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The 2009 Western Frontier Symposium

October 17, 2009

Fulton Montgomery Community College,
Johnstown NY

October 18, 2009

Talks and Tours at Sites throughout
the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor

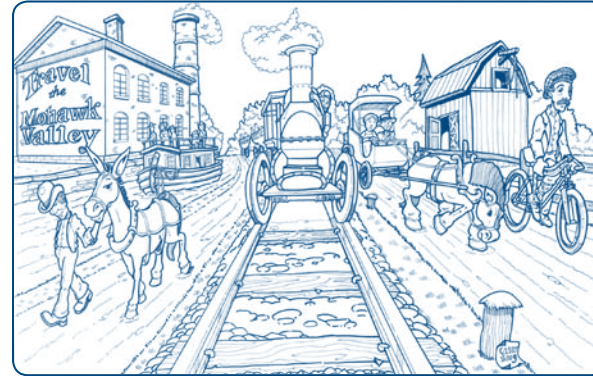
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In 2009 the third Western Frontier Symposium will explore the ways that transportation changed the culture, economy and social life in the Mohawk Valley from 1700 to 1890. As turnpikes, canals and railroads made it easier to move people and goods, New York's colonial frontier became the central corridor into America's midlands.

Our keynote speaker will be Daniel Larkin, noted author of books on railroad and canal engineering, and editor of *The Erie Canal: New York's Gift to the Nation*. He will talk about the central role of Mohawk Valley transportation and technologies in shaping the New York State we know today.

Other symposium scholars will present fascinating insights into various aspects of this region's transportation history - from native American trails and early canals, through the glory days of the Erie Canal and into the railroad age and the first bicycle craze.

Learn about early roads, the businesses that served merchants and travelers, and the impact of these movements on the Palatine and Dutch settlements of the Mohawk Valley. Then spend a day at historic sites throughout the region, viewing special exhibits related to transportation history and discussing specific topics with additional speakers in the field.

**FREE ADMISSION
TO ALL PRESENTATIONS**

Don't Miss the Symposium's
Special Companion Exhibition

The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie



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August 20 - November 4, 2009



From the collections of the Arkell Museum

Look back to the time before automobiles, when people and supplies traveled by water, dirt road or railroad. Paintings, images and objects from the Mohawk Valley illustrate the waterways period of bateaux and the turnpike/canal era of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Included are detailed models of an Erie Canal packet boat and New York's first train, as well as early bird's-eye views of Mohawk Valley villages.

www.arkellmuseum.org/exhibitions

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2009 Symposium Schedule

► Saturday, October 17

Talks on Transportation: Presentations at Fulton-Montgomery Community College

8:00 - 9:00 – Registration

9:00 - 9:30 – Welcome & introductions

9:30 - 10:30 – Keynote: F. Daniel Larkin, Ph.D., SUNY Oneonta - "Transportation, Technology and the Shaping of New York State: The Role of the Mohawk Valley Corridor"

Weaving a Transportation Network

11:00 - 11:30 – David Cornelius, NATivED Native Education Services – "The Native American Trail Systems of the Western Frontier in Colonial Days"

11:30 - 12:00 – Phil Lord, Retired archeologist, New-York State Museum – "New York's First Canal Age: The National Waterway - 1790 to 1820"

12:00 - 12:30 – G. William Beardslee, independent scholar – "Making Connections: The Plank Road Craze 1845-1855"

12:30 - 1:30 – Lunch - box lunches available for fee (\$)

Transportation & Business

1:30 - 2:00 – Ron Burch, New York State Museum "Serving the Traveler: Turnpike and Canal Lodging in the Mid-Mohawk Valley"

2:00 - 2:30 – Tricia Shaw, Schoharie Crossing SHS – "The Fort Hunter Canal Store: A Community on Land Serves the Community Afloat"

2:30 - 3:00 – Paul Schneider, independent scholar – "Getting Our Goods to the Market: The Eddy Brothers Ink Business"

Changing the Cultural Landscape

3:30 - 4:00 – Elizabeth Covart, Ph.D. candidate – "Paving Albany: The Impact of Yankee Migration on a Dutch Community"

