

HURLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Prologue

"The past is prologue"

September 2019

Glenford

Old Hurley Founded 1662

West Hurley

Celebrate Hurley's 357-year history, its culture, and people!

Featuring...



• **Food Tent**
featuring Hurley
Corn Chowder!

• **Food Trucks**

• **Food Vendors**



• **Children's
Activity Tent***

• **Craft and
Antique Vendors**

• **Exhibitors**



• **Live Music**

featuring Jay Ungar
and Molly Mason
and more!

• **Raffles** include original
artwork by local artist
Judy Howard. Visit www.hurleyheritagesociety.org
for details and tickets.



OCTOBER 6, 2019

Hurley Heritage Museum, 52 Main St.
Hurley Library & Schoolhouse Rd.
Sunday, Oct. 6 • 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Rain or shine!

Join us for food,
fun, crafts, antiques,
entertainment and more!

General admission
is
FREE!



*Admission for
**Children's
Activity Tent**

is \$5, and that includes:

- Games
- Crafts
- Face Painting
- Ice Cream, and more!



**Guided Walking
Tours** of Main Street
will be available.

The **Museum** will be
open and admission is
FREE as always!



Parking is available at
the Rail Trail at Russell Rd.
and Route 209, Town Hall,
Myer School, and Hurley
Reformed Church (after
12 p.m.).



Greetings from Main Street!

Main Street has been buzzing with activity this summer. Visitors and docents came into our newly air conditioned rooms to view the 2019 exhibit, “Winslow Homer’s Hurley: An Artist’s View.” The Farm Hub and *Maine Antique Digest* published articles about the exhibit. Old homes on the street are being restored, and we have some new neighbors! HHS sponsors a guided walking tour of Main Street on the fourth Sunday of each month, May through October, at 2:00 p.m. The tour is free to members and \$5 to the general public. Come see how the street is being beautified!

We have also made many improvements to the museum for the safety of members and visitors. Asbestos and mold were removed from the basement, plumbing and electricity updated, a second railing put up on the stairs, and the fence repaired. All of this work came at a hefty price. We try to cover the cost of upkeep and free admission to our museum, lectures, and workshops with membership dues, shop sales, and fundraisers.

Our big fundraiser this year will be Hurley Heritage Day, October 6. Local artist, Judy Howard, has generously donated a beautiful pastel painting of the Hurley Reformed Church in winter and a Hurley rooster, “Rise & Shine,” for our annual raffle. View them both in our shop or online at www.hurleyheritagesociety.org. See other articles for more information about HHD.

Please support our activities with your presence and donations! They keep us going in our mission to preserve Hurley’s history! Thank you.

Joan Castka, President



Hurley Historical Digest, 1968

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Jan Keator Noto, HHS now has a copy of the 1968 Hurley Lions Club booklet, *Hurley Historical Digest*. The booklet is from Jan's mother Esther Keator's estate. It contains historical articles, listings of town officials and committees, local clubs, organizations, and ads from local businesses. Many of us 'old timers' will smile at names of people and businesses we remember from that era. The following is an excerpt from that booklet, "OLD HURLEY, OR 'NIEW DORP'," written by Miss Isabella Forsyth. It is quoted with its spelling and information as it was written.

"Near the foothills of the Catskills and the winding lovely Esopus creek, rippling over its rocky bed, lies the old village of Hurley. It was the 'Niew Dorp' in 1662 when some of the sturdy Dutch and Huguenot settlers of still older Kingston or 'Wiltwyck', as it was called then, resolved to break new ground in the Esopus (the name given to the wide region of the country including the counties of Greene and Ulster) and found the new village.

The little village with its one street of quaint stone houses seems like a peaceful dream. Scarcely a place can be found on this continent that has been so little changed by changing events---so commemorative of our early Colonial days. Yet there have been stirring scenes in Old Hurley. In 1663 there came a day when the 'Niew Dorp' ceased to be---when the Indians, maddened by drink and by wrongs both real and imaginary, rushed, torch and tomahawk in hand, into the little hamlet, reducing it to ashes. On the same day, Kingston was also destroyed and inhabitants of both places were taken prisoner. It should be remembered, in justice to the Indians, that they had originally welcomed the settlers and kept faith with them until they learned from the new comers to use intoxicants. Had our Holland ancestors known that it would be well to leave their 'schnapps' on the other side of the Atlantic, much misery and bloodshed might have been avoided."

To read the rest of Miss Forsyth's 1968 article, visit the Hurley Museum's library on Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., from May through October.



HHS Museum Shop Talk

Shop early in our air-conditioned gift shop and explore the carefully chosen items of Hurley's heritage. We feature Reilly Rhodes' books: *Winslow Homer: From Poetry to Fiction: The Engraved Works, Vols. I and II*. along with several local authors. View paintings of our resident artist, Cindy Gill Lapp. and browse through our collection of Hurley-related merchandise. We have books, caps, t-shirts, vintage jewelry, Delft, newly designed totes, postcards and notecards. All of the shop proceeds benefit the continuance of the Museum and its noteworthy location on Main Street, Hurley, N.Y.

