

**HISTORIC
RED HOOK**

A SPECIAL THANKS

Carol Lee

Claudine Klose

Red Hook Supervisor Robert McKeon

Nancy Southard
and
Fiddleheads Home Fare

Ricardo Gutierrez de Zubiaurre

**Become a member of
Hudson River Heritage!**

The full cost of today's tour is tax deductible.

Hudson River Heritage is a 501(3)c non-profit member organization.



P. O. BOX 287
RHINEBECK, NY 12572
(845) 876-2474
office@hudsonriverheritage.org



COUNTRY SEATS TOUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

**HISTORIC
RED HOOK**





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Warren Temple Smith
PRESIDENT

Kiki Steele
VICE PRESIDENT

Arvia Morris
SECRETARY

Frank Brice
TREASURER

David Byars
Joyce Gelb
Cynthia Lambert
Linda Scherr
Ward Stanley

ADVISORS

J. Winthrop Aldrich
Joan K. Davidson
Pompey Delafield
Max Friedman
Albert J. Gnidica
Gerrit Graham
David K. Kermani
Sally Mazzarella
Sam Phelan
Vincent Teahan
Lisa Weiss

Hudson River Heritage
P. O. Box 287
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

(845) 876-2474
office@hudsonriverheritage.org
www.hudsonriverheritage.org

October 1, 2016

Dear Country Seats Tour Guest,

Whether you are a first time participant in our annual tour of historic properties or a regular visitor returning for this year's tour, welcome to our 27th annual Country Seats Tour. Hudson River Heritage, incorporated in 1976 with the goal of protecting our shared history in the mid-Hudson Valley, and designated in 1990 by the Department of the Interior as the steward of the 32-square mile Hudson River National Historic Landmark District, the largest contiguous historic district in the nation, is pleased to partner with individual site owners to open these sites to our visitors. Join us as we explore the historic Town of Red Hook.

Check in at the mid-eighteenth century Elmdendorph Inn, located in the heart of the village of Red Hook. This building has served as an inn, a private residence, a school, and the meeting place of the Red Hook Town Board at various times during the last 260+ years. Then visit St. Margaret's Home, south of the Village center, established by Mrs. Astor in 1852 as a home and instructional facility for young woman to learn the domestic arts.

Montgomery Place, the remarkable 1805 Livingston family seat in Annandale-on-Hudson, is open for our Country Seats Tour visitors today by special arrangement with its new owner, Bard College. Enjoy the beautiful gardens, and absorb the significant renovations designed by 19th-century architect A. J. Davis. North of Montgomery Place and Bard, visit Green Hill, the pre-Second World War country residence of Palmer Hart, and the Petrus Hoffman house, a meticulously restored 1700's Dutch stone farmhouse with later renovations and additions, including a fine 19th-century barn. In the village of Tivoli, check out 17 North Road, the former Trinity Episcopal Church, converted to a dramatic and spacious residence in the 20th century, and further enhanced by its current owners.

Our last stop is another early to mid-eighteenth century Dutch stone farmhouse, the Heermance Farmstead, on West Kerleys Corners Road, now the center of an active farming operation once again, supplying green market produce to New York City on a weekly basis.

Enjoy the tour, and please take a moment to join or renew your membership in Hudson River Heritage, to be sure you receive the earliest notification of our future tours and events while supporting our continued efforts to preserve, protect, and promote the architectural and cultural history of the mid-Hudson Valley region.

With kind regards,

Warren Temple Smith, R. A.
President, Hudson River Heritage

**HISTORIC
RED HOOK**

TOUR CENTER

ELMENDORPH INN
7562 North Broadway (Route 9)
Red Hook, NY 12571
Open: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Box lunches can be picked up at the tour center for those who have ordered in advance.

