



PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

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STAMP SHOW MAY ENHANCE QUADRICENTENNIAL

The 25th anniversary year of the *STAMP INSIDER* begins this September and will get a great kick off present this spring with the planned appointment of three *FEDERATION* members to the Hudson–Fulton–Champlain Quadricentennial Stamp Exposition Committee. The state Quadricentennial Commission is headed by Executive Director Tara Sullivan of Dutchess County, who makes key decisions relative to this event and the *FEDERATION*'s participation. Information about the quadricentennial may be found at WWW.EXPLORENY400.COM.



The head of the stamp exhibition committee will be Conrad Novick, president of the Adirondack Stamp, Post Card & Ephemera Club. Thomas M. Fortunato of the Rochester Philatelic Association is planned to be Exhibit Chairman. I am planning to be the Dealer's Bourse Chairman. Plans are in the works to hold this stamp exposition in the Empire State Plaza Concourse in Albany from September 25 to 27, 2009. First day ceremonies for a proposed Hudson–Fulton–Champlain stamp are in the planning / approval stages. The *FEDERATION* is planning to sponsor the nonprofit exposition, which will include a competitive stamp–postal history exhibition, a dealers bourse, and a competition to design a show cachet. I am asking Federation clubs and their members to volunteer assistance for this international event. Please feel free to contact Novick at CNOVICK@NETZERO.NET, as he will need your help.

On February 13, 2002, Former Governor George Pataki signed legislation establishing the Quadricentennial Commission. The 21-member commission is planning 400th anniversary celebrations of the voyages of discovery made by Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain in 1609, as well as the 202nd anniversary of the launching of Robert Fulton's steamboat on the Hudson River in 1807. The Quadricentennial Commission is charged to commemorate not only the Hudson anniversary, but also Champlain's expedition to Lake Champlain and Robert Fulton's maiden journey up the Hudson in his steamboat *Clermont*.

Hudson was the first European to explore the navigable length of the Hudson River and leave behind a detailed description of his voyage. In the fall of 1609, Hudson and his ship, the *Half Moon*, with a crew of 20 Dutch and English sailors explored the Hudson River from what is now New York harbor up to present day Albany.

Having become friendly with the Montagnais, an Indian tribe on the St. Lawrence River, Champlain joined them in 1609 in an expedition against the Iroquois. They were joined by a party of Algonquins and Hurons and ascended Sorel River until they arrived at the Chambly Rapids. Champlain then sent back his boat and crew and proceeded in a canoe to the lake that bears his name.