
History Happenings | April 2023

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Last Month at the History Center

Found ourself in stitches of fun in March, learning the basics of sewing machines with Librarian Cady Fontana at the Tompkins County Public Library MakerSpace, and supporting over 100 fae folk during Spring Fairy Fest in making their own fairy quilts with us! We have more textile workshops, and quilting history programs on the horizon, we hope to have you join us!

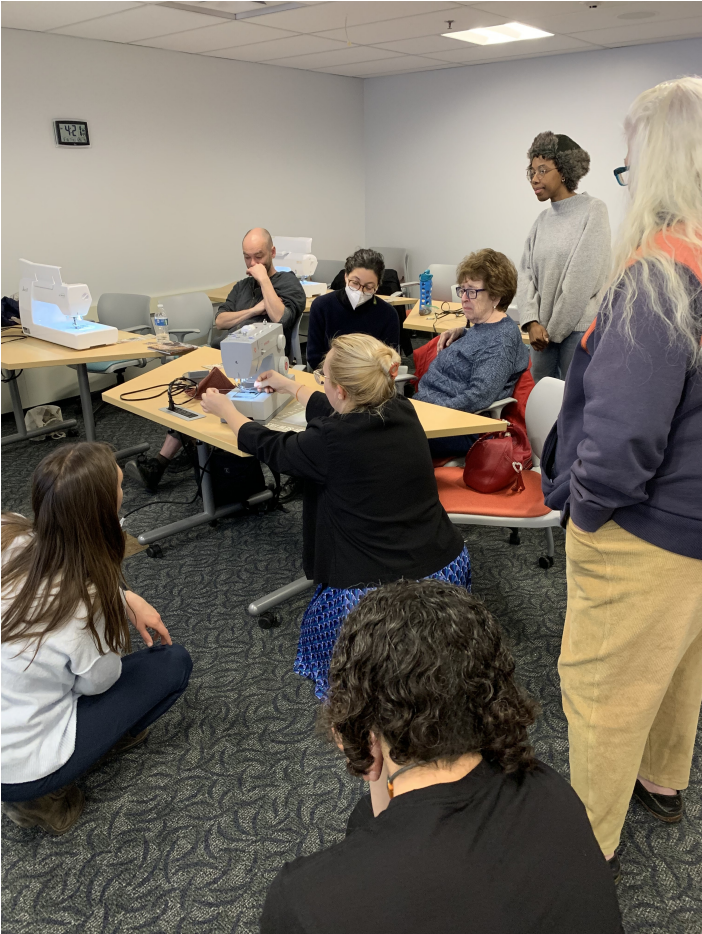
Upcoming Quilt Programs

Thur - April 6th [Introduction to Quilting: Mini Quilt Tops](#) w/ Cady Fontana at the TCPL MakerSpace (Registration required)

Thurs - April 13th - [Quilted w/ Care 1996 Retrospective @ Tompkins Center](#) - 4-5:30pm.

Panelists include: Two Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance founders, Anne McLaughlin & Andi Gladstone; and Quilted with Care organizers Kristin Thompson & Brigid Hubberman.

Weds - April 26th - [CHAT - Is the Ithaca Kitty the first Calico Cat?](#)
@Tompkins Center 5:15-6:15pm





UPCOMING EVENTS



We're making big moves on the 1950 census for the City and Town of Ithaca, and **1950 is nearly complete for the Towns of Newfield and Caroline!** Come to one of our [bi-monthly transcription sessions](#) and help preserve history! Explore the work completed so far at tompkins.historyforge.net.

Wednesday-Saturday -

[EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!](#)

10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety](#)

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ON DISPLAY - [Knot Sew](#)

[Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins](#)

[County](#) at The History Center

Exhibit Hall. Exhibit will be on

display February-August

2023.

CELEBRATE [Deaf History](#)

[Month](#) and [Black Women's](#)

[History Month](#) **IN TOMPKINS**

COUNTY!

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Quilted with Care 1996 Retrospective
Stories, Conversation, & Quilt Share

In 1996 local women organized a gala and quilt auction that raised \$27,000 for the new Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance.

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH
4PM-5:30PM

The success of Quilted with Care went far beyond the funds raised with new community awareness and connection made. With warmth and beauty 120 women stitched hope, love into their small quilts raising \$27,000. Join IBCA Founders and Quilted with Care Organizers and quiltmakers for a slide show, live quilts, and a panel conversation reflecting on the power and beauty of 1996 Quilted with Care and its lasting impact.

