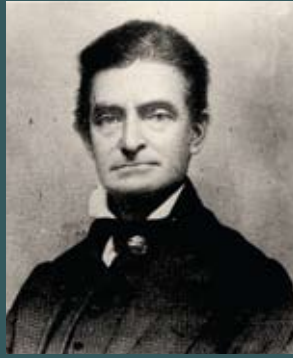


# JOHN BROWN COMING HOME

150 YEARS | 1859-2009

Presented by  
Essex County Historical Society  
Adirondack History Center Museum  
Sunday, December 6, 2009



## WESTPORT EVENTS

Westport Heritage House, 6459 Main Street, Westport, NY 12993

## ELIZABETHTOWN EVENTS

Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932

### 1:00 PM WESTPORT HERITAGE HOUSE

#### RUSSELL BANKS READS FROM CLOUDSPLITTER WITH COMMENTARY

Award winning author Russell Banks will read from his national bestselling novel, *Cloudsplitter*, about John Brown, his character and his part in the abolitionist movement. *Reservations requested.*

#### JOHN BROWN AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD LECTURE BY DON PAPSON

*Don Papsion is the founding President of the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association and Curator for the North Star Underground Railroad Museum, which will open at Ausable Chasm in 2010.*

*For 150 years historians have wondered whether Brown sheltered runaway slaves at his farm in North Elba. Some 20th century historians concluded that there was no Underground Railroad activity at North Elba and that all of Brown's black neighbors were "free" New Yorkers. Social historian Don Papsion has discovered documents suggesting that the truth may have been an entirely different story. Reservations requested.*

### 3:00 PM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

John Brown's coffin brought to the United Church of Christ, Court St., Elizabethtown, NY (Stone Church across from Museum).

### 3:30 PM THE LANGUAGE THAT SHAPED THE WORLD

A tapestry of sounds, stories and characters portraying the human spirit and the fight for freedom. Performance held at the United Church of Christ. *Reservations requested.*

### 4:30 PM PROCESSION

Procession following John Brown's coffin from the United Church of Christ to the Old Essex County Courthouse. *Free and open to the public. Reservations not required.*

### 5:00 PM OLD ESSEX COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Coffin lying in state in the Courthouse with honor guard. Public may pay their respects. *Free and open to the public. Reservations not required.*

### 5:30 PM RECEPTION AT THE DEER'S HEAD INN

Reception held at the Deer's Head Inn, formerly the Mansion House, where Mary Brown and her companions spent the night of December 6, 1859. *Tickets & Reservations required.*

All events of the day, including the Deer's Head reception, \$40 per person | Westport lectures and Elizabethtown performance only, \$15 per person

For a full schedule of John Brown Coming Home events from December 4-8 sponsored by the Lake Placid/Essex County Visitors Bureau, visit [www.JohnBrownComingHome.com](http://www.JohnBrownComingHome.com)



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