NEW PALTZ, NY (January 12, 2021) – Historic Huguenot Street is pleased to present another five-week Virtual Lunaape Language Workshop Series, via Zoom and hosted by Lunaape language teacher Karen Mosko, Wednesdays, January 13 to February 10, from 7 to 8:30 PM.

Karen Mosko is from Nalahii (Munsee-Delaware Nation), Ontario, Canada. She has been learning Lunaape since 2004 and teaching predominantly unfunded Lunaape language classes in various locations since 2005. Her goal is to revitalize what the government considers a dead language.

The Lunaape language was spoken by the indigenous people of the same name of the Northeastern Woodlands, who lived/live in Canada and the United States. Their historical territory included present-day New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania along the Delaware watershed, New York City, western Long Island, and the Hudson Valley, including New Paltz. This workshop is introductory and is geared towards beginners. Over the course of 5 weeks, Lunaape Language students will learn a Lunaape prayer, the alphabet system (vowels), a personal introduction, how to carry conversations, “today's date is…”, numbers 1-31, medicine wheel teachings, and all about the Honey Bee Moon (July).

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“It is good people who make good places.” —Anna Sewell, Black Beauty
On Thursday, January 21, from 7 to 8:15 PM, Historic Huguenot Street will host “Reimagining the Abraham Hasbrouck House, circa 1760,” a virtual presentation by Kate Johnson & Neil Larson. Between 2015 and 2016, Kate Johnson researched and wrote a furnishing plan and companion reports for the Abraham Hasbrouck House, a project funded by the Hasbrouck Family Association (HFA). From 2018 to 2020, Kate collaborated with Historic Huguenot Street’s Director of Curatorial and Preservation Affairs Josephine Bloodgood and HFA to implement the furnishing plan through the identification and location of specified objects.

In the first half of this program, Kate will explain how this directed furnishing plan serves as a blueprint for creating historically accurate interiors and aids in “bringing to life” the individuals who called this place home during the late colonial era. She will reveal the historical resources investigated, what drove the decision-making process, and some of the project’s surprising finds.

In the second half of the program, Neil Larson will be discussing the research, planning, and other necessary stages of a restoration project. He will divulge the various measures that have been taken over the course of many years to restore the Abraham Hasbrouck House on Huguenot Street back to its mid-eighteenth century state. He will talk about how he approaches these buildings from a cultural perspective, looking for reasons for why they look the way they do, how they functioned, and how they evolved through changing periods and generations.

Visitors can learn more about all upcoming events and how to register at https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events.

About Historic Huguenot Street
A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental
Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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