

History Happenings | October 2023

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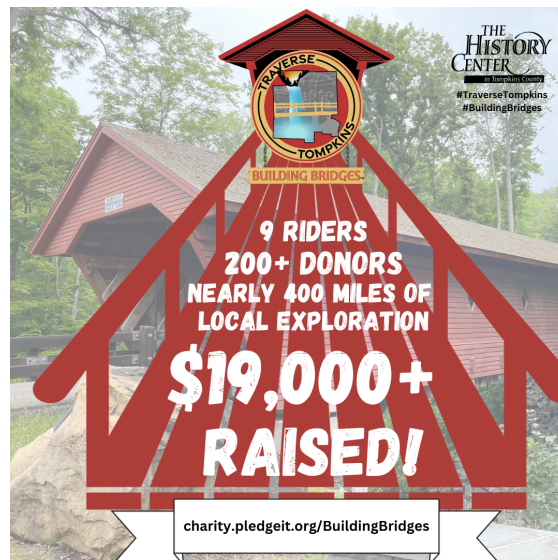
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Last Month at The History Center...

Wow what a September!

Thank you all for creating with us as we learned [traditional Haudenosaunee crafts & Gees Bend style quilting](#); joined our discussions of [unionization at Cornell](#) and [boat building on Cayuga](#). Discovered how to use [HistoryForge locally](#) and build your own platform nationally, and most especially of all

thank you for your support in helping us [raise over \\$19,000 dollars during Traverse Tompkins](#)! This years Traverse Tompkins was our biggest one yet, with more donors, participants, miles run, and funds raised than ever before. We've already started daydreaming for next year, [reach out if you'd like to help!](#)



We're grateful to everyone for their support, engagement, and excitement at discovering and sharing our local history and we couldn't do this work without all of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS: 'Apple of Our Eye' on display 9/28-10/1 in the Exhibit Hall, our annual Haunted History 'True Crime in Tompkins County' on display 10/3-10/31 in the Exhibit Hall. October is the final month for 'Women Swimmin' 20th-See How Far We've Swum' on display in the Tompkins Center atrium.



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

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.

'Apple of Our Eye' Historic apple memorabilia on display at The history Center Exhibit Hall only during Apple Fest weekend!

[True Crime in Tompkins](#)

[County](#) - Exhibit on display

in The History Center

Exhibit Hall for the month of

October.

Women Swimmin' 20th -

See How Far We've Swum

- on display in the Tompkins

Atrium July - October 2023.

Fri - October 6th- 5-

8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join

us for Gallery Night for the

OPENING NIGHT of the

newest quilt joining the

.....
**Private Quilt Appraisal
with Cathy Klimaszewski**


*Book a private appointment to discover
the value of your family quilts!*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH
10AM-5:00PM
30 MINUTE APPTS**

*Appraisals are completed in private
with the owner. The quilt is
examined, measured, and
photographed. Cathy then conducts
research to determine the current
fair market value for the quilt.
Completed written appraisal is sent
to the owner within two weeks.*

*Cathy Rosa Klimaszewski is a professional quilt appraiser, educator, and
consultant. She has curated numerous quilt exhibitions shown at the Herbert
F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, including shows that traveled
to the Brandywine River Museum, New York State Museum, and Palmer
Museum of Art at Penn State University. Klimaszewski also presents quilt
lectures and has taught classes related to quilt history, design, and care.*



 **TOMPKINS Center for History & Culture**
Joe Mareane Conference Rm- 2nd Floor
110 N. Tioga St., Ithaca NY 14850
In "Bank Alley" on the Ithaca Commons



*This event is by pre-appointment only. Please contact
community@thehistorycenter.net with accessibility requests or questions.*

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Offering evening tours at 6pm and 7:30pm,
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday October 13th-
28th. Register soon as these always fill up!
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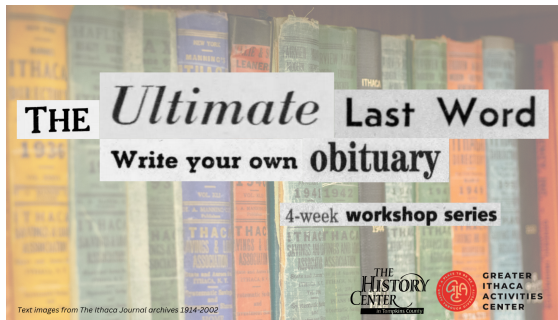
'Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork
of Tompkins County' exhibit
- on loan from the [40 Beds
40 Quilts project of the
Community Quilting Center](#)
and the [Open Access
Detox & Stabilization
Center](#).

