



HURLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

# Prologue

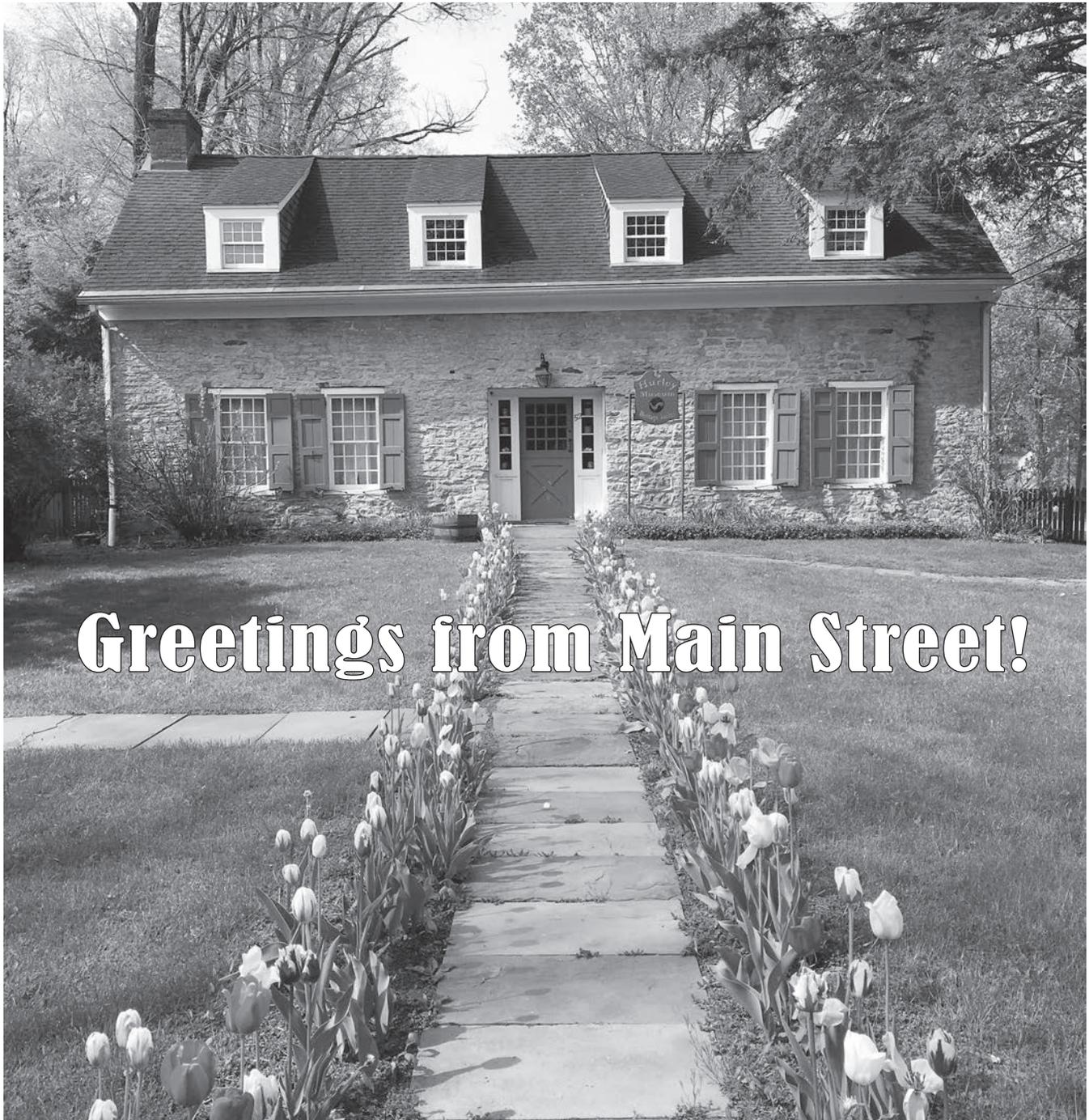
"The past is prologue"

