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Conway's Lawn and Power Equipment Growing and Expanding under New Ownership

By Lisa Dudley

The town of Red Hook is pleased to welcome Steven Gagnon and Kevin Dee, of Bethel Power Equipment, as the new owners of Conway's Power Equipment - carrying on Conway's proud tradition of quality and service. Steve and Kevin bring over fifty years of outdoor power equipment experience to Conways. Located at 7235 S Broadway on Route 9 at the 4 four-way stoplight at the bottom of the Hannaford's hill, Bethel Power Equipment has stores in Red Hook, NY, Bethel, CT, and Bridgeport, CT. "We provide the highest quality outdoor power equipment, parts, rentals, service, and repair-support for homeowners, landscapers, contractors, municipalities, and property owners," Mr.



Gagnon shares. "Conway's will continue to carry their popular Stihl, Ferris and Toro brands with additional commercial and residential products including Exmark for commercial contractors, the Walker line of high-end residential and

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Welcomes Sam Storey as Executive Director

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County is pleased to announce that Sam Storey has joined the organization as its new Executive Director.

Storey brings more than a decade of experience leading community and economic development initiatives through nonprofit organizations, local government partnerships, and research institutions. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the York Road Improvement District in Baltimore, Maryland, where he led efforts to revitalize North Baltimore through economic development, environmental stewardship, public safety initiatives, workforce development, and community partnerships. His previous experience includes leadership



Sam Storey

roles with the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, as well as research positions focused on housing, workforce development, and public policy.

Storey holds a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and a bachelor's degree in Public Policy from Stanford University.

As Executive Director, Storey will work with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community partners to advance the organization's mission of delivering research-based education and programs that strengthen individuals, families, businesses, farms, and communities throughout Dutchess County.

"I am honored to join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and excited to become

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2026 Weekend Writers' Retreat with partner A PUBLIC SPACE

Rolling applications are open for the third annual fall Weekend Writers' Retreat, a partnership between A Public Space and Kaatsbaan Cultural Park. From October 8 to 11, nurture new work and explore technique over a long weekend of workshops, literary talks, and evening events. Join us in New York's Hudson Valley for generative workshops with Jo Ann Beard, Mary-Beth Hughes, Tracy O'Neill, Robert Sullivan, Peter Trachtenberg, and Ada Zhang; afternoon literary talks with Samantha Hunt and Amitava Kumar; a movement class for writers with Sondra Loring; and more. ABOUT A PUBLIC SPACE A Public Space is an independent nonprofit publisher of an eponymous award-winning literary, arts, and culture magazine, and A Public Space Books. Under the direction of founding editor Brigid Hughes since 2006, it has been our mission to seek out overlooked and unclassifiable work, and to publish writing from beyond established confines.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. There is no fee to apply. Applicants must be 21 years of age by October 1, 2026. Capacity is limited, and applying early is recommended.

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Direct from BAMM Tom Almond brings his musical odyssey I'm Almost There To Ancram Center

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Todd Almond's acclaimed *I'm Almost There* opens August 7!
Love at first sight is easy... letting it through the front door is another story. In this rueful, hilarious song cycle, one man must outwit an unhinged neighbor, a seductive cult, a self-obsessed vampire, and a cat bent on dragging him to hell, all just to let the right guy in. Written and performed by Todd Almond (*Girl from the North Country*, *Gossip Girl*) and directed by Tony winner David Cromer (*The Band's Visit*, *Good Night, and Good Luck*), *I'm Almost*

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ART STUDIO VIEWS RETURNS FOR ITS 19TH ANNUAL OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Art lovers, collectors, and curious explorers are invited to experience a weekend of creativity during the 19th annual Art Studio Views tour,

September 5-6, 2026, from 11am to 5pm.

During this free, self-guided event, 28 artists across five Hudson Valley communities—Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli—will open the doors to their private studios, offering visitors a rare opportunity to meet the artists, see where they work, and gain insight into the ideas, techniques, and inspiration behind their art.

"For nearly two decades, Art Studio Views has been a celebrated tradition Labor Day weekend in the region," said Joanna Hess, Director of Art Studio Views. "This event is more than an art tour—it's an invitation



Class of 2026

to step inside the creative process, engage directly with artists, and experience the remarkable talent that thrives in our communities. It's a wonderful way to spend the holiday weekend with family and friends."

The tour showcases an extraordinary variety of artistic disciplines. Visitors will encounter painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolor, ink, and encaustic; printmakers; photographers; sculptors; ceramic artists; and mixed-media artists transforming found objects into imaginative works of art.

"Whatever your artistic interests, there is something

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ANDERSON FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM TO HONOR PATRICK AND VANESSA RYAN AT 2026 GALA

Anderson Foundation for Autism today announced that registration is now open for its 2026 Gala, sponsored by Pamal Broadcasting, NFP, and CDPHP. The event will be held on Saturday, October 24th at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, with a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30pm, and dinner, dancing, and the program starting at 7:30pm. Honorees this year are Anderson parents, philanthropists, and advocates Patrick and Vanessa Ryan, residents of Mahopac, New York.

Executives from Anderson estimate that 300 guests will attend the 2026 gala, and that the organization expects to meet or exceed its event fundraising goal of \$200,000. Proceeds from the annual gala are used to advance the organizational mission by directly supporting the educational, vocational, residential and clinical services that help "optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism."

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "It will be our great privilege to honor Patrick and Vanessa Ryan this year, who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to our agency and to our broader cause. We fully anticipate that this will be a sell-



Patrick & Vanessa Ryan

out event, and encourage anyone interested in attending to reserve their tickets as soon as possible."

A longtime accountant with a career spanning nearly 40 years, Patrick Ryan is currently the CFO of an asset management firm in Greenwich, Connecticut called AQR Capital Management. His wife of 30 years, Vanessa, is employed by the Putnam County Office of Senior Services, where she manages a program that provides medical transportation to senior citizens. Their family also includes three children: Peter, Ciara, and Sean.

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ACCORDING TO QUACKERS



August is here — ushering in the end of summer and painting the world in the warm hues of sunflowers and sunset skies! It's a month that feels slow and easy as we savor the heat and begin to settle back into our routines.

Who is August named after?

The Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar

What was August originally called?