**Sat - October 7th - [Private
Quilt Appraisal w/ Cathy
Klimaszewski](#) - 10am-
4:30pm @Tompkins Center
- [Registration required](#) -
\$40**

**Fri - October 13th - Break
& Learn: Celebrating
Local Latinx/Hispanic
History w/ Zoë Van
Nostrand** - a online
collaboration with the
Department of Inclusion
and Belonging at
Cornell - 12-1pm on
Zoom - [Register here](#)

**Thurs- 10/19, 10/26, 11/2,
11/9 - [The Ultimate Last
Word: Write Your Own
Obituary](#) w/ Roger
Segelken - Thursdays 2-
4pm - Class is FREE,
spaces limited. Register in
advance.**

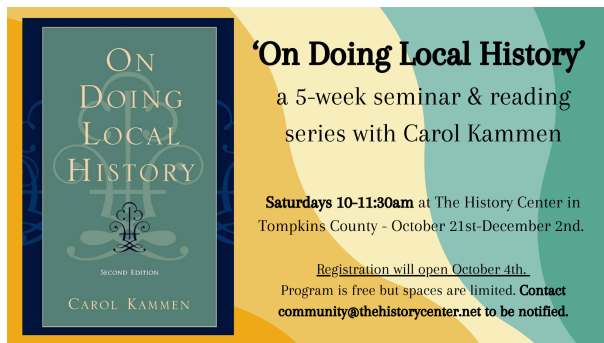
**[HAUNTED HISTORY
TOURS - Offered
Thursday, Friday, &
Saturday evenings](#) 10/13-
10/28 - Register in advance
- \$15/person**



Do you trust your next-of-kin to get your story straight? If not, [write your own obituary in advance – while theres still time!](#) Join a 4-session workshop led by former *New York Times* obituary writer and docent at The History Center, H. Roger Segelken.

The program is open to all free of charge — if you're interested sign up with GIAC soon as there are only a limited number of spaces available. Contact Zachary Nelson at znelson@cityofithaca.org or call 607-272-3622 with your name, address, phone number, and email address.

This workshop series is co-hosted by the [Greater Ithaca Activities Center Senior Program](#) & [The History Center in Tompkins County](#).



SAVE THE DATE

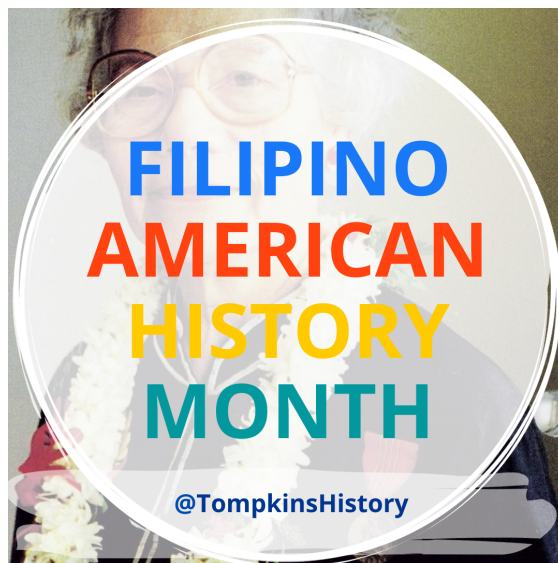
- [11/11 - Corn Husk Dolls Workshop w/ Penny Minner](#) - Registration is open!
- [Exhibit Hall will be CLOSED 11/23 & 11/24](#)
- **On Doing Local History: Seminar Series** - Offered by Carol Kammen and Rebecca DeWitt - Saturdays 10-11:30am - 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 11/25. Contact beckydewitt@gmail.com
- [Exhibit Hall will be CLOSED 1/3-1/31/2024](#) for our exhibit hall reset of '[A Sporting Chance: On & Off the Field](#)' which open to the public on Friday **February 2nd.**



[Silent Movie Month](#) is coordinated by the Wharton Studio Museum. Preserving Ithaca's role in the history of silent film.

