
History Happenings | March 2023

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Last Month at the History Center

We had a wonderful first month of [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County](#), with over 500 visitors to the Exhibit Hall!! We were also able to kick off our [quilt and textile program series](#) in February. Starting with our first [Private Quilt Appraisal](#) with Cathy Klimaszewski. Cathy reviewed and researched quilts with over 20 community members. Helping them answer questions about patterns, cloth, sewing methods, and time period. Offering a personal connection between our current exhibit and the historic heirlooms we have in our own homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS



PSSSST if you haven't looked at the Tompkins County HistoryForge in recent weeks, there has

Wednesday-Saturday -

[EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!](#)

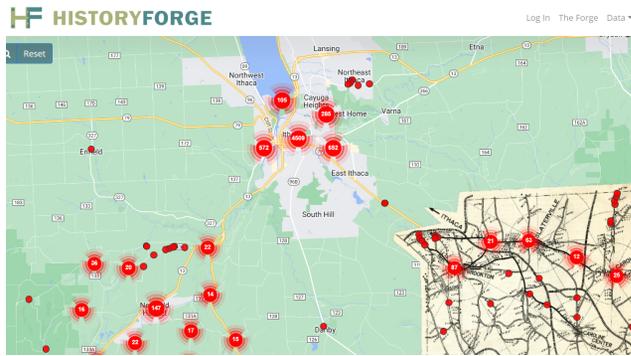
10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety](#)

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ON DISPLAY - [Knot Sew](#)

[Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins](#)

been **BIG progress** made in increasing the digitized records for the towns of **Caroline & Newfield**. Scroll out and explore at tompkins.historyforge.net and come by some **Saturday** to help us transcribe even more!



[County](#) at The History Center Exhibit Hall. Exhibit will be on display February-August 2023.

CELEBRATE [Women's History Month](#) and [Deaf History Month](#) IN TOMPKINS COUNTY!

Fri - March 3rd - 5-8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join us for a much warmer Gallery Night to explore [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County!](#)

Sat - March 4th & 18th - [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.

Thurs - March 16th - [Meet the Sewing Machine - An Introduction](#) with Cady Fontana at the TCPL MakerSpace (Registration required)

Sat - March 18th - [3/18 - Make a Fairy Quilt for Spring Fairy Festival](#) @ Tompkins Center (FREE - ALL AGES)

SAVE THE DATE:

- **4/1 - [Gallery Night](#) - [Textile demo TBA](#) @ Tompkins Center - WE PROMISE NOT TO FOOL YA!**

Make a Fairy Quilt!

Discover the magic of thread crafts, and create a quilt to keep your home fairies cozy!

**SATURDAY MARCH 18TH
12-3PM - FREE**

All ages (yes kids AND adults!) are invited to create their own 12"x12" fleece fairy or doll quilt at The History Center! As you build your fairy homes, make sure you fairies have a cozy spot to sleep! Quilts made in Tompkins County date back over 200 years! Make your own small quilt, and then explore the historic quilts on display in the Exhibit Hall!

Craft supplies for various ages/levels of crafting skills will be provided. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend with adult support.



 **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 is a drop-in event as part of Spring Fairy Festival in Downtown Ithaca, we cannot accommodate more than 15 people to participate at a time. Crafting can take 20 minutes-1 hour depending on design preferences.

Contact Zoë Van Nostrand at
community@thehistorycenter.net
with any questions.



This event is offered in conjunction with the **Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County** quilt exhibit.
Learn more at thehistorycenter.net/knot-sew-fast

- **4/6 - [Introduction to Quilting: Mini Quilt Tops](#)** w/ Cady Fontana at the TCPL MakerSpace (Registration required)
- **4/26 - [CHAT - Is the Ithaca Kitty the first Calico Cat?](#)**
@Tompkins Center

More quilting and textile program dates will be announced soon!

