

HURLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Prologue

"The past is prologue"

November 2021

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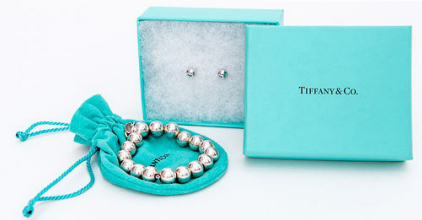


HHS Autumn Auction Kicks-Off Wednesday, November 3



The annual HHS Autumn Auction will be held online starting Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. and ending Sunday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m.

This year's auction includes many wonderful and interesting items to bid on, including gorgeous brass candlesticks, beautiful paintings of local Hurley scenes, jewelry, golfing at Wiltwyck, and much more.



An 'in-person' viewing of auction items will be Saturday, Nov. 6, 1-4 p.m. at the HHS Museum.

All proceeds go to help fund the museum and programs at the all volunteer Hurley Heritage Society and Museum.

To stay informed of latest Auction news with preview information and updates, sign up to receive our emails at info@hurleyheritagesociety.org or go to our website at hurleyheritagesociety.org.



Photos by Veronica Fassbender

From the President

Greetings, members and friends! Our museum season is winding down and will officially close on October 30, 2021. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to visit the Halloween Scarecrows display on the front lawn. Hurley's Main Street has definitely come together to celebrate the traditional All Hallows Eve.

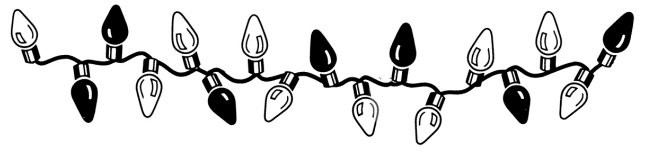
Although a little late in opening this spring to the public, we were able to greet visitors inside to show off the new additions to the Winslow Homer Exhibit. The Gift Shop is an excellent place to find specialty Hurley-related items, and it features prints and postcards of Homer's works.

This edition of the *Prologue* typically is all about thank yous to our volunteers and the announcement of the new slate of officers and trustees. This announcement has been delayed due to the Delta resurgence and our inability to have open meetings. We will continue to notify our members via Constant Contact and emails of the new slate and voting will be via email in November.

In closing, I wish everyone my best throughout the remainder of 2021. Stay tuned for more information about the Holiday Sale on Sunday, Nov. 28, and our 2nd Annual Autumn Auction on our webpage and in Constant Contact email messages. The Auction was an enormous success last fall and promises to be equally as rewarding this year. Thank you to our generous donors and the Museum members, who sourced wonderful and unique items.

Together, we can make Hurley one of best small communities in the Hudson Valley.

Dale Bohan
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Holiday Sale Is Back!

A one-day-only sale, Sun., Nov. 28, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., will feature old and new holiday items and decorations; collectibles, stocking stuffers, and gifts.

The museum gift shop will have an end-of-the-year sale with discounts and “super sales” on many items. HHS membership entitles you to a further 10% discount!

The museum grounds will be decorated for the holidays. Come shop, meet old friends, and support the museum!

If you have holiday or vintage items to donate for the sale, please leave them on the museum porch by Sat., Nov. 20.

Please note: Everyone entering the museum must wear a mask.



The **Second Annual Rotary Capital-to-Capital 5K Run** on Oct. 17, 2021, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kingston. The Hurley Heritage Society provided refreshments for the runners on the museum grounds at the end of the race. In the photo, Steve Schallenkamp (left) gives the first place award to Travis Greaves (center), while second place winner David Ridley (on sidewalk at right) waits his turn. Beth Allvea won first place in the women's division and third place overall. Photo by Raleigh Green.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS — LOVE HISTORY? LOVE HURLEY?

The Hurley Heritage Society is looking for volunteers to help with a range of programs including our lecture series, Hurley Heritage Day, exhibits, decorations, fundraising, and gift shop. Meet some fun people along the way and help maintain a special community organization and museum. Contact us at info@hurleyheritagemuseum.org for more info.

HURLEY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

An interview with Chairman Frank Dunn

HHS Board members were invited to attend the Hurley Historic Preservation Commission's first awards presentation held on September 26 where awards were given to homeowners within the Historic District who had asked for and received help from the Commission to make historically appropriate changes to their homes. These homeowners are Katie Greaves and Alex Perfect (Spy House), Jim Decker (Half Moon Tavern), Scott Davis (688 Hurley Avenue) and Kathleen Kayse and Hope Hughes (Abram Elmendorf house).

Wanting to have a better understanding of the Commission's workings and responsibilities, I interviewed Frank Dunn, Commission chairman since 2018. An architect by profession, he grew up in a stone house in Kerhonkson owned by four generations of Dunns who farmed the land. Frank now lives in the historic Depuy stone house on Old Route 209 in Hurley. He has always been interested in history and historic preservation and was on the Town of Rochester Preservation Board before moving to Hurley. The following are excerpts from the interview.

The Hurley Town Board is responsible for appointing the chairperson and four members to the Commission. Current Commission members are Jim Decker, John Krenick, Scott Davis, and Tecia Poulis. They serve a five-year term. Barbara Zell is the present Town Board liaison to the Commission. The Historic Preservation Law, written in 2008 and revised in 2018, can be found on the Town of Hurley website. It pertains to all homes in the Historic District, both stone and wood frame, from



the Hurley Reformed Church, up Main Street, onto Hurley Avenue to the Abram Elmendorf house. The Commission's responsibility is to work with homeowners to preserve the essence of the old stone and frame houses, understanding that things change over time. Their jurisdiction is only what can be seen of the house from the road, not the back or inside.

A homeowner in the Historic District who wants to make changes to the outside of their home must fill out a form at the Town's Code Enforcement Office, stating what they would like to do. The Preservation Commission reviews the request and meets with the homeowner. They can make suggestions and give any help the homeowner might need. They send their recommendation to approve or not approve the request to the Town Planning Board. The Commission has no power to approve the homeowner's request. That decision rests with the Planning Board. If the homeowner's request is not approved by the Planning Board, he can then appeal to the NYS Supreme Court.

The Town Board has appropriated \$3,500 for the Commission to have a Reconnaissance Survey done by Harry Hansen, architectural historian. This survey would document all stone houses in the Town of Hurley and would allow each homeowner to add their home to the State Register of historic homes if they so wish.

Thank you to the Preservation Commission for the work they do in helping to preserve Hurley's Historic District for those who come after to love and treasure.

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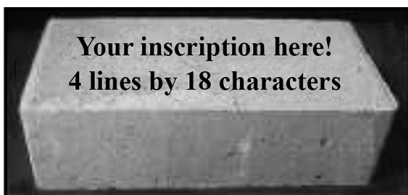
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HHS Heritage Walk

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.



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