
History Happenings | June 2023

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Last Month at The History Center...

The inaugural [Canoe Fest](#) on May 6th & 7th went off without a hitch...well except the hitches to get the boats to Cass Park!

This year's event was created in collaboration with the students of the [Outdoor Recreation Economy class taught by Trent Preszler](#),

and the [Finger Lakes Dragon Boat Festival](#), [Haudenosaunee Canoe Journey](#), [Finger Lakes Boating Museum](#), and The History Center in Tompkins County.



Over 500 people joined us at Cass Park to experience Haudenosaunee social dancing, the [gifting of the canoe handmade by students to Hickory Edwards](#) (On̄dagehó:nə? / Ononondaga) to support his efforts in reconnecting Haudenosaunee with their ancestral waterways; performances by the Cornell Lion Dancers, and the "skinning" of a canoe by the Finger Lakes Boating Museum.

We hope you'll all join us next year on May 6th!

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRESENT CONVERSATIONS
AN INDIGENOUS & POC ART EXHIBIT
Opening weekend during Ithaca Festival!

Join us on
Friday, June 2, 5-9pm
110 N Tioga St
CAP Artspace, Ithaca Commons

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Gallery Runs Through June 2023

Come join us for our June Exhibit at the CAP ArtSpace! Located at [110 N Tioga St](#), middle of the commons! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to meet the artists! Facebook.com/presentconvos Instagram.com/ithacapresentconvos

The [History Center in Tompkins County](#) is serving as the fiscal and space sponsor for this exhibit and supporting the collaboration and organizing partners including [Yen Ospina](#), [Michael Jon Morgan Gallery](#), [The Learning Farm](#), [CNY Humanities Corridor](#), [Eve's Cider](#), [Redbyrd Orchard Cider](#), and [Open Spaces Cider](#).

Wednesday-Saturday -

[EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!](#)

10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety](#)

[Guidelines](#)

ON DISPLAY - [Knot Sew Fast:](#)

[Patchwork of Tompkins](#)

[County](#) at The History Center

Exhibit Hall. Exhibit will be on

display February-December

2023.

CELEBRATE [LGBTQIA+ Pride](#)

[Month](#) IN TOMPKINS

COUNTY!



Learn more LGBTQIA+ history at

thehistorycenter.net/lgbtq-month

In 2022 the Tompkins County Legislature declared June LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Tompkins County. The proclamation stated the designation was to celebrate "the equal dignity of all Tompkins County citizens" and mandates that all county

**P.L.A.C.E. Textile & Garment Workers
through Tompkins County HistoryForge**

Where was the Pocketbook Factory? Who were the sewing machine agents of the 20th century and what can they tell us about home sewing habits?

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH
5:15-6:15PM**

Join Eve Snyder into an exploration for how we can use the wealth of information available on the Tompkins County HistoryForge project (tompkinshistoryforge.net) to discover and understand the role of textile manufacturers, home sewing, and the exclusion of "women's work" in the census records of Tompkins County.



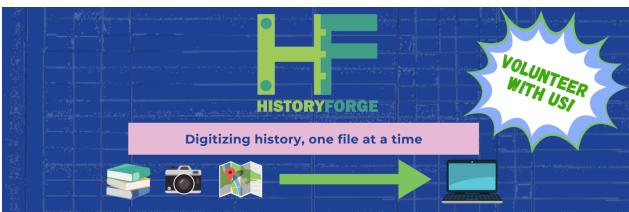
*Inspired by our current exhibit **Knot Sew Fast** Eve will share methods on how to use HistoryForge as a hyper-local research tool, and highlight some unknown stories of local workers and industries along the way.*

TOMPKINS Center for History & Culture
CAP ArtSpace Gallery - 1st Floor
110 N. Tioga St., Ithaca NY 14850
In "Bank Alley" on the Ithaca Commons



This event is FREE and open to the public. Contact Zoë Van Nostrand at community@thehistorycenter.net with any questions.

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Come to one of our [twice-monthly transcription sessions](#) and help preserve history! Explore the work completed so far at tompkins.historyforge.net.

flagpoles to fly a rainbow flag for the month of June.

