails, or a special lecture on the history and travels of the ship! Kalmar Nyckel is a full-scale replica of the merchant ship that brought Swedish settlers to North America in 1638 to begin establishing the colony of New Sweden, which became Delaware under British rule. The young at heart are welcome to join a special Pirate Sale on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Dan Proctor Awarded President's Cup



Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Dan Proctor, was awarded the President's Cup at the Hudson River Maritime Museum's Opening Reception on Friday, April 20, 2018. Board President Robert Burhans thanked Dan for all his hard work during his tenure on the Board of Trustees and for helping to organize the first annual Nation Boat Building Challenge at the museum last summer. Dan Proctor is the Principal of ProctorRobbins, LLC, a management consulting company with clients in the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is a Commander, United States Navy retired and involved with the Sea Scouts.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum opened its new 2018 exhibit "The Hudson and Its Canals: Building the Empire State" to rave reviews! We would like to thank the following sponsors: Humanities, NY, Arts Mid-Hudson, Production Resources Group, SUNY New Paltz Science & Engineering Department, Russell & Allynne Lange, Ronald Searl and Mark Peckham. Special thanks goes to George Thompson, Francesca Szabadi, D&H Canal Museum, Craig Williams, and Duncan Hay.



Sponsor Spotlight

Each and every sponsor and donor helps to support the Hudson River Maritime Museum's educational mission. Many of our sponsors underwrite the publication of our *Pilot Log*, our lectures and local history tours, or one of our festivals. Rondout Savings Bank, now celebrating its 150th anniversary, sponsored both our Follow the River Lecture Series as well as Brightwork: A Makers' Festival in 2018. They have sponsored countless exhibits as well as the *Pilot Log* in years past. Rondout Savings Bank was the first financial institution along the Kingston Waterfront when it was opened by Thomas Cornell in 1868 for veterans of the Civil War. The success of the bank was ensured by the success of Rondout industries in moving coal, bluestone and Rosendale cement.



WHY WE GIVE

From the Executive Director



Dear Friends – This quarter we are focusing on the amazing support from our community. That's why we highlighted Carl & Joan Mayer on our first page. All our volunteers, members, corporate sponsors and contributors are the lifeblood of this organization. Everything we do—our acclaimed educational programs for kids and teens, to our festivals, lectures and family-friendly events—is because of your support. We could not do this without you. From myself, the Board of Trustees, and the staff — thank you!

I hope that in the coming season you have a chance to visit the museum or one of our great events. See you on the Rondout. - Lisa Cline

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Become a Summer Sailing Intern

The Hudson River Maritime Museum offers three unpaid teen internships for all four weeks of our youth sailing program for the 2018 Summer Season. Interns will assist the professional instructors in various duties. During land-based activities, they might lead a small group in practicing a skill taught by the instructor. On the water, under the watchful eye of instructors on safety boats, teens will sail Optis or Lightnings with newer sailors on board and will help those students practice their basic sailing skills. Interns will not be paid, but will receive free tuition and will participate in all the activities of the sailing program and grow as sailors.

To qualify, teens must be sixteen to eighteen years old, have reliable transportation, demonstrate a good work ethic, and have solid understanding of basic sailing skills. Interested teens must complete an online application available at www.hrmm.org/sailing--

rowing-school.

If there are any questions regarding the 2018 Summer Sailing Internship, please email Carter Blease at <u>cblease@hrmm.org</u>.



GlassBarge & Lois McClure Visit Kingston

The Corning Museum of Glass's *GlassBarge* will visit The Hudson River Maritime on June 15–17, accompanied by the replica Champlain canal schooner *Lois McClure*. As the 2018 signature event for the statewide celebration of the Erie Canal Bicentennial, *GlassBarge* will offer free public glassmaking demonstrations to commemorate the 150 anniversary of the Brooklyn Flint Glass Company—now known as Corning Incorporated—relocating to Corning, NY via the New York Waterways by canal barge.

To celebrate this journey, the CMoG is recreating the trip with its 30' x 88' canal barge equipped with patented all-electric glassmaking equipment. Join us and the CMoG in celebrating the continued role of New York's waterways in shaping the state's industry, culture and community.

GlassBarge will provide daily demos every 45 minutes from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Reservations are strongly encouraged and are free at www.cmog.org/GlassBarge.



HRMM is offering educational field trips in partner with the CMoG *GlassBarge* and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's *Lois McClure*. Participants will enjoy a 30 minute canal activity in the museum, a 60 minute demo on *GlassBarge*, and 30 minute tour of the *Lois McClure*. For more info, please visit www.hrmm.org/education or call Tashae Smith at 845-338-0071 ext. 11.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Give the Gift of Time and Talent

Looking to give back to the community? Give the gift of your time.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the Hudson River Maritime Museum. Our team of dedicated volunteers give tours, lead school groups, staff our Museum Store, assist with festivals and events, build things, assist with boat restoration, assist in youth boat building projects, and make the Hudson River Maritime Museum a wonderful place to visit..

