

## Weekend Archeology Camp

AS A RESULT OF THE SUCCESS OF ACHA'S ANNUAL ARCHEOLOGY CAMP, the Programming and Education Committee decided to hold an archeology camp geared to adults. On May 15th and 16th, ACHA trustee and professional archeologist Matt Kirk led an excavation of the site of the former Ten Broeck burial ground.

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than 20 years after the Ten Broecks first moved in and by 1850 the vault was no longer in existence and the remains had been relocated. In 1835, the foundation of the burial vault was undermined due to the grading of Lumber Street (now Livingston Avenue). The vault collapsed and the remains were moved, eventually being re-interred at the Albany Rural Cemetery

Among those believed to have been originally buried in the Ten Broeck Vault are Abraham and Elizabeth Ten Broeck, their daughter Margaret, two Ten Broeck grandchildren, the Reverend William Lynn, and General Philip Schuyler.

The Albany County Historical Association owns the lot on which the burial vault once stood, so we were able to offer the opportunity to our members and others interested in historical investigation to dig on the site. Although the original foundation was not discovered during the camp, participants did find some interesting artifacts, including an old coin and carved wooden balls.



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The cast of April's Murder Mystery Night, donated by O'Connor's Murder By Design.

## Living History Day

ACHA CELEBRATED THE OPENING OF OUR OFFICIAL TOUR SEASON WITH LIVING HISTORY DAY ON MAY 2ND. A group of historical re-enactors on hand to take our visitors on a trip back in time. Representatives from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War II eras were here to speak about those time periods. Music from folk singer Rich Bala, Bill Freuh and Rural Felicity, and the Albany School for the Humanities Show Choir provided entertainment for the

day. Young visitors also enjoyed pony rides and a petting zoo, as well as facepainting by volunteer Hannah Walker. We also dedicated the sign commemorating the site of the Ten Broeck Burial Vault at its former location on Livingston Avenue. Mary Brankman spoke about her efforts to acquire a grant to get the sign made and Assembly Member John McEneny was on hand to say a few words about the significance of the site.



Mary Brankman and Assembly Member JohnMcEneny dedicate the Ten Broeck Burial Vault sign.



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# Executive Director's Corner

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING, you know that we continue to present worthwhile educational programming while still concentrating on the upkeep of the Ten Broeck Mansion.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteer master gardeners, the grounds look spectacular. I encourage everyone to celebrate the beginning of summer with a trip to the Ten Broeck gardens.

The Mansion is also looking its best. The Collections Committee has been raising funds and soliciting donations for a project involving the Butler's Pantry. The project will include a change to the sink area, with a new counter and sink, as well as new cabinetry.

We have been very busy throughout the winter and spring. Holiday House was particularly successful, raising more than \$13,000 for the organization. During the early spring, volunteer and artist Hannah Walker organized a series of exhibits displaying artwork from art students and professional artists in the Ten Broeck Mansion Exhibit Room, and ACHA was a participant in Albany's First Friday events in March, April and May.

One of my goals is to continue to develop strong relationships with the community. Once businesses, organizations, and foundations know our story, they invariably offer their support for what we do. I am asking all of our members and friends to help with our community outreach. I am always willing to meet with anyone to talk about the Albany County Historical Association, and I would welcome referrals from our membership to help connect with the community. I strongly believe that when organizations and businesses learn about our missions and activities, that they will agree to become event sponsors.

I hope to see many of you at the Mansion this summer. Check out our website at [sites.google.com/site/tenbroeckmansion](http://sites.google.com/site/tenbroeckmansion) and our Ten Broeck Mansion Facebook page for updates.

*Wendy Burch*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 12 – 16, ARCHEOLOGY SUMMER CAMP**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Program presented by the ACHA and Hartgen Archeological Associates. Open to 5th-7th grades. Cost: \$350.

**July 18, 3:00 pm, SUMMER CONCERT, SONNY & PERLEY.** Enjoy an afternoon of jazz with renowned musicians Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau. Cost: Adults \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5

**July 19-23, TIME TRAVEL CAMP**, 9 am to 3 pm. Learn how the early settlers lived at Ten Broeck Mansion's history camp. Open to 5th -7th grades. Cost: \$200.

