

# Quadracentennial Calendar

## A Peek at Upcoming Quad Events

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Throughout 2009, communities across New York State are commemorating the explorations and achievements of Henry Hudson, Samuel de Champlain and Robert Fulton. The following is only a partial list of the many events you and your family and friends can attend to celebrate the rich history of this great state. For more extensive lists, please visit the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial Commission's websites at [www.exploreny400.com](http://www.exploreny400.com) and [www.discoverlakechamplain400.org](http://www.discoverlakechamplain400.org).



Albany

Carl Heilman II

### Hudson River Panorama

**Through- January 10, 2010; Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany**

This exhibition highlights the remarkable stories of people, events and ideas that shaped the Hudson River Valley, and encompasses five major themes: community and settlement; natural history and environment; transportation; trade, commerce and industry; culture and symbol. The exhibit features more than 200 objects and historical documents from the museum's renowned collections.

Check out [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org).

### "1609"

**July 3, 2009- March 7, 2010; New York State Museum, Albany**

The exhibition "1609" re-examines Hudson's voyage, the myths surrounding it, and explores the legacies of Hudson's unexpected discovery. The exhibition will showcase various artifacts from the museum's collections and historical images created by artist Len Tantilillo. Call (518) 474-5877 or visit [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).

### Day Peckinpaugh Tour

**August 1- September 30; various locations**

The 259-foot *Day Peckinpaugh* will travel the Champlain and Hudson corridors, stopping at various ports along the way. An original 1921 canal motorboat, it was one of the largest vessels on the Erie Canal and hauled wheat, flaxseed, rye, sugar, coal, pig iron and dry cement from the Great Lakes to New York City. The ship's tremendous cargo hold has been retrofitted as exhibit space. Tours are free and open to the public.

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### Ships and Royal Family Visit from Holland

**September 8-13; New York City**

A variety of ships will arrive from Holland, including about 20 traditional flat-bottom sailboats, two Dutch naval vessels, Dutch naval frigates *HMS Tromp & Van Speijk*, the minesweeper, *Hr. Ms. Haarlem*, and many others. Members of the Dutch Royal Family are expected, as well as the Marine

Band of the Royal Netherlands Navy. Prince William of the Netherlands will follow in his mother's (Queen Beatrix) footsteps, who visited in 1959 to mark the 350th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage.

### Harbor Day

**September 13; New York City**

Following the arrival of Dutch ships, Harbor Day is the culminating event of New York City's celebration, and will mark the launch of the newly created Harbor District. Festivities are planned in several locations, and all major waterfront parks on the city perimeter will be linked by free bikes and free hop-on/hop-off ferry service. In addition, the Dutch Navy will lead the grand flotilla—including the *Half Moon* and *Onrust*—up the Hudson River, from Battery Park to Albany.

### Hudson River Valley Ramble

**September 5-7, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27; Hudson River Valley**

Sponsored by the Hudson Valley Greenway and the Hudson River Estuary Program, the ramble will take place

during three weekends in September. Many programs and events allow the public to explore natural and cultural resources by foot, boat or bike.

Visit [www.heritageweekend.org/hudson-river-ramble.cfm](http://www.heritageweekend.org/hudson-river-ramble.cfm) or [www.hudsonrivervalley.com/ramble](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com/ramble).

## 2009 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration

**September 10-13; Plattsburgh**

Themed "The French Connection," the commemoration includes a military parade with marching bands, pipe & drum and fife & drum corps, floats, and marching units. A re-created 1814 tavern with period food and music will be open to the public, and there will be French and English fancy dress balls. Other festivities include fireworks, kids' games, concerts, tavern entertainment, storytelling, jugglers, a bateaux race, a Plucky Rooster contest, and an 1814 encampment and re-enactment with over 100 re-enactors.

Call (518) 566-1814, or visit [www.battleofplattsburgh.org](http://www.battleofplattsburgh.org).

## Crown Point Quadricentennial Day

**September 19; Crown Point**

The signature event of the Champlain Valley and one of three legacy events, the Crown Point Lighthouse monument and Rodin sculpture will be rededicated in a special ceremony and day-long festival. The monument

was originally dedicated 100 years ago, with President Taft attending the gala. This year, the governors of Vermont and New York, the French ambassador, the premier of Quebec, and President Obama have all been invited. Featured speakers and presenters include Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David Hackett Fischer and Native American historian and author Darren Bonaparte. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Band will perform and a fireworks show will follow the ceremony. The area is home to British and French ruins, and the newly revamped museum has an interactive exhibit, exterior signage, and new sidewalks.

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## Celebrate Albany's 400th!

**September 26; Riverfront Park, Albany**

Celebrate with music, re-enactors, and much more. Visitors can tour the *Half Moon*, witness modern artisans performing traditional craft techniques, observe numerous cultural demonstrations, and enjoy plenty of food and performances.

Visit [www.hudson400.com](http://www.hudson400.com).

## Walkway Over the Hudson

**October 2-4; Poughkeepsie**

A weekend-long celebration of the transformation of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge into a spectacular "park in the sky" linking the river's two shorelines with a 6,767-foot iron

span creating the longest elevated walkway in the world. One of three Quadricentennial legacy events.

Visit [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org).

## Samuel de Champlain History Center Grand Opening

**October 11; Champlain**

The new Samuel de Champlain History Center will celebrate all things Champlain: the man, the lake, the village, and the town. Contact Celine Paquette at [cpaquette@primelink1.net](mailto:cpaquette@primelink1.net).

## Governors Island

**May 30 - October 11; New York City**

Governors Island is the site of one of New York's first Dutch settlements and a strategic nineteenth-century coastal fortification. One of three legacy projects, over the next few years, visitors will have access to the promenade's entire perimeter for the first time. Visitors will enjoy a new park area and breathtaking views of the Statue of Liberty, New York Harbor and the Manhattan skyline. A number of events are scheduled, including Island Festival, Harbor Day, and Oyster Festival. Visit [www.govisland.com](http://www.govisland.com).



Tappan Zee Bridge, Tarrytown