Sextilis

During a leap year, which month starts on the same weekday as August?

February

What are August's two zodiac signs?

Leo and Virgo

What are August's birthstones?

Peridot, spinel, and sardonyx

What are August's birth flowers?

Poppy and gladiola

What's the name of the holiday that celebrates the first day of harvest in the UK on August 1?

Lammas Day

How many days did August originally have?

30

Why was August changed to 31 days?

Because Augustus Caesar didn't want his month to have fewer days than the one named after Julius Caesar (July).

What meteor shower occurs every year in mid-August?

The Perseids

Conway's Lawn and Power Equipment from page 1

commercial zero-turn mowers, Viper, and other residential and commercial lines of excellence.

Finding the right equipment is only one part of the job. "Our stores are here to support customers before and after the sale with knowledgeable guidance, equipment rentals, replacement parts, maintenance, and repair services.

"Whether you need help selecting equipment for your property, renting a machine for a specific project, locating a replacement part, or scheduling a repair with the service department, our teams are ready to help," he adds. "We offer to diagnose most, but not all, equipment for a small charge. If a piece of equipment is not worth repairing, we will let you know promptly. Customers that purchase new equipment from Conway's - a Bethel Power Equipment company - will be offered free disposal of their old equipment as well."

All new equipment purchases are set up and tested for free, "unlike big box stores that sell you power equipment in a box and expect you to devote time and effort in setting up your own machine." For the time being, "We will be shoehorning with limited space" he admits, "until the expansion that is coming soon." For those who may be worried about the disposition of Conway's historic barn, fear not. Mr. Gagnon assures us the barn will either be sold and moved or sold for vintage lumber. The barn has outlived its useful life and will be replaced with a modern edifice.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gagnon says he is getting a lot of interest in the new robotic line, Segway Navimow, which some of us insist on calling a rumba mower. "I have one of these robot mowers," he shares with

delight. "I get a perfect cut with the Segway Navimow. These wire-free robotic lawn mowers combine powerful performance with smart navigation. It can handle steep slopes and big yards effortlessly," he explains, "and it's really reliable." For landscape contractors and municipalities, these Navimow mowers are beneficial to the crew as they do not replace a worker, allowing them to focus their efforts elsewhere on the property while the mower cuts the grass.

The Navimow comes with a batterybasechargerwithadocking station. It has an all-weather plug and battery connector designed to remain outside. The unit can be programmed with a mowing schedule that turns on automatically, much like a driverless car. It cuts in straight lines and when it finishes mowing, "it returns home, reconnects itself, and recharges." It can be purchased in different sizes depending on acreage - sizing up to a commercial model that can manage 6 acres of mowing.

"Our focus is not limited to selling equipment," he declares. "We aim to be a reliable local resource for the products, parts, rentals, services and practical support our customers need to maintain their properties and complete their work." Mr. Gagnon insists upon having

a knowledgeable local team. "Whether you are shopping for lawn mowers, snow blowers, chainsaws, trimmers, leaf blowers, generators, or other outdoor equipment, you can count on practical guidance and personal service from a dependable local team. Our manager alone has thirty-one years of experience. "Choosing Conway's will always mean choosing a partner dedicated to your satisfaction. We stand behind our products and services with a 30-day repair guarantee, ensuring peace of mind with every purchase. Our team offers convenient pickup and delivery service to all areas of towns, making it easier than ever to maintain your equipment." For repairs, there is a fee for pickup & delivery but for new equipment purchases, such as tractors or large lawn mowers, the delivery is free. "We sell the best and service the rest."

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part of this community,” said Storey. “I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, volunteers, board members, and partners to build on CCEDC’s legacy and expand the organization’s impact across Dutchess County.”

“The executive director position requires a multifaceted leader with a great variety of skills from finance management, grant expertise, fund development and programmatic development, and as one of our board members stated, the perfect candidate should also know how to fly and wear a cape,” commented Chris Shave, President of CCEDC’s Board of Directors. “We found just the hero we were looking for in Sam Storey. He has an incredible depth of experience

and a passion to be here serving our communities in Dutchess County.”

Storey began serving as Executive Director on July 1, 2026. The position had been held since mid-December by the CCEDC Family and Consumer Education Program Director Jessica Canale, who took on the additional duties of Interim Executive Director. Canale’s additional work was possible with the support of Kristin Ludl, Senior Administrator, Human Resources and Operations Management, who also shouldered more responsibilities.

“The board was thrilled to have this dedicated dynamic duo at the helm during this transitional time,” said Shave. “Having Jessica and Kristin divide the duties and responsibilities of the executive director was the perfect plan. We appreciate their effort and professionalism.”



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Conway’s Lawn and Power
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ACROSS

1) Waste of a vote?

5) Assemble

10) Striker's Benedict Arnold

14) Word before "sapiens"

15) Draw ___ in the sand

16) They run up in bars

17) What life is, in a tune

20) Rustlers' chasers

21) Standing out prominently

22) Penultimate word in fairy tales

25) "Guarding ___" (MacLaine movie)

26) It may be iced when it's warm outside

29) Middle of the month

31) Catch sight of from a distance

35) Cousin on "The Addams Family"

36) Goosebump-inducing

38) Miscellaneous collection

39) Difficult puzzle, e.g.

43) Cattle call handout

44) 1960s jacket eponym

45) Become aware of

46) Not on the level?

49) Easter egg decorator

50) Mins. x 60

51) Bread unit

53) One place for hay

55) Easy to get along with

58) Wear in bad weather?

62) Premise of many sitcoms

65) LeBlanc of "Friends"

66) City on the Missouri

67) Movies, slangily

68) Greek counterpart of Mars

69) Historic Alabama city

70) J.K. Rowling is one

DOWN

1) English bloke

2) Stereotypical freight hopper

3) Surname among the "Good Times" cast

4) Use a divining rod

5) ___ Luis, Brazil

6) Polar wee one

7) Small spasms

8) Lose the derby?

9) Prepared potatoes

10) Anxiety stimulus

11) "Am I my brother's keeper?" speaker

12) Assist an arsonist, e.g.

13) Some four-year degs.