Panelists include: Two Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance founders, Anne McLaughlin, Andi Gladstone; and Quilted with Care organizers Kristin Thompson & Brigid Hubberman.

Contact Brigid Hubberman at brigidhubberman@gmail.com if you have a story or quilt to share as part of this program. Knot Sew Fast quilt exhibit will be open before and after the program.



 **TOMPKINS Center for History & Culture**
CAP ArtSpace Gallery - 1st Floor
110 N. Tioga St., Ithaca NY 14850
In "Bank Alley" on the Ithaca Commons

 This event is offered in conjunction with the **Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County** quilt exhibit currently on display.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Contact Zoë Van Nostrand at community@thehistorycenter.net with any questions.

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www.thehistorycenter.net www.tcqg.org



Explore local Deaf history at
thehistorycenter.net/Deaf-History

Wed - April 5th - 5:30-7:30pm - [Tompkins Chamber Business After Hours @ TCHC - 5:30-7:30pm](#) - [Please Register!](#)

Thur - April 6th [Introduction to Quilting: Mini Quilt Tops](#) w/ Cady Fontana at the TCPL MakerSpace (Registration required)

Fri - April 7th- 5-8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join us for Gallery Night to explore [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County!](#)

Sat - April 1st & 15th - [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.

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Sat - April 29th - [Tommy's Annual Inspection w/ IAHF @ Tompkins Center](#) 1-2:30pm

Join us for a **CHAT!**

IS THE ITHACA KITTY THE FIRST CALICO CAT?

How did the term for a woven fabric become shorthand for a multi-colored cat during the 20th century?

Presentation & round-table discussion on new research by Zoë Van Nostrand on how the 1892 Tabby Cat may have been the inspiration for the now commonly called "calico cat."

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5:15-6:15pm**

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County** quilt exhibit. Learn more at
thehistorycenter.net/knot-sew-fast

SAVE THE DATE:

- **5/2** - [CHAT - History of Environmental Though - Student Presentations](#) - 6:30-9pm
- **5/6** - Exhibit Hall is CLOSED - All staff will be attending [The Gayogohó:nə' and Deyodi:ho:nə' People and Tutelo Park](#) @ Tutelo Park- 11am-3pm
- **5/7** - [Canoe Fest @ Cass Park](#) 9am-5pm
- **5/11** - Community Quiltmaking for Good w/ Brooktondale Community Center & Ellis Hollow Quiltmakers - 4-5:30pm
- **5/20** - [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.
- **6/5** - [Gallery Night OPENING of Present Conversations with Artists of Color](#) @ Tompkins Center 5-8pm
- **6/7** - P.L.A.C.E. Textile & Garment Workers through HistoryForge

Community Education Programming from
THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

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Tommy's Annual Inspection!

with the Ithaca Aviation Heritage Foundation


*Annual preservation program on our 105 year old
Thomas Morse S4-B Scout.*

**SATURDAY APRIL 29TH
1PM-2:30PM**

The Ithaca Aviation Heritage Foundation (IAHF) restored this Thomas Morse S4-B Scout, known as "Tommy", over a 10 year period in preparation for his centennial flight in 2018. Annual maintenance provides a rare chance to see the inside workings of this vintage airplane, originally constructed in Ithaca NY.

There will be an opportunity to hear some of the volunteers who actually performed the restoration narrate some of this process, accompanied by documentary footage by Mark Hartsuyker from The History Center digital archival collections.

No registration required. This event is FREE and open to all ages.

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Explore more information and learning resources about our iconic Tommy Plane at
thehistorycenter.net/tommy-plane
and
thehistorycenter.net/learn-tommy

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Foundation
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[Request for Community Images at Ithaca Farmers Market for their 50th Celebration!](#)

[2023 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Ithaca Farmers Market \(IFM\)! The Market is planning to showcase their history in photos, to recognize our vendors and their years at market, and thank the community for their support over the decades. IFM has enjoyed a strong and loyal customer base that has helped vendors grow their farms and businesses and has made IFM one of the top markets in the state and one of the area's top tourism destinations.](#)

To document this history, [they are looking for Ithaca Market photos from the past through the present time.](#) We are planning to use photos in a variety of ways - to display at market, in our new cookbook, and in exhibits and permanent collections at The History Center and other locations later in the



year.