- *1976 Bicentennial Quilt Show Revisited with a panel of the Tompkins County Quilters Guild*
- *1996 Quilted with Care Retrospective with Brigid Hubberman*
- *49 Years of the Tompkins County Quilters Guild*

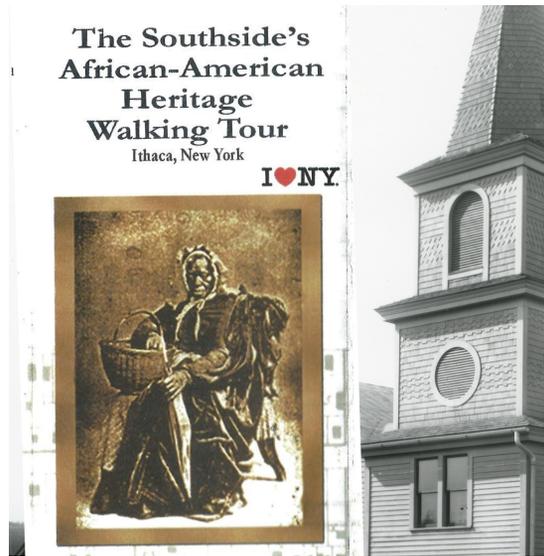


[Another 'Historic Brochure Tour' Made Available on PocketSights!](#)

We are excited to share the next installment in our '[Historic Brochures](#)' tour series! Our first project in this series was the digitization of the [1986 A Literary Walking Tour of Ithaca](#).

['The Southside's African-American Heritage Walking Tour'](#)

was originally researched by Leslyn McBean & Ingrid Bauer and made public in 2003 as a printed brochure. Through the work of our volunteers at The History Center this valuable resource is now also available on the FREE [Pocketsights](#) app!



The [Southside neighborhood](#) has an African-American heritage that dates back nearly 200 years. From the founding of the St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in 1833, to the Underground Railroad, to the construction of the Southside Community Center in 1938, the Southside was "The place to be."

Discover more Black history from Ithaca and Tompkins County at thehistorycenter.net/black-history

TOUR HERE: <https://pocketsights.com/.../Ithaca-The-Southside's...>

Our thanks to Claire Deng and Kethry Larsen who did the majority of the digitization and re-structuring work for this project during 2022.

[History Center Volunteers & Student Workers Contribute to Douglass Day Digitization](#)

Each year History Center volunteers and student workers contribute to the Douglass Day digitization efforts in February. This year 14 of our Exhibit Hall workers transcribed the papers of [Mary Ann Shadd Cary \(1823-1893\)](#). She was one of the earliest Black women to edit a newspaper, serve as a Civil War recruiter, attend law school, and so much more.

Each year participants across the country support efforts to digitize and improve accessibility of historically underrepresented figures whose work supported the justice efforts espoused by Frederick Douglass during his life. In 2022 we helped with the '[Colored Conventions](#)' records, and in 2021 we contributed to the [Mary Church Terrell](#) papers.

The Shadd Cary project is [just under half-way complete](#), and our volunteers will continue to work on it, along with over 860 people across the US who have already contributed to the project.



[New & Noteworthy Collections](#)

[Ithaca HOURS Collection - V-63-7-8](#)

We recently received a welcome addition to our [Ithaca HOURS](#) Collection from a former trustee of the organization. Many readers may remember this alternate currency that was popular here in Ithaca beginning in the 1990s. An [innovative alternative monetary system](#) that garnered attention from communities all over the world, Ithaca HOURS allowed millions of dollars of transactions to take place without national currency being used. New materials for the collection include organizational records, by-laws, and currency notes.

This is especially timely since our Ithaca HOURS Collection is now being highlighted in an exhibit at Cornell's Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, "[Wonder and Wakefulness - The Nature of Pliny the Elder.](#)"

For more information or to arrange a visit to our research library, email archives@thehistorycenter.net



[Purchase to support Indigenous learners of Gayogohó:nq? language](#)

With agreement from language-keeper and educator [Steve Henhawk](#) (Gayogohó:nq?/Cayuga), The History Center is offering this PAY-IT-FORWARD option. 'The

[Gayogohó:nq? People in the Cayuga Lake Region: A Brief History](#)'

is one of the only modern published works on the history of the Gayogohó:nq? (Cayuga) Nation and has limited availability.