18) Assessed

19) Get to one's feet

23) Home to 11-Down's parents

24) Second or third TV showing

26) Pageant winner's headgear

27) Cultural value system

28) ___ costs (by any means)

30) Put on the spot?

32) Fail to match, as colors

33) Kitchen gizmo

34) Coupling devices for farm animals

37) Kind of alcohol

40) They're certainly not dreamers

41) Cookie that can be disassembled

42) Teenager's time limit

47) He worked with couples

48) Forbidden things

52) Log-transport channel

54) Devices to catch the unsuspecting

55) At quite a distance

56) Small parasite

57) Catalog card abbr.

59) Narc follower?

60) '30s art type

61) "While" leader of old

62) Org. for MDs

63) Measure of resistance

64) Org. governing air traffic

MEALY-MOUTHED By Timothy E. Parker

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for everyone,” Hess added. “From functional ceramics with personality to bold contemporary paintings and intricate printmaking, every stop offers a unique creative experience.” *The ASV Class of 2026* (*indicates studios are also open Monday, Labor Day) **Germantown/Clermont:** Russ Bogdan: painter; *Marie Cole: painter/printmaker; *Ramah Commanday: wood-fired & stoneware ceramics; Grace Gunning: metal arts; Valerie Shaff: photographer. **Red Hook/Tivoli:** Sean Bowen: painter; Louise Kalin: printmaker/mixed media; Kevin Palfreyman: painter; Linda Palfreyman: encaustic painter. **Rhinebeck/Rhinecliff:** *Gwen Bardon: painter; *Elisabeth Barnett: painter; *Melissa K. Braggins: printmaker/ceramics; *Ted Braggins: printmaker/works on paper; Mark Hopkins: painter; *Linda Lavin: alcohol ink painter; Nansi Lent: painter; Penelope Hyde Levine: ceramics;



Ted Braggins, Rhinebeck



Vivian Todini, Rhinebeck



Ramah Commanday, Germantown

Adrienne Lobel: painter; Owen McGettrick: sculpture; Wendy Miller: painter; Ann Rhinehart: painter; Sandra Spilke: painter/printmaker; Diane Stredicke: painter/printmaker; Vivian Todini: painter; *Dean Vallas: painter **Hyde Park/Staatsburg:** Rose Gennaro: painter; *Tatiana Rhinevault: painter; Margaret Savino: ceramics.

Visitors can also preview participating artists’ work through special exhibitions at The Betsy Jacaruso Gallery in Rhinebeck and the Red Hook branch of Ulster Savings Bank. Attendees are encouraged to

pre-plan their route by visiting these shows and our website. Printed maps are also available at our Headquarters: The Artists’ Collective of Hyde Park, Art Gallery 71, The Betsy Jacaruso Studio & Gallery, Equis Art Gallery, and Tivoli Artist Gallery.

Art Studio Views is made possible through the support of local businesses, organizations, and community partners whose commitment to the arts helps keep this event free and accessible to all. The organization extends special thanks to its Platinum and Gold Sponsors: The Henry L. Kimelman Family Foundation, The Loewi-Lemberger Kaplan Charitable Fund, Acadia HR, Corcoran Country Living, Dave’s Plumbing & Heating, Law Offices of Karen Tobias, Kathy Schmidt Studio, Luxe Optique, Oki Doki Clary Art Center, Rhinebeck Rotary, and Zulch Tax Consultants.

“Whether you are an avid collector, a practicing artist, or simply looking for an inspiring weekend activity, Art Studio Views offers a unique opportunity to explore the region’s thriving creative community, discover new artists, and experience art where it is

made,” Hess added. “Admission is free. Families are welcome, but please leave pets at home.”

For artist information, maps, sponsor listings, and suggestions for dining and local attractions, visit artstudioviews.com.

Direct from BAMM Tom Almond brings from page 1

There is a modern love story about crossing a sea of doubt to find happiness -- and good coffee. *I’m Almost There* comes to Ancram Center straight from the Brooklyn Academy of Music and ahead of a major U.S. tour -- catch it here before it hits the road! It also marks Todd’s return to Ancram, following his 2023 concert performance of *The Lucky Few*. *TheaterMania* calls the show “a testament to the power of musical storytelling,” while *The New York Times* praises its ability to connect with “both mind and heart.” Don’t miss this rare chance to see Todd Almond up close in *I’m Almost There* -before it hits stages across the country!



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God's Corner

JESUS, IS OUR REST AND PEACE!

Jesus said, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

We live in the world and the country where there is a lot of anxiety, uncertainty, and turmoil. We all are confronted with what is going on in the world. While we cannot escape the problems of the world, we can go to the one who promises rest and peace for our souls. So often people go to other things that they think will help alleviate what they are facing. Sad to say those things often will even cause deeper problems for them in their lives. The Lord Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

The Lord Jesus Christ gives us the solution on how we can find rest and peace for our souls. He said that we are to come to Him. He will provide the rest and peace that we so desperately need. You may be heavy laden over the things you are facing in life. Jesus says that He will give you rest and peace. We are to take His yoke upon our lives. An oxen yoke has two openings for two oxen that are used to draw a wagon or cart. The yoke that Jesus offers to us also has two openings. The one opening is for us and the other opening is for Jesus. We are to be yoked together with Him. When that happens we can be assured that He will be the one that will take care of the problems we are facing because His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Burdens are lifted at Calvary. He paid the price in full for our sins on the Cross. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). What a friend we have in Jesus! I trust that you have come to the Lord Jesus Christ, repented of your sins, and have received Him as your Lord and Savior. Now is the time to come to Christ and receive eternal life in Him (John 3:16).

Brethren, we are to enter into the rest and peace that the Lord will provide. “Let us labor therefore to enter into his rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief” (Hebrew 4:11). The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews referred to the Israelites were delivered from bondage in Egypt and were to go into the Promise Land. They didn’t immediately enter in, but wandered in the Wilderness for forty years before they went in. The reason was due to their unbelief and because they murmured and complained. We are to learn from their example and believe God’s promises. We are to enter into the rest and peace that He provides. Unbelief will hold us back from entering into the precious rest and peace for our souls.

Jesus said, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). The true rest and peace is found in having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give us peace and rest.

Listen to this precious promise from God’s Word about rest and peace. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stay on thee: because he trusted in thee. “Trust in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength” (Isaiah 26:3,4).

