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Palentown Schoolhouse – Highlighting Ulster County’s Educational History

The Palentown Schoolhouse, a National Historic Landmark will open its doors on Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 1 pm to 3 pm and the Ulster County Legislature encourages all residents to take this step back in educational history. Schoolhouse memorabilia has been collected and some has been loaned to the school to display.

Legislative Chairman and Town of Rochester Legislator Terry Bernardo noted, “As the Federal and State Governments tweak and re-tweak educational mandates to seek a better outcome, it is refreshing to step back in time and remember the simple basics that produced thousands of strong, civic minded people capable of creating communities and businesses that built a nation.”

As one of Ulster County’s treasured one room schoolhouses, the Palentown Schoolhouse is complete with an outhouse, a wood shed, and a handpump. The interior has maintained the old school house desks, the teacher’s desk, and the blackboard. The original bell in the bell tower rings loud and clear thanks to a new bell rope.

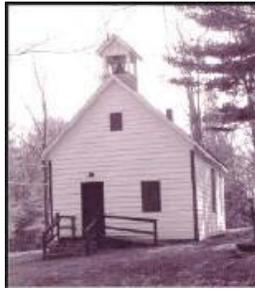
This schoolhouse was used until the 1950’s when the school district consolidated into what is now the Rondout Valley School District. Other uses of the building since the school’s closure has included a polling place and a meeting place for the Palentown Cemetery Association.

At the July 23rd General Session, Legislative Chairwoman Bernardo presented a Pride of Ulster County to Rochester residents Trudy and Charles “Chick” Logan in recognition of their dedication and hard work in restoring the Palentown Schoolhouse. This work has included coordinating with the Town of Rochester, who owns the building, for a new roof, repairs to sills, windows, interior wainscoting, repairs to the stone porch and new school house type ceiling lights and hall lights to replace some historically inaccurate recessed lighted which had been installed years ago.

Legislative Vice-Chairman and Economic Development and Tourism Committee Chairman James Maloney praised Mr. and Mrs. Logan, “Trudy and Chick are the perfect examples of the dedication and devotion that keeps Ulster County alive. Their commitment to the Palentown Schoolhouse ensures a location of educational history preservation long into the future.

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(pictures of Palentown Schoolhouse and Pride Presentation are attached)



Palentown Schoolhouse circa 1830



Palentown Schoolhouse circa 2012



Palentown Schoolhouse Outhouse



Pride of Ulster County Presentation – July 23, 2013

(from left to right: Gary Miller, Doris Miller, Trudy Logan, Charles “Chick” Logan, and Legislative Chairman Terry Bernardo)