



In recognition of Patriot's Day, the Ulster County Board of Elections and Ulster County Clerk's Office released a new activity booklet for students. "Voting for Kids" is filled with fun facts, activities, games, puzzles and more! Visitors were able to pick up a copy of the booklet as well as voter registration information and were also invited to try colonial-era games and vote for their favorite!



D&H Canal Historical Society Historian Bill Merchant met with guests and talked about the society's museum and the Five Locks Walk, a National Historic Landmark.



Guests were able to interact with colonial era reenactors including the doctor, his scribe, the gamesman, the laundress, the cook and of course, militia soldiers. 1<sup>st</sup> Ulster Militia members promote the education of the public as to military and social life in the colonial and Revolutionary War eras through demonstrations of everyday crafts and skills and the typical life of the militiaman.



1<sup>st</sup> Ulster Militia Reenactor Hank Yost spoke about the events leading up to the Burning of Kingston: the progress of the war and how Kingston fit into the Burgoyne campaign, the defense of the Hudson River waterway, and the events that occurred that day and its aftermath.



Friends of Historic Kingston share their vast knowledge regarding Uptown, the Stockade National Historic District, and Downtown, the Rondout National Historic District, and the Fred J. Johnston House. This walking tour of Uptown Kingston included a stop at the Persen House where visitors learned about the house as well as Historic Huguenot Street's new "Pathway to the Ballot Box" immersive theatre program.



The MKK Red-K Reading Lounge is a traveling and interactive program that provides diverse stories with all cultures in mind. Storytellers read "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table" written by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and illustrated by Eric-Shabazz Larkin.



Visitors joined the Red Feather Singers and Drummers for a day of Native American drumming, crafts and artifacts.



In recognition of the area's first inhabitants and Indigenous Peoples day, Save Native Sites hosted a video presentation from Chief Mark Peters, historian for the Munsee-Delaware Nation, on the history of the Munsee people, where they lived and where they are now.





The Veterans in a New Field performed various songs of the Irish Brigade in the Civil War and songs of World War I, including Marching Through Georgia, Over There, You're a Grand Old Flag, The Irish Volunteer, It's a Long Way to Tipperary, Yankee Doodle Dandy, Danny Boy, Give My Regards to Broadway, Goober Peas and many more!



Local historian and filmmaker Stephen Blauweiss hosted on many dates throughout the season to show a full-color draft of his upcoming 450-page book, with co-author Karen Berelowitz, about historic Kingston and Ulster County.



Plein Air watercolor and drawing demonstration done by instructor Staats Fasoldt of the Woodstock School of Art.



An unplanned meet-up at the Persen House of people representing Kingston's history and art. From left to right: Bill Merchant (Historian for the D&H Canal Historical Society), Henry Lowengard (Century House Museum Board President, Local Artist and Member of the Kingston Midtown Arts District), Stephen Blauweiss (Independent Film Maker and Local Historian), Frank Marquette (Theatre on the Road Management Team), and Nancy Chando (Friends of Historic Kingston Board President).



Professor Emeritus of Biology, Don Terpening presented various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during the Revolutionary War.



“A Sampling of Kingston History Then & Now” presented by Blauweiss Media – a mini walking tour all in one room at this exhibition which featured selected highlights of historic buildings that still exist as well as those that have been lost or altered.



"Earthday Everyday" was created using everyday objects and recycled materials. Local photographer and eco workshop facilitator Star Nigro developed this traveling mural project with help from the talented youth of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's RAPP (Relatives As Parents) 4-H program. "Earthday Everyday" won first place at the Ulster County Fair, along with a ribbon for outstanding exhibit at the New York State Fair in Syracuse.



The legacy of the Dutch settlers of Wiltwyck lives on at the Matthewis Persen House in "Gysbert's Inventory". The house was originally owned by Gysbert Van Imbroch, a barber-surgeon. An inventory listing Gysbert's possessions at the time of his death in 1665 is brought to life through illustrations of clothing, kitchen items, medical supplies, books and other articles used in 17th century daily life.