If you would like to know more about rest and peace in the Lord or how to become a Christian contact us by Email at fdcirone@aol.com or by phone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 Mile North on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

Jealous Lover

By Naomi Fata
““The Spirit that God breathed into our hearts is a jealous Lover who intensely desires to have more and more of us?” James 4:5 (The Passion Translation)

Have you ever thought of God as a jealous lover? Maybe you have never believed that He loves you at all. The God of the universe knows and loves you! In fact, He wants more and more of you.

This could sound like a consuming relationship. Because it is. It’s called a secure attachment. When you are afraid, uncertain, in pain, and in need, God wants to be the one you run to every time. Yet maybe you have kept Him at arm’s length, feeling unworthy or insignificant, wondering if you measure up to His standard—wondering if He could really love you that much.

The other aspect of this passage is God’s desire for you to want Him rather than to desire the world. If you consider knowing God to be limited to religious rituals and rules, I’m sure you struggle to want what God wants, partly because love is not at the root of your relationship. But this also has to do with a long-term sense of purpose. Throughout the Bible there are many references to “the world” compared to the spiritual life with God. Typically, we immediately think of actions that would qualify as ‘worldly’ or ‘immoral’. It goes deeper than that. Truly, God’s concern is the focus of the heart.

Is the focus of our wants and desires deeper than the things we want and need for this life on earth? From our hearts do we believe our lives are like ‘the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.’ (James 4:14 NLT) The purpose of our lives is not about the stuff we accumulate, but about God’s purposes for the Kingdom of God. This starts with His desire for us

to want to be with Him forever.

Desire starts from relationship, which brings us back to God as the jealous Lover. His greatest desire is that we enjoy His relationship of love from a heart overflowing with love and thanksgiving for Him. When every want and need in the present moment consumes our energy and attention, our hearts cannot dwell on the One who is eternal.

All the troubles and challenges of the present will eventually pass away; we will not live here forever. My dad used to remind me that our life now is the time to get to know our Father in preparation to love Him so much that we want to live with Him forever.

He intensely desires to have more and more of you. More of your attention, more of your focus. His greatest desire is to pour His love into your heart as you re-focus on Him.

Chicken BBQ

Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, NY. Worship service begins at 9:00 am every Sunday. Sunday School will resume in September at 10:15 am. All are welcome. On Sunday, August 2nd we will be having a drive thru chicken barbeque here at the church, from 4pm-6pm, at a cost of \$20.00 a ticket. You can call the church office at 518-828-5946 and leave a number so I can return your call to confirm your reservation for a ticket or tickets. We hope to see you there. Have a blessed day.

OPEN

Saturday’s August 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026, 2pm-4pm. The General Richard Montgomery House Museum-Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter House will be open at 77 Livingston Street. The house belongs to the chapter and is an accredited museum on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Rhinebeck Village Historic District. Admission is free;

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On July 14

the Germantown Garden Club hosted flower show judge Barbara Campbell. Barbara demonstrated flower designs for the upcoming flower show. There were many interesting questions from club members. The flower show is on August 22 & 23, 2026 at the Palatine Park Active Building.

Montgomery Row Art Space Presents “What’s it like for you to be an American?”

a Diptych collection of Photographs by Documentary Portrait Photographer Robert Kalman Exhibit continues Aug 1-Aug 29

BOX GRID of AMERICANS
This exhibit highlights photographer Robert Kalman’s recent work. The photographs are portraits of Americans accompanied by their own words expressing what’s important to them about being an American. From the introduction to “What’s it like for you to be an American?” Kalman says “I’ve been wondering about what the stories written on American faces look like

Adam Scher Diptych

Beth Diptych

and have been curious to learn what Americans think about themselves. To find out... I began approaching people on streets across the country asking them, “What’s it like for you to be an American?” I offered to make their portrait using a large format 8×10 camera and invited them to write an answer to the question on a single notebook page. Their responses proved to be a mix of sincere, emotional expressions: pride, an acknowledged sense of privilege, anger, frustration, gratitude, deep ambivalence, even shame.... For many, the same array of emotions expressed in their writing are discernable in their faces. The result is a diptych collection showing closely related images of distinctly diverse faces. All of them American, full of commonality as

well as difference. I have come to think of them as a fundamental part of our national character, a type of democracy expressed through portrait photographs.” Kalman is selling a beautiful hardcover book of this exhibit’s “What’s it like for you to be an American?” photographs and writings. Photographs and book can be purchased directly through artist at robertkalmanweb@gmail.com or 914-557-7055. <https://www.robertkalmanweb.com/> Fun Fact: Robert Kalman was a long-term principal at Rhinebeck’s Chancellor Livingston School. Montgomery Row Art Space 6423 Montgomery St – Second Floor Rhinebeck www.montgomeryrow.com/stores 845.242.6138

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In a joint statement, the couple responded to the news that they were being honored as follows: “We were initially surprised, and of course happy as we are proud of our association with Anderson Center - but most of all humbled. We feel honored to be chosen, but want to share that the group of Direct Support Professionals who live, work with, and take care of our son are the ones doing God’s work – we are just lucky to be part of this program.” Said Dr. Tina Marie Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson (who will step in as CEO/ Executive Director following Paul’s retirement later this year), “In addition to honoring the Ryans with the well-deserved VV Anderson Community Service Award, we will also present two of our very own team members (yet to be named) with ‘Above and Beyond Awards.’ Having a chance to publicly applaud people we truly cherish and admire is always a moving experience; we very much look forward to an

uplifting program again this year.” Added Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, “We are incredibly grateful to the many people who make our gala so successful, year after year - from our sponsors and volunteers to the attendees themselves. Like our other fundraisers, this tradition brings together people from all walks of life who share a passion for our mission. Not only do we get to recognize the inspiring honorees and award winners during the gala program, but we all have a chance to celebrate Anderson’s far-reaching impact and our vision for the future.” For more information and to purchase tickets and/or sponsorships, call 845.889.9208 or visit AndersonCenterforAutism.org/Gala. **About Anderson Center for Autism** Our mission at Anderson Center for Autism is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. **About Anderson Foundation for Autism** Through grantmaking,

