

City of Auburn Founder's Day Week Historic & Cultural Sites Events

Seymour Library

Wednesday, August 10 at 10 - 11AM

Reading Ranger with Ranger Kim from the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park

Learn about the life of Harriet Tubman while exploring nature during this interactive story time with Ranger Kim from the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park. This week features: What Can We Do to Preserve and Conserve? For ages 6 to 11, but all ages welcome. No registration required.

Seward House Museum

Wednesday, August 10 at 10:30AM - 12PM

He(art) of the Seward House Specialty Tour

Part of the SHM's 2022 Specialty Tour series to be offered on the second Wednesday of every month. The fabulous and fascinating artwork of the Seward House moves from the backdrop to the foreground in this art-centric tour. Learn how aesthetics framed the world—and home—of the Seward family, as well as which artists and art movements caught their eyes. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for members, and reservations are recommended.

Wednesday, August 10 at 6PM

Shakespeare in the Gardens: A Midsummer Summer Night's Dream

Bring your folding chairs and love of live theater to the SHM gardens for an open-air performance not to be missed. Set against the backdrop of the Museum's historic gardens and South Porch, actors from Syracuse Shakespeare-in-the-Park perform this enchanting comedy production. This event is free, but donations are suggested.

Ongoing Exhibit

Forged in Freedom: The Bond of the Seward-Tubman Families

["Forged in Freedom"](#) considers the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman through the lens of her relationship with the family of William H. Seward. At the center of the exhibit is the story of Margaret Stewart, a young girl from the Eastern Shore of Maryland placed in the care of the Sewards in Auburn. Margaret's story tells us much about Tubman and links the National Park Service sites in Maryland and Auburn, and Upstate NY with the Chesapeake region.

Cayuga Museum

Tubman 200 Exhibit: Auburn in Harriet Tubman's Time 1859 - 1913

Auburn in Harriet Tubman's Time explores how Auburn changed in the 54 years during which Harriet Tubman called the city her home. Through historic photographs, visitors will learn about the growth of Auburn from 1859 to 1913, and get a glimpse of specific places tied to Harriet. The Cayuga Museum of History & Art is open Wednesday - Saturday from 11AM - 4PM.

Cayuga Museum/Schweinfurth Art Center

Tubman 200 Exhibit: In God's Voice: A Celebration of the Spirituality of Harriet Tubman

Syracuse artist [Vanessa Johnson](#) focuses on Harriet Tubman's faith in her exhibit In God's Voice: A Celebration of the Spirituality of Harriet Tubman. The exhibit is part of the Emerging Artists project and will be on display in both the Schweinfurth Art Center and [the Cayuga Museum of History & Art](#). Johnson will exhibit quilts and fiber artworks that address Tubman's spirituality and faith: her use of nature to guide her path as she freed enslaved people; her blackouts, in which she said God spoke to her; and her faith in the allies, both Black and white, who supported her rescues. The title is taken from a quote by abolitionist Thomas Garrett, who supported many of Tubman's journeys to free enslaved people. Tubman frequently used Garrett's stop along the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania. "I never met with any person, of any color, who had more confidence in the voice of

God, as spoken direct to her soul ... and her faith in a Supreme Power truly was great," Garrett said. Joint passes for access to the Schweinfurth Art Center and Cayuga Museum are available for purchase at both sites.

Schweinfurth Art Center

Tubman 200 Exhibit

Here/Hear: a solo exhibition by Quinn A. Hunter

[Quinn Alexandria Hunter](#) is a sculptor and performance artist from North Carolina who completed her MFA work at Ohio University. In fall 2020, she became an artist in residence at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. She works primarily with hair and the African American female body as material. Hunter is interested in the erasure of history from spaces and how the contemporary uses of space impact the way we as a culture see the past. Here/Hear revolves around the erasure of Black bodies and culture. Work from two of artist [Quinn Hunter's](#) recent series, Paradise: The Myth of a Liberal North and I See You Now, I Hear You Then, address this in different ways. In Paradise: The Myth of a Liberal North, Hunter researched the promise of Detroit that many Black Southerners sought during the great migration and how the fallout of that promise has led to Detroit today: the result of redlining, white flight, and divestment. In I Hear You Now, I See You Then, Hunter focuses on antebellum plantations in the South that fail to acknowledge the enslaved people whose labor built the homestead and made them prosper.

