



# Assemblymember **Didi Barrett**

Visit local historical homes and embark on a new adventure!

These homes have been restored by the Dutchess and Columbia County Historical Societies, which work to preserve our local history and are a great resource for additional information.

## Dutchess County Historical Society

### The Clinton House

This historic home, with a two-foot deep foundation, was built in 1765 and actively used from 1777 through 1783. The home was dedicated to George Clinton, the first governor of New York, who lived in Poughkeepsie for 21 years.

549 Main St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12602  
845-471-1630

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Columbia County Historical Society

### The Luykas Van Alen House

A historic Dutch brick farmhouse built circa 1737, the house and its farm are believed to have served as the inspiration for the Van Tassel home in Washington Irving's short story The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Irving was a close friend of Kinderhook native and U.S. President Martin Van Buren, who lived next door.

2589 Route 9H, Kinderhook, NY 12106  
518-758-9265

July 5 – September 6: Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 12 – October 1: Saturday & Sunday  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### The James Vanderpoel House

Built circa 1819, this has been deemed the "House of History." With a series of rotating exhibitions, it inspires an interest in preserving the history of Columbia County.

16 Broad St., Kinderhook, NY 12106  
518-758-9265

July 5 – September 6: Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Dutchess County Wethersfield

Wethersfield is the 1,200-acre estate of the late philanthropist Chauncey Devereux Stillman. The estate contains a main residence, formal gardens, carriage house and farm and offers panoramic views of the Catskill and Berkshire Mountains. A Georgian-style brick mansion, the home includes formal gardens inspired by the Italian Renaissance, complete with peacocks, fountains and a sculpture garden. The house also has an impressive collection of paintings assembled by the owner. A carriage museum and collection of coaching memorabilia are housed within the stable block.

214 Pugsley Hill Road, Amenia, New York, 12501  
845-373-8037

June – September: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

\*Free admission on the first Wednesday of the month!

## Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

The Vanderbilt family was at the forefront of American industry and used their impressive wealth for



a number of philanthropic efforts. The Vanderbilt Mansion is the epitome of the country homes of the Gilded Age era. Learn about all of the inner workings of the house while enjoying the incredible landscape, gardens and views!

119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538  
845-229-9115

Every day: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site



4097 Albany Post Road,  
NY 12538  
845-229-9115

Every day: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill)

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt National Historic Site is home to Roosevelt's family home, Springwood, as well as the first presidential library



which was opened to the public in 1941. The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, called Val-Kill, was the home of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt from 1945-1962 and the only National Historic Site dedicated to a first lady.

Summer tram service or the Farm Lane walking path connect Springwood and Val-Kill.

56 Valkill Park Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538  
845-229-9422

Every day: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Locust Grove Estate

The Historic Locust Grove Estate includes a 40-room Italianate mansion featuring an original collection of furnishings and paintings and a carriage house with original carriages, and was completed in 1851.



Photo by: Daniel Case

Even more, roam 180 acres of historic gardens with Hudson River views and five miles of carriage roads and hiking trails. The property includes a home designed by architect Alexander Jackson Davis for Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph.

2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
845-454-4500 • info@lgnny.org

Every day: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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## Maple Grove



Photo by: Pksherpa

The Maple Grove estate contains eight buildings, the earliest of which dates back to the 1830s. Although the architect is unknown, the influence of architects Downing and Davis is seen in the gothic detailing and pastoral vistas.

Located in Poughkeepsie, Maple Grove is part of a collection of farm estates which once lined South Road/Route 9. The mansion was built in 1850 and is still standing despite being unoccupied since 1955 and enduring a serious fire in 1985.

Maple Grove is located on the property of the St. Simeon senior housing complex in Poughkeepsie. The entrance to Maple Grove is at 24 Beechwood Avenue in Poughkeepsie: enter the drive into the St. Simeon Apartment complex and bear right.

Contact Jennifer at 845-471-9651 for further information or to schedule a visit to Maple Grove.

**Days/Hours:** By appointment

## Mills Mansion - Staatsburgh State Historic Site

The Staatsburgh State Historic Site is the country home of Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills, a descendent of the influential Livingston family. The restored elegant mansion is now open year-round for tours and special events.