April 2021

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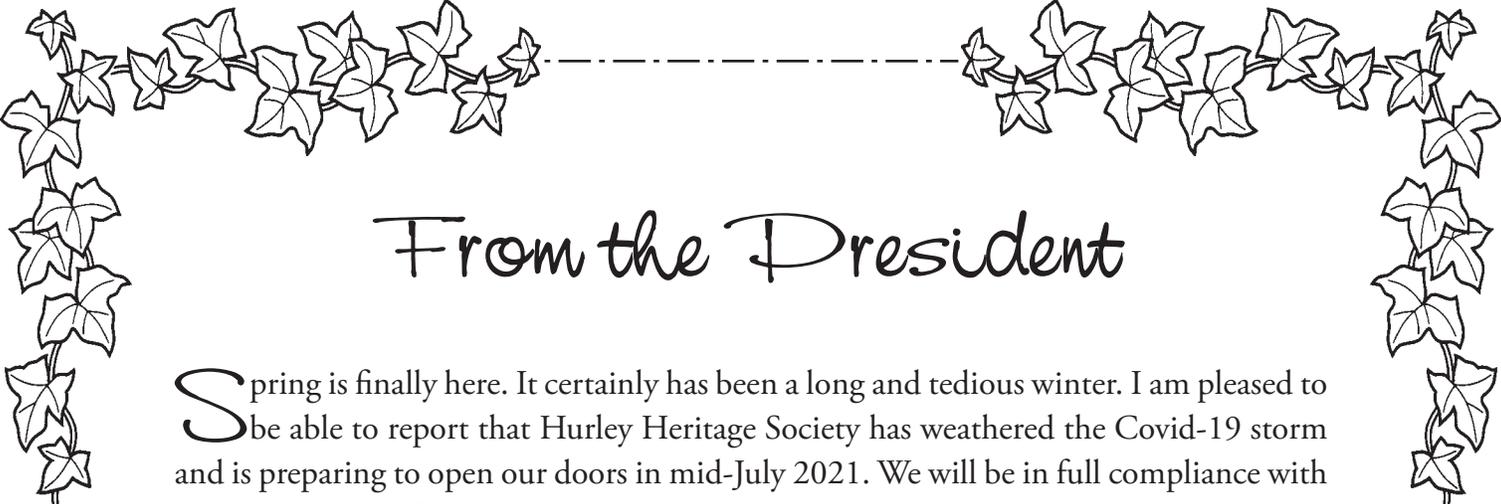
Old Hurley Founded 1662

West Hurley



**Greetings from Main Street!**

Photo by Judy Howard



## From the President

Spring is finally here. It certainly has been a long and tedious winter. I am pleased to be able to report that Hurley Heritage Society has weathered the Covid-19 storm and is preparing to open our doors in mid-July 2021. We will be in full compliance with Ulster County's safety requirements, and our volunteers will have had in-service training and will be prepared to observe Covid-19 protocols and precautions.

I hope you have been following our successful Zoom Lecture Series. To date we have hosted three well-attended lectures — Tobe Carey of Willow Mixed Media: "Mountain River: The Esopus Creek Headquarters;" John Fischer: "Discovering Home;" and Stephen Blauweiss and Karen Berleowitz: "The Birth of Industry, Leisure & Art in the Hudson Valley." Information about future lectures can be obtained from our website, Facebook, and Constant Contact emails.

Our current exhibit, *Winslow Homer's Hurley: An Artist's View*, is being updated to include new photos and historical facts, all pertaining to Homer's work in Hurley and the surrounding areas.

Since our Event Calendar is slowly emerging, I strongly urge you to stay connected to our website ([hurleyheritagesociety.org](http://hurleyheritagesociety.org)) and Facebook pages. We have continually added articles about the history of Hurley and local points of interest.

Prior to our official opening, we are scheduling Dutch Clean Sweep Day on Saturday, May 1, and we invite all interested helpers to join us in bringing the Museum out of hibernation, showcasing a great curb appeal, thusly, giving visitors something to look forward to. Our Spring Plant Sale will be featuring pre-ordered selections and will be ready for pickup on May 14 and 15. Look for the Plant Sale Pre-Order Form inside and send in your order before Monday, May 3.

In closing, I would like to thank all our membership for guiding us through the past year. It has been the stimulus that kept our Board dedicated to bringing you community engagements and keeping our village in our minds and hearts.

All my best for a healthy and optimistic 2021.

