



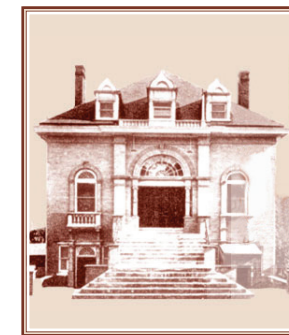
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**“Patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual,
 freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth.**

—Eleanor Roosevelt—

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please cut out this form, fill out the appropriate information and send to:
 Southeast Museum 67 Main Street Brewster, NY 10509

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Please make checks payable to the **Southeast Museum**.

All donations to the Southeast Museum are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.



PROGRAMS CALENDAR

MAY HISTORY EXCHANGE

May 8, 12:30-1:30pm, Brewster Library meeting room

Topic: Author Vincent D'Acquino, *Patriot Hero of the Hudson Valley: The Life and Ride of Sybil Ludington, Hauntings of the Hudson River Valley*

Register online at the Brewster Library website:

<http://http://brewsterlibrary.org>

HISTORY BOOK CLUB

May 23, 2:00pm, Brewster Library large conference room

Book featured: *The Empire of Pain* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Registration is required to order books. Register online at <http://brewsterlibrary.org>

A MUSIC AND HISTORY CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY IN THE HUDSON VALLEY
September 7, 7-9PM, at the Museum

Local blues and gospel musicians will perform. See pg 2

EDUCATOR'S NOTE

Happy Spring! It's been a busy winter bringing history to the students in the Brewster School District as well as planning exciting exhibits and events for your enjoyment this summer.

Local History in our Schools

I have had the pleasure of working with Eileen Barrett, ELA Specialist for JFK Elementary and CV Starr School to bring local history presentations to students in grades 1-5. After consulting with faculty members regarding the best way to provide enrichment to the New York State Social Studies Curriculum, I created slideshows that provided images and information designed to appeal to each grade level. Beginning in November, with the research local resident Fleur Fairman conducted on the stone chambers found throughout Putnam County, third grade students were encouraged to decide whether these mysterious structures were remnants of colonial era root cellars, Native American ceremonial shelters, temples of Celtic and Nordic gods, or creations to communicate with extraterrestrials!

Throughout January, first and second grade students compared the community services available to residents of Brewster long ago with current services such as the fire department, the post office, transportation, and education.

In February, fourth grade students explored replicas of clothing, utensils, tools, and games used in the seventeenth and eighteenth century as part of their Colonial Fair.

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Discovery of Clovis Point dated 12,800 BP*

During our cleanup and organization of the museum over the winter, our amazing volunteer, Patti Frische, made an extraordinary discovery of several Native American points, some dating back to the paleolithic age. These points were found with a receipt from PF Beal & Sons, Inc., with a note on the back that reads Picked up on Fred Zimmer's farm, Dykeman's.

Patti contacted colleagues in the field, who put her in touch with the New York State Museum. The points were photographed and measured by the Director of Archaeology from the museum. The findings will be included in a report we are awaiting. Patti has contacted Beals for help in tracking down the date of the receipt. Once researched and identified, these points will be on view in a future exhibit at the museum.

* BP: Before Present.

A MUSIC AND CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

The museum has been awarded a grant by the Putnam Arts Council to host a Juneteenth music and history event celebrating the contributions of notable African American residents throughout the history of the Hudson Valley, Saturday, September 7, from 7-9 here at the museum. Local blues, gospel, and Pentecostal artist Joshua Brittingham will be bringing fellow musicians to Brewster to perform classics such as Billie Holiday's *Strange Fruit* as well as some of their own compositions. Joshua's daughter, actor Macy Brittingham, will recite profiles of local African American citizens such as opera star Marian Anderson; Frank Myers, Patterson resident who served with the all black 59th Infantry of Massachusetts during the Civil War; and Sophia Provost, the last enslaved person listed on the New York Census. Registration information for this special event will be posted on our website and on Facebook.

