**Historic Huguenot Street has been selected as a 2023 Americana Corner Preserving America Grant Program Recipient.**

NEW PALTZ, NY (April 26, 2023) –Historic Huguenot Street is proud to announce that the site has been selected as a 2023 Americana Corner Preserving America Grant Program recipient. Historic Huguenot Street, one of 119 grant awardees across 35 states, received $7,500 in grant funding to develop virtual tours of the historic site.

Americana Corner was founded by Tom Hand in 2020 as an online resource to help others rediscover America’s incredible founding and its first century of expansion. The Preserving America Grant Program helps organizations tell the multi-faceted story of America from its founding era through its first century as a nation.

Historic Huguenot Street (HHS) will use the grant funds to develop edited video tours. These video tours will allow the museum to maximize the site's engagement by providing a digital means to tour Historic Huguenot Street, one of the Hudson Valley's most popular cultural destinations. By capturing high-quality video recordings of these public programs and making them accessible online, HHS will be able to engage individuals from all across the globe. The videos will be made available after payment of a nominal fee through the museum's website and will include closed captioning.

The virtual tours will be a combination of still images and videos, incorporating multimedia elements such as text, music, sound effects, and narration. The virtual tours will include the museum's standard guided tour, which takes visitors/viewers to and through the replica Esopus Munsee wigwam, the Huguenot community's original burying ground, the reproduction 1717 French Church, and the Jean Hasbrouck House. Other video tours will include the “Jacob Wynkoop Neighborhood Tour”, a women's history tour, and our popular “Haunted Huguenot Street” tour.

 

**About Historic Huguenot Street**

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street (HHS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to preserving a pre-Revolutionary Hudson Valley settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the exploration of America's multicultural past, in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America. As an educational institution founded by the town’s French-speaking Protestant descendants and chartered by the University of the State of New York Department of Education, HHS explores the lives of the early European colonists, honors the region’s Indigenous people, and acknowledges the enslaved and disenfranchised peoples who built this place. Today, HHS is recognized as an innovative museum and community gathering place, providing visitors with an inclusive presentation of our shared past. For more information visit [www.huguenotstreet.org](http://www.huguenotstreet.org).

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