Julia Morini — The Gifted Graduate

by Gail Whistance

When I first formed the committee for the Winslow Homer exhibit last year, I knew I needed help with the research and writing of the text to introduce Homer and explain the artworks. Given the success of having a History intern from SUNY New Paltz help with our Farming exhibit of four years ago, I contacted the History Department once again. I am sure glad I did. We were lucky enough to have Julia Morini sign up for the internship. Julia was not only a History major, but also earned majors in Art History and English with a concentration in Creative Writing, along with a minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Julia’s thesis paper was titled, “Gendered Artistry and Inequitable Fame in 19th Century America: The Legacies of Julia McEntee Dillon and Jervis McEntee.” That is quite a list of accomplishments!

It is hard to imagine a better fit for our project



Julia Morini
Photo by Bruce Whistance

than Julia. Her creativity and youthful energy helped make a better exhibit than I could have imagined when we started out. I am especially grateful to Julia for joining forces with Judy Howard at the museum when I was drawn away for a family emergency. In that one afternoon, the two of them designed the layout of the exhibit and created a sketch that became our “bible” for the remainder of the project.

After graduating in May, Julia spent three weeks of her summer studying Impressionism and plein air painting in Paris and Provence, France. She plans to spend a few years away from academics before pursuing an advanced degree in Art History. She hopes to become a feminist art historian.

Thank you, Julia, for the time, insight, and dedication you gave to help us tell Hurley’s story to the many people who come from near and far to visit our museum.

Raffle Items for Hurley Heritage Day Drawing



“Hurley Reformed Church”

Raffle tickets for two items shown here, a pastel painting of the Hurley Reformed Church and a painted metal Hurley rooster, are being sold now at the Hurley Heritage Museum and on the website, www.hurleyheritagesociety.org. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25.



“Rise & Shine”

The drawing for the winning tickets will be at Hurley Heritage Day, October 6, on the Museum grounds, 52 Main St. You do not have to be present to win. Get your tickets now!

Meet Judy Howard — A Woman for All Seasons

by Gail Whistance

It would be hard to overstate the contributions that one of our newest board members has made to the Society in a few short months. Judy Howard and her husband, Mose, moved to Marbletown last year from their home state of Arkansas. I met her a few weeks after their move and invited her to join the Homer exhibit committee. That was a fortunate move on my part because she provided a valuable artist's viewpoint as we planned and built the exhibit besides being a pleasure to work with.

On her website, www.judyhowardfineart.com, you learn that Judy is an “artist who works in soft pastels and watercolor and specializes in landscape painting. Most of her pastel paintings portray scenes around northwest Arkansas or the Hudson Valley in New York, scenes that she likes to call the quiet places — a field along an old highway, the edge of a pond, an old gravel road, a small creek — scenes that people drive by and don't notice much. She is attracted to the way light hits objects and textures in those simple scenes and the memories and moods they evoke.”

You can see Judy's artistic aesthetic at work in the gorgeous pastel painting she created of the Hurley



Judy Howard

Photo by Mose Howard

Reformed Church bathed in the low-angled sunlight of the winter season. This original painting is being offered as one of the raffle prizes at the October 6th Hurley Heritage Day. She also decorated one of Hurley's famous rooster weather vanes with shiny metallic paints in graduated colors. Dubbed *Rise and Shine* and painted on both sides, the jaunty rooster is the other raffle prize for October 6th. Lucky are

the people who win these prizes. Count me in! Both artworks are on display in the museum shop and can be viewed on the HHS website, www.hurleyheritage.society.org.

As if those contributions were not enough, Judy has generously donated her skills as a graphic designer in the new look of the *Prologue* and in the special logo for Hurley Heritage Day.

Judy has shown her artwork in many shows and won awards throughout her career. Her most recent honor is having one of her paintings juried into the 2019 Pastel Society of American 47th Annual Exhibition: “Enduring Brilliance!” in New York City being held in the month of September. Congratulations, Judy!

Did You Know? ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- The Museum is housed in a stone building built around 1790 by Col. Jonathan P. Elmendorf.
- The Society purchased the Col. Jonathan Elmendorf stone house in the year 2000 for cash. The funds were raised from 20 years of Corn and Craft Festivals and barn sales.
- In 2010, HHS received an absolute charter as an educational institution from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.
- The Hurley Heritage Museum is managed by volunteers serving on the Hurley Heritage Society board, all unpaid positions.

Our Museum Library

This is an invitation from our volunteer librarians, Mary Reynolds, Viola Opdahl, Lois Anderson, and Iris Oseas, to visit our special library when the museum is open: Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m., May through October.

The library, in the Emil Zullo, Jr. Room, contains books on local and state history, art, and Dutch cooking — anything pertaining to Hurley history, Ulster County, and New York State. We welcome you and will try to accommodate special requests. For more information, please call Mary Reynolds, 845-331-0394.

The recipe below for Holland Cheese Supper Sandwiches (KAASTEEFJES) is taken from one of the cookbooks in the museum collection, *Year of History, Dutch Treats*.