TOUR GUIDELINES

- Please visit sites at your leisure and in the order of your preference. Sites are open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and for your last tour please arrive no later than 4:30 PM.
- Please drive slowly when entering, exiting, and parking at properties. Watch for pedestrians and follow directional signals.
- Park only in designated areas. Where possible, handicapped parking is provided.
- Present your wristband at each site for your entry.
- Leave large handbags and backpacks in your car.
- No interior photography or videotaping allowed. Exterior photography is permitted.
- Pets are not allowed in houses or on the grounds of sites.
- Smoking is prohibited within the sites.
- Eating or drinking is not allowed within the sites.
- In the event of inclement weather, all wet umbrellas must be left at the front door.
- Do not touch furnishings or interior surfaces (walls, moldings, etc.) but do hold staircase railings!
- Do not pick or damage any plants on the site grounds.
- Where provided, walk on runners.

THANK YOU!

HISTORIC RED HOOK



Elmendorph Inn (Tour Center)

7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook, NY 12571

Built in the mid-18th century, the Elmendorph Inn is the oldest building in the village of Red Hook. The building was first noted as Elmendorph's Inn on a 1797 map. By 1811 it was known as Loop's Hotel, after owner Jacob Loop, whose deed for 12.5 acres is the first indication of ownership of the property. It became the meeting place of the Red Hook Town Board in 1815, which use continued until 1842. In the 1830s it was expanded and renovated, later converted to a two-family residence in 1854, when the Martin family ended the building's commercial use. Edward Martin, a descendant, later operated a school in the building that offered kindergarten classes during the 1890s. It remained in his family's hands until 1933. At that point the lot was subdivided and sold, with only the inn's half-acre remaining. Heating and plumbing were added to the building during the 20th century. In 1977 it had fallen into disrepair and was on the verge of being demolished. It was acquired by a group called Friends of Elmendorph, which renovated it to its present appearance over the next 12 years. A front porch that was on the building in 1978 when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places has since been removed, and shingled siding removed to reveal the original clapboard. The inn is a two-story, nine-bay frame clapboard-sided structure with a modified gambrel roof pierced by four brick chimneys. A lean-to addition is on the rear. Inside, the building has much of an interior added in the early 19th century, such as its wooden doors, lath and plaster walls, chair rails and exposed ceiling beams. The central hallway has a curved wall to accommodate the staircase. There is evidence of the expansions that have taken place, such as bricked-over former fireplaces.

HISTORIC RED HOOK



St. Margaret's Home

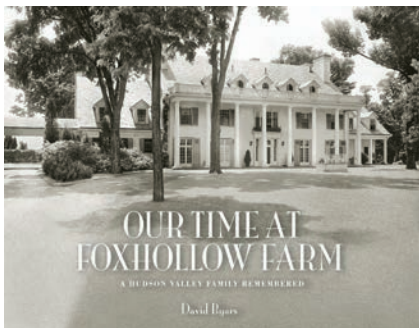
7260 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Red Hook, NY 12571

The story of St. Margaret's properly begins with its founder and benefactress, Margaret Armstrong Astor. Margaret Armstrong was the daughter of Alida Livingston, whose ancestors had acquired vast tracts of Hudson Valley land in 1688, and General John Armstrong, who built Rokeby on a piece of that land. Another piece of that Livingston land would become the site for St. Margaret's. In 1818, Margaret Armstrong married the fabulously wealthy William Backhouse Astor. Aware of reform movements in large American cities and in an effort to do a "good work", Mrs. Astor persuaded her husband in 1851 to buy a parcel of land from her brother and to establish in 1852 and 1853 the "St. Margaret's Orphan Asylum". Offering food and lodging to girls who either had no home or whose parents could not provide for them, St. Margaret's also had on staff teachers who trained the girls in the "domestic arts", such as cooking, sewing, ironing, etc. When the girls reached the age of sixteen, they were able to take positions in one of the large homes in the area or to marry. Mrs. Astor funded St. Margaret's until her death, and her descendants continued to support it for generations. When a combination of factors forced the institution to close in the 1930's, the building became successively a welfare home, a private residence and finally a transitional living center, until that use too was terminated in the 1990's. An important building both historically and architecturally, St. Margaret's was languishing until 2006 when Martin's Foods, the parent company of Hannaford's Supermarket, generously donated it together with nearly two acres of land to the Town of Red Hook. Within two years, the building was listed on both the State and the National Registers of Historic Places. St. Margaret's was built in the "Tuscan Villa" or Italianate style, with large French windows and first floor ceilings that rise nearly twelve feet. The fluted columns are cast iron, and the exterior window and door trim is brownstone. The walls are fourteen and a half inches thick. The architect who designed the building has not yet been identified, although it seems likely that he was well known at the time and that he had been commissioned by the Astors or members of their extended family for previous projects.

