

# Museums in New York and New Jersey, Part 1

This issue of *Social Science Dockets* reports on museums in New York State outside of New York City and Long Island. The next issue presents museums in New Jersey. The lists are organized by county. The third installment will focus on museums in Nassau and Suffolk County and the fourth on museums in New York City. This four-part guide to museums was compiled by Christopher Baker, Kevin Breslin, Christa Kadletz, Paul Reilly, Andrew Sarli, and Justin Sulsky.

## **Albany County**

### **Albany Institute of History and Art**

125 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12210

(518) 463-4478 <http://www.albanyinstitute.org>

The majority of the objects in the museum's collections were either made in the Albany area or were used and owned by documented families living in the Hudson Valley region. Collections include 18th and 19th Century American paintings and sculpture as well as an exhibit on Colonial Albany and the formation of American identity.

### **New York State Museum**

Cultural Education Center, 310 Madison Avenue

Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230

(518) 474-5877 <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov>

Collections examine New York's natural and human heritage.

### **Allegany County Salamanca Rail Museum**

170 Main St, Salamanca, NY 14779

(716) 945-3133 / Web: <http://mysite.verizon.net/bizxyrad/salamancarailmuseumassociation>

A fully restored passenger depot constructed in 1912 by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway.

## **Broome County**

### **The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier**

60 Morgan Road, Binghamton, NY 13903  
(607) 773-8661 <http://www.thediscoverycenter.org>

Interactive exhibits and programs for children.

**Cayuga County Seward House**

33 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021

(315) 252-1283 <http://www.sewardhouse.org>

Former home of William H. Seward. Contains artifacts from Seward's forty-year political career.

**Chautauqua County Fenton History Center**

67 Washington Street, Jamestown, NY 14701

(716) 664-6256 <http://www.fentonhistorycenter.org>

Preservation and exhibition of artifacts and archival materials from Jamestown and Chautauqua County.

**Chemung County**

**Chemung Valley History Museum**

415 East Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901

(607)734-4167 <http://www.chemungvalleymuseum.org>

**Chenango County Northeast Classic Car Museum**

24 Rexford Street (NYS Rte 23) Norwich, NY 13815

(607) 334-2886 <http://www.classiccarmuseum.org>

**Clinton County Plattsburg State Art Museum**

**101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901**

(518) 564-2178

<http://organizations.plattsburgh.edu/museum>

**Columbia County FASNY Museum of Firefighting**

117 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534

(518) 822-1875 <http://www.asnyfiremuseum.com> Premiere collection of American firefighting artifacts. Includes interactive exhibits and programs.

**Cortland County Historical Society**

25 Homer Avenue, Cortland, NY 13045-2018

(607) 756-6071 <http://cortlandhistory.com>

Houses military artifacts from local participants in wars from the Civil War through WWII.

**Delaware County Hanford Mills Museum**

P.O. Box 99, East Meredith, NY 13757

(800) 295-4992 <http://www.hanfordmills.org>

Tours of the mill include a working water wheel and machinery demonstrations.

**Dutchess County**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site**

4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

[http:// www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm)

The home of FDR includes the main residence, the FDR Presidential Library, and a museum.

**Erie County**

**Amherst Museum**

3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst, NY 14228

[http:// www.amherstmuseum.org](http://www.amherstmuseum.org)

19th-century life on the Niagara Frontier and tours of historic homes, churches and a one-room schoolhouse. Exhibits on local history and the Erie Canal.

### **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site**

641 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202

(716) 884-0095 <http://www.nps.gov/thri/index.htm>

Roosevelt was inaugurated at the home of a friend after the assassination of President William McKinley. The refurbished home reflects an upscale home at the turn of the 20th century.

### **Essex County**

#### **Fort Ticonderoga National Historic Landmark**

100 Fort Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883

(518) 585-2821 <http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org>

Contains artifacts associated with the French & Indian and American Revolutionary Wars and one of the oldest and broadest collections of 18th-century military material in North America.

#### **John Brown Farm Historic Site**

115 John Brown Road Lake Placid, NY 12946

(518) 523-3900

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/historic-sites/29/details.aspx>

Home and grave of abolitionist John Brown.

### **Franklin County The Wild Center**

45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

(518) 359 7800 <http://www.wildcenter.org>

Hundreds of live animals from rare native trout and river otters, to turtles the size of walnuts and other hard-to-see natural residents of the woods and waters.