Purchase a book through our online store and it will be donated to Indigenous peoples learning and reclaiming their language through

the [Gayogohó:nq? Learning Project](#). PLEASE NOTE - This purchase is a DONATION of learning materials to the [Gayogohó:nq? Learning Project](#) and will be distributed to students through them, you will not receive a physical copy. Please email community@thehistorycenter.net if you would like a receipt noting your tax deductible donation.

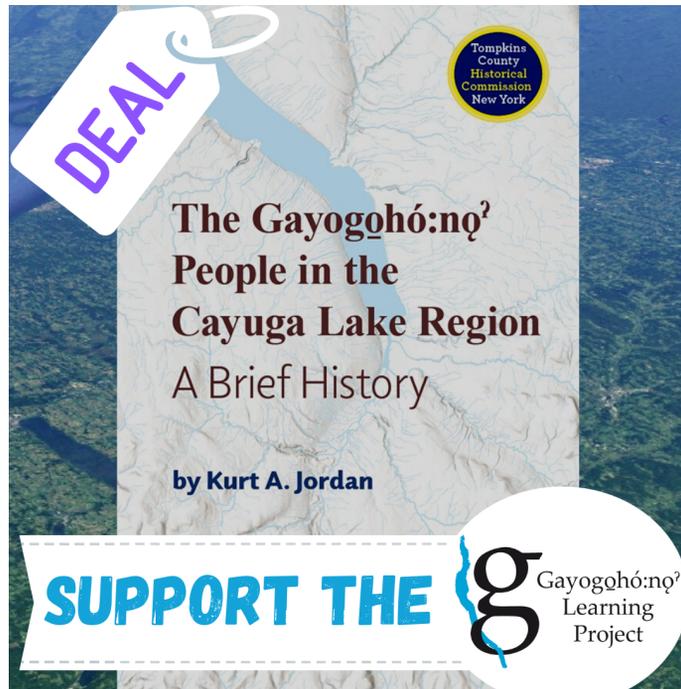
We collectively acknowledge that Tompkins County is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of the Gayogohó:nq? Nation (generally known as the [Cayuga Nation](#)) one of the Six Nations of the [Haudenosaunee Confederacy](#) (sometimes referred to as the [Iroquois Confederacy](#)).

Learn more about this history at thehistorycenter.net/land-acknowledgement.

OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS to [Alan Chaffee on serving as the Newfield Town Historian for the last 50 years!!](#)

[Freedom on the Move](#) a digital history project based at Cornell receives \$1 million from the Mellon Foundation. "Through FOTM, Cornell is partnering with multiple institutions, including Howard University's Department of History, to



build a free and open archive of all existing “runaway slave” advertisements published in North American newspapers in the 18th and 19th centuries, estimated between 100,000 and 200,000 total. The collection currently contains about 32,500." [Learn more.](#)

Town of Dryden [seeking buyer for 1882 Freese Road Bridge](#) built by the Groton Bridge Co..

Caroline History Association to host [Rehoming Caroline: A Celebration of 200 years in Tompkins County - potuck lunch and pop-up museum](#) on March 25th from 12-4pm.

[Connie Cook: A Documentary](#) - to screen at the Auburn Public Theatre on March 5th from 3-5pm.

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [Town puts ad out on Freese Road Bridge, hopes for offer](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 2/22/2023
- [2023 brings Cayuga Bird Club's 110th anniversary](#) - The Ithaca Voice - 2/17/2023
- [The Groton Columbian Club: A constant since 1892](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 2/15/2023
- [Remembering the First Black Woman to Graduate from Cornell](#) - Cornellians - 2/14/2023
- [In a Posthumous Memoir, Famed Prof Recalls a Turbulent Childhood](#) - Cornellians - 2/3/2023
- [Why All of Upstate New York Grew Up Eating the Same Barbecue Chicken](#) - Atlas Obscura - 5/26/2019
- [City residents outraged at County plans for Tioga Street parking lot](#) - Ithaca Times - 2/8/2023
- [A&S secures gifts, embarks on McGraw Hall renovation](#) - College of Arts & Sciences - 1/30/2023

The History Center in Tompkins County
Exhibit Hall, Research Library & Archives
110 North Tioga St. (Inside Tompkins Center for History & Culture)
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
Gayogohó:nq? Territory

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