Montgomery Place

Annandale Road, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504

Janet Livingston Montgomery purchased 242 acres in the late 1770s, shortly after the death of her husband, General Richard Montgomery, at the Battle of Quebec. She had plans for a Federal style mansion on the riverfront property drawn up and hired a local builder. Naming the house Chateau de Montgomery after her late husband, she moved in after it was completed in 1805. She established a working farm on the property, employing many slaves and freemen. She lived there until her death in 1828, when the property was bequeathed to her brother. Edward Livingston and wife Louise took possession and renamed the estate Montgomery Place. Edward died in 1836, leaving the house to his wife. In 1844 Louise hired architect Alexander Jackson Davis to convert the stately mansion into a more ornate villa, in keeping with the era's emerging Romantic sensibilities. The two wings and exterior decoration were added at this time. A colonnade on the front entry, the only ornament on the original house, was moved to the interior; one of the only changes to Janet Livingston's original plan. With the informal help of Andrew Jackson Downing, a friend of Louise's and mentor to Davis, she began developing the landscapes. Her daughter Cora Barton worked with the architect on designing a garden and conservatory. Davis also drew up plans for outbuildings on the estate. In 1860, upon Louise's death, Cora and her husband hired Davis again to actually build some of the earlier outbuildings. These were the Coach House, Swiss Cottage and farmhouse. They also extended the landscaping. These were part of their overall intent to make the house and its "pleasure grounds" more separate and distinct from the farming operations, which they also began to reduce in scope. From Cora's relatives it eventually passed to another Livingston descendant, John Ross Delafield, in 1921. He added modern heating and plumbing to the main house. He and his wife, Violetta White Delafield, made the last major additions to the property by extending the landscaping and adding small gardens to it in the years before World War II. After his death in 1964, his son, John White Delafield and his wife moved in. In 1975 it was listed on the National Register. Eleven years later it was sold to Sleepy Hollow Restorations, which later renamed itself Historic Hudson Valley. After a five-year and \$3 million restoration, the house was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1992. Bard College purchased the property from Historic Hudson Valley in 2016, and has committed to keeping the mansion open for tours and the grounds open to visitors.



JUST PUBLISHED

Our Time at Foxhollow Farm: A Hudson Valley Family Remembered By David Byars

A remarkable pictorial history of Tracy Dows and his family while they lived on their Rhinebeck estate in the early twentieth century. Illustrated with the family's extensive collection of personal albums compiled during the nascent years of photography, it provides a fascinating insight into the regional, social, and architectural history of the era. *Our Time At Foxhollow Farm* follows the Dows family from 1903 through the 1930s, documenting their life at home, social activities, and travels in America and Europe. An enthusiastic amateur photographer, Tracy Dows took many of this book's photographs himself, offering a vivid and warmly intimate perspective on privileged early twentieth-century American life. Available at **Oblong Books & Music** in Rhinebeck and at www.sunypress.edu.

HISTORIC RED HOOK



Green Hill

4870 Route 9G
Tivoli, NY 12583

Built in 1937-38 in the then popular Colonial Revival style, Green Hill was the first residence to be constructed on the ridge to the east of Route 9G. A contemporary interest in the old colonial stone houses of Dutchess and Ulster counties made the use of stone for the façade an appealing feature. Constructed as a country residence by Palmer Hart, the son of a prominent New York City political family of the Tammany Hall era, Green Hill became Hart's refuge from that life. His plan was to grow apples, but while he did not develop orchards, he did own and operate the first apple cold storage facility in the area. In a classic example of recycling before we had a name for it, paving stones from the Bronx were used to build the house; trucks taking apples to market in the city returned loaded with paving stones. The house is set among evergreens that were planted by the cold storage workers in the off season. All told, over one thousand trees were planted, mostly pine and spruce with a few white birches. Green Hill was renovated in the 1970's as a visit to the kitchen can attest. At that time the swimming pool was added and the south porch was enclosed to create a second sitting room. The lovely gardens surrounding the house were designed and installed by the present owner beginning in 1986. Many of the artworks displayed in the principal rooms are the creation of the owner, a noted artist in a variety of mediums including painting and sculpture who has achieved particular renown for his intriguing paper collage works. The view across the Hudson to the Catskills may be enjoyed from the terrace and west lawn. To protect the furnishings and art from the intense afternoon light, interior shades are kept lowered.

