

# Ellenville Library & Museum

## Library History Project Receives Recognition

*The Ellenville Public Library & Museum's* Oral History Project, "Veterans Speak," has received two awards for excellence. The Ramapo Catskill Library System selected the public program held Veterans' Day, 2001, which featured a 55-minute montage of Veterans' interviews, as the Library Program of the Year, presenting a plaque and a check for \$500 to Director Pam Stocking and Program Manager Diane DeChillo at their annual meeting October 20. The Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums selected the program at their annual meeting at the Bear Mountain Inn on October 11, as among their 2001 recipients for excellence in preserving the region's historical, ethnic, and cultural heritages.

"Veterans Speak" is a collaborative effort between the Library and the *Ellenville High School*, which began in July, 2001, videotaping interviews with local World War II Veterans. Crew members include volunteers Lee Augustine, interviewer, and Kathleen Anderson, camera person and editor, along with high school students Zachary Lapidus, Mike Smith, and Will Johnson. Joining the crew in 2002 was Jamie Sosis. The students work under the technical supervision of Mr. Dennis Warner, English teacher and coordinator of *Channel 20*, cablecasting from the high school.

"We are delighted to have received this recognition, and are very thankful to everyone who has volunteered their time and remarkable talents to this project," said Program Manager Diane DeChillo. "A lot of heart has gone into it, and we thank the Veterans, as well, for sharing their stories for posterity." To date, approximately 50 interviews have been videotaped, and the library is learning the proper methods of preserving them and making them

accessible to the public.

In addition to the awards received, the project has benefited from a technology equipment grant facilitated by Assemblyman Howard D. Mills in 1999, and a NY Folklore Association Consultancy Grant in 2002.

More information about the program is available at the Library, **647-5530**. ✨

## POOK to Perform at Library's Holiday Party

*The Ellenville Public Library and Museum's* international holiday party will feature music by *POOK*, the Percussion Orchestra of Kingston, on Sunday, **December 8 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm** in the **Community Room, 40 Center Street**. The program is free and open to the public.

The band, led by Robert Mann, Director of the Center for Creative Education in Stone Ridge, plays a mix of rhythms from around the world, blending traditional material into original compositions. Founded in 1997 as a summer program for disadvantaged youth, acclaimed percussion ensemble members perform widely throughout New York, and have studied with guest teachers from Ghana, Guinea, Colombia, Cuba, India, Jamaica, and the US.

An international dessert table with holiday treats made by the library's literacy students and staff will be available for tasting. A children's holiday craft project, directed by Children's Librarian Susan Mangan, will complement the day's events. For more information, please call the library at **647-5530**. ✨

And don't forget: "A Dickens Christmas," a Victorian Tea hosted by *The Shawangunk Garden Club*, **Sat., Dec. 7, 1:00 to 3:00 pm** at **Terwilliger House, 40 Center St.**

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