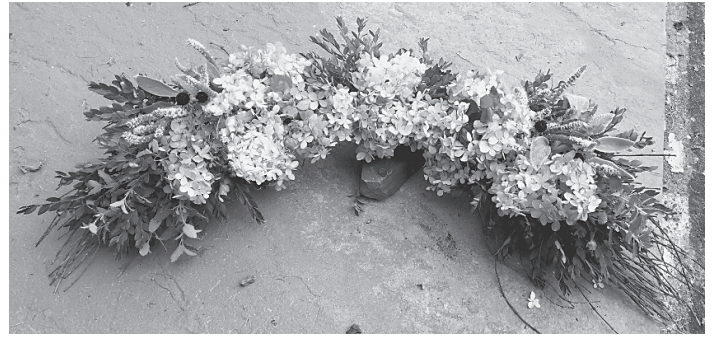
— by Iris Oseas



Holland Cheese Supper Sandwiches (KAASTEEFJES)

Edam or Gouda Cheese
 1 egg
 6 slices white bread, ½" thick
 ¼ tsp. salt
 2 tbsp. softened butter
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 2 tsp. prepared mustard
 ½ cup milk

Blend butter and mustard, spread on trimmed slices of bread. Cover with three slices of cheese, top with remaining slice of bread. Dip sandwich in mixture of beaten egg, milk, salt and pepper. Fry in butter until golden on both sides.



Herbal Wreath-Making Demo

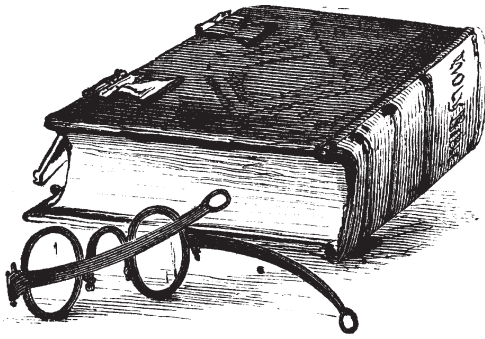
On Sunday, September 8, there will be an Herbal Wreath-making Demo with Ellen Richards, on the museum porch, 52 Main St., at 2 p.m. Take home a beautiful finished wreath!

Admission for adults is \$5, and that includes all materials. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call 845-336-5267.

Ramble Through Hurley's Historic Burial Grounds

Hurley Heritage Society is participating in the 19th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. Join us for a walking tour of Hurley's Old Burial Ground, located in the National Historic Landmark village founded in 1662. Hear tales of some of Hurley's earliest residents who lived and died many years ago. Listen to stories of some haunted happenings, and view ancient memorials, some written in Dutch.

This event is scheduled for Sept. 22, 2019, 2 p.m., at Hurley Heritage Museum, 52 Main St., Hurley, NY 12443, (845-336-5267). Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. There will be uneven terrain, so please wear appropriate footwear. For further information on the Hudson River Valley Ramble activities, please check their website: www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com.



Eleanor Rubin Charwat Lecture and Book-signing

Intrigued by a mention of bootlegging in the Hudson Valley in one of her father's scrapbooks about his 58-year law career in Poughkeepsie, Eleanor (Ellie) Charwat started to research the subject and created a talk and a book on *Bootlegging in the Hudson Valley* that she has given to over 20 historical societies, libraries and other community organizations. At each talk, members of the audience add their anecdotes or family lore about bootleggers, speakeasies and underground tunnels.

Ellie is a Poughkeepsie native who has lived in the Hudson Valley most of her life. She was head of the School of Adult Education at Marist College, has been a newspaper reporter, a teacher of English as a Second Language, a Town of Poughkeepsie Councilman, and an active community volunteer.

She is a graduate of Cornell University and received her master's in public administration from Marist College.

She is the author of *Small Town Lawyer: Highlights of Nathaniel Rubin's Career* and *A Life Well-Lived, a Memoir*.

Ellie is married to Martin Charwat, a retired foreign service officer, lawyer and financial planner. The Charwats have two children and eight grandchildren.

The public is invited to attend Ellie's lecture, "Prohibition in the Hudson Valley," on Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m., at the West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall St., West Hurley, N.Y. Her book-signing will follow. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.



Join us on Friday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St., for an evening of tales of Historical Hauntings. Walk down Main Street and into the Old Burial Ground to hear the tales under the direction of Richard Cattabiani. This event always sells out very quickly. Reservations are a must!

This year, beginning October 1, you will be able to make reservations online using Paypal on the Hurley Heritage Society website (www.hurleyheritagesociety.org). Reservations must be paid in advance: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. This event is not really recommended for children under 12. Call 845-338-7686 for reservations beginning October 1, if you cannot make them online. We keep our groups small so everyone can get the full benefit of the tour.

We provide lighting for the tour, but please bring a flashlight for your own walk back to the Hurley Church. Please wear comfortable shoes; the ground is uneven in the cemetery. This tour is not handicap accessible.



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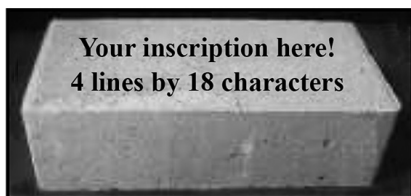
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HHS Heritage Walk

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.



Hurley Heritage Society Membership Application

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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.
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