We are looking for volunteers to help out with:

- Public Events & Festivals
- Museum Tours, Field Trips, & Walking Tours
- Lighthouse Tours
- Boatbuilding Programs
- Digitization & Conservation
- Museum Store (see below)



Are you interested in local history? Visitor Services? A woodworker? Or interested in learning curatorial and digitization skills? If you answered yes to any of these questions, volunteering at the Hudson River Maritime Museum may be right for you. Find out more by visiting us on the web at www.hrmm.org/volunteer or stop in to fill out a volunteer application.

Volunteer at the Museum Store!

One of HRMM's most popular attractions is our Museum Store, where visitors can purchase a variety of regional and maritime-related clothing, jewelry, accessories and books, as well as general admission to the museum. But the Museum Store's success depends on our amazing group of volunteers. Their knowledge, professionalism and friendly demeanor make visitors feel welcome and inspired. We are looking specifically for weekday shifts. If you would like to join our Museum Store team, please email volunteer@hrmm.org. It is a great way to meet people and help HRMM. All volunteers receive a complimentary membership to the museum as well as invitations to special, volunteer-only events and an end of year Holiday Party!

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

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CURATORIAL CORNER



First Saturday Opening Reception

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is participating in the City of Kingston's First Saturday Opening Receptions in partnership with the Arts Society of Kingston. Join us Saturday, June 2 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a special preview of "Michael Mendel: Harbor Views of the Hudson and Rondout". This special collection of watercolor paintings depict iconic scenes of the New York Harbor and serenity on the Rondout Creek. The exhibit will run from June 2, 2018 to August 31, 2018. Painting under the pseudonym of ZEPEL, Mendel winters in Riverdale, New York and summers at his 100 year-old farmhouse in the Delaware County village of Fleischmanns. His paintings focus on everyday objects and activities. We hope that you can stop by and enjoy these iconic images of familiar river sights.

New Online Exhibit

A new online exhibit about the Hudson River Day Line is live at www.hrvh.org. The exhibit, curated by HRMM Curator Emerita Allynne Lange, features images from the Hudson River Maritime Museum's extensive archive of photographs, objects, ephemera, and printed materials from the 1860s through 1971. The Hudson River Day Line was the most famous of the Hudson River steamboat lines carrying millions of passengers from 1863-1971 on excursion trips from New York to Albany and points in between on fast, beautifully appointed steamers. Much of the information is drawn from the extensive Donald Ringwald Collection at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. Ringwald was a leading expert on the Hudson River Day Line and the author of the book Hudson River Day Line, The Mary Powell, and Steamboats for Rondout. Our Museum Store has these books available for sale. Funding for the exhibit is provided by the New York State Council on the Arts, Arts Mid-Hudson and the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. Many thanks go to the museum's team of digitization volunteers who dutifully assist the Curatorial Team in scanning these wonderful images and objects.

To view the online exhibit, visit www.hrvh.org and click on "exhibits."



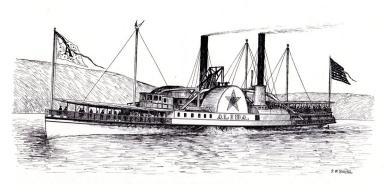
LOCAL HISTORY

New Feature on Our History Blog

Steamboat biographies are now a new regular feature on our History Blog! Originally written in the 1930's by veteran marine engineer George W. Murdock as a regular column in Kingston's *Daily Freeman*, these blog posts combine historic images of the vessels with a verbatim transcription of the articles written by Murdock. HRMM volunteers dutifully provide transcription under the guidance of our Curatorial Team.

George W. Murdock (1583-1940) was a veteran marine engineer who served on the steamboats *Utica, Sunnyside, City of Troy,* and *Mary Powell*. He also helped dismantle engines in scrapped steamboats in the winter months and later in his career worked as an engineer at the brickyards in Port Ewen. His mother Catherine

Murdock was keeper of the Rondout Lighthouse for 5 years. Check back often for new biographies at www.hrmm.org/history-blog.



"Alida" 1847. Drawing by Samuel Ward Stanton, 1870-1912. From "Drawings by Samuel Ward Stanton, The Flyers of the Hudson, Hudson River Steamboats.

2019 Exhibit



We are pleased to announce that the topic of our 2019 temporary exhibit will be the history of environmental activism in the Hudson Valley with special emphasis on the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* in celebration of its 60th anniversary in 2019!

We are looking for objects, photographs, documents, and personal stories related to the founding of *Clearwater*, Riverkeeper (Hudson River Fisherman's Association), and Scenic Hudson.

If you have items you would like to donate or loan for the duration of the exhibit, please contact Carla Lesh at clesh@hrmm.org.

Lighthouse Book

HRMM has been approached by Arcadia Publishing to produce a book on Hudson River Lighthouses for their "Images of America" series. HRMM is working with the newly revived Hudson River Lighthouse Coalition, which includes the Hudson-Athens, Saugerties, Rondout, Esopus Meadows, Stony Point, Sleepy Hollow, and Jeffrey's Hook lighthouses.

