

DUTCHESS HERITAGE DAYS

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Speaker Series #2

From the Rhineland to the
Hudson River Valley:
The Palatine German Migration
of 1709-1710



The Elmendorph Inn

7562 Route 9
Red Hook, NY

Thursday,
September 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.



The Historic Elmendorph Inn

How did travel literature provoke a mass migration of German immigrants to Dutchess County in the early eighteenth century? Professor **Philip Otterness** of Warren Wilson College will deliver a riveting account of the Palatine exodus from the Rhineland through London and finally to New York, where these German settlers built much of northern Dutchess County. Historic Red Hook will host the presentation and a reception with light refreshments afterwards. **Tickets are \$10 pre-order, \$15 at the door.**

Also join us for **Speaker Series #3** at the Millbrook, NY, Village Hall, where Millbrook Village Historian David Greenwood will explore Italian Immigration into the area, on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 PM. Tickets for **both lectures** are **\$15** per person. **Heritage Patron Packages** featuring season tickets, dinner with one speaker, and a print of the 1804 Dutchess Turnpike map are **\$120**.

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Historical Society at 845-471-1630, via email at dchistorical@verizon.net, or visit the series website at www.dutchessny.gov/history.



Prof. Philip Otterness has taught at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC, since 1996. His book *Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York* and numerous articles have explored the Palatine's impact on New York and American identity, and defined this field of study. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Iowa and Masters degrees in International Affairs, History, and Education.

