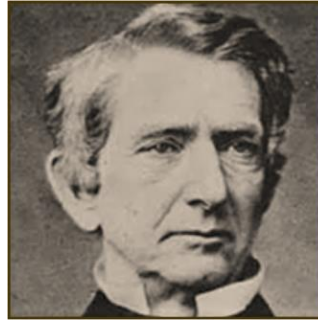


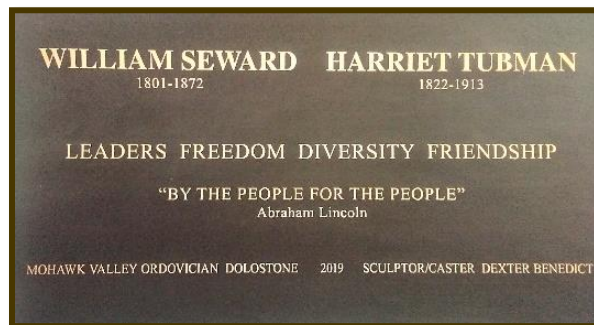
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Unveiling of the Harriet Tubman and William Seward Statue

Hon. Karen B. Johnson Schenectady County Public Library
99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, New York

Friday, May 17, 2019



Two heroic leaders – Two neighbors – An unlikely affiliation
An abolitionist and a statesman
An underground railroad conductor and an 1820 Union College graduate
Harriet Tubman clutching a shepherd's staff
William Seward holding a walking stick
Friendship and activism that changed history!

Statue Dedication Program

11:00 am • McChesney Room

Documentary Video

Opening

Members of the Union College Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir, Lyndon Walters, Director

Tim Olsen, Piano

Campground and Lift Every Voice and Sing

Jack Aernecke – Master of Ceremonies

Welcome

Philip Fields, Vice Chair, Schenectady County Legislature

Carmel Patrick, President, Schenectady County Library Board of Trustees

Introductions and Acknowledgements

The Statue

William Seward – Dr. Jeff Ludwig, Education Director, Seward House Museum, Auburn

William Seward and Union College - Gustave Davis, MD, Union College '59

Harriet Tubman - Pamela Sharpe, Director of Western New York Zion Choral, and The Reverend Paul G. Carter, Harriet Tubman Residence, Home for the Elderly and Visitor

Center, and Thompson Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Auburn
Harriet Tubman and Duryee Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church – Laura A. Lee, First Reformed Church of Schenectady and The Rev. Ruby J. Smith, A.M.E. Zion Church of Schenectady

The Underground Railroad – Mary Liz Stewart, Co-founder & Executive Director, and Paul Stewart, Co-founder, Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc.

The Vision – Frank Wicks, Twitty Styles, Carl George

Creation – Dexter Benedict, Sculptor/Castor

Anchored to a roughhewn pedestal of Mohawk Valley Ordovician dolostone

Recognition – Gary R. McCarthy, Mayor, City of Schenectady

Musical Selections

Tim Olsen, Piano

Unveiling Ceremony
Noon • Library North Plaza

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Brandon Hicks, Director of African American Affairs, Executive Chamber, on behalf of
the Governor of New York State, Andrew M. Cuomo

Angelo Santabarbara, New York State Assemblyman

Members, Schenectady County Legislature and Members, Schenectady City Council

Other Dignitaries

The Unveiling

Gary R. McCarthy, Mayor, City of Schenectady

Frank Wicks, Carl George, Twitty Styles, Brian Merriam, Marsha Mortimore,
Dexter Benedict, Carmel Patrick, Paul Stewart

Benediction

The Reverend Ruby J. Smith

Documentary by SACC TV
McChesney Room

Leadership, Freedom, Diversity, Friendship –

What Harriet Tubman and William Seward offer to us
today as we all work together for a better tomorrow

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Karen Bradley, Director, Hon. Karen B. Johnson Schenectady County Public Library

Marsha Mortimore, *The Early African American Presence in the City and County of Schenectady*, June 2014

Gustave Davis, MD, Union College '59 - Researcher of Union College notables, and Secretary of State William Seward's injuries and recovery, from assassination attempt that took the life of President Abraham Lincoln.

Andrew Cassarino, *Botany Bay: Slavery and Social Reform at Union College during the Early Nineteenth Century*, 2018

Seward House Museum, 33 South Street, Auburn, NY

Harriet Tubman National Historical Park: Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Harriet Tubman Visitor Center, Residence and Home for the Aged, 180-182 South St., Auburn, NY

Matthew George, Capital District Civil War Roundtable, Private George, 134th NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Bill Buell, The Daily Gazette – Paul Grondahl, Times Union – Alex Appel, Concordiensis Schenectady County Historical Society, Franchere Education Center, Rotterdam Jct, NY, Current exhibit – *A Dishonorable Trade: Human Trafficking in the Dutch Atlantic World*

Janice Thompson Show, SACC TV, *Wade in the Water: Unveiling of the Harriet Tubman – William Seward Statue*

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