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## **Selected “Seven to Save” Endangered Places Open for Heritage Weekend, September 12-13, 2009**

*Seldom-seen sites in Columbia and Clinton Counties will welcome guests*

ALBANY, September 1, 2009 – On **Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13**, two endangered properties on the Preservation League of New York State’s Quadricentennial-themed *Seven to Save* list will be open to the public as part of the **Hudson River/Champlain Valley Heritage Weekend**.

Over 100 museums, historic and architecturally significant places, heritage sites, battlefields, parks, and recreation areas will welcome visitors free or at reduced rates with special events, including tours, performances, reenactments and other great celebrations.

**The Plumb-Bronson House, on Worth Avenue in Hudson**, is located on a bluff overlooking the South Bay and the Hudson River. The house is the earliest extant example of the “Hudson River Bracketed” style by leading nineteenth-century architect Alexander Jackson Davis. The house will be open both days from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, with a special wine reception on the veranda each evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information or specific directions, call 518-828-1785 or visit [www.historichudson.org](http://www.historichudson.org) .

**Fort Montgomery, in historic Rouses Point on the US/Canada border**, will host the first-ever “Fort Montgomery Days” with gates open at 8:00 a.m. and programs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. The weekend kicks off with a **Welcome Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday**. This remarkable stone fort, the only Civil War-era fortification on Lake Champlain, was constructed to guard the crucial “Northern Gateway” to the lake. Civil War re-enactors, live music, artifacts from the fort, displays of vintage photos, maps and plans, refreshments and family-friendly

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entertainment are among the planned offerings. For more information or directions, visit <http://historiclakes.org/fortmontgomerydays.htm> .

“The publicity resulting from *Seven to Save* designation is often the first step in boosting awareness of the significance of New York’s little-known historic resources,” said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League of New York State, the not-for-profit organization that sponsors the annual list of endangered places. “Heritage Weekend is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the architectural treasures of the Empire State, and to ensure that they remain an authentic and vibrant part of our cultural legacy.”

The Preservation League is using its 2009 *Seven to Save* list to support and enhance the year-long commemoration of the voyages of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and Samuel de Champlain. In addition, several previously-designated sites and districts are also participating in Heritage Weekend. These include the Senate House State Historic Site in Kingston (Stockade Historic District: 2007); Hudson Area Association Library (2005); Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany (Ten Broeck Historic District and St. Joseph’s Church: 2002); and Olana State Historic Site (the view from Olana was named one of New York’s *Seven to Save* in 1999.)

Joan K. Davidson, Chairman of the Quadricentennial Commission, said “Heritage Weekend will be a chance for New Yorkers and visitors from everywhere to enjoy historic homes and institutions in the Champlain and Hudson Valleys, some open especially for this weekend. They’ll sample an array of events, see exhibitions, beautiful buildings and landscapes, and have a chance to hike a trail or take a paddle on the river too!” Visit [www.heritageweekend.org](http://www.heritageweekend.org) for a complete list of participating locations and special events.

The Preservation League of New York State, founded in 1974, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection of New York’s diverse and rich heritage of historic buildings, districts and landscapes. From its headquarters in Albany, it provides a unified voice for historic preservation. By leading a statewide movement and sharing information and expertise, the Preservation League of New York State promotes historic preservation as a tool to revitalize the Empire State’s neighborhoods and communities.

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