**August 8, 3:00 pm, SUMMER CONCERT, FOLK BALLADEER RICH BALA** will perform authentic, traditional folk music that weaves a tale of living his-

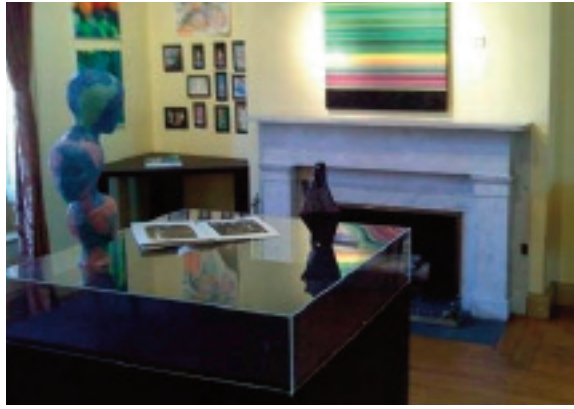
tory about our nation's people and heritage. Cost: Adults \$10, Children 12 and under: \$5

**August 25, HERB GARDEN TALK & TEA** – Three of the Mansion's all volunteer Master Gardeners will discuss Ten Broeck Mansion's new Herb Garden as well as other aspects of the Ten Broeck gardens. - Cost \$10.00



# Spring Exhibits

TALENTED ARTIST AND ACHA volunteer Hannah Walker recently organized three exhibits at the Ten Broeck Mansion. The first, entitled "Artistic Medley," ran through the month of March and included artwork from Elyse Vercherot, Kristen Manley, and Hannah Walker. Chris Milkins provided jazz selections during the First Friday opening of the exhibit. April's exhibit, "Mosaic," featured artwork from local artists Marissa Wendolovske, Catherine Bennette, Mark Kospel, Ashley Heiserman, Danielle Rosenberg, Abbey



Sanders, Wayne Lupien, and Slavik & Boris. The exhibit for May, "Perspectives," showcased artwork by Vincent Connelly, Jonathan Hammer, and Chris Konieczny. Justin Friello provided the music for the First Friday openings of both "Mosaic" and "Perspectives." Thanks to all the artists and musicians who participated and to Hannah for all her hard work coordinating the exhibitions. Our June exhibit will feature work by Randi Bentley.

## Adopt an Archeologist!

AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will be hosting the Summer Archeology Camp for children throughout Albany County who will be entering 5th, 6th, or 7th grades in September. This exciting educational program is made possible by the professionals of Hartgen Archeological Associates. This year's program is doubly exciting, as the digging will occur on the grounds of the historic Stephen and Harriet Meyers residence, 164 Livingston Ave., a stop on the Underground Railroad. The site is located about a block west of the Ten Broeck Mansion on Livingston Avenue. This year marks the 10th year the camp has been offered by the ACHA and Hartgen Archeological Associates.

The ACHA will be providing a number of full tuition scholarships to children who live in the Arbor Hill neighborhood and other area children who otherwise would not be able to attend.

The fee for each camper is \$350 for the week, July 12-16. Please consider "Adopting an Archeologist" or partially sponsoring a budding archeologist. All sponsors will be invited to the Camp's Open House on the final day of the camp for a tour of the dig site, and a preview of this year's findings!

Yes, I will adopt a young archeologist. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can partially sponsor a young archeologist. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN 2010

### SPONSORSHIP FORM

Ten Broeck Mansion's Concerts in the Garden began a number of years ago with a dream—the dream of Paul and Barbara Cohen of hearing beautiful music being played and enjoyed amidst the flowering Mansion gardens. That dream materialized, and now nearly fifteen years later, the tradition continues. This year concert attendees will be treated to three concerts throughout the summer months. Please consider becoming a sponsor at one of the levels listed below to help keep their dream alive.

Percussion \$100      Brass \$75      Woodwind \$50

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## HELP US PRESERVE A RICH HERITAGE

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We cordially invite you to join ACHA and enjoy the benefits of membership, including free admission to the Mansion, newsletters and advance notice of upcoming events. Two Free admissions to the Holiday Tea\* (with advance reservations) are available at Patron level and above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:    NEW (    )                    RENEWAL (    )                    Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Student/Senior    \$ 25 | ● Individual    \$ 40  | ● Family    \$ 50      |
| ● Patron    \$ 100        | ● Sustaining    \$ 250 | ● Benefactor    \$ 500 |

### CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

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| ● Small Business    \$ 200.00 | ● Corporate Benefactor    \$ 500.00 |
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*\*reservations required – maximum 2 tickets*

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