



2018: Year of the Veteran

On the road...

The 11-panel *Over Here: the Yet-to-be Told Stories of the Men, Women & Children of Dutchess County During the World War 1917—1919*, has traveled across almost the entire county since its April launch at the FDR Presidential Library. Specifically: the Dutchess County Fair, Vassar College, Milan, Pine Plains, North East, Stanford, Pleasant Valley, Millbrook, Amenia, Poughkeepsie, Dover and East Fishkill. With plans to exhibit in Beacon November 8 and Red Hook in 2019. Let us know if you have idea for a location.



Back from you...



County residents continue to share stories, objects, and photos. In instances where the family prefers to keep an item with great personal, sentimental value, they exercise the newly-created option of a "digital image gift." Some examples of items shared with us shown in photo (left).

Permanent online exhibition

Organized both by topic, and by city town, we have a growing, permanent online exhibition made up of our collections and the items residents bring forward. At:

www.dchsny.org/overhere



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At the request of the Dutchess County Fair, it was our pleasure and honor to develop an illustrated backdrop to the playing of our National Anthem at evening performances. Featuring the Reuben Van Vlack photos from the C. Fred Close Collection, and recent contributions from local individuals and organizations, we produced and offered this very visual story as a tribute to the contributions of men, women and children from a century ago, as well as the contributions made today by veterans and their families.



Annual Awards Dinner Gala

Thursday ~ November 1

•5:30 Drinks Reception •6:30 Dinner •8:30 Finish
Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

Since 1914, the mission of the Dutchess County Historical Society has been to understand and preserve our collective, local history, sharing it for present, and future, generations. We believe we have a lot to celebrate relative to this mission in 2018, going into 2019!

Our program, "2018: Year of the Veteran," will be extended into next year when we acknowledge the 100th anniversaries of the Treaty of Versailles (June 28) and the county "Welcome Home" Parade (September 24). As noted elsewhere, we continue to maintain and expand our collections of artifacts, photographs, and documents relating to Dutchess County history. We are also building the support in the areas of development, finance, membership, and board development. Please ask us how you might get involved. We continue to publish our highly regarded yearbook, now over 100 years old, first published in 1915. The 2018 Yearbook is coordinated with our "Year of the Veteran" concept, entitled: *Patriotism and Honor: Veterans of Dutchess County, New York, Part I*.

We have learned a great deal as an organization and as a county community through our "2018: Year of the Veteran" program, chaired by Melodye Moore. "2019: Year of the Veteran" will continue to examine the DCHS collections in this area, but equally, will share, in context, the extraordinary range of letters, photos, documents, clothing, toys, and military gear, shared by individuals across the county.

Each year at this time, through our awards, we recognize those individuals and an organization who understand the value of local history, and whose actions speak louder than words alone. They have put values and beliefs into practice, with extraordinary results.

We are fortunate to have Denise Van Buren as our moderator for the evening. Denise is a past president of our organization, a longtime member and supporter, a tireless advocate for taking the best of our shared history and making it a living, active inspiration for what we do today. Whether it is professionally at Central Hudson, or in her leadership roles with the Daughters of the American Revolution, she is a perfect person to announce and congratulate our awardees.

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RSVP and purchase tickets for November 1: www.DCHSNY.org/2018awards

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2018 Award Winners



**HELEN WILKINSON
REYNOLDS AWARD
BETSY STRAUSS**



Recognizing the necessary and accurate search for historical truths

Betsy Strauss lives in Amenia with her husband, Julian, on the Guernsey farm. She is a tireless, probing, researcher who has a broad and inclusive intellectual curiosity. Her writings, talks and exhibitions stake out new territory while being firmly grounded in historical truth. The history of local Russian-Jewish families, the founding role of African Americans, the story of early Irish settlers, are a few examples. As part of a standing offer, Betsy recently introduced a couple who traveled from Nagaland, India to the historic sites and final resting place in Amenia/North East of Rev. Edward Clark and his wife, a local couple whose missionary & educational work in that part of India (1868 to 1910) still touches people today.

