

The Hamilton Hill Arts Center Proudly Invites Your  
Participation in the 10th Annual Celebration of



**June 17-19, 2011~Central Park, Schenectady**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ~ FOOD ~ VENDROR ~  
KIDS' ART & CRAFTS ~ ART EXIBITS ~ WORKSHOPS  
FATHER'S DAY INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE TRIBUTES AND MORE!**

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by General Gordon Granger landed Galveston, Texas with news that the war ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation proclamation had become official (January 1, 1863). It had little impact of the Texans due to a lack of Union troops available to enforce the new Executive order. With the surrender of General Lee in April, 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were strong enough to overcome the resistance.



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