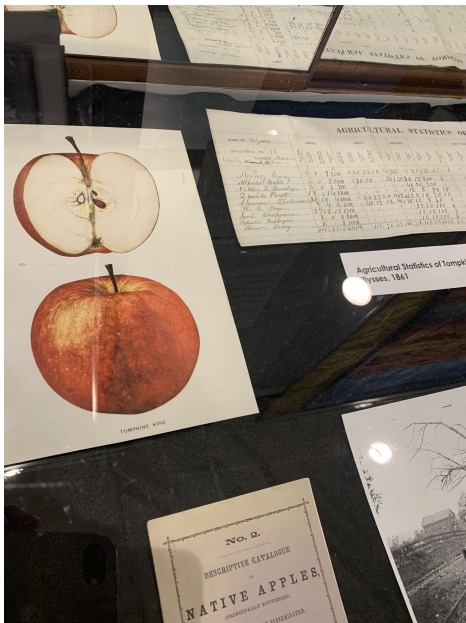
October is full of national celebrations!

Follow [@TompkinsHistory](#) as we share weekly history highlights for [Filipino American History Month](#), [Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month](#), and [LGBTQ+ History Month!](#)





Explore history with us during Apple Fest!



Did you know that the 'Apple Harvest Festival' in Ithaca dates back to 1982? Whereas the moniker of 'Apple Fest' has been used for an annual Brooktondale celebration since 1963, and Groton held the popular Cider Fest during the 1980s. Uniquely through Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Tompkins County has been [the birthplace of more than 69 apple varieties since 1880](#).

However you slice it Tompkins County loves to celebrate and enjoy the fruits of fall harvest!

[Join us at The History](#)

[Center this weekend for cider tastings](#) by [Eve's Cidery](#). Friday, Saturday, and a special Sunday from 10am-5pm - and be sure to check out our Apple Fest pop-up display in the Exhibit Hall!

Fall Field Trips return to Eight Square Schoolhouse!

We are very excited to share that after four long years we are again offering fall field trips to the [1892 Eight Square Schoolhouse](#) in Dryden! In 2020 we had a dramatic shift and were only able to offer virtual field trips to this "living history"

experience, a hallmark of our organization for over 30 years.

We were able to bring back the spring field trips in modified formats in 2021, 2022, and 2023 through our long collaboration with



[Kids Discover the Trail Ithaca](#) which brings ICSD fourth graders learning about New York State history into our 1892 local history experience.

Through the work of our recently hired [Youth Educator & Eight Square Coordinator Jane Koestler](#) we are now returning to offering [Eight Square programs](#) in all the warm months of the year (Generally May-October), and have multiple field trips planned in October. If you are an educator or homeschool group, please reach out to get on the schedule for next year, as the warm school days fill up quickly!

Contact Jane at eightsquare@thehistorycenter.net.

Community Call for Sports Memorabilia!

Play ball!

Or ready, set, go!

Or Oh, Say Can You See!

However you start your own athletic endeavors, there is no denying that sports are an important part of our human experience. From roller derby, lacrosse, power walking, ice hockey, or the uniquely [Ithacan Rutabaga Curl](#), our forebears have gifted us today a rich tapestry of sports to build on for subsequent generations.

The History Center in Tompkins County is excited to announce our next exhibit, [A Sporting Chance: On and Off the Field](#), **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Journal file photo
A TEAM OF THEIR OWN: Howard Washington, lower left and Dolly Hailstork, top middle, were players on the Ithaca Colored Vets baseball team of 1947, the year Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

We are asking members of the Tompkins County community far and wide to contribute memorabilia of community level sports teams to the upcoming exhibit. We plan on featuring loaned items in our [Exhibit Hall](#) during *A Sporting Chance*. So, bring us your well-worn shirt from your beer league softball team, the hats you made for your children's youth rec team, or the trophy from your pine box derby championship; We can't wait to build a broad and diverse display of what it means to "sport" here in Tompkins County.

