

LIVING HISTORY DAY 2008



The Albany County Historical Association celebrated Opening Day at the Ten Broeck Mansion with our annual Living History Day. More than 200 visitors toured the Mansion and enjoyed the various activities. A special thanks goes to all volunteers who helped to make the day such a success. We also appreciate the contribution of the participants, which included historic re-enactors, vendors, and demonstrators. Other attractions included antique vehicles, pony rides, and a tour of the Stephen and Harriet Myers House provided by the Underground Railroad History Project.



Attendees enjoy the reception for outgoing president Tony Brankman.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION held its Annual membership Meeting on June 11th. Betsy Blaustein, Marie Erkes, and Fred LeBrun were elected to the Board of Trustees to serve a three year term. Officers elected include Matthew Kirk in the position of President, Keith Bennett, First Vice President, Lois Conklin, Second Vice President, Tom Devane, Treasurer, and Angela Markessinis, Secretary. All trustees whose terms expired this year agreed to serve an additional three years. Congratulations to all! Following the meeting, members enjoyed a delicious buffet catered by Classe Catering in honor of outgoing president Tony Brankman and his wife Mary for their significant contributions to the organization.



President Matt Kirk and Al Zeppieri at Annual Meeting.



Garden Workshop: The Prices presented a workshop on herbs on June 18th in the Mansion gardens. The hands-on workshop was followed by an excellent tea, where attendees had the fortunate opportunity to enjoy the results of Sue Denninger's superior culinary talents.



On Thursday, June 26th, Tony Brankman conducted a history walk of Peebles Island in Cohoes. The tour began at the Van Schaick Mansion, owned and operated by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The mansion was built in 1735 and is one of the oldest houses in the area. Maintained by the Gansevort Chapter of the DAR, the Van Schaick Mansion played a significant role during the battles fought in support of our nation's successful bid for independence. Following the excellent tour led by DAR member Johanna Shogan, the group traveled to Peebles Island by way of the old shipyard. After touring the Visitor's Center, Tony Brankman led a walking tour of the island. Sites of interest included the Revolutionary War fortifications, a bird sanctuary, and views of the Mohawk and Hudson rivers.



The Mansion's beautiful grounds hosted the music and entertainment of Blues performer Ernie Williams and his band at our first summer concert held on June 27th.