HISTORIC RED HOOK



Petrus Hoffman House

5020 Route 9G, Tivoli, NY 12583

This is a 1750 Dutch stone farm house, originally on 285 acres, with a panoramic view of the Catskills. While a lack of records from the time period makes it impossible to be certain who actually built this house, it seems likely that the house was built by Petrus Hoffman around 1752. Tragically, Petrus died in 1754 at age 27, only a year or so after the birth of his daughter Jannetje. The form and design of the structure suggests it dates to the middle of the 18th century, being typical of vernacular German house architecture in the area. Constructed of locally quarried bluestone, it had two rooms with jambless fireplaces on the main floor plus a basement kitchen and storage area. A gable roof rested on a short knee wall that created a garret under the eaves. Jannetje and her husband Zachariah, son of Petrus's brother Martinus, are shown as owning the property in 1800, and they are probably the ones responsible for anglicizing it with a center hall, English fireplaces and chair rails shortly after their marriage in 1772. Sometime in the 1920s, the roof was raised to accommodate four bedrooms and a bathroom under a gambrel roof. In the attic one can see the stone ends of the house within new framed walls. In 2014 the current owners restored the living room, hall and dining room to the 1780s period with appropriate decor.

HISTORIC RED HOOK



Former Trinity Episcopal Church

7 North Road, Tivoli, NY 12583

St. Paul's and Trinity Parish is rich in history. St. Paul's was the first Episcopal parish established in the northern part of Dutchess County, probably as a result of early activity by the "gentlemen of the Manor of Livingston" in 1787 and local demand by the people in Red Hook requesting the services of an Episcopal minister. However, it wasn't until September 17, 1816 that the parish was founded with Robert L. Livingston and Edward P. Livingston as church wardens. On July 7, 1818, the corner stone for the original church building, known as the "White Church" was laid, and the church was completed and consecrated by The Right Reverend John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, on May 27, 1819. Originally, St. Paul's was a summer congregation, consisting principally of wealthy families who had country seats in the vicinity. The number of communicants varied between 20 and 27 until 1850. In time, the congregation outgrew the white church, and they decided to build a stone church closer to the river. The sale of the white church site required the transfer of the remains of those buried on the site. The new church building, a stone structure of Gothic design, was built in 1868-69 at 39 Woods Road. One of the windows, the "Paraclete Window" representing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon all faithful Christians was relocated from the white church in 1869. The Hook & Hastings pipe organ was built in 1879 and was for many years at Trinity Church on North Road. In 1970 it was restored and installed in the organ loft at St. Paul's.

