

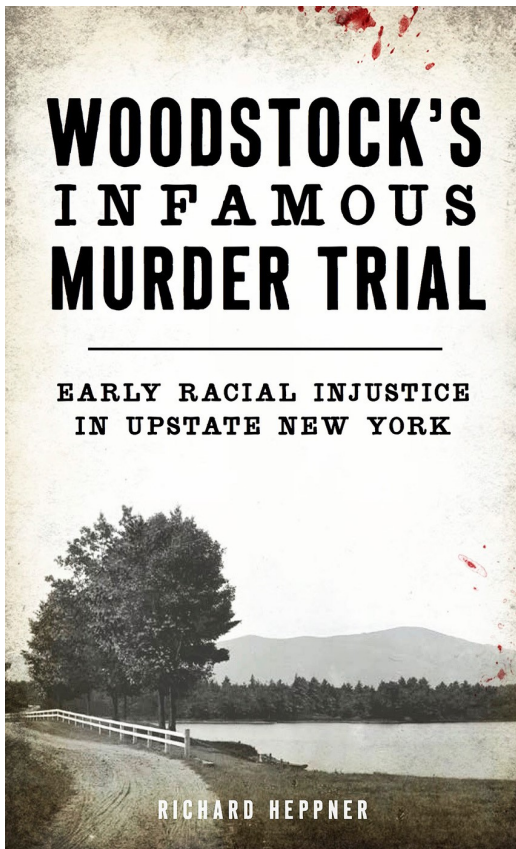


Lifespring

Winter Presentation

Woodstock's Infamous Murder Trial: Early Racial Injustice in Upstate New York

Presenter: Richard Heppner



When a white man from a prominent Woodstock family was murdered in 1905, authorities quickly identified an African - American man as the prime suspect. The presentation documents the crime, arrest and multiple trials, including the role of local reformer and politician Augustus H. Van Buren who stood up to community pressure and defended the accused.

Richard Heppner has been the Town Historian of Woodstock since 2001. After serving in numerous academic positions over twenty-five years at Orange County Community College, he retired as Vice President of Academic Affairs at SUNY Orange and holds the rank of Professor Emeritus. He is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Woodstock and serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild.

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Place: Online via Zoom (See below.)

All Lifespring members, their guests and those on the Interest List are invited to attend. To register, please click [here](#). Your Zoom link will be emailed to you within 24 hours after you complete and submit the online registration form.

Please register as soon as possible.

The deadline for reservations is **Monday, November 29th**.