

# **Harriet Tubman 2013 Commemorative Year**

## **HARRIET TUBMAN EVENTS**

### **Auburn, NY**

#### **Summer and Fall –**

**July 29 - Aug. 2 - HTBC “What Would Harriet Do?” - "Auburn Heroes" week at Booker T. Washington Community Center Summer Youth Program. The children will participate in a wide variety of activities, including learning how Harriet Tubman grew food and sold it to Auburn residents, engaging in this character trait of self-sufficiency in their own lives by growing their own food in the BTW community garden. They will also visit key historical sites in Auburn, modeling Harriet Tubman’s dedication to helping others by engaging in community service.**

**Aug. 2 – Fri. 5:30pm "Walk in Harriet's Footsteps" community walk from City Hall to Tubman Home sponsored by Cayuga County Health Dept. (A Shuttle Bus will be available following the dedication for those who don't wish to walk back) Assemble in front of Auburn City Hall.**

**Aug. 2 - Fri. 7:00 p.m. - NYS Rt. 34 Harriet Tubman Memorial Highway Dedication and Signage Unveiling Ceremony at Harriet Tubman Home 180 South St. Auburn, NY. Welcome by Mayor Quill and other dignitaries.**

**Aug. 2 – Fri. 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Screening of Denzel Washington movie “Glory”, about the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the 1st formal unit of the US Army to be made up entirely of African American men. 8pm screening will feature local historian Tony Gero discussing US Colored Troops regiments and separating Hollywood and reality. Additional showing 8pm Sat. night at Auburn Public Theater. \$5.00 in advance on-line at www.auburnpublictheater.org or \$6.00 at the door.**

#### **Aug. 3 – Sat. - Founders Day**

**10:00 a.m. Annual Founders Day Kids' (ages 4-10) Fun Run at Seymour Public Library, prizes, refreshments**

**11:00 a.m. National Anthem performed by St. Alphonsus student choir on steps of City Hall**

**11:05 a.m. Welcome by Mayor Quill followed by introduction of Auburn native Joseph H. Holland, J.D. Harvard Law (Harlem based attorney, civic leader, All-American football player, playwright, son of Jerome H. “Brud” Holland), will speak on how the legacy of Harriet Tubman helped shape his life and the life of his father.**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - "Cushing's Battery" Civil War Reenactors Encampment at Seward Park**

**12:00 p.m. - Tug of War between City and County Employees, south lawn of City Hall, supervised by Judge Thomas Leone**

**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Parking lot across from City Hall - Rain location is ground level of the Parking Garage**

- **Live music by Soft Spoken**  
**Food**  
**Artists/craft vendors**  
**Kid's Zone, inflatables, bounce house and games by Reva Rollerdrome.**  
**Costumed student presentations at the Seward House Museum.**
- **The Tubman Home will host a Strawberry Shortcake Social, sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Home and Downtown BID. Guided visitors tours of the property will be conducted. \*\*\*SCAT Van shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from the Harriet Tubman Home, leaving from behind City Hall**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Book signing by Joseph Holland at Downtown Books & Coffee, 66 Genesee Street**

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Akwaaba Heritage Storytellers PERFORMANCE: "Her Mind Stayed on Freedom: Moments in the Life of Harriet Tubman" on South Porch of Seward House Museum.**

**Aug. 4 - Sun. - 11:00 a.m. Rev. Lula Williams speaking at Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church (instrumental in saving the Tubman Home and starting its library; worked for Marion Wright Edelman at Children's Defense Fund).**

**Aug. 4 – Sun. – 2:00 p.m. *David Thomas and the Lock 52 Band*, Dixieland and Jazz tribute to Harriet Tubman, at Willard Chapel. \$10.00 per person.**

<http://www.willardchapel.org/Events.html>

**Sept. 15 - Sun. - Linda Zach from Union Springs is a civil war re-enactor and does programs related to Civil War Medicine and Civil War Era Women – program with visuals, including a large display of civil war medical apparatus.**

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**Sept. 21 - Sat. - 3:00 p.m. Syracuse Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America Encore Performance of "The Life of Harriet Tubman: A Spiritual Journey through Music" concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 17 William St. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Children and students with ID \$5. Available for sale on this website [www.harriettubmanboosters.org](http://www.harriettubmanboosters.org) via PayPal.**

**Sept. 23 - Mon. - 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ghanaian cultural drumming performance by Auburn native Barry Bilderback, Ph. D. at Lionel Hampton School of Music, U of Idaho. Dr. Bilderback has many years of experience traveling and conducting workshops throughout Africa. Accompanied by Auburn's Master Drummer, Quadir Muntaqim, with an introduction by Tubman relative Pauline Copes Johnson. Ghana is the ancestral home of Harriet Tubman. Sponsored by Cayuga Community College Student Activities Board. Student Lounge - CCC.**

**Oct. 19 - Sat. - HTBC "What Would Harriet Do?" - Program with Hospice and Absolute Dance Company recognizing Tubman's humanitarian work with the sick and aged. Special Harriet Tubman "Ribbons of Hope" performance by ADC. Afternoon and Evening performance times TBA. Location: Theater Mack at Cayuga Museum**  
<http://cayugamuseum.org/theater-mack/>

**Oct. 27 - Sunday - The Excelsior Cornet Band with Jeff Stockham - Authentic Civil War era band with period instruments and music at Willard Memorial Chapel. (Mr. Stockham performed in Steven Spielberg movie "Lincoln") \$10.00 per person**  
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**Nov. 7 - Thurs. - CCC Foundation sponsoring "A Change Gon' Come", multi-media play about the life of Harriet Tubman, the "Black Moses". Bisgrove Theater at Cayuga Community College** <http://www.thefinestperf.org/>

**Nov. 8 & 9 - Fri.. & Sat. - "Harriet Tubman: No Longer Underground - A Centennial Symposium", sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Boosters Club and Cayuga Community College. Culmination of 2013 celebrations w/ panelists Dr. Doug Armstrong, Dr. Deidre Hill Butler, Elizabeth Crawford, Hon. Hugh C. Humphreys, Dr. Kate Clifford Larson, Billie Luisi-Potts, Author/Professor Harry Bradshaw Matthews, Dr. Milton Sernett, Dr. Margaret Washington, Dr. Judith Wellman; Examining Harriet's life with in the context of 19th C Auburn and CNY through abolition, women's rights and related movements; Acclaimed Tubman performer Millicent Sparks; Banquet at Springside Inn. Millicent Sparks will also perform for AECSD students on Thurs. Nov. 7 sponsored by the Auburn Education Foundation. Find more information and sign up for Symposium mailing list at:**  
<http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/tubman/pages.php?p=81>

**Volunteers Welcome:**

**Founders Day – e-mail Connie Reilley [Connie@AuburnDowntown.org](mailto:Connie@AuburnDowntown.org)**

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