

Fort Klock 2012 Calendar of Events

May 28, Memorial Day. 10 to 4 pm. Special tribute to Fort Klock founders, and volunteers. The Tryon County Militia will drill and shoot their muskets. These Militia re-enactors are living historians who pay tribute by portraying those early colonists who fought for liberty during the Revolutionary War. Artisans will demonstrate 18th century crafts. The barn frame loom will be "dressed" for the season by members and weaver friends. A hands-on task that visitors are invited to participate in.

June 9 & 10, Blacksmith "Hammer In" 10 am to 4 pm. All blacksmiths are invited to attend and demonstrate their specialty at creating iron items. The public is invited to watch this preserved craft from early times. Sarah De Salvatore will hold hearth style cooking lessons both days. Classes will be available for three to five people per day. Please register before this event. St. Johnsville American Legion Post Flag Day burning of tattered and tom flags will be held at Fort Klock. In addition there will be a speaker on United States Flag history.

July 4, Independence Day Celebration and Strawberry Festival. 12 to 4 pm. Declaration of Independence reading at 1 pm. To be followed by a Tryon Militia salute. Antique dealers will display and also provide preservation information for your heirlooms, and antiques. Add to this strawberries, homemade cakes, ice cream, strawberry shortcake, and refreshments for a small fee. Listen to musicians fill the air with old time music.

July 27, Stone Soup Musical Concert, 7 pm. Come and enjoy these popular, local musicians playing a variety of traditional blues, original and folk songs. There is a bit of wit thrown in to add a little zing. Featured are Suzanne Bladek, vocalist, on guitar, Joseph Sinchak on Mandolin, Nick Friers on guitar, Peter Liljeberg on bass, and multi-talented David Bladek. This concert is held in the Dutch barn where the acoustics add to this musical jamboree. Please bring lawn chairs for your comfort. Donations are appreciated and accepted.

July 31, August 1 & 2. Young Pioneer Program. An educational program for children 9 through 13. At Fort Klock they will experience frontier life and colonial lifestyles while having a fun time learning hands-on activities. Please register before July 23 by calling (518) 568- 7779. A small fee is charged and registration is limited to 20 students.

August 4, Klock Family Reunion. All Klock - Clock family members are invited to attend. Please come early to enjoy the barbeque luncheon at 12. After lunch there will be time to visit with family, and friends. Members of the Snell, Zimmerman, and Timmerman family reunion are invited to join the Klock family. A small fee is charged for registration and the barbecue. Please register early to insure adequate food is prepared. Register by calling Fort Klock at (518) 568-7779.

September 8 & 9, Giant Craft Fair, Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Over 100 talented artisans and crofters will offer their hand made creations. This is one of the best craft fairs in the north east area. Food is available. There is free admission to the craft fair, plus free parking.

September 29, Colonial Barn Dance. Attendees are encouraged to wear period clothing, or come as you are. There will be colonial music, callers, and refreshments.

Fort Klock closes for the regular season on Columbus Day.

December 2, St. Nicholas Day. Sunday 12 to 3:30 pm. This tradition was brought to America by the early Dutch and Palatine German settlers. It is celebrated at Fort Klock the first Sunday in December each year. It is a prelude to the holiday season and a special day for children. Bundle up yow family and come to celebrate this rich heritage with St. Nicholas. There will be warm fires, spiced cider, hot chocolate, cookies and gingerbread. St. Nicholas will have a wooden ornament for each child, plus a storyteller, colonial music, and militia drills.

Sometimes problems arise with scheduled events that are beyond our control. Please call Fort Klock to confirm dates.

Fort Klock is open Memorial Day to Columbus Day; 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday.

Fort Klock, built in 1750 by Johannes Klock, is a New York State Revolutionary War Heritage Site, and a National Historic Landmark. It is located in the heart of the Mohawk Valley two miles east of historic St. Johnsville on NYS Route 5.

Fort Klock Historic Restoration

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Please add to your calendar of events. Thank You.