HISTORIC RED HOOK



Heermance Farmstead

411 West Kerleys Corners Road, Tivoli, NY 12583

Peter Heermance built this house in 1733 in the same style as the homes his family had left behind in Holland. Field stone was gathered from the field and blue stone was hauled two miles from the blue stone quarry in Upper Red Hook. Blue stone was used for the corners because it created sharper corners than the field stone. Bricks for the chimney were made from the clay of the White Clay Kill behind the house. The timbers that you see throughout the house were hand sawn and planed. Some of the marks of the early crafters are still visible. When the house was built it was a small two room farm house that faced south towards Kerleys Corners Road. Today the western two thirds remain the original part. In 1772-1774 the eastern living room was added. At this time the Heermance family installed carved wood paneling on the fireplace wall and a Tiger Maple banister to open up the upstairs. When the barn was built for storage, the upstairs was divided into rooms. The nineteenth century brought many changes, as Andrew Heermance sold the farm to Ezra Hoyt, followed by a series of subsequent owners. The house is rumored to have been part of the Underground Railroad. At the end of the nineteenth century the farm was up for sale again. An advertisement in the August 12th, 1870, Red Hook newspaper asserted "This valuable farm is in a high state of cultivation and pronounced by competent judges to be one of the best farms in Dutchess County." In 1980 the Heermance-Bulkeley farm house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination form states: "The Heermance farmhouse is a significant example of a largely intact eighteenth-century Dutch, Hudson Valley stone farmhouse. The Heermance farmhouse is one of only about six stone houses remaining in the Town of Red Hook and is one of the most intact in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Comparable in scale and design to the slightly larger Senate House (State Historic site) in Kingston. The residence is remarkable for both its retention of eighteenth-century decorative features and its lack of nineteenth and twentieth century additions or alterations."

SUGGESTED DRIVING DIRECTIONS

(FROM THE TOUR CENTER AT THE ELMENDORPH INN)

Elmendorph Inn

7562 North Broadway (Route 9), Red Hook, NY 12571

Leaving the Elmendorph Inn, turn left onto North Broadway (US Route 9) and travel south. Proceed straight at the traffic light in the center of Red Hook, and continue south on South Broadway to St. Margaret's, making a left into the driveway and parking beyond the house on the south lawn. Please do not park along the driveway to the north of the building.

St. Margaret's Home

7260 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Red Hook, NY 12571

Turn left onto South Broadway (US Route 9) and travel south to the first traffic light. Turn right at the light onto Rokeby Road. Follow Rokeby Road as it winds its way to Route 9G, bearing right at the first intersection and left at the second intersection to remain on Rokeby Road. At NYS Route 9G, turn right and travel north to Barrytown Road, just before the traffic light, and turn left onto Barrytown Road. At the four way stop, turn right onto River Road, County Road 103, and proceed north to the entrance to Montgomery Place. Turn left into Montgomery Place and park where indicated. Walk from the parking area to the mansion, where tours will be given hourly, on the hour, by Montgomery Place volunteer docents. **Please display your wrist band so they will know you are part of the Hudson River Heritage Country Seats Tour.**

Montgomery Place

Annandale Road, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504

From Montgomery Place, turn left onto River Road (CR 103) and travel north through the Bard Campus to the terminus of County Road 103 at NYS Route 9G. Turn left onto Route 9G

and proceed north. Immediately past the intersection with County Road 79 – Budds Corners Road – put on your signal and turn right into the first driveway, which leads up a long hill to Green Hill. Park behind the house if there is room, or on the lawn area off the driveway south of the house if necessary.

Green Hill

4870 Route 9G, Tivoli, NY 12583

Upon leaving Green Hill, turn right and travel north on NYS Route 9G for about one half mile. Look for the Hudson River Heritage sign, and turn right into the driveway for the Petrus Hoffman house, just beyond the light blue cottage by the road. Another long driveway will bring you to the parking area at the top of the hill.

Petrus Hoffman House

5020 Route 9G, Tivoli, NY 12583

From the Petrus Hoffman house, turn right and travel north less than half a mile to the blinking light marking the intersection with County Road 78. Turn left and proceed into Tivoli. At the top of the hill at the four way stop, turn right and proceed north on North Road to number 17, on the right. Park in the driveway or along the street.

Former Trinity Episcopal Church

17 North Road, Tivoli, NY 12583

Leaving 17 North Road, proceed north to the first right, at Stony Brook Road, and follow that road east back to NYS Route 9G. Cross NYS Route 9G and continue east on Lasher Road, County Road 80, to Freeborn Lane. Turn right on Freeborn Lane and drive south to West Kerleys Corners Road, County Road 78. Turn left onto West Kerleys Corners Road, and look for Heermance Farm on the left.

Heermance Farmstead

411 West Kerleys Corners Road, Tivoli, NY 12583

From the Heermance Farmstead, drive east to US Route 9, then turn right and travel south back to Red Hook.

