

Peterboro Emancipation Day 2020 Postponed to 2021

As announced in May, the 2020 Peterboro Emancipation Day planned for August 1, 2020 has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark, 5304 Oxbow Road, Peterboro NY 13134. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7 at The Barn on the Gerrit Smith Estate. After the morning assembly, songs, announcements, and the annual group photo, a processional to the Peterboro Cemetery will carry wreaths to lay on the grave of a person who was born enslaved, and died free.

The speakers scheduled to present in 2020, have each indicated their interest and intent to bring their programs to Peterboro in 2021. Susan Goodier PhD, lecturer in history at SUNY Oneonta NY, will discuss her research and publication on *Black Suffragists*, as well as her other books on women's rights. John R. Kaufman-McKivigan PhD, Indiana Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Department of History and Director of the Frederick Douglass Papers, returns to Peterboro to present *The Influence of Peterboro on Frederick Douglass* and to facilitate a discussion on the relevance of Douglass' ideals to modern day events. Harry Bradshaw Matthews, Retired Associate Dean and Director of the Office of Intercultural Affairs and the U.S. Pluralism Center at Hartwick College, will present on the United States Colored Troops, and encourage African American family research.

The Emancipation Day 2020 program was funded in part by Humanities New York with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The buildings of the Gerrit Smith Estate National Historic Landmark are shuttered for 2020, but the grounds and exterior exhibits on African Americans, the Smith Family, Underground Railroad, and The Birdhouse are open from dawn to dusk for persons respecting property and social distancing. For more information and updates www.gerritsmith.org, info@gerritsmith.org, 315-280-8828.



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Frederick Douglass, Courtesy National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum

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