



ULSTER COUNTY

QUADRICENTENNIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Introduction

The Ulster County Clerk's Office, Senate House State Historic Site and the Huguenot Historical Society have collaborated on a three-site exhibit and series of special events relating to the diverse historic, cultural and ethnic themes prevalent in the archival holdings of each repository.

- **The exhibits**, scheduled to run from April to October 2009, consist of historically significant documents and artifacts dating from pre-written history through the twenty-first century.
- **A video titled** "*Archives Alive! The Power of the Record*" has been created, showing the numerous ways in which archives are used today, for everything from genealogical research to underwater archaeology.
- **Special events** planned will honor Native American descendants of the region's indigenous people, and commemorate the history and culture of the Dutch and African-American heritages that together have enriched our past and shape our future.

The combination of the exhibits, video, and special events will create greater awareness of the enduring historical and educational value of our public and private archives. At the same time, they promote and celebrate ethnic diversity and cultural awareness throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond, highlighting for the world, what we were and what we have become.



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Exhibits

Ulster County Clerk's Office Exhibit

Ulster County Clerk's Office exhibit features archival documents pertaining to the formation of government in Ulster County and inaugurates a permanent Archival Exhibit Gallery at the County Clerk's Office on the 2nd floor of the County Office Building.

This exhibit is the Grand Opening of the Ulster County Quadricentennial History Committee's schedule of events.

- **Title:** "The Formation of Government"
- **Grand Opening:** Thursday, April 2, 2009,
- **Exhibit Location:** Ulster County Clerk's Archival Gallery
2nd Floor, Ulster County Office Building,
- **Exhibit Duration:** April 2, 2009 through August 31, 2009
- **Records Exhibited:** Records that illustrate the formation of government from the Charter of the Dutch Court at Kingston dated 1661 through and including the newest Ulster County Charter.
- **Other Information:** The completed archival video titled "Archives Alive! The Power of the Records" will be unveiled. The video will be available for all to view throughout the exhibit duration.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony officially opening the County Clerk's Archives Gallery.



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Senate House State Historic Site Exhibit

The Senate House State Historic Site exhibit focuses on the “depth and breadth” of archival material, that reflects important moments in time from the past 400 years.

- **Title:** “Archives Alive!”
- **Grand Opening:** Saturday, April 18, 2009
- **Exhibit Location:** Senate House Museum and Loughran House
- **Exhibit Duration:** April 18, 2009 through October 31, 2009
- **Records Exhibited:** Fascinating documents from Senate House and other Ulster County repositories.
- **Other Information:** The completed archival video titled “Archives Alive! The Power of the Records” will be available for viewing throughout the exhibit duration.



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Historic Huguenot Street Exhibit

Historic Huguenot Street exhibit features archeological research on local Native American and Contact Period history highlighting recent archeological findings.

- **Title:** “Before Hudson: 8,0000 Years of Native Esopus Culture”
- **Grand Opening:** Friday, April 24, 2009
- **Exhibit Location:** Historic Huguenot Street, DuBois Fort Visitor Center
- **Exhibit Duration:** April 24, 2009 through October 31, 2009
- **Records Exhibited:** The exhibit details the history of Native Americans at Historic Huguenot Street and is based on hundred of artifacts discovered in archaeological digs of the six- acre site, a National Historic Landmark.
- **Other Information:** The completed archival video titled “Archives Alive! The Power of the Records” will be available for viewing throughout the exhibit duration.



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Special Events

Native American Conference & Cultural Events

A Conference and Cultural Events honoring existing Native Americans who are descended from the Local Esopus people will take place May 1, 2009 through May 2, 2009.

- **Theme:** Esopus Native American History & Culture
- **Date:** Friday, May 1, 2009 through Sunday, May 3, 2009
- **Venue:** Historic Huguenot Street & Senate House State Historic Site
- **Activities May 1 & 2:** A two-day conference titled “8,000 Years of Native Esopus Culture” will be held at Historic Huguenot Street and will document the 8,000 year history of the Esopus People in the Hudson Valley and will feature renowned Lenape expert, Dr. Robert Grumet, who will open the conference with the keynote address on Friday evening. Dr. Joseph Diamond, Dr. David Oestreicher and several members of the Lenni-Lenape Heritage Society will also speak. Includes demonstrations of native crafts and a workshop titled “When Cultures Collide” available for teachers of grades 4 through 8.
- **Activities May 3:** On the Senate House State Historic Site Grounds, experience aspects of New York and Hudson Valley Native American culture of the past and present through performances, demonstrations and talks.