Photographers Robyn Wishna and Allison Usavage have volunteered to curate the photo exhibit for the market to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. They have lots of great ideas for ways to showcase our market history, but we need your

old Market photos to do it!

Look for pictures of you and your family shopping at any of our market locations, pictures of our vendors or their products, people enjoying lunch and the waterfront location, artisan creations, and photos of any of the events we've hosted over the years including the Rutabaga Curl!

If you would like to share your photos of the Ithaca Farmers Market over the years, you can upload them to our easy online form here: <https://forms.gle/vswNc4X9K8ZQe1Wu5>.

You can also email Monika Roth (mr55@cornell.edu), President of Friends of the Ithaca Farmers Market, to set up a time to drop them off in person (we will scan them and get them back to you).

Thank you for taking a look through your photo albums and collections!

History Center will be closed on Saturday May 6th - In honor of:

The Gayogohó:nq? and Deyodi:ho:nq? People and Tutelo Park

May 6, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. @ Tutelo Park

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Hosted by Town of Ithaca with input from [Gayogohó:nq?](#) representatives as well as those from other Haudenosaunee nations. This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Tompkins County Tourism program. The Town's Conservation Board is also a supporter.



In 2008, there was a “Native American Homecoming Festival” at the park. This May 2023 event will offer new ways of thinking about Tutelo Park and will highlight layers of meaning that the land holds. Further, the event will serve as a prelude to adding features

to Tutelo Park over the next few years.”

[HIST/ENVS 720 - Students Research Presentations on May 2nd:](#)

They're Back!!

For the 18th year The History Center is collaborating with [Professor Michael Smith and his History of Environmental Thought class](#). Each year students work with our archivist to do an intensive research project using our archival collections and focusing on local environmental issues including energy use, urban development, public health, water management, and many other timely and important topics.

A new group started on March 21st and will work in our research library throughout March and April, with their research projects culminating in a [series of presentations that will be open to the public on Tuesday May 2nd in the CAP ArtSpace Gallery from 6:30-9pm.](#)

Community History Across Tompkins - NEW Program Series
THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

Join us for a **CHAT!**

**HIST/ENVS 270
 HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 THOUGHT
 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Student presentations from Professor Michael Smith's 'History of American Environmental Thought' class. Each year students work with our archivist to do an intensive research project using our archival collections and focusing on local environmental issues including energy use, urban development, public health, water management, and many other timely and important topics.

**Tuesday May 2nd
 6:30 - 9:00pm**
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[History Center Announces Next Exhibit](#)

A Sporting Chance: On and Off the Field - Opens Fall 2023

Play ball!

Or ready, set, go!

Or Oh, Say Can You See!

However you start your own athletic endeavors, there is no denying that sports are an important part of our human experience. From roller derby, lacrosse, power walking, ice hockey, or the uniquely [Ithacan Rutabaga Curl](#), our forebears have gifted us today a rich tapestry of sports to build on for subsequent generations.



The History Center in Tompkins County is excited to announce our Fall 2023 exhibit, [A Sporting Chance: On and Off the Field](#), **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are asking members of the Tompkins County community far and wide to contribute memorabilia of community level sports teams to the upcoming exhibit. We plan on featuring loaned items in our [Exhibit Hall](#) during *A Sporting Chance*. So, bring us your well-worn shirt from your beer league softball team, the hats you made for your children's youth rec team, or the trophy from your pine box derby championship; We can't wait to build a broad and diverse display of what it means to "sport" here in Tompkins County.

This history is an important part of the fabric of our community. **Local teams at all levels bring people together, build relationships across differences, and promote a sense of pride and spirit.** By documenting the history of these teams, we gain a better understanding of our community over time, and the contributions of the many people past and present who were part of these teams.

In addition to our community wall, **the exhibit will also feature in-depth explorations of a number of local teams. Guest contributors, exhibits on loan, and interactive displays will augment the rich [artifacts and photographs](#) from The History Center's collection.** Narratives of achievement and empowerment are complicated by stories of erasure and exclusivity. Truth be told, the history of sports is quintessential human history – meaning, its complicated. In whole, *A Sporting Chance* offers an exciting opportunity to

understand our place in the world. We're excited to share in the exploration and conversation of our history through a sporting lens through the upcoming exhibit.

