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# On Huguenot Street

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## Before Hudson Celebrates the Quadricentennial from a Different Perspective



*Years of Native American History and Culture*, an exhibit launched by HHS in late April, shines a light on the Native Peoples who were here to greet Hudson and the Europeans that followed him.

The exhibit is based on recent archaeological finds at Historic Huguenot Street – artifacts that have helped broaden our understanding of Native American presence on the site. Many of these discoveries were made by the Archaeological Field School conducted during summers at HHS since 1998.

The native inhabitants of this area have been known by many names. Prior to the arrival of Europeans, small groups of Native Americans occupied the area around what is now New Paltz. The Waoraneks and Warranawankongs are the bands most associated with Ulster County. The Dutch came to call these people collectively the

Esopus. They were members of the Delaware Nation that encompassed most of present-day Delaware, New Jersey, southeastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, and a small part of southwestern Connecticut. The Delaware Indians are also referred to as the Lenape or Lenni Lenape. Another term, Munsee, refers to the language used in the northern areas occupied by the Delaware Nation.

This project, like the Missing Chapter online exhibit about local African-American history that came before, is part of a mission to better understand the French-speaking Huguenots who founded New Paltz in the context of the other peoples who were part of their lives. In addition to the exhibit installed at the DuBois Fort Visitor Center, there is an online component that can be accessed at HHS's website.

## For the Village: Concise History of New Paltz Huguenots and the Street Published by HHS

*For the Village: The Story of Huguenot Street* was published in January. The 48 page book was written by executive director Eric Roth. Given the call from friends and visitors for such a publication, and considering the growing amount of scholarly research that has been written in the last fifteen years, now seemed like the ideal time to publish this concise history of the Street and of the people who founded New Paltz.

The book traces the journey of the town's founding families from the fires of the Protestant Reformation to the founding of New Paltz in 1678 and through the significant events and

phenomena in American history. Beginning in the 1560's, *For the Village* highlights the plight of the Protestant ancestors of our founding fathers and mothers as they fled persecution, following them as they seek refuge at various venues before finally crossing the shores to America and, ultimately, settling on the bank of the Wallkill River. The compelling story continues, introducing the reader to our local Native American history and detailing the challenges and successes the Huguenots faced here in the Hudson Valley. All of this is accentuated with new color photographs that are beautifully reproduced. The overall effect

is that the reader has a sense of "being there."

*For the Village* packs a lot into just 48 pages. The book is available from the Museum Shop. See page 10 for more details or visit the Museum Shop online or in the DuBois Fort.



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