Dale S. Bohan  
President, Hurley Heritage Society  
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# “Many Hands Make Light Work”

Calling all members and friends! Help make the Hurley Heritage Museum’s building and grounds a centerpiece of Main Street Hurley. The museum and grounds need a good clean-up and some repairs. On Saturday, May 1, the Hurley Heritage Society will host **Dutch Clean Sweep Day**. Please mark the date on your calendars to come and help. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts. We know our members have a variety of skills and a lot of energy. We need a bit of your time. Masks and sanitizer will be available, and we will follow Covid-19 protocols.

The jobs will include, but are not limited to, gardening, raking, scraping, painting and minor repairs. There may be inside chores if we have enough people. The Hurley Heritage Society will supply needed materials such as paint, but feel free to bring your own tools. Please contact Pat Findholt at (845) 338-3137 to sign up. She will have a list of work that needs to be done.

Don’t forget the date. Stop by the museum anytime that day if you can spare a little time. This is your chance to get to know your fellow members and take back our building and grounds after the winter and Covid-19.

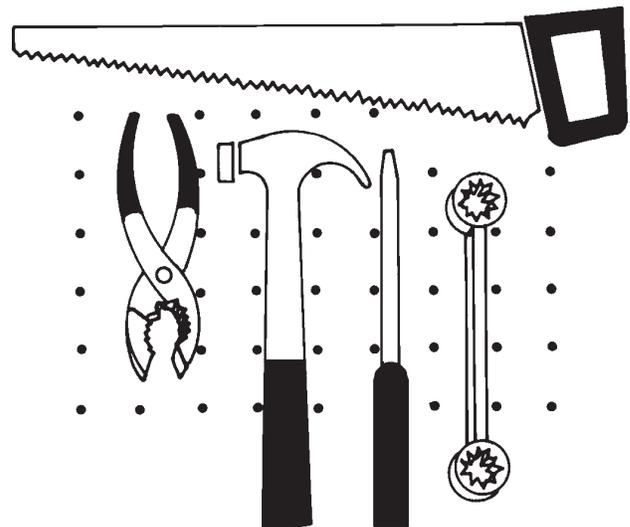
## Can you help with:

- gardening ?
- raking ?
- scraping ?
- sanding ?
- painting ?
- minor repairs ?
- inside tasks ?

Contact  
Pat Findholt  
today!

(845) 338-3137

*Don't forget about the coffee and doughnuts!*



*In the fall of 2019, our museum had out-of-state visitors with family ties to Hurley going back 400 years. Patricia and Jeffrey Burke had come to visit the town where Patricia's Roosa ancestors from the Netherlands had settled sometime around 1662. The Burkes were doing genealogical research on the Roosa family and promised to send us information on what they discovered. The following is the first installment of their research sent to us.\**

## Reaching across 400 years to Hurley's Early Dutch settlers

By Patricia and Jeffrey Burke

**A**ldert Hyman Roosa is the ancestor of the Roosa family in America. He and his wife Wyntje were born in Herwynen, Gelderland, Netherlands c. 1621 and 1623 respectively. They married about 1642 and with daring and their eight children, came to New Netherland in 1660 on the ship de Bonte Koe (Spotted Cow), initially settling in Wiltwyck/Esopus (now Kingston, NY) where he became a prominent and sometimes controversial citizen.

Roosa was an agriculturalist and a wealthy man for those days, bringing with him considerable property from Holland, and he speedily occupied an influential position in the new settlement. For example, Aldert's name appears with that of his son, Arien Albertson Roosa, Louys DuBois and others to petition Sir Edmund Andros, governor of New York, praying that he would assist them in procuring a minister for Esopus, "that can preache boithe English and Dutche which will be most fitting for this place, it being in its minority." This effort was



"Captain Aeldert Hymansz Roosa"  
geni.com



de Bonte Koe (Spotted Cow)  
vanvoorhees.org

successful for on December 25, 1660, Aldert and Wyntje participated in the first administration of the Lord's Supper given by the Rev. Harmanus Bloem, who had been called as the regular pastor of the Dutch Church at Wiltwyck. In the spring of 1661 Aldert joined in a contract guaranteeing a salary to Rev. Bloem.