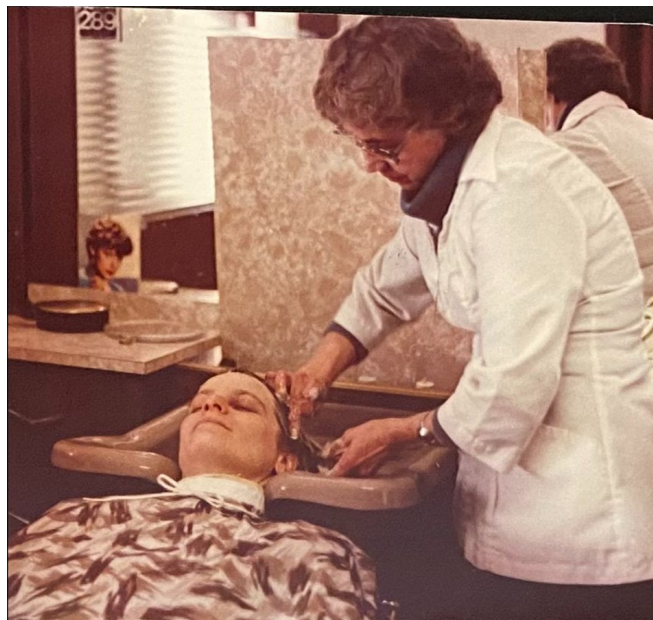
PLEASE CONTACT design@thehistorycenter.net if you'd like to loan your sports memorabilia for this exhibit!

New & Noteworthy Collections

Barbara Palmer Quick - Photograph Collection

In 1980 a student in a Visual Anthropology class at Cornell was given an assignment to create an extended portrait of a businesswoman in Ithaca. The result was an interesting and insightful album of photographs and text documenting the life and work of Barbara Palmer Quick, a hairdresser in Collegenown.

Barbara went to Bethel Grove School, a one-room schoolhouse on Slaterville Road, and Ithaca High School, and later trained at the Bradford Academy, a Beauty School in New York City. After



her schooling she began working for her mother-in-law at her beauty shop on College Avenue, and took over the business when she died. Like many women in any era, Barbara learned how to juggle the competing needs of family (she raised her three sons) and work, and did it, to all appearances, with skill and aplomb. She was not only expert with her scissors, she was also adept at the logistical and financial management of her business. Family struggles and tragedies barely slowed her down, and she seemed to embrace the best of life, enjoying travel and the friendship and support of long-time customers and friends.

This sympathetic and thoughtful window into Barbara Quick's life and work is a vivid reminder of the often unseen and unsung service workers who buttress modern society.

For further questions or to make an appointment to visit the research library email archives@thehistorycenter.net



OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

Full length documentary [Move When the Spirit Says Move: The Legacy of Dorothy Foreman](#) has its first showing at Cinemapolis during the FLEFF festival to a sold out audience. Only ONE MORE WEEK of screenings at Cinemapolis 3/31-4/8 - [BOOK NOW](#)

Cornell's College of Arts & Sciences [celebrates 50 years of Jewish Studies](#) with speakers & conferences.

[Ithaca Farmers Market gears up to celebrate its 50th](#) season!

[Hospicare celebrates 40 years](#) serving the Ithaca community! Share your story – Are you a volunteer, grateful family member, or staff member with a story to tell? They would love to hear from you. Call Sara Worden at 607-272-0212.



LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [Celebrating 50 years of community co-ops](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 3/29/2023
- [Rosemarie Tucker: Groton town historian for over two decades](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 3/29/23
- [The Dead return to Cornell 46 years after iconic 1977 performance for intimate concert](#) - CNY Central 3/8/23

- [Dragon! Dragon! Dragon! Joyful Jamboree Is a Big Red Rite of Spring](#) - Cornelliana
- [Once Upon a Time, Beebe Was a Wonderland for Frozen Fun](#) - Cornelliana
- [Stewart Park recommended for State and National Registers for Historic Places](#) - Ithaca Voice - 3/13/2023
- [Op-ed: Keep the Ithaca Gun smokestack as an homage to workers](#) - Carol Kammen - Ithaca Voice - 2/28/2023
- [WSKG Board honors Greg Keeler after 36 years of service](#) - WSKG - 3/1/2023
- [MOOG SYNTHESIZED — A New Look at Bob Moog and the Revolution He Started](#) - Ithaca Times - 2/27/2023

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