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<http://exny.lpmedia.net/Contact/resource-sandcontacts.aspx>

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Please log onto [www.rockteach.org](http://www.rockteach.org) for further information or call 845-942-7600.

Many thanks for considering participation in the Quadricentennial Celebration!

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For more detailed Info and up-to-the-minute event info:

[www.rockland.org](http://www.rockland.org)

# AN INVITATION

## TO YOU AND YOUR CLASS!

Participate in a  
county-wide legacy event  
commencing in 2009!



*Another Reason*



This is when Rockland County will participate along with the state to mark the 400th Anniversary of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain's voyages along the river and lake that bear their names, as well as the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's successful steamboat voyage, which inaugurated steam commerce on the Hudson River. From the Canadian border to New York Harbor, exciting events and activities are being planned for you.

The voyages of Hudson and Champlain laid the groundwork for Dutch settlement of the Hudson Valley and French settlement of the Champlain Valley and Canada. These regions soon would emerge as the center of a trade network linking the New World with the old. New traditions of freedom were forged here. Countless immigrants first set foot on these shores, pursuing the American dream. Nearly 200 years later, Fulton's journey strengthened the region's ties to the world while ushering in a new spirit of innovation still prevalent here today.

## Here in Rockland,

we've got a lot to celebrate. Please join us for a spectacular extravaganza that will draw people from all over the world. Come explore New York and celebrate our 400th!

On May 24, 2009 thru Oct 31, 2009, the Tappan Zee Bridge Exhibition, a county-wide signature event and a "never-before" exhibit commemorating the opening of the Tappan Zee Bridge in 1955, will be launched by the Historical Society of Rockland County and multiple historic sites, museums, libraries and schools throughout the County. The TZ Bridge evolved Rockland from a rural farming community into a suburb of NY City and opened the County to tourists, immigrants, and suburbanites. The exhibition includes: Building the bridge-how it was crafted, what was displaced, the county before the bridge; The new Travelers-commuters, tourists, immigrant groups & their subsequent diversity; The new Suburb-zoning issues creating the communities the great malls; Living here now-overbuilding, open space, taking the bridge to work.

In the next few months oral histories will be taken from people who remember what

Rockland was like pre-TZ Bridge, those who worked on the bridge and were affected by its construction, and those who moved here as a result of the bridge.

## By agreeing to participate

you can access lesson plans developed for the state-wide events celebrating this historic voyage. (they are included in the links below) You will receive a DVD from the Historical Society about the building of the bridge, the river's function as a commercial highway, and the history of Henry Hudson's voyage as well as an outdoor sign marking your participation. School participation will take place in September '09.

*For up-to-the-minute news regarding celebratory Quadricentennial events, please log onto [www.rockland.org](http://www.rockland.org)*

## Classroom Resources:

<http://www.exploreny400.com/exploreny/AnnouncementTeachers.aspx>

<http://www.exploreny400.com/programsgrants.aspx>

<http://www.exploreny400.com/exploreny.aspx>

<http://www.teachingthehudsonvalley.org/>