



# ROEBLING CHAPTER

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### CHAPTER EVENTS

#### **ANNUAL RCSIA CORN ROAST & HIKE TO THE BULL HILL QUARRY**

*Saturday, September 26, 2009*

**Pre-Roast Hike:** Meet at Cold Spring Railroad Station at 11:00. We may have to carpool from there. If you can volunteer to drive it would be appreciated!

**Corn Roast:** 1341 Albany Post Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY; 2:00 pm.

#### **Corn-Roast**

Join us for our annual corn roast which this year is back at the wonderful home of Gerry Weinstein and Mary Habstritt high above the Hudson. The event will be held in the Engineerium. Gerry is sure to have some engines running and will no doubt have tales of restoration joys and frustrations to tell. Contact Lynn at 917-515-4154 about bringing food items to share. A grill, hot plate and microwave will be available for cooking or heating so plan your recipes accordingly. Bring your swimsuits for a dip in the pool.

Detailed travel directions to Mary and Gerry's house were printed in the August 2003 (vol. 12, no. 2) newsletter. This issue can be accessed on-line at [www.roeblingsia.org](http://www.roeblingsia.org) under "Newsletters." If you can't access the directions on-line please call Lynn. Pick-ups from the train may be possible but please coordinate in advance with Lynn. Taxis are available from the station and always meet the train. On the day of the roast (and not before) call Gerry's cell, 917-578-0602 or the Engineerium, 914-271-4949 for further directions.

#### **Bull Hill Quarry Hike**

The pre-Roast hike to the Bull Hill Quarry will be led by RCSIA members Tom Flagg and Mark Zdepski. Less than a mile north of Cold Spring is a quarry carved into the side of Bull Hill (also called Mt. Taurus), that for 40 years produced a variety of stone for construction. The quarry sent its sorted product down hill through a conveyor system to Little Stony Point where most of it was transferred to barges. Quarrying by the Hudson River Stone Corp. began here in 1931.

Despite protests from those who saw this quarry in the midst of the Hudson Highlands as blight on this iconic river landscape quarrying continued until 1967. In 1970 the land became part of Hudson Highlands State Park. The quarry itself now looks to be a natural cliff. Remains from the former industry are still visible and we will find them on our tour, starting with those standing at Little Stony Point. We will then head up the old quarry access road which has a series of switchbacks, making it an easier climb to the quarry. If anyone has difficulty moving uphill, just pause along the road, catch your breath, and continue on. Fortunately the quarry is only about 1/4 of the way up Mt. Taurus.

Directions to the Cold Spring train station can be obtained from the MTA website [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info), click on "maps" from the menu on top, then click "Metro-North Railroad" then click on the "Cold Spring" station on the map's Hudson Line. The 11:00 start is timed for the arrival of the train leaving Grand Central at 9:52.

### CHAPTER BUSINESS

#### **2009 ROEBLING AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The seventh annual John Augustus Roebbling Award for Contributions to Industrial Archeology will be presented at the 2009 Drew Symposium, scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. The Committee seeks your nominations. Past winners were Conrad Milster, Bill McKelvey, Tom Flagg, Friends of the High Line, the Water Works Conservancy and Gerry Weinstein.

The award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the documenting or preservation of the industrial heritage of the New York - New Jersey area. The honoree will receive a \$250 cash award and a certificate acknowledging the nature of the honoree's contribution.

Nominees must have displayed an extraordinary effort to save or preserve a site of industrial or engineering interest, or created unique or outstanding documentation through archaeological research, photography, written history, or other means that provide a record of such a site. Nominees are not required to be a Roebbling Chapter member. Individuals who are nominated must be living.

Send your nominations by September 15, 2009 to one of the Award Committee members: Sandy Malter, Chairman, Phone: (917) 815-6437, e-mail: [smalter1@earthlink.net](mailto:smalter1@earthlink.net), Clifford Zink at [cw.zink@verizon.net](mailto:cw.zink@verizon.net) or Ingrid Wuebber at [Ingrid\\_Wuebber@URSCorp.com](mailto:Ingrid_Wuebber@URSCorp.com).

## Roebling Chapter Email Lists

We encourage you all to add your email address to the Roebling Chapter email lists. We presently have two lists, one maintained by the chapter President and one by the Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee. We don't send a lot of things so we promise that you won't be swamped by items from us. The president's emails include information on tours and events of IA interest. Sometimes tour opportunities present themselves to our chapter but due to their scheduling cannot be announced in the newsletter so we let members know by email. You won't be missing those tours if you send us your address! We also forward information on events of IA interest sponsored by other organizations and occasionally forward IA related articles and research questions from individuals. The historic preservation email list includes updates on the chapter's preservation advocacy activities and links to articles relevant to our preservation work. To

sign up just send an email to [RCSIAprez@aol.com](mailto:RCSIAprez@aol.com) indicating that you want to be kept in the email loop!

## OTHER IA EVENTS

### SIA Fall Tour

Kingston, NY, October 8 – 11, 2009

The National SIA is holding the 2009 fall tour in the middle Hudson River valley and will be based in Kingston, NY. RCSIA chapter members might be called on to volunteer a little time to make this another successful SIA event! National SIA members will hear about conference registration through a mailing. RCSIA encourages you all to join the national SIA if not a member already. For more information on the fall tour and to join the SIA go to [www.siahq.org](http://www.siahq.org).

### Roebling Chapter SIA Officers

President	Lynn Rakos
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Membership is \$20.00 per year, payable to RCSIA, c/o Aron Eisenpress, 235 West End Avenue, Apt. 14-C, New York, NY 10023.

A downloadable chapter membership form and general information about the SIA are available at [www.siahq.org](http://www.siahq.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 20** Green-Wood Cemetery: Industrialists and Inventors (see Vo. 18, No. 2)
- September 26** Annual RCSIA Corn Roast and Pre-roast Hike to the Bull Hill Quarry
- October 8–11** SIA Fall Tour, Kingston, NY
- November 7** RCSIA Annual Drew Symposium on Industrial Archeology

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