For exceptional contributions in preservation, history and education

E. Stuart and Linda Hubbard are the current generation and legacy stewards of LaGrange's Hart Hubbard family. Blessed by forebears who kept and maintained diaries, letters, documents, photographs, marketing material, and art for six generations (1839 to the 1960s), they were looking for a permanent, safe place for the family's extraordinary story. Now the single largest collections gift ever given to DCHS in terms of scale and variety, the Hart Hubbard Collection tells the story of a family that grew from self-sufficiency to a global marketer, seller, and shaper of apple markets. Adapting as tastes and technologies changed, their story illuminates the longstanding, fundamental role of agriculture.

**DUTCHESS AWARD
E. STUART &
LINDA HUBBARD**



Demonstrating an early interest, scholarship and enthusiasm for local history

Growing up in a house where the large portrait of his great-great-grandfather Fred Knickerbocker was always a presence, Justin Kemp came to know his ancestor through the careful reading of hundreds of Fred's letters, close inspection of photographs Fred had taken, and a good deal of research into larger, world events. The Spanish-American War had taken this Pine Plains farm boy with the classic early Hudson Valley settlers' name, on a wholly unexpected world adventure. Fred's first letter to his parents apologize for enlisting in the service without telling them. But he assures them he would be back "in a few weeks." Any parent can relate to the exciting, accessible narrative created by Justin.



**FRANKLIN D.
ROOSEVELT AWARD
JUSTIN KEMP**

Local Vice Presidents

- Amenia: Julian Strauss
- Beacon: Theresa Kraft
- Beekman: Vacant
- Clinton: Craig Marshall
- Dover: Caroline Reichenberg & Valerie LaRobardier
- East Fishkill: Richard Soedler
- Fishkill: Joey Cavacinni
- Hyde Park: Shannon Butler
- LaGrange: Vacant
- Milan: Victoria LoBrutto
- Washington & Millbrook: Jim Inglis & Robert McHugh
- North East & Millerton: Ed Downey & Jane Rossman
- Pawling: Vacant
- Pine Plains: Dyan Wapnick
- Pleasant Valley: Dieter Friedrichsen
- Poughkeepsie: Vacant
- Red Hook: Emily Majer
- Rhinebeck Town & Village: Michael Frazier & David Miller
- Stanford: Kathy Spiers
- Union Vale: Fran Wallin
- Wappingers: Joey Cavacinni

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2018: YEAR OF THE VETERAN SPECIAL RECOGNITION WALTER PATRICE



Walter Patrice served in World War II in Europe as an engineer, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant. During his tenure as historian of the Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Methodist Church, he secured the building's designation as a nationally registered historic site. He has donated significant items to the Dutchess County Historical Society, now known as the "Patrice Collection." He is a DCHS Dutchess Award recipient. And active member of the Black History Committee.



**NOV 1 ~ DCHS
Annual Awards Dinner
JUST IN TIME!
Please Join Us!**

NEW IN COLLECTIONS

Collection of Eunice Hatfield Smith paintings grows with gift from family

The power of visuals to tell our local history, and the lesser-told stories of women artists, are beautifully expressed in paintings that have been generously donated by the family of Eunice Hatfield Smith (1911 – 1985). The work of the noted local artist range from portraits, to rural, to domestic and commercial scenes of Poughkeepsie prior to urban renewal. Having had only one such painting until now (below, top-left, Mid-Hudson bridge in background), our collection is greatly expanded. Smith was referred to as a “promising young artist” at the October 1934 exhibition of county artists at the department store Luckey, Platt and Company in Poughkeepsie, having just graduated from the College of Fine Arts at Syracuse University. Among Smith’s items shown at the 1934 exhibition was a small portrait drawing entitled “grandpa,” shown here (below, bottom-left). Always interested in the County’s history, Smith was a member, Board Member, and Officer of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

