Thomas W. Casey Fellowship Before the Hudson River Valley Institute, Marist College had Professor Thomas W. Casey as an advocate for regional history. Professor Casey was a devoted scholar of our region and offered numerous courses in Valley history. After his passing in 2001, his wife, Professor Vivian Casey, and his children, Karen and Robert, established an endowed fund to support the Thomas W. Casey Fellowship stipend for research about the Hudson River Valley. Recent award recipients include Professor Mark Morris for his article about the Hudson River Valley’s contributions to the Union cause in the American Civil War published in the Autumn 2009 Issue of The Hudson River Valley Review devoted to Edith Wharton.

Digital Library HRVI Digital Library is the gateway to information on the Hudson River Valley, serving educators, students, residents of the Valley and heritage tourists. The Digital Library and Portal Site contains thousands of pages of historical records and materials, educational curriculum, books, articles and historical images of valley, all of which are searchable in the electronic archives. In its five years of operations, almost 1 million visits have been recorded, downloading almost 580,000 MB of historical records, pamphlets, books, articles, and images. The site has recorded over 8.5 million “page hits.” That presently translates into nearly 1,900 page hits, 1,500 visitors, and 1,500 MB of “downloads” every day. HRVI interns have digitized thousands of pages of historical articles and pamphlets, including major out-of-print books related to Hudson River Valley history, back issues of The Hudson Valley Review, digital versions of The Hudson-Fulton Celebration 1909. In addition, scholarly articles have been published on the Digital Library, offering an alternative forum for new and noteworthy scholarship.

Distinguished Lecture Series The Hudson River Valley Institute sponsors an ongoing lecture and conference series on the Hudson River Valley’s rich history and culture through the generosity of the Charlotte Cummis-Hackett Charitable Trust. Encompassing over a dozen lectures and three conferences have been held, with different locations throughout the Valley. Among the speakers have been such noted historians and authors as Richard Brookhiser, Edwin Burrows, Edward Cashin, Edward Countryman, Kenneth T. Jackson, Tom Lewis, James Kirby Martin, Willard Sterne Randall, Bartlett Schecter, Robert Selig, Bascom Short, and Joseph Tiedemann.

HRVI Memory Board On April 26, 2007, the Open Space Institute, an organization devoted to protecting scenic, natural and historic landscapes, honored HRVI Advisory Board member Barney McCleary with the Barnabas McHenry Hudson River Valley Awards, funded by an endowment raised by OSI. As general counsel of the Reader’s Digest Association, Inc., he was the principal architect of the Wallace Funds, which supported the arts, recreation, historical preservation, and the environment. In addition to his work for HRVI, he serves as Commissioner of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Chairman of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Co-Chair of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, President of Boscore Resettlement, and as a Trustee of the Open Space Institute. These annual awards will provide financial support to promising young leaders and exemplary projects that make significant contributions in three main areas – environmental conservation, historic preservation, and the arts – in the Hudson River Valley. Among the recipients for this presentation was Michael Diaz, ’06 and former HRVI intern. Former intern coordinate Neil Bhattiya, ’06, received the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society’s National Undergraduate Award for his paper, “The View from the Escarpment: George F. Kerman, Franklin Roosevelt, and the Problems of Russian-American Relations, 1944-45.” HRVI board member Dennis O’Malley Vaudin has been announced as one of two Honorees for The Community Foundation of Dutchess County’s 2007 Garden Party for her commitment to improving quality of life in the Hudson River Valley.

Hudson River Valley Education Programs The Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) has funded opportunities for Valley teachers. Working with Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange County ROCES, the Institute hosts several week-long workshops each summer and one three-day workshop in collaboration with the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College.

Gifs and Honors Hudson River Valley historian and Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts Lincoln Diamant donated over 500 rare and out of print books to the Hudson River Valley Institute. The two-volume pre-hiatory, New Netherland, Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary Hudson River history and the two-volume work on the counties, industries, and individuals, Lincoln Diamant is the author of Gunning the Hudson, BHC’s “The Story of David Boudinot and his Remarkable 1776 Submarine (and Torpedo);” Hudson Valley Mariner. Mr. Diamant’s contributions to the region’s history have enriched the field, and he co-founded in Marist College will utilize his generous donation to continue studying the Valley and its past.

Scholarly Journal of the Hudson River Valley The Hudson River Valley Review provides recent research and writing on all aspects of the Hudson River Valley’s history, culture and people. Special themed issues have focused on significant topics such as the American Revolution, architecture, the Civil War, and 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s voyage. The Review has also featured special issues such as special issues such as the American Revolution, architecture, the Civil War, and 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s voyage.

