



PULL UP A CHAIR

**Hidden Stories of
Albany's Famous Seats**



October-December, 2016

In collaboration with the **Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design** exhibition at the Albany Institute of History & Art (AIHA), PAST sites will highlight chairs in their collections which have many stories to tell. In addition, the **Pull Up A Chair PASTport** program offers discount adult admissions plus a drawing for prizes during October and November, 2016. Tours and programs continue through the end of the year.

Visit Pick up your own PASTport to HISTORY at a PAST site or visit www.albanyinstitute.org/art-of-seating.html. Enjoy 20% off adult admission at PAST sites in October and November.

Enter to Win Get your PASTport stamped at three separate PAST Sites and enter to win a prize! ♦ Drawing in early December, 2016.

Mark Your Calendar

In the Hot Seat October 13, 2016 | 6:30 pm A virtual "grand tour" of the stories revealed by the chairs at PAST member sites. Light refreshments. Free admission • Albany Institute of History & Art

Peculiar Grace: The Shakers and Their Chairs

October 27, 2016 | 6 pm | Explore the history and theology of the Shakers through their famous and beautifully made chairs. Free admission • Albany Institute of History & Art

Craving more local history? PAST sites are offering great events and programs this fall, from murder mysteries to holiday craft fairs. See below for site hours, and check out partner websites to learn more.



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Albany County Historical Association

ACHA is based at the 1798 **Ten Broeck Mansion** in historic Arbor Hill. Enjoy the December Holiday House events in the beautifully decorated mansion, which was home to Revolutionary War General Abraham Ten Broeck and Elizabeth Van Rensselaer. ♦ This was also a seat of power for Ten Broeck, who conducted important business here as state senator and Albany mayor. It's fitting to find a 1836 NYS Senate chair in the ACHA collections.



Albany Institute of History & Art

Explore topics from colonial history to contemporary art at New York's oldest museum. ♦ **The Art of Seating** (10/1-12/31) is organized by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville in collaboration with the Thomas H. and Diane

DeMell Jacobsen Ph.D. Foundation and is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC. Also Spotlight: Alexander Hamilton and Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron (opens 11/5).



Crailo State Historic Site

As the museum of the colonial Dutch in the Hudson River Valley, Crailo State Historic Site tells the stories of 17th-century Dutch colonists, Native American traders, and the free and enslaved African-Americans who helped build New

Netherland. ♦ Crailo displays furniture designed in the 17th century Dutch tradition, including a chair that will never wobble on an uneven floor.



Historic Albany Foundation

Since 1974 the Foundation has been identifying, protecting, preserving and interpreting the historic built environment. See the very best in Albany's architecture and ongoing preservation efforts during the Holiday House Tour on 12/11 from Noon-4 pm. ♦ The HAF Architectural Parts Warehouse will have a special 20% off sale on all chairs during October!



Historic Cherry Hill

Take a tour of "CHAIRy" Hill, and view the lives of five generations of the Van Rensselaer household (1787-1963) through a wild assortment of chairs representing a motley array of people, stories, designs and functions (regular tour schedule). ♦ Special Murder at Cherry Hill tours investigate the scene of an 1827 crime and the perspectives of those present on that fateful evening. (Fri., 10/28 and Sat., 10/29 at 4, 5:30 & 7 pm).



New York State Capitol

New York's "Seat of Government" is an architectural masterpiece. ♦ Exhibits include a wheelchair used by FDR. Join in these special fall tours: **The Man in the Chair: Franklin Delano Roosevelt**, highlighting FDR's terms as NYS Senator and Governor (10/6 at 1 and 5:30pm.

State of New York
RSVP required at www.empirestateplaza.org); and an Empire State Plaza Art Collection tour of **Isamu Noguchi, Artist and Designer** who also designed chairs! (11/2, Noon). *Tours begin at the ESP Visitor Center.*



Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site

Revolutionary War Major-General Philip J. and Catharine van Rensselaer Schuyler's home epitomized refined elegance. A "Who's Who" guest list connected Albany to the world, from America's founders, including son-in-law Alexander Hamilton, to prisoner-guest British General John Burgoyne, to French exiles fleeing the French Revolution. ♦ The Hepplewhite chair featured was restored to its original high-style 1790s luster, when it would have had the likes of Talleyrand, Washington or Hamilton resting upon it. *Check tour availability before visiting.*



Shaker Heritage Society

The Shaker Heritage Society is located at the site of America's first shaker settlement and provides programming that explores the Shaker ideals of sustainability, cooperation, compassion, and the pursuit of a meaningful life. ♦ Monk and poet Thomas Merton wrote: "The peculiar grace of a Shaker chair is due to the fact that it was made by someone capable of believing that an angel might come and sit on it."



Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence

A must-see, the Myers Residence is an outstanding Anti-Slavery period artifact and a tribute to the work of African American Abolitionists and Freedom Seekers. ♦ The Vigilance Committee, chaired by Stephen Myers, met here and worked to ensure equity and justice for all Americans.

PASport to HISTORY

For more information on other heritage sites, including: the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, the New York State Museum, the Irish American Heritage Museum, the American Italian Heritage Museum, the USS Slater, and the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, see www.albany.org/things-to-do/.

Through active public engagement, **Partners for Albany Stories (PASt)**, is a collaboration among historical and cultural organizations exploring compelling local stories about Albany's vital role in the development of New York State and the nation. For more information on the Pull up a Chair program visit: www.albanyinstitute.org/art-of-seating.html

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PASt PARTNER SITES

Albany County Historical Association

Ten Broeck Mansion 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany 12210
|(518) 436-9826 • www.tenbroeckmansion.org
Tours hourly: Thurs & Fri 10am–3pm, Sat & Sun 1–3pm;
Mon–Wed by appointment | Adults \$5;
Seniors & Children \$4 | *Regular tours end 10/30.*

Albany Institute of History & Art

125 Washington Ave., Albany 12210 • (518) 463-4478
www.albanyinstitute.org Wed 10am–5pm; Thurs 10am–
8pm*; Fri–Sat 10am–5pm; Sun Noon–5pm | Adults \$10;
Seniors & Students with ID \$8; Children 6–12 \$6; Members
and children under 6 are free
*Free admission 5–8 pm | *Café available*

Crailo State Historic Site

9 1/2 Riverside Ave., Rensselaer 12144 • (518) 463-8738
www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/30/details.aspx
Tours hourly: Wed–Sun 11am–4 pm | Crailo only: Adults \$5;
Seniors & Students \$4; Children 12 and under are free.
Combo with Schuyler Mansion: Adults \$8; Seniors & Students
\$6; Children 12 and under are \$2 | *Regular tours end 10/30*

Historic Albany Foundation

89 Lexington Ave., Albany 12206 • (518) 465-0876
www.historic-albany.org | Parts Warehouse: Wed–Fri 11am–
5pm; Sat 9am–5pm

Historic Cherry Hill

523 1/2 South Pearl St., Albany 12202 | (518) 434-4791
www.historiccherryhill.org
Tours Wed & Sat at 1, 2, and 3pm | Adult \$5; Seniors | &
Students \$4; Children \$2. *10/1 through 12/17, except 10/29*

New York State Capitol Empire State Plaza

Visitor Center, North Concourse, Albany 12242 | (518) 474-
2418 www.empirestateplaza.org
Tours Mon–Fri at 10am, Noon, 2 and 3pm, “Capitol
Hauntings” tour Oct. only, Noon & 5:30pm daily *Free
Admission*

Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site

32 Catherine St., Albany 12202 • (518) 434-0834
www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/33/details.aspx
Tours hourly: Wed–Sun 11am–5pm; Adults \$5; Seniors &
Students \$4; Children 12 and under are free.
Combo with Crailo: Adults \$8; Seniors & Students \$6. *Please
call prior to your visit to ensure availability. Regular tours end
10/30*

Shaker Heritage Society

25 Meeting House Rd., Albany 12211 (518) 456-7890
| <http://shakerheritage.org> Tues–Sat 9:30am–4pm
| Suggested donation \$5; *Fees for programs*

Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence

194 Livingston Ave., Albany 12210 • (518) 432-4432
www.UndergroundRailroadHistory.org | Mon–Fri Noon–
8pm; Sat Noon–4pm | Adults \$10; Seniors \$8; Youth (5-12)
\$5; Under 5 free