

## Program List

### On-Site Tours/Programs

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls regularly hosts a number of On-Site Programs that bring history to life for our visitors. Throughout the summer, you may choose to attend any of the scheduled programs listed on our website ([parksbentleyplace.org](http://parksbentleyplace.org)), or if you have a large group, you can arrange for a private tour or presentation of any of the programs we offer. Contact us at [parksbentleyplace@gmail.com](mailto:parksbentleyplace@gmail.com) for more information or register online by choosing a specific program on our Programs pages and submitting your completed registration form electronically.



#### **Tours of Parks-Bentley Place**

Tours of the main house and grounds, as well as the 1812 school house, our "Simpler Time" tool shed, and the summer kitchen are available from April through September on Saturdays from noon – 4 pm. Have a large group? Want a detailed tour of a specific area on the grounds? Group tours may be arranged by appointment.



#### **Underground Railroad Escape Program**

Imagine you are a slave, escaping from a plantation to freedom, fighting the perils of slave catchers, unknown destinations, and natural barriers along the Underground Railroad. Find out about the intricate system of "stations" and "signals" that helped many along their journey. This program is designed for use with 4th and 5th grade students, but is easily modified for older students and adults. It is also best enjoyed as a sequel to our "Communication Without Words" program, and, because much of the Escape Program takes place outdoors, groups may wish to schedule a rain date.



#### **Annual Nativity Exhibition**

Each year from late November through December, Parks-Bentley Place is transformed into a showcase for more than 100 nativity sets from around the globe. The exhibit changes annually and often includes other holiday related items, such as miniature Christmas villages and traditional holiday decorations provided by local families. The main fundraiser for the year, adult admission for the exhibition is \$5 per person. Tickets for children 12 years and under - \$3 each.

## Outreach Programs

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls offers a variety of Outreach Programs that bring history to you. These programs can normally be arranged to meet your class or group's schedule and provide interesting facts and insights into life in days gone by.

Contact us at [parksbentleyplace@gmail.com](mailto:parksbentleyplace@gmail.com) for details or complete the Group Registration form (last page) and send to us at the address above. If you prefer, you may complete an online registration form by visiting our website ([parksbentleyplace.org](http://parksbentleyplace.org)), selecting the program you wish, and completing the electronic form.



### Communication without Words

History tells us that the Underground Railroad ran along the Hudson River from New York City, with one of the three routes north from the Capital District running through our area. To get this far north, escapees needed to learn signs and signals developed to help them journey safely. Groups can learn the unique quilt signals and how these signals gave escapees a better chance of survival and ultimate success.



### History Mystery

Test your detective skills as you try to determine the uses of artifacts from days gone by. Whether the items relate to farming, cooking, household tasks, work, or business, you will be using the process of elimination to discover the every-day uses of sometimes strange-looking items from the past. This hands-on program, aligned with the New York State Standards in Social Studies and the Humanities, is both a learning experience and great fun for students and adults alike.



### The Games Grandma and Grandpa Played – Us, Too!

When there were no electronics and few places to go for entertainment, our forefathers – and their children – got creative. Many games we play today have their roots in ancient places like Phoenicia and Egypt. Learn about the history of games including dominoes, hopscotch, checkers, cards, etc. and discover their “roots”.



### General Moreau: Who Was He and Why Was Moreau Named for Him?

Find out about a famous Frenchman who was exiled by Napoleon and how a small town in the Adirondacks of New York State came to be named for him. The program provides great insights into world and local history for 5th graders and up... that means adults, too!

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### **Food for Thought**

Preparing meals today is as simple as ordering pizza or buying ready-to-go food at the local grocery store. But in the 1800s, feeding a family was not such an easy task. Learn the types of ingredients that were used, how they were prepared – sometimes using a fireplace – and how our ancestors made it through the winter months. Request in advance and, for an extra \$3 per person, groups can make jam to take home, too.



### **Indian to Native American to First Nation**

Picture our country as a new nation with native peoples still inhabiting and traveling through our area. This hands-on program will shed new light on the people indigenous to the region through authentic artifacts and reproductions that give clues to how these early inhabitants lived.



### **Are We There Yet?**

Before GPS and other navigation aids, travelers “found their way” by reading paper maps. Using maps from the 1800s and 1900s, along with a modern atlas, groups can learn how to find all the information that maps provide.



### **Practical but Beautiful**

Learn how generations before us created objects that not only were useful in their everyday lives, but also simply beautiful to look at. From hairbrushes, to water pitchers, to storage chests ... Who says useful can't be gorgeous?

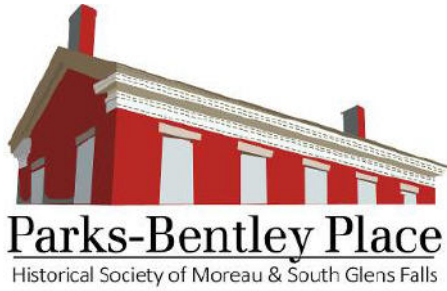
## **Coming Soon**



### **Back on the Farm**

Parks-Bentley volunteers are currently developing an off-shoot of a farm program that was presented at the historic house several years ago. Stay tuned for this exciting new addition to our programs that make history fun for children of all ages.

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## Group Tour/Program Registration Form

To schedule a group tour of Parks-Bentley Place or a group program to be presented either on-site at Parks-Bentley or at your own location, please contact us at parksbentleyplace@gmail.com or call Nancy Purinton at 518-636-3856 (purinton73@gmail.com). You may also visit our website (parksbentleyplace.com), select the program you wish, and complete and submit your registration form electronically.

The following information is needed for scheduling. We ask that you complete the registration form in hard copy or online, save a copy for your records, then email to parksbentleyplace@gmail.com or by hitting the Register button on the web form. A volunteer will then reach out to you to confirm details.

Desired Program or Tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Presentation Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Group: (# of adults) \_\_\_\_\_ (# of children) \_\_\_\_\_

Place Program is to be Presented: Please check one.

Parks-Bentley Place or  Your location

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for each group program or group tour is as follows:

- \* School and other children's groups: \$2.00 per person
- \* Adult Groups: \$5.00 per person - Minimum of \$50

NOTE: For groups wishing to make jam as part of the "Food for Thought" program, there is an additional fee of \$3 per person to cover the cost of supplies.

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