James of the Hudson River Valley Reviews have been underwritten by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Furthermore: a program of The J. M. Kaplan Fund, C.H. Energy Group, Inc., U.S. Census Security Group, Schaefer’s, Beinerlehrsfuhr-Nineteenth, and the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM As the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College completes its sixth school year, its internship program at HRVI has graduated 69 interns — history, business, communications, computer science, English, writing, environmental and political science majors. Internship duties include: digitizing historical documents; researching and writing articles for the Review; the monthly electronic newsletter, and digital library; assisting at events such as Patriots’ Weekend and other historical celebrations throughout the Hudson River Valley. The internship program is an assignment of opportunities for undergraduate students. Students have the opportunity to work on independent projects, which are “published” on-line at www.hudsonrivervalley.org. Each semester, a senior is chosen as Intern Coordinator, acting as a liaison between the interns and the program director. Students involved in this program get class credit, internship credit, and valuable work experience.

The D. J. McManus Foundations and the U.S. Department of Education grants have assisted with the funding of interns.
THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVEN PATRIOTS’ WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS, 2002-2008

The Hudson River Valley Institute has organized and coordinated lead events for the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in New York State in partnership with the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Each year through 2008, HRVI has promoted and will promote Patriotic’s Weekend, which focuses on significant historical events relating to the Revolutionary War in the Hudson Valley 225 years ago.

The Hudson River Valley Institute supported Congressman Maurice Hinchey’s initiative to gain passage of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Act on November 20, 2004. President George W. Bush signed the act into law on December 6, 2004. This legislation paves the celebration of the 225th anniversary of America’s War for Independence in the national spotlight.

Most recently Patriots’ Weekend 2006 celebrated “Washington and Rochambeau in New York.” The March to Victory, The Crossing at King’s Ferry.” In 1783 Generals Washington and Rochambeau’s armies crossed the Hudson River on their way down to what was the decisive battle of the American Revolution, Yorktown. Over the weekend of August 27-29, nearly 500 reenactors and over 500 spectators came together to commemorate the Hudson Valley’s pivotal role in this important campaign. The centerpiece of the weekend occurred on Saturday afternoon when reenactors representing American and French soldiers boarded several flatboats and the sloop Clearwater and crossed the Hudson at King’s Ferry from Verplanck’s to Stony Point. Past Patriotic’s Weekends have remembered Fortress Ross’s Point’s contribution to the American Revolution and the Burgoyne Campaign (1777), General George Washington’s Encampment at Fredericksburg (Pawling) (2003), the battle of Stony Point (2006), and the Benedict Arnold, John André Conspiracy at Tappan and Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown (2005). Patriotic’s Weekend 2007 will commemorate the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the Continental Army at New Windsor Cantonment and Newburgh to observe the British Army in New York City in October 1782.

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, and the Charlotte Cannon- Hedlett Charitable Trust have provided the funding to make Patriotic’s Weekend and other 225th anniversary events possible.

A lot has happened in the last five years. Starting in 2002 as the academical arm of the Hudson River Valley Heritage Area, the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College has emerged as one of the premier regional studies centers in the country. A hallmark of the Institute is active partnership with national, state and regional leaders from both the public and private sectors who share our mission of showcasing the Hudson River Valley’s unique history, culture, beauty and economic resources. We have brought hundreds of distinguished speakers to Hudson Valley campuses, and “Social Movements, Social Justice & the Clash of Cultures in the New World” (2004). Most recently Patriots’ Weekend 2006 celebrated “Washington and Rochambeau in New York,” creating a unique and effective way to promote the Hudson River Valley’s significant historical, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions.

Creating an online repository for Hudson Valley history, including manuscripts, scholarship, educational curricula and images related to the region’s history, culture and environment, HRVI’s Digital Library & Archives, coupled with the Marist College Library’s Hudson River Valley Collection and Hudson Valley Heritage, are an outstanding resource for preservation and world-wide consumption of materials related to the region.

Working with the Hudson River Navigator, housed in the Hudson River Valley Institute, the Navigator works with the American Heritage Rivers Initiative planning programs that engage people, communities and local governments in the life of the Hudson River. The American Heritage Rivers Initiative complements New York’s efforts to restore and protect the Hudson River, and promotes the study of its rich history and cultural resources in partnership with local governments and organizations across the Hudson River.

Sponsoring a distinguished lecture and conference program that provides a forum for intellectual discussion on the Hudson River Valley’s history, culture and environment.

Among those participating in major HRVI lectures have been Richard Brookhiser, Edward Burrows, Edward Countryman, Kenneth Jackson, Tom Lewis, Willard Sterne Randall, Barnett Scharf, Robert Selig, Russell Shorto, and Joseph Tiedemann.

Fostering an in-depth understanding of the Hudson River Valley’s rich culture, history, and environment through academic study and research among future educators and public historians. A chief means for advancing this objective is through the undergraduate and history curricula at Marist College, which courses annually prepare more than 150 history and education majors to teach local history. The addition of the recently developed Hudson River Valley Regional Studies minor will add to the educational experience. The Hudson River Valley Institute is proud of its efforts to create new programs that promote the study and enjoyment of the region’s history, culture and beauty. As you can see, it has been a very productive five years. If you have been with us since the Institute’s formation, we thank you for your participation and support. If the Hudson River Valley Institute is new to you, we hope you will join us in preserving and promoting the splendor of the Valley that make it such a special place to live, work and learn.

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