



# Parks-Bentley Place

*Where History Comes Alive!*

The Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls

## On-Site 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. Scheduled throughout our season, you may choose to attend any of the listed programs or, if you have a large group, arrange for a private presentation. Contact us at [parksbentleyplace@gmail.com](mailto:parksbentleyplace@gmail.com) for details.



## 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 early October on Saturdays from 1 – 4 pm. Tours are also available in July and August from 1-4 pm. Have a large group? Want a detailed tour of a specific area on the grounds? Group tours may be arranged by appointment. Call 518-636-3856 or 518-792-1850 for more information.



## Underground Railroad Escape Program

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 fourth and fifth grade students but is easily modified for older students. 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 should schedule a rain date.



## World of Nativities

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 is \$5 per person. Children 12 years and under - \$3 each.



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## 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 and email a Group Registration form to [purinton73@gmail.com](mailto:purinton73@gmail.com).



### 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 songs used by freedom seekers and "walk the road to freedom", too. (Weather permitting).



### History Mystery

Test your detective skills as you try and 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up... that means adults, too!



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## On-Site Programs, continued



### Food for Thought

Preparing meals today is as simple as ordering pizza or buying prepared 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.

## Programs: *Coming Soon*



### Back on the Farm

Parks-Bentley volunteers are currently developing an off-shoot of a farm program, 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.



### 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?

To register your group for any of these programs, visit [parksbentleyplace.org](http://parksbentleyplace.org) or complete the form on the next page, then mail it to 53 Ferry Boulevard, South Glens Falls, NY 12803. You are also welcome to scan your completed form and email it to [purinton73@gmail.com](mailto:purinton73@gmail.com).



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## Parks-Bentley Place Group Tour/Program Registration Form

To schedule group programs to be presented on-site at Parks-Bentley Place or at your own location, or to arrange a group tour, please contact us at parksbentleyplace@gmail.com or call Nancy Purinton at 518-636-3856 (purinton73@gmail.com).

The following information is needed for scheduling. Please complete, save for your records, then email a copy to purinton73@gmail.com

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

Requested Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Presentation Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Place Program is to be Presented:  
Please check one.

Parks-Bentley Place  
or

Name of Organization

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

ST

Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Email

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

School other children's groups: \$1.00 per person

Adult Groups: \$1.00 per person - Minimum of \$25 (maximum 35 individuals)

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.

**Parks-Bentley Place, 53 Ferry Boulevard, South Glens Falls, NY 12803**