



# Tug Hill Times

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**Earth Day**  
**April 22**

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

The Watertown office of the DEC will hold its annual celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 20 from 10am-4pm in the lobby of the Watertown Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington Street in Watertown. The parking garage will be open. This commemoration of Earth Day's 43rd Anniversary will involve 20 exhibits, activities, presentations and information for all ages plus Smokey Bear and Woody Owl will be greeting young people.

**Arbor Day**  
**April 26**



## CTHC Spring Meeting

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council will be holding their Spring meeting Thursday, April 25, 2013. The meeting and dinner will be held at the Central Hotel in Glenfield. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will start at 6:30 pm sharp. Items on the agenda for the meeting include: the election of officers for the Executive Committee, a discussion of the fall Legislators meeting, the retirement of Jeanne Wooding and a presentation by the Tug Hill Commission on Core Forest issues, Special Areas mapping and the road mapping project. A portion of the meeting will be designated for Supervisor's topics as well, so have your comments or concerns ready for discussion.



Please get your RSVP's in to Gwen at 1-888-785-2380 by April 17<sup>th</sup> (or contact your Circuit Rider or Associate). The CTHC representative's dinner will be covered by the Council and guests will be charged \$15.00 to cover the cost of dinner, payable the night of the meeting. This is sure to be a fun and informative evening and we hope to see you all there!

## SEQRA - Effective Date for Revised EAFs Extended to October 7, 2013

The effective date of the new model Environmental Assessment Forms has been postponed from April 1, 2013 until October 7, 2013.

On January 25, 2012, the Department adopted revised model Environmental Assessment Forms (EAFs) (to be published at 6 NYCRR 617.20, appendices A and B) following more than one year of public review and comment. This is the first major update to the forms in decades as the Full EAF has not been substantially revised since 1978 while its sister form, the Short EAF, was last substantially revised in 1987.

The revised model EAFs, which replace the existing ones set out at 6 NYCRR 617.20, appendices A, B, and C, are a general update to the existing forms, and incorporate consideration of areas of environmental concern that have arisen since the existing forms were last promulgated in 1978 and 1987. In addition to substantive changes, the structure of the forms has been updated, to make them easier to use.

The effective date of the revised EAFs is being postponed until October 7, 2013 in order for the Department to complete various electronic features and functions requested by the public which will accompany the implementation of the forms.

The revised model EAFs can be found on the DEC web site at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/70293.html>.

Questions or comments on the revised EAFs may be directed to the attention of Robert Ewing at 518-402-9167 and sent by e-mail to [depprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:depprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us). Please include NEW MODEL EAFs in the subject line.

## **DEC Launches Shooting Range Grant Program**

### **Grants Available To Improve Public Access to Non-Profit or Municipal Shooting Ranges across the State**

#### **Grant Program Application Period Is Now Open Through May 31**

In an effort to support recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women across the state and to promote safe and responsible use of firearms, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner (DEC) Joe Martens, in partnership with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County, today launched the Shooting Range Small Grants Program. This effort, which encourages the development, improvement and operations of shooting ranges, is tied to Governor Cuomo's Open for Hunting and Fishing Initiative.

Funding for 2013 includes \$65,000 for matching grants at a three to one ratio to eligible non-profit or municipal shooting ranges across the state. Funding for the program is derived from a federal tax on firearms and ammunition, made available to state fish and wildlife agencies for their sportsman education activities.

"Shooting ranges provide important benefits to the hunting, recreational shooting, and competitive shooting communities," said Commissioner Martens. "Governor Cuomo supports these grants to ensure the hunting communities have access to ranges to improve and practice their shooting skills. With publicly accessible shooting ranges being in high demand, the Shooting Range Grants Program will prove to be a popular supportive program."

"Shooting ranges are a key to the future of shooting and hunting enabling new generations to learn to safely and responsibly handle firearms in a positive learning environment," said Bill Schwerd, New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. "We are excited about the opportunities these grants will generate across our state. Youth and adults will learn the skills needed for a lifetime of positive experiences on the field and in the range. Cornell Cooperative Extension in Saratoga County is pleased to work with DEC on this statewide initiative. Shooters of all ages learn about New York's diverse nature environment and with an emphasis on science and technology while honing their shooting skills."

Ranges are used for developing firearms and archery familiarity and proficiency necessary for safe and ethical hunting, and to promote the careful use of firearms and archery equipment. Competitive shooting and active shooting develop skills beneficial to hunters and the law enforcement community while cultivating sportsmanship and participation in a healthy, challenging environment.

DEC and the Cornell Cooperative Extension program of Saratoga County have worked closely with stakeholders to gather ideas and suggestions for this program. To be eligible to apply, applicants must demonstrate five years of successful range operation and be willing to provide a publicly-accessible place for hunters, shooters, and archers to practice and improve their skills. Proposals should include ways to introduce newcomers or keep current and past participants involved in organized shooting sports.