Thurs - June 1st 6pm - [Look for us in the Ithaca Festival Parade!](#)

Fri - June 2nd- 5-8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join us for Gallery Night to for the EXHIBIT OPENING of [Present Conversations: An Indigenous & POC Art Exhibit](#) in the CAP ArtSpace!

Sat - June 3rd & 17th - Tompkins [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.

Weds - June 7th - [P.L.A.C.E. Textile & Garment Workers through Tompkins County HistoryForge](#) - 5:15-6:15pm @ Tompkins Center

Fri - June 16th - [Film Screening & Discussion - Lavender Hill a love story](#) - 5:30-6:30pm @ Tompkins Center

Sat - June 17th - [Guided Tour of P.L.A.C.E. in Ithaca](#) - 11am-12pm @ Downtown Ithaca. **\$15/person - Registration requested**

SAVE THE DATE:

- **7/8 & 7/22 - [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.**
- **7/12 - [Exhibit Opening - 20th Women Swimmin'](#)**

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

**LAVENDER HILL
A LOVE STORY**
THE LIFE AND TIMES
OF A GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNE

**DOWNTOWN ITHACA
PRIDE
PRIDE
PRIDE
WEEK**

In 1973, a motley group of young writers, artists, political activists, purchased over 80 acres of land outside West Danby. Their home became Lavender Hill – one of the longest running gay and lesbian communes in the Back to the Land movement.

Friday June 16th 2023 - 5:30-6:30
at the Tompkins Center for History & Culture on the Ithaca Commons
110 North Tioga St, Ithaca NY
This film screening is FREE and open to the public.

Q&A Following the screening with members of Lavender Hill

This FREE community event is part of PRIDE Week in Downtown Ithaca.
Find more events at downtownithaca.com/pride
Learn local LGBTQIA+ history at thehistorycenter.net/lgbtq-history



Special introduction with Dr. Jeffrey Iovannone, one-night exhibit of Lavender Hill memorabilia, and post-screening discussion with Lavender Hill members.

- [for Hospicare](#) on display
@ Tompkins Center July
- October 2023 - Opening
5-8pm, Wednesday 7/12
- **July** - Sundae SHOWDOWN - Details TBA
 - **August** - Lavender Hill exhibit opening at the Cherry ArtSpace - Details TBA
 - **September** - the '[Women of Influence - Each Block a Story](#)' quilt on loan from the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum will be returned, and a new quilt will join us on display for the remainder of the [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County](#) exhibit.

Guided Tour of P.L.A.C.E. in Ithaca

People. Land, Architecture. Culture. Enterprise.
What can we discover about the history beneath our feet on the Ithaca Commons?

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH
11AM-12PM

Join us as we explore stories of our P.L.A.C.E. (People, Land, Architecture, Culture, Enterprise) in the history of Ithaca. This tour explores many facets of our local community; from intriguing personalities, architectural highlights, and unique local histories.

Tour led by Alan Cohen, docent at The History Center in Tompkins County



REGISTER at
thehistorycenter.net/events or
call 607-273-8284 ext 229
\$15/person



This guided tour is wheelchair and mobility device friendly! The tour traverses 0.4 miles of flat paved surfaces in Downtown Ithaca.

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Through NEH Grant HistoryForge Confirms NEW Testing Partners



An exciting aspect of the recently awarded \$145,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the HistoryForge project is the [expansion of records for Tompkins County](#) as well as the addition of new partner sites across the country. Over the course of the next year each new partner site will begin implementing HistoryForge in their own communities under the guidance and support of [Tompkins HistoryForge](#).

[HistoryForge](#) is an innovative digital history project combining maps, archival records, and census data that allows any community to explore its local history through the individuals who lived there and the buildings and neighborhoods they lived in.

We are excited to welcome the following organizations to [HistoryForge](#)!

- **Pittsburgh HistoryForge** (<https://pittsburgh.historyforge.net>), Coordinated by the [Senator John Heinz History Center](#) in **Pittsburgh, PA. Focus on 1920 census and**

Pittsburg's Hill District.

