

HMVA tour of Bethlehem, Albany County, NY

Meet at 10.a.m. 17 September 2022 at

1. The Bethlehem Historical Museum

(Town of Bethlehem Historical Association) parking lot
1019 River Road, Selkirk, NY 12158

Directions from the South

I-87 (NYS thruway) to Exit 22. take a left at end of ramp on to route 144 and enter the village of Cedar Hill. About a mile up you will see Barent Winne Rd. and the sign for Henry Hudson Park on the right. Continue a bit further north—the Bethlehem Historical Museum will be on your left, at the northwest corner of Clapper Road and River Road. Park in their parking lot. NOTE—Google may attempt to direct you to another building that has the same address, located to the south of Clapper Road.

From the West, I 88 to exit 25-1 to I 90 East towards Albany (Thruway). Go 24 miles and take exit 22 and follow directions above.

Here's a pic of the parking lot and the building:



Carpool (it's a very short ride, across the street) to:

2. The Willis Goss MacDonald Chalet (1908)

1012 River Rd.
Selkirk, NY 12158

The 1908 Willis MacDonald Home is a Swiss Chalet Arts and Crafts home attributed to prominent Albany architect Marcus T. Reynolds. MacDonald was an abdominal surgeon who practiced and lived in Albany and used the chalet as a summer home until his untimely death in 1910. He was president of the NYS Medical Association and on the board of the Raybrook Tuberculosis Sanitarium. We theorize the Adirondack architecture and sleeping porches of the sanitariums in that area might have influenced his commission of this unusual house. The home includes many Dutch features which were probably chosen to commemorate the 1909 Tricentennial of Henry Hudson's nearby landing in the Half Moon.

3. The Barent Winnie house

Located a 2-minute drive away at

141 Barent Winne Rd. We should be there around 11:30 if there are latecomers.

From the chalet take a left on to Rte. 144 and the first left on to Barent Winne Rd. Just past the two Lyon family gates with the roaring lions, bear left on to Barent Winne Rd.

The Barent Winne house is a brick Victorian house of 1868. The original Dutch farmhouse was begun about 1614 by Daniel Winne and is almost directly across the River from Staats Island. The Staats family and the Winnes were related by marriage and for three generations the home belonged to the Staats before reverting through marriage to Barent Winne Sr. He established a barge and freight company, market, and dock at the house in 1860 and shipped goods to NYC and other markets from "Hudson River Landing".

4. Lunch—Yanni's Too, 1pm

Directions, from Barent Winne house:

Barent Winne Rd. Back to Rte. 144

Take a left on to 144 S

Go 6 miles into Coeymans Landing

Take a left on to Westerlo St. and follow to the River

Bear left to Yanni's Too parking lot

Tables are reserved outside on the covered deck

Reservation is for 1pm.

5. Kleinke's Farm

At 2:30 those who are interested can tour the New World Dutch barn at Kleinke's Farm, 96 Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont, the former Glensmere Guernsey Farm with H-bent construction. Though it's been altered over the years, it is still a working farm and will be open for our shopping pleasure!