This history is an important part of the fabric of our community. Local teams at all levels bring people together, build relationships across differences, and promote a sense of pride and spirit. By documenting the history of these teams, we gain a better understanding of our community over time, and the contributions of the many people past and present who were part of these teams.

In addition to our community wall, the exhibit will also feature in-depth explorations of a number of local teams. Guest contributors, exhibits on loan, and interactive displays will augment the rich [artifacts and photographs](#) from The History Center's collection. Narratives of achievement and empowerment are complicated by stories of erasure and exclusivity. Truth be told, the history of sports is quintessential human history – meaning, its complicated. In whole, *A Sporting Chance* offers an exciting opportunity to understand our place in the world. We're excited to share in the exploration and conversation of our history through a sporting lens through the upcoming exhibit.

PLEASE CONTACT design@thehistorycenter.net ABOUT THIS EXHIBIT!

Highlights from the Collection

This is the first of an occasional series featuring interesting parts of [The History Center's archival collections](#).

A recent visitor to our [Research Library](#) writes for [The Restorer Magazine](#), the award-winning publication of the Model A Ford Club of America. He was searching for images of Model A cars in our photograph collections, and asked for any sources, however unlikely, that might have cars and trucks, even in an ancillary place in the image. That request led us to a surprising gold mine for him: Our Ithaca City Water Department photographs. Several years ago a representative of the Water Department generously donated a CD full of hundreds of digital images of Water Department initiatives, construction projects, workplaces, and of course, vehicles. Our researcher found several that would be well suited for his articles and he went away happy with an email full of digital trucks.



The [Ithaca City Water Department photographs](#) cover myriad aspects of the department's work, and this collection is a vivid reminder of how much

critical infrastructure permeates our lives and communities, as well as of the workers who made it all possible. These include dams and bridges, pipes and culverts, pumphouses, and so much more that enables a modern city to function in a healthy and safe way.



But this collection contains more than just the visible evidence of essential infrastructure: It also highlights in beautiful detail the many bodies of water that permeate Tompkins County, including Cayuga Lake and our many creeks. These critical water sources offer a gorgeous natural counterpoint to the utilitarian photos of everyday structures.

To view this collection or for more information email archives@thehistorycenter.net

OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

[Newfield Historical Society](#) unveiling new historical marker honoring Newfield native Kate Dean who performed for Abraham Lincoln. Unveiling Ceremony on Saturday October 14th at 10am.

[Historic Ithaca presented the 2023 Preservation Awards](#) on September 20th.

[Erie Canal Ribbon Cutting & Tour - Saturday October 7th](#) at 10am in Stewart Park.

[Wharton Studio Museum to host Silent Movie Month Historic Theater Tour - Saturday October 14th.](#)

Historic Ithaca to host Ithaca Town Hall Tour and Ithaca City Cemetery tours in October. [Register here.](#)

[New York Genealogical & Biographical Society - NYS Family History Conference](#) to be held November 2nd-4th.

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [Music Brings Ithacans Together During Porchfest](#) - Cornell Daily Sun - 9/27/2023
- [Looking Back: The Seneca Falls cat who gained national attention](#) - Finger Lakes Times - 9/24/2023
- [CAL'S' Beloved Apple Vending Machine Remains Fruit-full](#) - Cornellians - 9/25/2023
- [Ithaca Porchfest brings the community together](#) - WENY News - 9/25/2023
- [On 143rd Anniversary, The Cornell Daily Sun Looks Back at its History](#) - Cornell Daily Sun - 9/14/2023
- [In a new memoir, disabled alum reflects on a remarkable life](#) - Cornellians - 9/11/2023
- [Alpha Phi Alpha to receive home on Westbourne Lane](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 9/6/2023
- [The Savage Club of Ithaca is Still Making Merry](#) - Cornellians - 9/7/2023
- [How it all began: Unionizing the Ivory Tower](#) - Ithaca Times - 9/6/2023



Please Join Us

for the unveiling of Newfield's newest historical marker for

Kate Dean

Hosted by

Newfield Historical Society

Saturday, October 14, 2023

10 AM

E Main St. and Rt 13, Newfield

Reception following at 192 Main St., Newfield History and Activity Center



The History Center in Tompkins County
Exhibit Hall, Research Library & Archives
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By appointment Contact

