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## **Orange County's Hill-Hold, Brick House, and Farmers Museum Announce Opening Date for 2011 Season**

**Goshen** - Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Commissioner Richard L. Rose of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation are pleased to announce that the three County-owned museums, Hill-Hold, Brick House, and the Farmers Museum, will open for the 2011 season on Saturday, May 14.

“Orange County is proud to have three fantastic museums of history and culture as part of our extensive County park system,” said Mr. Diana. “They offer wonderful insight into what life was once like here in Orange County and provide great opportunities for family outings and school field trips.”

Hill-Hold Museum is the site of a 1769 homestead that is furnished to reflect the life of a Hudson Valley farm in the 1830s. This was the era of candlelight, fireplace heat, home grown food, and homespun clothing. In addition to the house, Hill-Hold has several outbuildings, including a one room school house, summer kitchen, granary, and privy. Hill-Hold is located on Route 416 between Montgomery and Campbell Hall.

Brick House Museum is a 1768 home that has not been restored to reflect a particular era, but rather the passage of time for one family that occupied the house for more than 200 years. Among the many rooms, there is a Georgian parlor that exemplifies 18th century style and a Victorian parlor that reflects the Civil War period. Brick House is located between Newburgh and Montgomery on Route 17K.

At the Orange County Farmers Museum visitors will take a step back in time to a more simple period before today's many advances in technology. Opening day will be a family fun day featuring arts and crafts, vendors, a planting station, a bouncy house, saw mill and blacksmith demonstrations, and food concessions. A tour of the museum will show guests how the farmer lived, built his home and barns, and grew his own food. There's something for everyone.

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Hill-Hold Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brick House Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Admission for each is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Orange County Farmers Museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For further information, call (845) 615-3833 or visit our websites [www.hillholdandbrickhouse.org](http://www.hillholdandbrickhouse.org) and [www.ocfarmersmuseum.com](http://www.ocfarmersmuseum.com).



*Orange County Parks' historic Hill-Hold Museum.*

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