Photo by: Rolf Müller

**Old Post Road, Staatsburgh, NY 12580**  
845-889-8851

**April 15 – October 30:** Thursday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## The Graham Brush House



Photo by: Quasarjarvis

Built in 1776, The Graham Brush House is a two-room log structure with a wooden lean-to on its rear elevation. Lewis Graham built this house after his previous home was burned by the British Army. After coming to Pine Plains, he built a one-room log cabin. He soon added a center hall with stairs to the loft and another room with a fireplace, all of which were built with logs.

**5932 N. Union Road, Pine Plains, NY 12567**  
Maintained by the Little Nine Partners Historical Society, this site is open for special occasions.

## The Bergh-Stoutenburgh House

Built before the Revolutionary War, the Bergh-Stoutenburgh House is one of only two remaining Dutch Colonial stone houses in Hyde Park. John Bergh and his brother-in-law Martin Dop inherited the lands from Bergh's father, Christian, in the years before the Revolution; both built houses on the land between 1771 and 1780. It was still a residence when it was listed on the National



Photo by: Daniel Case

Register of Historic Places in 1972 and was the first property in Hyde Park listed on the Register in its own right. Later remodeled as a restaurant then as office space, it retains some of the original details, including the fireplace.

**4252 U.S. 9, Hyde Park, NY 12538**  
Private office space, not open to the public

## Langdon Estate Gatehouse



Photo by: John Owens CT

The home was built as the gatehouse for the Langdon Estate, home of Walter Langdon and Dorothea Astor Langdon, the daughter of wealthy New York City businessman John Jacob Astor. Walter Langdon built the gatehouse as a wedding gift for Emily Astor Kane, his favorite niece. The

entire Langdon Estate was later purchased by Frederick W. Vanderbilt who commissioned the construction of a new stone gatehouse and ordered the Langdon Estate Gatehouse to be moved 50 yards south to the edge of the estate grounds where it now sits.

**4419 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538**  
Private residence, not open to the public

## George Rymph House

The George Rymph House is a stone house built during the 1760s by a German immigrant. It is one of the few remaining pre-Revolutionary houses in Hyde Park, the oldest stone house, and second-oldest house overall in the town.



Photo by: Daniel Case

**The house is located on the west side of Rt 9 roughly 1.4 miles (2.3 km) north of the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site at the north end of downtown Hyde Park and 1 mile (1.6 km) south of the hamlet of Staatsburgh.**

Private property, not open to the public

## Hiddenhurst



Photo by: Daniel Case

Thomas Hidden, a New York City businessman who had made his fortune in paint manufacture and real estate, assembled all or part of four dairy farms in the Coleman Station area in 1903. He then retired to the 450-acre estate and built the house.

A horse breeder, he built a half-mile indoor training track and large stable complex. The house, whose architect is unknown, is considered the most architecturally significant in the Harlem Valley. It epitomizes the earlier stage of the Georgian Revival, with its close adherence to classical models and proportions. After Hidden's death in 1918, the estate was subdivided down to the 17 acres on which the house sits today. It remains a private home. In the late 1980s the original Corinthian capitals on the front portico's entrance columns were replaced with the current Tuscan ones. Other than the changes to the carriage house, there have been no significant changes to the property.

**Sheffield Hill Road in the town of North East, New York, south of the village of Millerton.**

Private residence, not open to the public

## Columbia County

### Clermont Historic Site



Photo by: Dmadeo

The Clermont Historic Site was built by Robert Livingston in 1740 and was later rebuilt after being burnt down by the British army during the Revolutionary War. The site now has over 500 acres of landscaped gardens, meadows, woodlands and one of the most remarkable views of the Hudson River for future generations to enjoy.

**1 Clermont Ave., Germantown, NY 12526**  
518-537-4240 • info@friendsofclermont.org

**Days/Hours:** Open year-round. Visit website for specifics for tours and visitor center.

### Olana State Historic Site



Photo by: Netriks

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of its preservation in 2016, the Olana State Historic Site was the primary residence of Hudson River School painter Frederic Church and his family. Completed in 1891, the main house at Olana is a unique mixture of Victorian architectural elements and Middle-Eastern decorative motifs settled in a landscape also designed by Church.

**5720 State Route 9G, Hudson, NY 12534**  
518-828-0135

**Tuesday-Sunday:** by appointment or self-guided tours

### Martin Van Buren National Historic Site



Photo by: Rolf Müller

The Martin Van Buren National Historic Site was the home and farm of the eighth president of the United States. The mansion is also where Van Buren entertained politicians and celebrities.