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IN FLIGHT BRINGS WEEKLY FARM STAND POP-UP TO RED HOOK THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH LONELY WORM FARM

In Flight’s I-SAIL programs expand community connections through weekly farm stand pop-up in Red Hook. In Flight, Inc. is excited to announce a new weekly Farm Stand Pop-Up in Red Hook, bringing fresh local products and meaningful vocational training opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to the community. The Farm Stand Pop-Up will be held every Friday throughout the summer from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 7516 North Broadway in Red Hook, outside of In Flight’s Red Hook I-SAIL program. Shoppers can purchase fresh eggs, seasonal produce, herbal products, flowers, ceramics,



Farm Stand Pop Up



Farm Stand

merchandise, and more. The pop-up is an extension of the successful partnership between In Flight and Lonely Worm Farm in Hyde Park. In 2025, the organizations collaborated to establish In Flight’s third I-SAIL academy, creating a unique farm-based learning environment where participants build independence, vocational, and employment skills through hands-on experiences. Located at 77 Ruskey Lane in Hyde Park, I-SAIL at Lonely Worm Farm is home to the Farm Store, which is open Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Many of the products available at both locations are grown, harvested, crafted, or prepared

through the work of I-SAIL participants at the farm. The Red Hook Pop-Up provides additional opportunities for participants to apply the skills they develop through I-SAIL. From stocking products and assisting customers to processing transactions and managing inventory, participants gain valuable real-world experience while building confidence and independence. Equally important, the pop-up creates meaningful opportunities for participants to connect with community members. Through these interactions, they strengthen communication skills, develop relationships, and demonstrate the valuable contributions individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities make every day. “At Lonely Worm Farm, we believe meaningful work, creativity, and connection to the land should be accessible to everyone.” Says Jess Spector, Director of Lonely Worm Farm Arts & Agriculture Programming. “The Farm Store showcases products grown, harvested, crafted, and prepared with the involvement of our participants, giving them opportunities to develop vocational, artistic, and social skills, build confidence, and contribute to their community. Every bouquet, herbal product,

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Community members are encouraged to visit the Farm Stand Pop-Up on Fridays in Red Hook or the Farm Store at Lonely Worm Farm on Wednesdays in Hyde Park to support local products and the individuals whose hard work makes them possible. The Farm Store in Hyde Park also offers picking your own bouquets in season, along with other workshops and events open to the public. To visit and shop outside of store hours or to learn more about the Farm Store, workshops or events, contact the farm at (845) 445-9078, by email at info@lonelywormfarm.com, or visit www.lonelywormfarm.com

About In Flight, Inc.

In Flight, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to reach for their hopes and dreams, and support a meaningful quality of life. The organization has programming and services in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, and Ulster Counties. For more information about In Flight, Inc, please contact Jill Rodriquez at (845) 835-6060 x190 or jrodriquez@inflightinc.org

Neurodiversity-Informed Care: Anderson Center Consulting and Training Charts Course for Mental Health Clinicians

Regardless of age, background, or circumstances, there's no question that a therapeutic journey can be transformative, healing, and empowering.

And most people will agree that what drives success is a client-patient relationship that is deeply rooted in trust, empathy, and nonjudgement - particularly for those with a diagnosis of autism or another neurodiversity.

Yet, there is another dimension which leads to optimal outcomes, which is a therapist's knowledge of developmental disabilities, and his/her mastery of the evidence-informed tools that can make autistic and neurodivergent individuals truly feel seen, heard, and understood. Unfortunately, that piece is not always embedded into a Bachelor's, Master's, or even Ph.D. psychology/counseling degree curriculum. So, where does one acquire insights specific to this population?

Enter Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT).

Since 2007, ACCT (an affiliate of Anderson Center for Autism) has empowered businesses, organizations, schools/colleges, hospitals, government agencies, first responders,

families, caregivers, and more with training designed to help enhance the quality of life for autistic and neurodivergent people in their circles.

What had long been missing from ACCT's roster, though, was a training tailored to counselors, social workers, and therapists. To bridge that gap, the team developed a highly-anticipated program that charts a new course: "Supporting Neurodivergent Clients: A Training for Mental Health Professionals."

And thanks to the support of Dutchess County Department of Health, ACCT is pleased to announce that their inaugural training event, held in May of 2026, was a smash success. The program attracted 25 mental health professionals who learned how to enhance communication, foster

collaboration, and strengthen relationships with the autistic or neurodivergent individuals they serve in counseling or therapeutic settings.

Jennifer Brager, MA, BCBA, LBA, Behavior Analyst with Anderson Center Consulting and Training, reflected: "On a regular basis, I work with families expressing a desperate need for access to mental health professionals who truly understand autism and neurodiversity. In the past, we've seen a scarcity of providers trained to appropriately support the needs out there, which has been devastating for so many. But with this training developed, I now feel hopeful and excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for all who are in need of this more specialized mental health care."

Brager continued, "We are beyond grateful to Dutchess County for being the first to engage ACCT for the purpose of building capacity to this end; they clearly value efforts to enlighten mental health professionals about the ways autism, neurodiversity, sensory processing, masking, and the counseling relationship itself can impact outcomes. Our goal was to shed light on how to most effectively address trauma, navigate executive function challenges, and build a sense of emotional safety so that the trainees, who work with autistic and neurodivergent individuals, have the expertise needed to improve service delivery and more confidently and effectively work with this population." The results, she noted, were overwhelmingly positive.

Noted Dana M. Hopkins, LCSW-R, All Abilities Program Director at Dutchess County Department of Mental Health, "The training created a lot of robust discussions covering an array of topics: signs of autism, co-occurring mental health conditions, statistics on autism, tips on how to work with individuals who have autism, service systems, and more. My hope is that the mental health professionals that were in the room walked away recognizing that they don't have to re-create modalities of therapy, but that

they just sometimes need to think out of the box like they would for other individuals they work with."

Added Shannon Winslow, LMSW, Behavioral Health Clinician at Together for Youth, "My primary field of work is trauma focused, so I'm limited on how I can effectively treat my neurodiverse clients and support their families. The facilitators were extremely knowledgeable, helped me understand my clients better, and have been amazing in connecting me to dozens of resources that will meet the needs of my clients when I can't."