THE HISTORY OF BUSINESS IN BREWSTER

In collaboration with The Brewster Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Historian's office, the museum will be

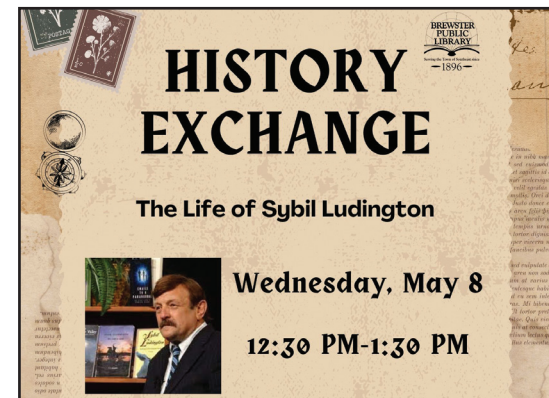
premiering its exhibit on *The History of Business in Brewster* on September 21, 2024. I've been having the time of my life interviewing lifetime Brewster residents who've helped to recreate Main Street of the past with their memories of businesses such as Oxman's, Hope's Drug Store, Norm's, The Whistle Stop, and the Cameo Theater. These interviews have been recorded as the launch for a Brewster Oral History Project in collaboration with the Brewster Library. Please contact me at deborahoswald@southeastmuseum.org with your Brewster business memories and any memorabilia you would be willing to share for this exciting exhibit.



DIGITIZATION OF THE TILLY FOSTER MINERAL EXHIBIT

Roderick Cassidy (left), a Brewster High School senior, has been hard at work capturing three dimensional images of each of the minerals displayed in the museum's Tilly Foster Exhibit, on loan from New York State Museum.

Roderick captured these images by placing each mineral on a rotating platform. They have been converted to mp4 files which play directly on the New York Heritage website. These images will also be uploaded to the museum's website so that students may examine them virtually. Thank you, Roderick, for making these images available to students and anyone interested in this collection.



The Southeast Museum invites you to join us at The Brewster Library

Vin D'Acquino, author of *Patriot Hero of the Hudson Valley: The Life and Ride of Sybil Ludington*, will be presenting at the May 8 **History Exchange** in The Library's downstairs conference room. Please join us to learn about the life of Sybil Ludington by an author who has dedicated years to researching our Putnam County hero of the American Revolution.

REV250 WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXHIBIT

As New York prepares to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States in 2026, museums and historical societies have been called upon to create exhibits (*see ad at right*) and events designed to commemorate the contributions of Hudson Valley residents during the American Revolution. I recently met with the staff of the Putnam History Museum to begin planning for a new exhibition titled *Revolutionary Visions: Women of the Hudson Highlands during the American Revolution*. This exhibition will include local artists's paintings of women such as Sybil Ludington, Margaret Corbin, and Deborah Sampson. These paintings will be accompanied by profiles of these women's contributions to the fight for independence. This exhibit is set to premier in October.



MASTER IT MEDIA

The multitalented Maggie Carey of Master It Media has joined the museum as its social media consultant. We are grateful to Maggie for agreeing to update our website and boost our presence on Social Media. Look for all of our upcoming events to be posted on our facebook page as well as our revamped website

MAGGIE CAREY, LEFT, WITH THE MUSEUM'S DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING

BCOC MEETING AT SOUTHEAST MUSEUM

Southeast Museum had the pleasure of hosting the April 17 meeting of The Brewster Chamber of Commerce. The museum space proved to be a creative setting for chamber members to connect, socialize, and hear of upcoming events among the historic artifacts housed in the space. The meeting was catered by Chamber business member Alotta Empanadas, located at 141 Main Street. As the meeting was a huge success, we here at the museum hope that the Chamber will continue holding its meetings here in our space.





Open Call

for

ARTISTS IN ALL MEDIUMS

The Putnam History Museum, located in Cold Spring, New York, seeks to commission 3-5 artists for an upcoming history exhibition, Fall 2024.

Learn more & send an interest email by 5.15.24. www.putnamhistorymuseum.org





With grant support from the Putnam Arts Council & in collaboration with the Southeast Museum.