Also in 1662, Roosa was appointed one of three commissioners to enclose the new village at the Esopus, called Nieuw Dorp. At the destruction of this village on June 7, 1663, "by the Indians," two Roosa children were taken captive along with 43 other women and children.

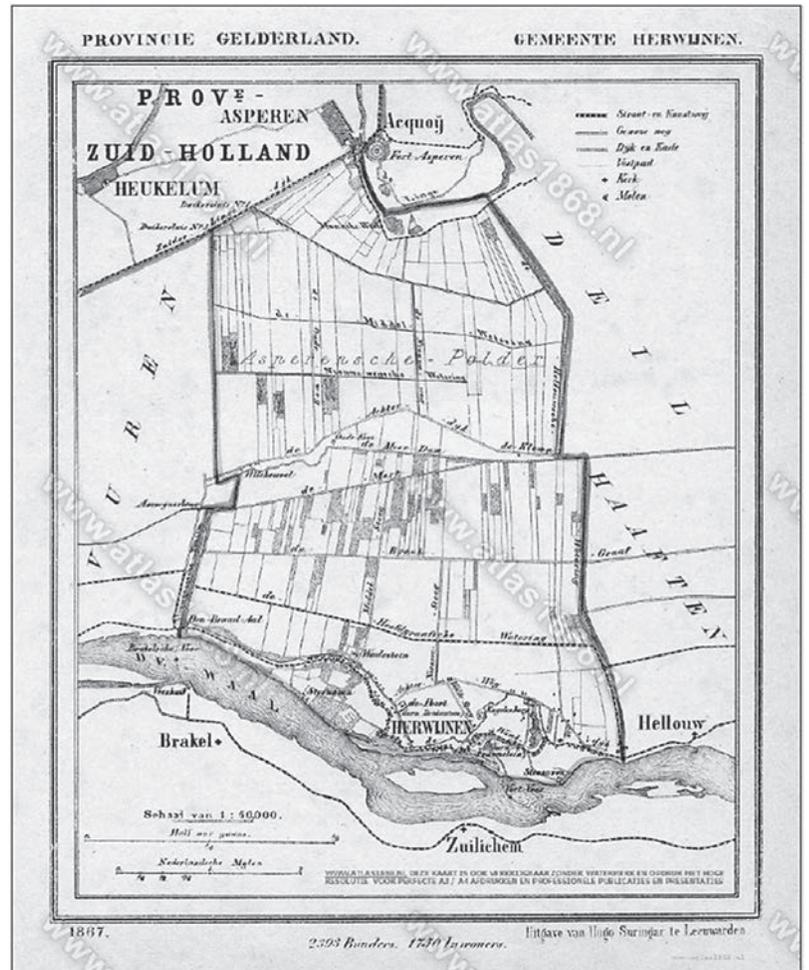
It seems that Aldert was not receptive of the emerging British influence and in 1667 he joined with Cornelis Bartensen Slecht and two others in a rebellious and

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"In 1663 de Bonte Koe sailed from Amsterdam on 16 April arriving in New Amsterdam between 11 May and 17 August, under the command of Captain Jan Bergan." vanvoorhees.org



2020 Map of The Netherlands (balloon indicates location of Herwynen in Gelderland)



1867 Map of Gelderland with the Village of Herwynen

mutinous riot. They were found guilty and taken to New York for sentence. On May 3rd Aldert was sentenced to be banished for life out of the government. The others were given shorter terms, out of Esopus, Albany and New York. All these sentences of the burghers were subsequently modified and the offenders returned to Esopus. English Governor Lovelace restored Roosa to favor and in 1669 appointed him and Louis DuBois two of the overseers for Hurley, formerly Nieuw Dorp. “In 1673 he was confirmed as one of the officers at Esopus by Governor Anthony Colve and described as Captain Albert Heymans who had been prominent in the riot of 1667.”

Aldert and his family subsequently relocated to Hurley where he and Wyntje resided for the remainder of their lives. He died in 1678/1679 and she died sometime after 1685 when she was recorded as securing a grant of 320 acres in Hurley.

*\*The story of the Roosa coat of arms and Pat’s family lineage will be discussed in the June Prologue. If you have any memories or information about this family, please contact us on our website, hurleyheritage society.org.*

**hurleyheritagesociety.org**

To read more interesting stories about Hurley’s fascinating history, visit our website, [hurleyheritagesociety.org](http://hurleyheritagesociety.org).

