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Dear Members and Friends,
You are cordially invited to attend the June Program featuring

"Early New York"

by Peter Laskowich

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What was New York when the Europeans arrived? Who came? What was here, what did they do with it and how does it matter?

Manhattan became a base of operations because of a series of features found nowhere else: a vast harbor, an ice-free port, hills and valleys offering both protection from enemies and access to the interior.... In the 1660s a colonist wrote, "It is as though God intends the trade of the world to locate here," and in the 1780s, when New York was home to a mere 25,000, George Washington said it was destined to become the greatest city of the world. Remnants of these hills, streams and forests suggest the influence of pristine Manhattan on the city, the nation and the world. The founding Dutch left the area 350 years ago but their imprint remains an active influence and their world-view an indelible part of the city. Dutch use of resources that made New York's rise a certainty affects and even determines our actions to the present day.



Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 3:30-5:30pm

Church Center for the United Nations

777 1st Avenue at E 44th St., 10th Floor
New York, NY 10017 (entrance on 44th St.)

Refreshments will be served for you to chat with old friends and make new ones.

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Biography of **PETER LASKOWICH**

Since 1987 I've indulged my passion for New York by giving classes, lectures and tours of its history. Among those that have sponsored my presentations are the Museum of Natural History, the Gotham Center and NYU.

My focus is to go beyond the usual who-what-where-when and into the why and how - simply illustrated, for example, by a bend in a road, shape of a building or site of a church.

Nevertheless, my role is not to load you with information - it's to get a few inches of air between your feet and the floor. Maybe that happens once in a while.

I am a member of the bar, the former director of a New York nonprofit, and the author of a coming book on the connections (they're everywhere!) between the history of baseball and that of New York City.



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