### **Fulton County Historical Society & Museum**

237 Kingsboro Avenue, Gloversville, NY 12078

(518) 725-2203 <http://fultoncountymuseum.com>

### **Genesee County**

#### **The 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum**

3489 Big Tree Lane, Geneseo, NY 14454

(585) 243-2100 <http://www.1941hag.org>

Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, display, and flight of aircraft from World War II and Korean War.

### **Greene County**

#### **Pleshakov Music Center (Hunter, NY 12442)**

(518) 263-3330 <http://www.pleshakov.com>

Exhibits on keyboard instruments and classical music.

### **Hamilton County Adirondack Museum**

Rt. 28N & 30, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

(518) 352-7311 <http://www.adkmuseum.org>

Artifacts, photographs, archival materials, and fine art document the Adirondack region's beauty and history.

### **Herkimer County Historical Society Museum**

400 N. Main St., Herkimer, NY 13350

(315) 866-6413

### **Jefferson County Sci-Tech Center**

154 Stone Street, Watertown NY 13601

(315) 788-1340 <http://www.scitechcenter.org>

### **Lewis County American Maple Museum**

9753 State Route 812, Croghan, NY 13327

Phone: (315) 346-1107 Website: [www.lcida.org](http://www.lcida.org)

The American Maple Museum was founded in 1977 to preserve the history and evolution of the North American maple syrup industry.

### **Livingston County Big Springs Historical Society**

3095 Main Street, Caledonia, NY 14423

(585) 538-9880 <http://www.bigspringsmuseum.org>

### **Madison County National Abolition Hall of Fame**

5525 Pleasant Valley Road, Peterboro, NY 13134

(315) 684-3262 <http://www.abolitionhof.org>

The National Abolition Hall of Fame honors those who worked to end slavery and reminds people there still is much work to be done to end racism in the U.S.

### **Monroe County**

#### **George Eastman House**

900 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607

(585) 271-3361 <http://www.eastmanhouse.org>

One of the world's preeminent museums of photography with one of the oldest film archives in the United States. Includes the mansion that was once home to the founder of the Eastman Kodak Company.

#### **Susan B. Anthony House**

17 Madison Street, Rochester, NY 14608

(585) 235-6124 <http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org>

Highlights Susan B. Anthony's life and work for suffrage, abolition, temperance, and education.

**Montgomery County Noteworthy Indian Museum**

Amsterdam, New York 12010

(518) 843-4761 <http://www.greatturtle.net>

Examples of original and perfectly crafted reproductions that tell the story of Mohawk Valley.

**Niagara County**

**North Tonawanda History Museum**

[54 Webster Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120](#)

(716) 213-0554 <http://www.nthistorymuseum.org>

**Oneida County Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology**

311 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501

(315) 724-6129 <http://www.museum4kids.net>

Exhibits include models of transportation from yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the Erie Canal Hall of Fame, and an Iroquois longhouse.

**Onondaga County**

**Erie Canal Museum**

318 Erie Blvd East in Syracuse, NY 13202

(315) 471-0593 <http://www.eriecanalmuseum.org>

Erie Canal historical exhibits including the Frank B. Thomson Line Boat and Nineteenth Century Theater Stage.

**Harriet Tubman Home**

180 South Street, Auburn, NY 13201

(315) 252-2081 <http://www.harriethouse.org>

Home of UGRR conductor Harriet Tubman.

### **Ontario County Historical Museum**

55 North Main St, Canandaigua, NY 14424

(585) 394-4975 <http://www.ochs.org>

### **Orange County**

#### **New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site**

Vails Gate, NY 12584 (845) 561-1765

<http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/22/details.aspx>

This is the place where the Continental Army spent the last winter of the Revolutionary War. Re-enactors demonstrate musket drills, blacksmithing, military medicine, and other 18th century skills.

### **Orleans County Medina Historical Society**

406 West Avenue, Medina, New York 14103

(585) 798-3006 <http://historicmedina.nytreasures.org>

### **Oswego County Railroad Museum**

56 West 1st Street, Oswego, NY 13126

(315)343-2347

<http://www.co.oswego.ny.us/oswegorailroadmuseum>

### **Otsego County**

#### **Boswell Museum of Music**

5748 US Hwy. 20, East Springfield, NY 13333

[http:// www.boswellmuseum.org](http://www.boswellmuseum.org)

Exhibits include Old Time Radio, Tiptoe through the Twenties, 1930s Jamboree, Notes on a Banjo, Rag-time Roundup, New Orleans North, and a 1920s Fair.

### **The Farmers Museum**

5775 State Highway 80, Cooperstown, NY 13326

<http://www.farmersmuseum.org>

The historic village is a mid-19th-century farming community with a blacksmith shop, pharmacy, printing shop, farm, tavern, and general store.