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Dutch Records Legacy Project & Cultural Events

The Ulster County Clerk's Office will host a Dutch Records Event that will celebrate the publication of and access to the English translations of the original Dutch Records dated 1658 through 1709, also known as the "Kingston Papers." These records will be in word searchable software and available worldwide via the Ulster County Clerk's Archives Website.

The Ulster County Clerk's Office & the Senate House State Historic Site will continue this event with a Dutch Cultural Weekend, showcasing the rich contributions of the Dutch heritage to American history and traditions.

- **Theme:** Dutch Records & Cultural Events
- **Event Dates & Venues:** Friday, June 12, 2009 – Ulster County Office Building
Saturday, June 13 & Sunday, June 14, 2009 - Grounds of Senate House State Historic Site
- **Activities June 12:** Dutch Records translations will be unveiled through a computerized demonstration on the Ulster County Clerk's Archives website.

The original hard-copy records written in Dutch and the English translations will be on exhibit for a special one-day display.

- **Activities June 13:** Experience the Dutch influence on the Hudson Valley through performances, demonstrations, food, and hands-on activities on the Senate House grounds.

Dutch record reproductions from the Ulster County Clerk's Archives will be displayed depicting aspects of what life was like during Dutch Colonial time.

The Ulster County Clerk's Archival website, highlighting the English translations of the Dutch records, will be available for public viewing and research.



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Dutch Records Legacy Project & Cultural Events, Continued

- **Activities June 14:** A series of short lectures on New Netherland cuisine, gardens and other topics by experts Dutch and New Netherland history.

See the original Ulster County Clerk's Office, 17th Century Dutch Court records about Kingston's earliest settlers and search the new Ulster County Clerk's office on-line database of the complete English translations of the Dutch records.

Ulster County and the Civil War Event

The Ulster County and the Civil War Event will focus on the service of local regiments in the rebellion against the Union.

- **Theme:** Cultural Impact of the Civil War
- **Date:** Saturday, August 8 & Sunday 9, 2009
- **Venue:** Senate House Historic Site
- **Activities:** Living history interpreters, music, food and other entertainment for the whole family as well as history buffs.



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Poster Legacy Project & Exhibit

The Ulster County Clerk's Poster Exhibition will consist of 31 posters created and designed by fourth grade students in Ulster County.

- **Title:** "Discovery!"
- **Date:** September 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009
- **Venue:** Ulster County Clerk's 2nd Floor Archival Gallery
- **Description:** An exhibition of colorful, insightful, and imaginative posters on the theme of "Discovery" sponsored by the Ulster County Clerk's Office. See how 4th graders from school districts throughout Ulster County interpret the theme in their own creative way.

Poster will be scanned and digitally reformatted by the Ulster County Clerk's Office for a virtual exhibition that will be posted on the Ulster County Clerk's Archives website.

A full color program including images of all 31 posters will be available to the public for the duration the exhibit.



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African-American Culture & Heritage Festival

The African American Culture & Heritage Festival will focus on celebrating the history, culture and contributions of African Americans in Ulster County.

- **Theme:** African American Culture
- **Date:** Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4, 2009
- **Venue:** Senate House State Historic Site
- **Activities:** Celebrate the history and cultural contributions of African Americans in the Hudson Valley and beyond through performances, demonstrations, food and hands-on activities.



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Legacy Projects

Video Legacy Project

***“Archives Alive!
The Power of the Record”***

“Archives Alive! The Power of the Record” is the title of the video component, which has been produced and shows the numerous ways in which archives are used today, for everything from family genealogical research to underwater archaeology.

The purpose of the video is to convey to viewers the excitement of discovery when researching and locating archival documents.

The video is comprised of seventeen individual scenes. Additionally, the video expounds upon the need for the preservation of documents and the role that repositories have in protecting these documents.

This video will be available at each of the three exhibit sites: Ulster County Clerk’s Office 2nd Floor Archival Gallery, Senate House State Historic Site and the Huguenot Historical Society.



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Publication Legacy Project

The Ulster County Clerk's Office will be showcasing two publications in 2009. These publications will function to bring some of the archival records belonging to the County Clerk's Office to students, scholars and the general public. Creation of these publications is directly related to the mission of the Ulster County Archives.

The mission of the archives is to identify, store, preserve, arrange and describe the archival records of the Ulster County government and to provide access, outreach and public programs to the people of Ulster County.

The following publications will be available in 2009:

- *"The Treaty between Governor Richard Nicolls and the Sachems and People called the Sopes Indyans made 7th October 1665.* The second edition of this publication is an effort by the Ulster County Clerk's Office to bring greater understanding of early associations with the original native people of Esopus and features new, insightful commentary.
- *"When Cultures Collide, - The Story of the Esopus Natives and Their Encounter with European Colonialism in Ulster County"* curriculum developed for local history educators.