The team at ACCT expects a trajectory of growth for this newly-minted mental health professional training program, and is enthusiastic about the meaningful contributions they can make.

Noted Kathleen Marshall, Director of Program Services for Anderson Center Consulting and Training, "Autistic and neurodivergent individuals often deal with intense feelings of loneliness, isolation, stress, and anxiety, but therapy can help address and resolve those issues. By giving mental health professionals proficiency in this area, we have the chance to make dramatic differences in the well-being of so many people here and all over the world."

Marshall explained that because ACCT offers both in-person and virtual training options, these high-in-demand competencies can and should be developed, no matter where someone lives. "Incidence rates are growing exponentially; we must do all we can to ensure that we're addressing mental health needs for this population. The time required to learn this material through our team at ACCT is minimal, but the ways it can make a difference are more significant than anyone can imagine."



Pictured L-R: Dana Hopkins of Dutchess County Department of Mental Health and Jennifer A. Brager, MA, BCBA, LBA, Behavior Analyst with Anderson Center Consulting and Training

To learn more about training opportunities like this one and/or to pursue designation as "Autism Informed" or "Autism Supportive" through Anderson Center Consulting and Training, visit andersoncenterconsultingandtraining.org.

DUTCHESS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. ANNOUNCES 2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced today that 7 youths were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship

committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 22 during the annual Agricultural Society's dinner meeting.

The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Nathan Prezzano. Several other awards were given to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture," said Andy Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (Dutchess County Fairgrounds). He continued, "In addition to the scholarships already in place, for the third year, a \$1000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community. Sawyer Giles is the 2026 recipient of this award."

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles. The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

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Nathan Prezzano, Red Hook, was selected to receive the \$10,000 scholarship plus a one-time additional \$8,500 award. The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award:

Faith Burfeindt, Stanfordville; Abigail Connolly, Rhinebeck; Jazmin Ixcoy, Red Hook; Peyton McFarland, Hyde Park; Hope Miller, Ancramdale; Natalie Shultz, Wingdale. The 180th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 25 - 30 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year's Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

2026 Scholarship Bios

Nathan Prezzano – Nathan grew up in the fairgrounds working



with his dad in the family tent business. He began showing hogs at the Fair when he was 6 years old up until last year. Nathan was a member and Treasurer of Pine Plains FFA, played both Junior & Senior Varsity Baseball and serves as a DCAS Inc. Junior Fair Board member. Nathan serves in various capacities of community service and continues to help volunteer with setting up for the Dutchess County Fair. Nathan will be

attending SUNY Cobleskill AG & Tech seeking a degree in Agricultural Engineering.



Hope Miller - Hope grew up on a dairy farm and has been showing cows since she was 4 years old. Hope is actively involved volunteering her time with various organizations throughout the community. She has served as a member of Pine Plains FFA as Parliamentarian, Secretary and President. Hope will be attending SUNY Cobleskill seeking a degree in Animal Science



a member of the International Club, National Honor Society and the Environmental Club during her high school years. Jazmin will be attending SUNY Cobleskill seeking a degree in Animal Science/Pre-Vet.



Abigail Connolly – Abigail worked for the Char House Concessions during the Dutchess County Fair. Abigail's community involvement consists of the Good Shepherd Vacation Bible Study, Ramapo for Children – Youth Leadership Program and YMCA Basketball Academy. She was a member of the Interact Club, Rhinebeck Central School after school electives and the Rhinebeck Science Foundation. Abigail will be attending SUNY Cobleskill AG & Tech seeking a degree in Canine Training & Management.



Peyton McFarland – Since 2022 Peyton recruited members of his football team to come and help set up the Salute to Agriculture Tent at the DC Fair. Peyton volunteered his time with the Hyde Park Youth Football and Wrestling organizations. He was a member of the Varsity Football & Wrestling teams where he served as Captain for both. Peyton was also a member of the National Honor Society. Peyton will be attending SUNY Alfred State seeking a degree in Elementary Education.



DCAS Inc. Good Citizenship Award

Sawyer Giles – Sawyer attended Rhinebeck High School showing outstanding volunteerism through his leadership and dedication within the Interact Club, Art Club, and held both vice president and president roles for the Class of 2026. He has served as captain for the baseball team and is a member of the National Honor Society.



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Faith Burfeindt – Faith grew up in the equestrian world showing horses but her love for showing expanded to her showing a beef cow at the Fair. Her community service consists of volunteering her time with Crosswinds Equestrian Center, Block & Bridle and the ENY Summer Classic. Faith's participation in school activities consisted of IHSA Equestrian Team, Block & Bridle & IEA Equestrian Team. Faith will be attending SUNY Cobleskill AG & Tech pursuing a degree in Animal Science / Vet Tech.



Natalie Shultz - Natalie showed beef cows and goats at the Dutchess County Fair. Her community service consists of raising money for the SPCA, clothes and hygiene products for the Children's Home in Poughkeepsie and various other organizations. She was a member of 4-H serving as President and Vice President, FFA President and a member of the National Technical Honor Society. Natalie will be attending SUNY Ulster seeking a degree as a Vet Tech. **Jazmin Ixcoy** – Jazmin worked as a gate attendant and ticket scanner at the Dutchess County Fair but always found herself drawn to Livestock Hill. Jazmin volunteered her time at Spring Farm, Culture Connect; was

Stuffed Bell Peppers



Ingredients

6 bell peppers, any color
3 cups chunky tomato sauce, divided
½ onion, very thinly sliced
½ cup beef broth
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 ½ pounds lean ground beef
1 ½ cups cooked rice
½ cup freshly shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
¼ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons salt or to taste
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, divided

Directions

- Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Slice peppers 1/2-inch from the top; cut out stems and set aside to use as tops. Cut core from the inside of peppers and strip away any seeds. Cut off a thin slice from the bottoms so peppers can stand upright. Poke about 4 tiny holes in the bottoms to let juices drain.
- Pour 2 ½ cups tomato sauce into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Add onion, beef broth, and red pepper flakes; spread out mixture evenly over the bottom.
- Set bell peppers upright in the dish.
- Combine ground beef, cooked rice, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, 2 tablespoons tomato sauce, 1/4 cup parsley, garlic, salt, and black pepper in a large mixing bowl.
- Lightly stuff peppers with meat mixture. Spread 1 tablespoon tomato sauce on top of each portion of stuffing; place reserved tops onto peppers. Lay a piece of parchment paper loosely on top of peppers and cover the dish tightly with foil. Place the dish on top of a baking sheet.
- Bake in the preheated oven until peppers have softened slightly, about 1 hour. Remove foil and parchment paper. Continue baking until meat filling is cooked through and peppers are soft, sweet, and tender, 20 to 30 more minutes.
- Sprinkle each pepper with 1/2 teaspoon parsley and drizzle with a spoonful of pan juices.