We have continued to add information, articles, and photos to our website during the pandemic, and we’ll be unveiling a new look soon. So, keep visiting our website for the latest news and information about the museum and activities in 2021.

# Spring Plant Sale 2021

## — Covid-19 Protocol —

### Flowers, Flowers, Everywhere!

Its time to think spring. Time to plan your gardening needs (and wants). The Hurley Heritage Society's annual plant sale will be modified this year. We will be doing the plant sale for pre-orders only! Flats, pots, planters and hanging baskets of beautiful flowers grown by Saunderskill Farms, Accord, can be preordered using the enclosed form. New to our order this year is an 8" planter filled with various flowers (Lobelia, Million Bells, Petunias — to name a few).



Photos by Barbara Zell

Forward the completed form and mail together **with your payment** to **Flo Brandt**, Woodland Dr., Hurley, NY 12443. The form must be returned to Flo **by May 3. Pick up for the pre-orders will be at the museum grounds Friday, May 14, 4–6 p.m.** There will NOT be a plant sale on Saturday, May 15. The backyard of the museum will be accessible on Saturday for those who can't pick up their orders on Friday.

Proceeds from the sale go to the maintenance of the gardens and grounds of the museum. The pre-orders may be a good way to meet your flower needs per Covid -19. The Society feels we all need something to look forward to at this time. Please feel free to call Flo at (845) 331-8767 if you have questions or need additional forms.

All profits made by this sale go directly to the Hurley Heritage Society.

Thank you,  
**Flo Brandt**



## Museum Shop Going Virtual!

Thanks to webmaster Mike Rice, many items in our gift shop will soon be available for sale on our website, [hurleyheritagesociety.org](http://hurleyheritagesociety.org). Items will be for pre-arranged pick up at the museum. If it's not possible for you to get to the museum, shop managers will endeavor to ship the item/s to you at your own cost.

We're looking towards a May start date for this new service, so keep checking our website!



## Calling all volunteers!

We need volunteers to help on Dutch Clean Sweep Day on Saturday, May 1, so please call Pat Findholt, (845) 338-3137, today to sign up. (See more details on page 3.)



Your yearly membership  
is very important to us!

Membership dues were mailed to all current members in January. If you misplaced your membership renewal, do not worry. You can pay online using PayPal. Or you can use the form found on the back of this *Prologue*.

Single membership	\$25.00
Family membership	\$30.00
Life membership	\$275.00
Corporate (Annual)	\$150.00

You can also make a tax deductible contribution to the Hurley Heritage Society.

Visit [hurleyheritagesociety.org](http://hurleyheritagesociety.org)  
for further information. ✓

(See Membership Form on page 8.)

## HHS Zoom Lecture — on Earth Day, April 22

The HHS April lecture will be presented by Farm Hub: "What's Growing? Updates from the Hudson Valley Farm Hub." The lecture will be presented on Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m., on Zoom. You will soon receive an email with the details and a link to join the presentation. You may also visit our website for the link.

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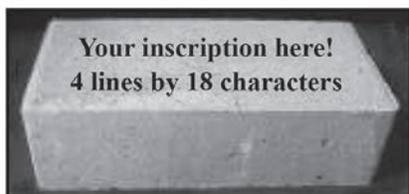
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## HHS Heritage Walk

Make a donation of \$120 to the Society to show your support of the museum by creating a brick in your family's name — or to honor someone close to you. The proceeds will be used for capital repairs to the Museum and your brick will be added to the Heritage Walk.

The inscription may be composed with as many as four lines of eighteen characters. If you are interested, please contact Wally Cook at 845-338-2193 or email to [wally.cook@gmail.com](mailto:wally.cook@gmail.com).



## Hurley Heritage Society Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single membership  | \$25.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family membership  | \$30.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership    | \$275.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate (Annual) | \$150.00 |
| Additional donation                         | \$ _____ |

*Dues and donations are tax deductible.  
Contact Bill Ryan,  
for IBM matching fund information.*

**Send payment to:**  
**Hurley Heritage Society**  
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**Hurley, NY 12443**