**1013 Old Post Road, Kinderhook, NY 12106**  
518-758-9689

**Every day:** 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Tours hourly from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days/week, from mid-May to October 31. Park grounds and trails open year-round**

### Robert Jenkins House

Owned, operated and maintained by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Robert Jenkins House is an 1811 Federal-style house and contains a local history and genealogical research room, as well as a collection of artifacts relating to Hudson's whaling industry and Civil War involvement. It is furnished with period pieces and paintings by artists of the Hudson River School.

**113 Warren St., Hudson, NY 12534**  
518-828-9764

**Days/Hours:** Open by appointment

### Dr. Oliver Bronson House

The house was first built as a Federal-style residence for Samuel Plumb in 1812. The house and grounds were later reimagined and remodeled by architect Alexander Jackson Davis into a Romantic-Picturesque estate for Dr. Oliver Bronson and his family in 1839 and 1849. The house's style, paired with the surrounding Catskill mountains and the Hudson River, played into the romantic vision of Hudson River School painters Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, who owned villas nearby. Used for many years by the New York Training School for Girls as the superintendent's house, it was abandoned in the early 1970s and fell into disrepair. Since 1997, Historic Hudson has worked to preserve the house for public use.



Photo by: Historic Hudson

**Located on the grounds of Hudson Correctional Facility, entry via Worth Avenue when open.**

Visit [historichudson.org](http://historichudson.org). Historic Hudson hosts open houses throughout the year.

### Jan Van Hoesen House



Built between 1715 and 1724, the Jan Van Hoesen House is an example of the type of rural house characteristic of the upper Hudson Valley in the early 18th century. The style – based on medieval longhouses – originated in 16th-century Netherlands and

did not become prevalent in the region of Columbia County until about 1715. The house is the most intact remaining example of this type of Dutch architecture which was unique to the Hudson Valley. The initials "T" and "I V H" – for Jan Van Hoesen and his wife Tanneke – are worked into the masonry of one gable. Jan Van Hoesen served as a deacon in the Lutheran church at Lunenburg and had eleven children with Tanneke, three of whom resided in the house during the Revolution.

**Sabo Lane, Hudson NY 12534 on the north side of Route 66**

The property is currently undergoing renovations and not open to the public.

### North Fifth Street Houses

Built around 1870 by local builder Freeman Coons, the houses at 37–47 North Fifth Street in Hudson are a row of six buildings designed in the Italianate style. A style of 19th-century Classical architecture, the Italianate style was especially popular on the East Coast. The buildings were designed to be rented to local workers, but eventually became unoccupied and dilapidated. The buildings were restored in 2002.



Photo by: Daniel Case

**37-47 North Fifth St., Hudson, NY 12534**

Privately owned, not open to the public

### Cornelius S. Muller House



Photo by: Daniel Case

The home of Cornelius S. Muller, this house played a role in Revolutionary War efforts. Muller hosted meetings of the Committee of Safety and held courts martial from his home, and the cellar was used to imprison those who did not pay their fines. A Dutch Colonial, the house remains intact, having been renovated in 1840 and restored using original material and resources in the late 20th century.

**602 NY Route 23B, Claverack, NY 12513**

The property currently houses commercial business offices.

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Assemblymember

If you have any questions about historic homes or any other community issue, contact my office.

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“We have so much rich history right here in the Hudson Valley. Enjoy exploring these homes.”

–Assemblymember  
**Didi Barrett**

Dear Neighbor,

For most of us, home is truly where the heart is. So taking a peek at the historic homes of those who predated us here in the Hudson Valley is a unique opportunity to explore the heart and soul of our beautiful region. From log cabins or the stone homes of Dutch settlers to Gilded Age mansions and the houses of presidents and industrialists, these homes are right here in our backyard waiting to be explored.

Visiting these historic homes gives us a chance to reflect on the roots of our region: why early settlers chose this fertile valley; how founding fathers viewed New York’s role in the Revolution; whether the lavish lifestyles of those in the Gilded Age compare to ones today; and how the Hudson River viewshed impacted the art world. I hope you will take advantage of this lovely time of year to take a drive and discover these special Hudson Valley places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Didi Barrett".

Didi Barrett  
Member of Assembly