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Senility in Our Aging Pets

By Julianne Porter

As we make advancements in healthcare, we see our pets live longer, and with aging come age-related diseases. We know that as our pets age, they will often suffer from some degree of arthritis, organ failure, or cancers. However, an ailment that often goes undiagnosed is cognitive dysfunction. This is mostly because it can be difficult to recognize, especially in the early stages of development. It turns out that some of the quirks our pets develop as they age may actually be related to a neurological degenerative disorder – very similar to Alzheimer’s in humans. Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) is relatively common in dogs. Estimated prevalence rates range from 14 to 35% of the dog population, but with many owners and veterinarians attributing cognitive decline as normal, it’s likely that number is even higher. One study found that 68% of dogs aged 15-16 years old displayed evidence of cognitive dysfunction. Feline cognitive dysfunction studies found that 28% of cats between 11-14 years old had at least one sign of cognitive dysfunction, with that number climbing to 50% of cats over 15 years of age. CDS causes amyloid plaque accumulation, brain atrophy, and

neurotransmitter imbalances. It can also cause microhemorrhages in the brain, which can sometimes be detected on MRIs. These changes in the brain can cause disorientation (wandering, staring into space), memory loss (forgetting familiar faces, regression in housebreaking), altered sleep-wake cycles (up at night, often restless) and increased anxiety. It can sometimes be difficult to differentiate cognitive dysfunction from concurrent age related issues. For example, a dog having trouble with stairs can be attributed to symptoms like pain, loss of vision, but they may have also simply forgotten how to use the stairs. A cat vocalizing more may have decreased hearing, an underlying metabolic disorder, or general disorientation. Diagnosis is based on clinical signs, ruling out other medical causes, and a positive response to therapy. As with other age-related illnesses, CDS is not curable, but early diagnosis and intervention can slow progression. It is worth noting that dogs as young as 6 years of age can begin to show cognitive changes associated with CDS. Diagnosis starts with a thorough history and physical evaluation with your veterinarian. They can discuss with you additional tests to rule out other diseases and the treatment options that are right for you and your pet. They may also direct you to a Cognitive Dysfunction

Syndrome Evaluation Tool known as DISHAA from the Purina Institute. This is a helpful tool to objectively determine if your pet is at risk for this disease and track response to treatment. Treatment is aimed at environmental enrichment, diet, and supplements. Regular exercise, especially during daylight hours, is important, as is engaging in play, offering new toys, puzzles, and teaching new tricks. Beneficial diets should contain generous antioxidants, essential fatty acids, and medium-chain triglycerides. There are several prescription diets available with ingredients including whitefish, sweet potatoes, green leafy vegetables, and whole grains. Supplements including S-adenosylmethionine (SAME), omega-3 fatty acids, melatonin, dog-appeasing pheromone (DAP) (or Feliway in cats) and Chinese supplements are useful in supporting brain health. There are several other products on the market such as Senilife by Ceva and Neutricks by Quincy Animal Health which contain helpful supplements. Acupuncture has been considered, and there are experimental models, but no concrete recommendations at this time. There is an association between cognitive dysfunction and periodontal disease in dogs, and treating the disease (with dental cleaning and antibiotics) often helps improve cognitive function. Likewise, there appears to be a connection with the gastrointestinal system; breakdown in the intestinal barrier can allow microbes and toxins to cross the blood brain barrier leading to the amyloid plaque production as discussed above. There are also medications that may be helpful. Selegiline is a selective MAO-B inhibitor that has been approved for use in canine CDS. It inhibits the reuptake of dopamine, norepinephrine, and serotonin, as well as increasing free radical elimination. Other medications used for anxiety (i.e., SSRIs such as fluoxetine, or benzodiazepines such as alprazolam) can help mitigate the confusion and worry that comes with cognitive decline. These medications can have side-effects and drug interactions, so careful consideration is necessary when deciding if these are the right options for your pet. As our pets age, their mobility, senses, and minds become affected, and it is important to recognize the signs so that we can help to keep them as happy and comfortable for as long as they are with us.

For Harley and Sammy, sixteen months is not simply a number.

It is sixteen months of watching families walk past their kennel. Sixteen months of hearing footsteps approach, only to fade away again. Sixteen months of waking up every morning beside the only constant they have ever known: each other.

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA is hoping that someone, somewhere, will finally see what shelter staff have seen every day since Harley and Sammy arrived: two gentle, devoted souls who deserve to spend their remaining years surrounded by love.



At 8½ years old, Harley and Sammy, a Plott Hound brother-and-sister pair, have never known life apart. Through every change, every uncertainty, and every difficult day, they have remained each other’s comfort, security, and family.

While the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA is not requiring that Harley and Sammy be adopted together, there is no greater wish among the staff than to see them remain side by side. After all, when the lights go out each evening and another day without a family comes to an end, they still have each other. In many ways, they are all each other has ever had.

Harley and Sammy are searching for a quiet, adult-oriented home where they can finally exhale. They cannot live with other animals, aside from one another,

and are not suitable for homes with young children. What they seek is simple: a soft place to rest, gentle hands to greet them, and the comfort of knowing they are finally home.

In the hope of making that dream a reality, the adoption fees for both Harley and Sammy have been fully sponsored. Additionally, both dogs take inexpensive thyroid medication, and an anonymous donor has generously offered to cover an entire year of medication costs for their adopter.

Senior dogs often wait the longest. Their grayed faces and slower pace can cause them to be overlooked in favor of younger animals. But shelter staff know that Harley and Sammy still have so much left to give: quiet companionship, unwavering loyalty, and the kind of love that only comes from a lifetime of devotion.