CONVENIENT RESTROOMS

RHINEBECK

Oblong Books & Music

Route 9, 6422 Montgomery Street, Suite 6
(restrooms are inside in the
back on the left)

Terrapin Restaurant

Route 9, 6426 Montgomery Street
(turn left inside front door; restroom
is downstairs)

Beckman Arms

Route 9, 6387 Mill Street
(walk through the lobby to the back
to bar/restaurant; restroom is on the
right in the back)

Starr Library

68 W. Market Street
(restrooms are inside—make a left
at the counter)

Top's Market

6726 Route 9

Citgo

4912 Route 9

STAATSBURG

Dinsmore Golf Course State Park

5371 Albany Post Road
(restrooms are in the back on the lower
level—a long ramp on the right of the
building leads to the lower level)

Staatsburgh State Historic Site

(Mills Mansion)
75 Mills Mansion Road
(follow posted signs from parking area)

RED HOOK

Elmendorph Inn

(tour center)
7562 North Broadway (Route 9)

Hannaford Grocery Store

35 Hannaford Drive (just off Route 9)
(restrooms are inside at the front
of the store on the right)

Red Hook Public Library

Route 9, 7444 South Broadway, just south
of the light in the Village of Red Hook

St. Margaret's Home

7260 Albany Post Road (Route 9)

Dunkin' Donuts

Route 9, 112 South Broadway
(restroom is inside in the back)

GERMANTOWN

Stewart's Shop

4294 State Route 9C

Sunoco Mart

4297 State Route 9C

Mobil

4281 State Route 9C

Clermont State Historic Site

1 Clermont Avenue
(in parking lot)

SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS

RHINEBECK

Le Petit Bistro

8 East Market Street
(845) 876-7400
www.lepetitbistro.com
dinner

Terrapin

6426 Montgomery Street (Route 9)
(845) 876-3330
www.terrapinrestaurant.com
lunch and dinner

Beckman Arms

6387 Mill Street (Route 9)
(845) 876-7077
www.beckmandelamaterinn.com
lunch and dinner

Calico Restaurant & Patisserie

6384 Mill Street (Route 9)
(845) 876-2749
www.calicorhinebeck.com
breakfast, lunch & dinner

The Local

38 West Market Street
(845) 876-2214
www.thelocalrestaurantandbar.com
dinner

Gigi Trattoria

6422 Montgomery Street (Route 9)
(845) 876-1007
www.gigihudsonvalley.com
lunch and dinner

Bread Alone

45 East Market Street
(845) 876-3108
www.breadalone.com/rhinebeck-
cafe
breakfast and lunch

Osaka

22 Garden Street
(845) 876-7338
www.osakasushi.net
lunch and dinner

Pete's Famous Diner

34 East Market Street
(845) 876-7271
breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Market St.

19 West Market Street
(845) 876-7200
www.marketstrhinebeck.com
brunch & dinner

**Gaby's Cafe Cocina
Continental & Mexican Grill**

6423 Montgomery Street
(Route 9)
www.gabyscafe.net
(845) 516-4363
lunch & dinner

Cinnamon

Indian Cuisine and Bristo
51 Market Street
(845) 876-7510
www.cinnamoncuisine.com
lunch and dinner

RED HOOK

Max's Memphis BBQ

136 South Broadway
(845) 758-6297
dinner

Mercato

61 East Market Street
(845) 758-5879
www.mercatorehook.com
dinner

Historic Village Diner

7550 North Broadway
(845) 758-6232
www.historic-village-diner.com
breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Flatiron

7488 South Broadway (Route 9)
(845) 758-8260
www.flatironsteakhouse.com
dinner

TIVOLI

Murray's

73 Broadway
(845) 757-6003
www.murraystivoli.com
all day brunch

Sante Fe Restaurant

52 Broadway
(845) 757-4100
www.santafetivoli.com
lunch and dinner

Osaka

74 Broadway
(845) 757-5055
www.osakasushi.net
lunch and dinner

GERMANTOWN

Cue 2 Go

230 County Route 6
(518) 537-7246
lunch and dinner

Otto's Market

215 Main Street
(518) 537-7200
www.ottosmarket.com
all day