Although we have many lighthouse images in our collection, our information on the "lost" lighthouses north of Hudson-Athens to Albany is a bit scarce. If you have images of these lost lighthouses you would like to share with us or would like to volunteer to help with research, please let us know! Contact Sarah Wassberg Johnson at swassberg@hrmm.org to volunteer. Contact Carla Lesh at clesh@hrmm.org if you have images you would like to share.

Thank you!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meet the Museums Helps Locals Plan Staycations

On April 28 and April 29, the Hudson River Maritime Museum welcomed a great crowd to meet a variety of museums and cultural institutions from around Ulster County. Participants in the second annual Meet the Museums included: Delaware & Hudson Canal Historical Society & Museum, Friends of Historic Kingston, Forsyth Nature Center, Hurley Heritage Society & Museum, Locust Lawn, Senate House State Historic Site, Trolley Museum of New York, Ulster County Archives, Ulster County Historian, and the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture & History. Museum admission was free and visitors enjoyed trolley rides out to Kingston Point Park.



2018 Local History Tours

Sleightsburgh Spit Walking Tours

Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum for a guided walking tour of Sleightsburgh Spit in Port Ewen, NY, which been built up over the years on the remains of a 19th century barge graveyard. The tour begins with a walk along Rondout Creek so participants can see the barge graveyard at its best at low tide and learn how the "graveyard" came to be. Then, walk down to the edge of the spit and learn about the installation of three separate lighthouses starting in the 1830s, and the construction of breakwaters in the late 19th century. \$10 for HRMM members, \$15 for non-members. Friday, May 11 or Thursday, September 6, 2018. Tours meet at 5:30 PM

Rondout Waterfront Walking Tours

Join us for a walk along Rondout Creek as we discuss the industrial and maritime heritage of the Rondout, including the Thomas Cornell Steamboat Company and tugboats, ferries, passenger steamboats, Delaware & Hudson Canal, and more. \$10 for HRMM members, \$15 for non-members. Saturdays, May 12, June 16, July 21, August 11, September 22, 2018. Tours meet at 11:00 AM.

D&H Canal Car Tours

Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum and the D&H Canal Museum for a joint tour of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, from High Falls to Kingston. The tour begins at 10 am in High Falls at the D&H Canal Museum with a guided tour of the museum and the Five Lock Walk, then drive along Creek Locks Road with a guide to the locks that can be seen from the road and end at Lock #1 in Eddyville (right next to the Anchorage restaurant), then hop back in the car and head down Route 213 to the Rondout for a walking tour of the Rondout Waterfront, including a discussion of Island Dock and Company Hill Path. \$40 for HRMM and/or D&H Canal Museum members, \$50 for non-members. Lunch and museum admissions are included in the ticket price. Saturdays, June 2 or September 15, 2018. Tours meet at 10:00 AM.

For more tours and to register, visit www.hrmm.org/local-history-programs

RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

YouthBoat Students Launch Their Boats

Students from BOCES's Transitional Occupational Program, Kingston High School and the Children's Home of Kingston have completed building a fleet of six wooden Optimist Prams to be used for the Riverport Sailing and Rowing School in 2018 and beyond. Both the morning and afterschool classes meet with master shipwright Wayne Ford and a crew of about 30 dedicated volunteers to work together to build these boats.

The 8-foot long wooden skiffs called Optimist Prams, (or Opti's for short) are popular models for youth boatbuilding classes. Students at the Hudson River Maritime Museum join hundreds of other students nation wide in learning to build these one-person boats used for rowing or sailing. They are fitted out with oars and spars that the students made. Having successfully met their goal, the after school program students launched their boat on May 13 and BOCES students launched on May 22. These Opti's will serve as the classroom for students learning to sail on the Hudson River.

"We are very thankful for all the Boat School has done for our boys and welcoming them with understanding. This program increases their self confidence and provides a normative experience that is helping them tremendously," says Jay Moore of the Children Home.

Both classes will have graduation ceremonies to celebrate with family and friends this impressive achievement. This transformative program is free to all students; no one is turned away for inability to pay enrollment. If you would like to help ensure that HRMM can continue to offer YouthBoat, please send a "graduation gift" to the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

Our 2018 YouthBoat students were sponsored by generous contributions from local businesses as well as individual donors. The Stewart's Holiday Match sponsored one student in the program with a donation of \$2,500. The Ulster Savings Bank foundation also sponsored a student through a grant award of \$2,500. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a student in 2019, please contact Ellie Burhans at eburhans@hrmm.org







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Hudson River Maritime Museum Wish List

We are looking for slightly-used or new equipment to help us better serve the Hudson River Community. Please consider donating the following:

- Small truck with tow-hitch
- Vacuum cleaner
- 10'x10' blue pop-up tents
- Wheelbarrow
- Life vests
- Life rings
- Bullhorn