4:00 - 4:30 – Kate Weller, Schenectady County Historical Society – "From Church to Shrine: The Evolution of the Mohawk Valley's Palatine Churches"

4:30 - 5:00 – Peter Betz, Fulton County Historian – "Radical Changes: The Impact of Bicycling on Community, Society and the Mohawk Valley Culture"

5:00 - 6:00 – RECEPTION – Bookstore open until 5:30 pm

6:30 - 10:00 – A Night at the Museum. Arkell Museum, Canajoharie (\$)

► Sunday October 18

Transported Talks: Presentations in the Field

Special presentations and exhibits on early transportation in the Mohawk Valley will be offered at participating sites throughout the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor. See website for complete list & details.

Herkimer Home State Historic Site, Little Falls: Alan Sterling and Brian Heffron: "The Portage at Little Falls in Colonial Times"

Nellis Tavern, St. Johnsville: Turnpike Tavern - Exhibit includes 1887 bicycle as ridden across America by George Nellis

Fort Plain Museum, Ft Plain: Historic carriages on exhibit, demonstrations

Arkell Museum at Canajoharie: "Trunks & Travel: A 19th Century Journey" (Speakers in the Humanities Program)

Fulton County Museum, Gloversville: Paul Lerner – "The Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad"

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter: "Erie Canal Ruins" talk, tours, music, activities & birthday cake

Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam Junction: David Manthey: "Life on the Mohawk: Running Bateaux for a Living"

Crailo State Historic Site, Rensselaer: Kevin Fuerst and Tim Blanchard: "The Traditional Art of Brain Tanning"

Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center: The Old Path Master: A Guided Tour of Lock 4 on the Original Champlain Canal

For more information visit our website:
www.oldfortjohnson.org/symposium
Or call Johnson Hall SHS 518-762-8712

Join Us In October!

Free Ride.....Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

All of the Moving Frontier symposium presentations at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FMCC) are free and open to everyone. FMCC Theater seating is limited to the first 200 arrivals, but additional seating will be available in nearby classrooms with remote broadcasting.

Register for Special Ticket Packages

Make your exploration of Mohawk Valley's transportation history even more memorable by signing up for one of the Moving Frontiers Premium Ticket Packages:

1st Class Day Ticket.....\$50

Includes a special box lunch at FMCC on Saturday

- Symposium Reception Saturday 5-6 pm
- Bound paper copies of all symposium papers
- A special quality Symposium Souvenir

The Evening Express.....\$45

A Night at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie (Sat - 6:30 pm):

- Enjoy a catered Nineteenth Century Dinner for travelers (1600-1890 period attire optional)
- Free admission and private tours of the Symposium Exhibition "Moving Frontiers: Early Transportation in the Mohawk Valley"

Weekend Return Ticket.....\$85

Includes everything in the 1st Class Day Ticket and

- The Evening Express (A Night at the Arkell Museum)
- Special Friday reception with speakers, 5-7 pm at the Walter Elwood Museum at Guy Park Manor, Amsterdam

Or Travel "A La Cart":

Bound paper copies of all presentations.....\$15
 Friday reception at Guy Park.....\$15
 Saturday Box Lunch at FMCC.....\$10

Send registrations and checks to:

Western Frontier 2009 Symposium
Johnson Hall State Historic Site
Hall Avenue, Johnstown NY 12195

Special Ticket Registration

Registration is not required to attend symposium presentations

Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Weekend Return: (Fri. reception, Sat. lunch, Sat. dinner, Papers and Souvenir)

___ @ \$85 ea. = \$ _____

First Class Day: (Saturday lunch, Papers & Souvenir)

___ @ \$50 ea. = \$ _____

Evening Express: (Saturday dinner & Arkell Exhibit)

___ @ \$45 ea. = \$ _____

Please indicate entrée preference:

Ham Salmon Vegetarian

A La Cart:

Friday Reception: # ___ @ \$15 ea. = \$ _____

Saturday Box Lunch: # ___ @ \$10 ea. = \$ _____

Bound Set Papers: # ___ @ \$15 ea. = \$ _____

Total Registration Fees: \$ _____

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