

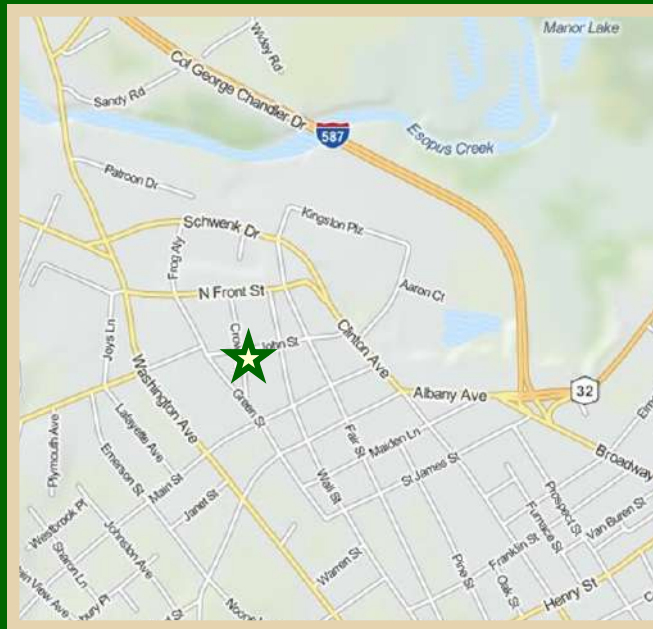
# 2024 Hours of Operation

**May 25—September 7**  
Thursdays & Fridays 9am-4:30pm  
and Saturdays 10am-4pm

**September 14—October 26**  
Saturdays Only 10am-4pm  
or by Appointment



74 John Street  
Kingston, New York 12401



Located in the heart of uptown Kingston's Stockade National Historic District.

### Metered Parking:

- ◆ On-street throughout uptown Kingston.
- ◆ Municipal Lots on North Front Street and Fair Street Extension.

### Free Parking:

- ◆ Weekends Only: Ulster County Office Building lot on Main and Fair Streets.
- ◆ Kingston Plaza parking lot off of Schwenk Drive or Aaron Court (about 1/4 mile walk).

## Group Tours & Field Trips

The Persen House welcomes group tours and school field trips! Please contact us to schedule your visit and discuss how tours can be tailored to your group's interests or curriculum.

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# Matthewis Persen House

Seasonal Event  
Catalog

2024



Presented by the  
Ulster County Clerk's Office

[clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house)

## NYS Path Through History

June 15-16 and October 12-14



The Matthewis Persen House is an official New York State Path Through History site. Join us for special Path Through History Weekend events showcasing Ulster County's rich history and culture. Check the schedule for details!

# Interpretive Exhibits

## Gysbert's Inventory: A Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life



The legacy of the Dutch settlers of Wiltwyck lives on at the Matthew Persen House. The house was originally owned by Gysbert Van Imbroch, a barber-surgeon. An inventory listing Gysbert's possessions at the time of his death in 1665 is brought to life through illustrations of clothing, kitchen items, medical supplies, books and other articles used in 17th century daily life. Step back in time with *Gysbert's Inventory*.



## History At Your Fingertips



Visitors can see and touch high-quality reproductions of items found in Gysbert Van Imbroch's 1665 inventory. What does a powder horn actually look like?

What is a candle snuffer and how is it used? Answer these questions and more with *History At Your Fingertips!*



## Artifacts on Display

In 2000-2001, Professor Joe Diamond from SUNY New Paltz led an archaeological study at the Persen House, focusing on excavating the former kitchen's dirt floor. This study uncovered a diverse array of artifacts spanning centuries, including relics from ancient Esopus ancestors, 17th century Dutch settlers, Revolutionary War-era tavern patrons, 19th century tailors, and 1950s Farm Bureau workers. This exhibit showcases the fascinating discoveries from the excavation, offering insights into the rich history of the Persen House.



# Special Exhibits



## A Season Long Exhibit by TRANSART

The exhibition chronicles the history and culture of people of African descent in the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State, showcasing recent triumphs and enduring struggles. It also reveals the legacy of a people who were forcibly brought to this land and highlights the cultural artifacts they carried with them. The exhibition also features a collection of instruments and elements used in various ceremonies and events such as life's milestones, religious worship, and work-related activities.



## A Season Long Exhibit featuring Current Studies of the Ulster County Historian



Explore a sampling from the rich tapestry of our local history from Ulster County Historian Geoff Miller. Step into the Parlor of Mary C. Bruyn for a glimpse into domestic music making in early 19th century America. Retrace the building of the Ashokan Dam through songs published at the time by

the NYC Board of Water Supply. Discover the vibrant legacy of Camp Woodland and the annual Catskill folk festival of the mid-1900s. Journey back to Kingston's School #8 before it became the home of the Kingston Library in the late 1970s as we reflect on its rich educational heritage and the community it served. This exhibit invites you to delve into these fascinating facets of Ulster County's past.



## Celebrating the Past and Present of Ulster County July—September

An exhibit of street photography and mixed media by photographer Star Nigro highlighting un-staged moments captured throughout the small towns of our valley while incorporating a variety of materials such as maps, historically minded information and locally found objects as a means to visually connect the past with the present.

# Guest Host Events

**WWII D-Day Event**  
by Hank Yost  
Saturday, May 25

**Wool Spinning Demos**  
with Gina Martin  
Saturday, August 10

**City of Kingston Historian**  
Saturday, June 1

**Theatre on the Road**  
Saturday, August 24

**1st Ulster Militia  
Revolutionary War  
Reenactors**  
Saturday, June 8

**WWII V-J Day Event**  
by Hank Yost  
Saturday, August 31

**Veterans in a New Field  
Civil War Era Concert**  
Saturday, June 15

**Wiltwyck Quilters Guild**  
Saturday, September 7

**Senate House State  
Historic Site**  
Saturday, June 22

**Red Feather Singers &  
Drummers**  
Saturday, September 14

**Woodstock Museum**  
Thursday, June 27

**Cornell Cooperative  
Extension of Ulster Co.**  
Saturday, September 21

**D&H Canal Historical  
Society & Museum**  
Saturday, June 29

**Friends of Historic  
Kingston**  
Saturday, September 28

**Colonial Game Days**  
Friday, July 5 &  
Saturday, July 6

**Society for Creative  
Anachronism Medieval  
Reenactors**  
Saturday, October 5

**Don Terpening,  
Revolutionary War  
Medical Reenactor**  
Saturday, July 13

**Indigenous Peoples Day  
Celebration by Save Native  
Sites**  
Saturday, October 12  
10am-2pm

**Harambee**  
Saturday, July 20

**Woodstock School of Art  
(O+ Festival Event)**  
Saturday, October 12  
2-5pm

**Kingston Guards Vintage  
Baseball Team**  
Saturday, July 27

**Ulster County Historian  
and Friends Meet & Greet**  
Saturday, August 3

**Burning of Kingston  
Events**  
[www.BurningofKingston.com](http://www.BurningofKingston.com)  
October 18, 19 & 20

**Woodstock Museum**  
Thursday, August 8

**Book Signing by Regional  
Historian Deb Bruno**  
Saturday, October 26



Scan to read more about  
our guest host events!