Ongoing Exhibit

Excellence in Fiber VII is an annual juried exhibition from [Fiber Art Now](#) magazine as part of their publication and features fiber artworks from all over the world. The full exhibition, with works by 62 artists, appeared in print in their Spring 2022 issue. Selected artists are represented at the Schweinfurth Art Center.

Harriet Tubman Home

Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 11 – 13 at 10AM

Harriet Tubman Home Guided Tour with Reverend Paul Carter

Sculptor Wesley Wofford's traveling exhibition "[Harriet Tubman—The Journey to Freedom](#)" will be on display at the Harriet Tubman Home through August 31, 2022. The 9-foot, 2,200-pound monument, resembling Tubman's travels to free enslaved people is currently booking into 2023; the exhibit began its journey at the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Pavilion in Montgomery, Alabama, in 2020.

According to the Oscar and Emmy-winning North Carolina artist, the statue honors and pays tribute to Tubman's commitment to and resilience in the fight for freedom. Advance appointments for the 10AM tour are preferred by calling (315) 252-2081. The grounds are open for self-guided tours Tuesday through Saturday from 10AM - 4PM.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 11 – 13 at 2 – 3PM

Harriet Tubman's Home in Freedom Tour & Harriet Tubman National Historical Park

Join a National Park Service ranger for a walk on the property Tubman lived on for 50 years in freedom. Discover her life of radical hospitality that grew out of her deep religious convictions and passion for civil rights. Touch the bricks of her home she and her family built and see Tubman artifacts unearthed from her property. Stand on the farmland Tubman worked to provide food for those she sheltered under her roof. Listen to the stories of her philanthropic work. Step inside the Tubman Home for Aged and Infirm Negroes she created to institutionalize her life's work of caring for those unable to care for themselves. Hear about Tubman's second husband, her adopted daughter, and other family members whose descendants still reside in Auburn. Come experience Tubman's chosen home in freedom! Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Free to the Public. Registration not required. Contact Information: Kimberly Szewczyk kimberly_szewczyk@nps.gov; (315) 882-8060

Equal Rights Heritage Center

Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 11 – 13 at 10AM - 12PM

Hike Through the History of Tubman Walking Tour with Harriet Tubman National Historical Park
Starting at the Harriet Tubman statue outside the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center, join the park ranger on a walk through the city of Auburn retracing Harriet Tubman's life in freedom of over 50 years. During the two-mile, two-hour walk, you will pass the Seward House Museum and learn about Frances Seward's role in Tubman acquiring a farm, you'll visit Tubman's gravesite in beautiful Fort Hill Cemetery, stand outside her church where she worshiped for 22 years and where her funeral was held. You will also walk through the city's historic Black neighborhood and hear about other freedom seekers who chose Auburn as their home. As you return, you'll walk by the homes of her supporters on the sidewalks of the South Street Area National Historic Register District. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water or other fluid to rehydrate. The tour can run over on time and there are no comfort stations along the tour route. Wearing sunscreen is recommended. Free to the Public. Registration not required. Contact Information: Kimberly Szewczyk kimberly_szewczyk@nps.gov; (315) 882-8060

Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 11 – 13 at 4PM

"Seeing Equal Rights in NYS" Gallery Tours with Harriet Tubman National Historical Park
Join a National Park Service ranger on a stroll through the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center and listen to the many stories of the people who changed our country through their work in the Human Rights Movement, on the Abolition of Slavery, and in the Women's Rights Movement. Portraits of Emily Howland, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and Harriet Tubman hang prominently on the center's walls with other notable New York State citizens. Meet your ranger at the front desk of the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center. Free to the public. Registration not required.

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