### **National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**

25 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326

<http://community.baseballhall.org>

Illustrates the historical development of baseball and its impact on American culture. Highlights are the Hall of Fame Gallery; history of baseball in the 19th and 20th centuries; the Babe Ruth Room; Women in Baseball; The African-American Baseball Experience; and Viva Baseball, an interactive exhibit that is dedicated to baseball in the Caribbean Basin countries.

### **Putnam County Southeast Museum**

67 Main Street, Brewster, NY

(845) 279-7500 <http://www.southeastmuseum.org>

Exhibits on the early American Circus, the Harlem Line Railroad, the Tilly Foster Mine, the Borden Milk Condensery, and the Croton Reservoir System.

### **Rensselaer County**

#### **Children's Museum of Science and Technology**

250 Jordan Road, Troy, New York 12180

(518) 235-2120 <http://www.cmost.com>

### **Rockland County Haverstraw Brick Museum**

Main Street, Haverstraw, NY 10927

(845) 947-3505 [www.haverstrawbrickmuseum.org](http://www.haverstrawbrickmuseum.org)

**St. Lawrence Co. Frederic Remington Art Museum**

303 Washington Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

(315)393-2425 <http://www.fredericremington.org>

**Saratoga Co. Saratoga National Historical Park**

648 Route 32, Stillwater, NY 12170

[http:// www.nps.gov/sara/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sara/index.htm)

Revolutionary War Battle of Saratoga, restored country house of American General Philip Schuyler, and the Saratoga Monument.

**Schenectady County Museum and Planetarium**

15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, NY 12308

(518) 382-7890 <http://www.schenectadymuseum.org>

**Schoharie County Iroquois Indian Museum**

324 Caverns Road, Howes Cave, NY 12092

(518) 296-8949 <http://www.iroquoismuseum.org>

Specializes in the history of the Schoharie Mohawk. Exhibits include traditional and modern crafts.

**Schuyler County****International Motor Racing Research Center**

610 S. Decatur Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

(607) 535-9044 <http://www.racingarchives.org>

Materials document amateur and professional motor racing including Formula 1 and NASCAR.

**Seneca County****Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry**

89 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

(315) 568-1510 [http:// www.senecamuseum.com](http://www.senecamuseum.com)

### **Women's Rights National Historic Park**

136 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York 13148

(315) 568-0024 <http://www.nps.gov/wori/>

Commemorates the women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls in 1848 and the struggle for suffrage.

### **Steuben County Corning Museum of Glass**

One Museum Way, Corning, NY

(800) 732-6845 <http://www.cmog.org>

The most extensive collection of historic and artistic glass in the world. Glass-making demonstrations.

### **Tioga County Historical Society**

110 Front Street, Owego, NY

(607) 687-2460 <http://www.tiogahistory.org>

### **Tompkins County Sciencenter**

601 First Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

(607) 272-0600 <http://www.sciencenter.org>

### **Ulster County Hudson River Maritime Museum**

50 Roundout Landing, Kingston, NY 12401

(845) 338-0071 <http://www.HRMM.org>

History of the Hudson River and its industries with paintings, prints, photographs, artifacts, and vessels including a 100-year-old steam tug.

### **Warren County Chapman Historical Museum**

348 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801  
(518) 793-2826 <http://www.chapmanmuseum.org>

### **Washington County Old Stone Fort Museum**

29 Broadway St, Fort Edward, NY 12828  
(518) 747-9600 <http://www.ftedward.com/History/OldFort/oldFort.htm>

Features Solomon Northup, Revolutionary War heroine, and the history of Fort Edward, and the Champlain Canal.

### **Wayne County Museum**

21 Butternut Street, Lyons, NY 14489  
(315) 946-4943 <http://www.waynehistory.org>

### **Westchester County**

#### **Thomas Paine Cottage**

20 Sicard Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804  
(914) 633-1776 <http://thomaspainecottage.org>

Artifacts reflect local history during the Civil War, the Black Experience, Women in History, and the formation of services like police and fire.

#### **Philipsburg Manor**

Sleepy Hollow, NY (914) 631-8200  
<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/content/view/14/254>

18th century farming, milling, and trading center owned by the Philipses, a family of Anglo-Dutch merchants.

### **Wyoming County Arcade Historical Society**

331 West Main Street, Arcade, NY 14009

(585) 492-4466 <http://arcadehistoricalsociety.org>

**Yates County Oliver House Museum**

200 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527

(315) 536-7318 <http://www.yatespast.com/ohmuseum.html>

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