Depending on available funds and number of applications received, projects will be selected annually through a competitive grant process, with allocations ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000. To learn more about the goals and eligible projects within the program and to obtain the Program Guidelines and Application Packet, visit the Shooting Range Small Grants Program page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/89577.html> on the DEC website. The 2013 Shooting Range Small Grants Program application period is now open until May 31, 2013.

Governor Cuomo's NY Open for Hunting and Fishing Initiative is an effort to improve recreational activities for in-state and out-of-state sportsmen and sportswomen and to boost tourism opportunities throughout the state. This initiative includes the streamlining of hunting and fishing licensing and reducing license fees, improved access for fishing at various sites across the state, and increasing hunting opportunities in various regions.

For questions or comments regarding the program, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension's Melissa Bailey at [mrb323@cornell.edu](mailto:mrb323@cornell.edu) or call 315-793-2515

## 2013 Association of Public Historians of New York State to Hold Conference in Syracuse

The 2013 APHNYS Conference will be held from April 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool. Directly off the NYS Thruway and with a beautiful layout, it promises to be our best conference in years. For the first time, there were so many conference proposals, people were turned away. Costs are at realistic numbers and the outings and sessions promise to offer your both fun and information at the same time. The theme of historical markers will be exciting as you learn of the William Pomeroy Foundation's announcement of changes to their program.

For full conference schedule and registration information, go to:

<http://www.aphnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/APHNYS-Newsletter-2-13.pdf>

Each concurrent session offers conference attendees a focus choice of: History Session (H) or Skills Session (S).

Schedule of Sessions:

### Wednesday, April 17, 2013

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pre-Conference Session(s)

Session A – ***Teaching Local History Using Historic Markers (S)***

Session B – ***Lincoln's Gift from Homer, NY: A Painter, an editor and a detective (H)***

Session C – ***Basic Orientation for Newly Appointed Historians (S)***

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

### Historical Markers Program – William G. Pomeroy Foundation

2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 1

Session A – ***Complimenting the State Social Studies Standards for 4th grade: Presenting a colonial festival. (S)***

Session B – ***Covered Bridges and their role in the Civil War (H)***

Session C – ***Finding New York Military History on the Internet: Dead Men do tell Tales (S)***

### Thursday, April 18, 2013

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

Session A – ***Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr, OH MY!: Using social Media (S)***

Session B – ***Betsy Doyle: Hot Shot Heroine of the War of 1812 (H)***

Session C – ***Disaster Planning for Historians***

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 2

Session A – ***"Then and now:" A turnkey local history Smartphone app (S)***

Session B – ***Dr. Mary Edwards Walker: Her Legacy Lives on. (H)***

Session C – ***In the Eye of a "Perfect Storm": Syracuse, NY in 1918 (H)***

12:30 - 5:00 p.m. In the field sessions

***Out & About in Syracuse: A Bus Tour of the Onondaga Historical Association, the Erie Canal Museum and a special tour of Gaylord Brothers – makers of archival and office supplies***

Desert Presentation: ***Living History with the Loomis Gang (H)***

### Friday, April 19, 2012

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

Session A – ***The Post Office During the Civil War (H)***

Session B – ***The History of a half-acre (H)***

Session C – ***SHPO Inventory Project (S)***

10:30–12:00 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

Session A – ***Coming of age-The Cavalry Corps in 1863 (H)***

Session B – ***See you in court: using legal transcripts to help reconstruct a Manhattan neighborhood. (H)***

Session C – ***Paths to teaching local history-A panel discussion (S)***

12:00 p.m. Conference Concludes

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The Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation District, NYS Tug Hill  
Commission & NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 6  
Invite you to the...

**Third Annual Black River Watershed Conference**

**June 4, 2013**

at the

Lowville Fire Department

5420 Parkway Drive

Lowville, NY 13367



The Black River Watershed is 1.2 million acres in size covering parts of Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis and Oneida Counties and contains 1 City, 37 Towns and 18 Villages.

A \$15 per person fee will cover materials, lunch and refreshments.

A lunch of soup, salad and sandwiches will be provided by the Lowville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary.

A detailed registration packet will be provided in the near future.

Topics will include recreation, economic development and water quality.

**Preservation League of New York State  
Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)**

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to not-for-profit arts and cultural groups and municipalities managing historic sites, museums, arts facilities and other culturally important institutions that are located in historic buildings and structures open to the public. This program provides support for discrete projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. The grants will support professional services of architects, engineers and other design and preservation professionals working with not-for-profit groups and municipalities to preserve their buildings, structures, and other resources that serve an arts and/or cultural function. Eligible uses include: building conditions surveys, engineering/structural analyses, feasibility/reuse studies, and specialized building conservation studies.

For additional information go to:

[http://www.preservenys.org/01\\_what\\_grants\\_tag.html](http://www.preservenys.org/01_what_grants_tag.html)

**Deadline: May 1, 2013**