- **Schenectady HistoryForge** (<https://schenectady.historyforge.net/>) coordinated by the [Schenectady County Historical Society](#) in Schenectady, NY. **Focus on 1910 census for first and second wards.**
- **Southeastern Louisiana HistoryForge** (<https://sela.historyforge.net>) coordinated by [The Ethel & Herman L. Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies, University of New Orleans](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Focus on ***Iberville and the Tremé-Lafitte areas, and wage laborer lists.***
- **Walnut Hills HistoryForge** (<https://walnuthills.historyforge.net/>) coordinated by the [Walnut Hills Historical Society](#) in Cincinnati, Ohio. **1940 census focus.**

Read the full details of each project's focus at thehistorycenter.net/blog.



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES

From 2022-2024 the [HistoryForge](#) project is supported by a major grant from the '[National Endowment for the Humanities](#): Democracy demands wisdom'.

Historic Ithaca & The History Center Collaborate on Digitization Project

[South Central Regional Library Council](#) awarded a \$7,651 Technology & Digitization Grant to [Historic Ithaca](#) in collaboration with [The History Center in Tompkins County](#) to digitize the 1954 Ithaca Tax Photograph Index Cards collection held by Historic Ithaca. This collection includes approximately 5,600 images, depicting all taxable buildings in the City of Ithaca including residences, businesses, and industries. The resulting images will be available online through Historic Ithaca's collection on [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#) and on The History Center's innovative open-source digital history platform [HistoryForge](#) (tompkins.historyforge.net).



A small, initial set of 112 of these images were previously uploaded to Historic Ithaca's collection on New York Heritage Digital Collections (New York Heritage) as a trial. This project will benefit the region by completing the collection which provides a unique view of the built environment of a small Upstate New York city in the mid-20th century and by increasing its accessibility.

Kids Experience 1892 at the Eight Square Schoolhouse



Our thanks to [Kids Discover the Trail Ithaca!](#) and the [Ithaca Public Education Initiative](#) for making the [1892 Eight Square Schoolhouse](#) living history program possible for our ICSD fourth graders!

OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

[Ithaca Murals](#) is fundraising to support a public mural honoring late-Ithacan Dorothy Cotton's life and legacy as a Civil Rights educator, her work as a colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and her time spent in Ithaca from the 1980's until her death in 2019. [DONATE](#) to support the mural here: <https://www.ithacamurals.com/dorothy-cotton-mural.html>

[Stewart Park has officially been added to the State Register of Historic Places!](#) This designation is the result of a collaboration with Friends of Stewart Park, Wharton Studio Museum, and Historic Ithaca.



[Newfield Historical Society launches YouTube channel](#) with local history content.



Historic Ithaca (separate organization from The History Center, but one we are big fans of!) is coordinating historic preservation efforts for the Ithaca Gun smokestack. To learn more about its history and why they are looking to preserve it, [read this op-ed](#) by former county historian, Carol Kammen. Feel free [to reach out to Historic Ithaca with questions](#).

Historic Ithaca in collaboration with Dr. Jeffrey Iovannone is also hosting a ['Walk and Talk: LGBTQ+ in Publishing](#) in downtown Ithaca on Saturday June 17th for PRIDE month. Please register in advance.

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [IPD solves 1987 cold case homicide of shelter worker in Ithaca](#) - Ithaca Voice - 5/26/2023
- [Stewart Park officially added to National Register of Historic Places](#) - Ithaca Voice - 5/19/23
- [Once Upon a Time, Canines Cavorted on the Hill - Even in Class](#) - Cornelliana - 5/16/2023
- [A Night at Barton Hall with the Dead, 46 years after the first](#) - The Ithaca Voice - 5/9/2023
- [Ithaca Youth Bureau lists 75th anniversary celebrations](#) - The Ithaca Voice 5/3/2023
- [Lee Shurtleff: Village of Groton historian for most of his life](#) - Tompkins Weekly 5/3/2023
- [Returning, Remembering, Forgiving; Holocaust survivor Roald Hoffman speaks to IC Community](#) - IC News - 4/28/2023
- [The legacy of Lost Cat: Ithaca's street art icon dies at 55](#) - The Ithaca Voice - 4/27/2023

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