They do not need a perfect home. They simply need someone willing to open their heart and allow them to spend whatever years they have left where every dog deserves to be: safe, loved, and together.

Anyone interested in meeting Harley and Sammy is encouraged to contact the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA at (518) 828-6044 or visit the shelter during adoption hours, Monday through Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adoption applications may also be completed through the shelter’s website.



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The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/ SPCA

is excited to announce the 2026 ShelterSweeps. The support given to this event over the previous years has been overwhelming and we're proud to once again offer two fantastic prizes that were generously donated to help raise funds to support more than five thousand animals served every year by CGHS/SPCA.

Suggested donations for this year's Shelter Sweeps are \$1.00 per chance or 100 for \$50, and chances can be obtained in any quantity. To participate or for more information, please visit our website cghs.org, call us at (518) 828-6044 ext. 109, or email info@cghs.org. This year's prizes include the following:



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American Travelling Morrice to Perform Around Columbia County, NY, Berkshire County, MA, and Litchfield County, CT; August 9th – August 15th, 2026



The American Travelling Morrice, performers of traditional English morris dances, will put on more than 20 public performances in and around the tri-state area of Columbia County, NY, Berkshire County, MA, and Litchfield, CT from August 9th through August 15th, 2026. It has been over a decade since the group was last in the immediate area. Morris dancing is a very old English country tradition. Since 1976, the members of the American Travelling Morrice, who come from as near as New York and Boston to as far away as California and England, have traveled to hundreds of communities in the US as well as England and Canada to demonstrate joyful, energetic, and colorful morris dances.

Please visit <https://www.americantravellingmorrice.org/atm/> or use the QR code below for our most up-to-date schedule. This tour, we will be dancing in the following communities: Sun, Aug 9th Hillsdale, Chatham, Ghent (all NY) Mon, Aug 10th Norfolk, CT, Southfield, MA, New Marlborough, MA, Egremont, MA Tues, Aug 11th Lanesborough, Mt. Greylock, North Adams,

American Travelling Morrice: <https://www.americantravellingmorrice.org/atm/about/> For more information about morris dancing: <https://www.americantravellingmorrice.org/atm/about-morris-dancing/> For a link to some videos of our dancing: <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericanTravellingMorrice>

Hudson River Maritime Museum Brings History to Life with Music, Storytelling and Theater This August

The Hudson River Maritime Museum (HRMM) invites the public to experience history in new ways this August through a series of engaging programs featuring live music, storytelling, immersive theater, and historical presentations. Together, these events explore the people, places, and stories that shaped the Hudson Valley and the nation.

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historian Laura Hertle, Senior Interpreter at the Senate House State Historic Site, presents **Enslaved Lives Through Senate House Archives**. Part of HRMM's Follow the River Lecture Series, the program draws from thousands of 18th-century documents to uncover the lives of enslaved people living and working in colonial Kingston. The presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10, or \$5 for HRMM members.

On Thursday, August 20, celebrate America's 250th anniversary with **Stories and Songs of the Revolution**, featuring renowned storyteller **Jonathan Kruk** and musician **Linda Russell**. Blending historical storytelling with traditional music, the performance brings Revolutionary-era heroes, folklore, and songs to life in an entertaining evening for audiences of all ages. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6–13 and include **free admission to the Museum and HRMM's latest REV250 exhibit "Tides of War"**.

The month concludes on Friday, August 28, with **Crime on the Hudson: Gilded Age Pirates and River Thieves**, an original

production created by HRMM's Education Department in collaboration with **Siren Theatre Company**. Combining historical interpretation with live theater, the interactive experience transports audiences to the Hudson River of the 1860s and 1870s, where they become part of a dramatic courtroom trial inspired by real events. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$28, or \$14 for HRMM members.

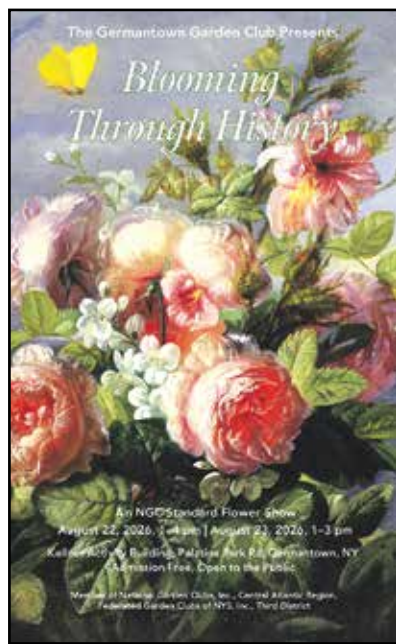
"History is most powerful when people can experience it," said John Kelley, Marketing Manager at HRMM. "Whether through detailed archival research, live music, storytelling, or immersive theater, these August programs offer engaging ways to connect with the people and events that shaped our region and country."

Advance registration is recommended, as seating is limited for all programs. Full details and registration information can be found at hrmm.org/lecture-series. **The Hudson River Maritime Museum** is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries and related industries. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science,

the museum offers classes and programs at its Woodworking School, Sailing and Rowing School, and aboard Solaris, the 100% solar powered tour boat and floating classroom. Now in its 46th year, HRMM is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston. For more information about the Hudson River Maritime Museum, please visit hrmm.org, find HRMM on Facebook, or call 845.338.0071.

Blooming Through History: Germantown Garden Club's Annual Flower Show

Step into nearly a century of tradition at the Germantown Garden Club's annual Standard Flower Show! This year's event, themed "Blooming Through History," promises a vibrant celebration of floral artistry and horticultural excellence.



Join us on Saturday, August 22, from 1–4 p.m., and Sunday, August 23, from 1–3 p.m., at the Kellner Community and Activity Building on Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. Marvel at creative flower arrangements, explore educational displays, and discover exceptional horticultural specimens. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply appreciate the beauty of blooms, this show offers inspiration and enjoyment for all ages.

The design division will dazzle you with fresh and dried flower arrangements, beautifully displayed in eight major groups. Explore the horticulture specimens division, where you'll discover the beauty of individual flowers, fragrant herbs, branches, container-grown plants, and even vegetables. This event is open to everyone, and admission is free—

bring your friends and family to experience the incredible variety of plants and flowers available this season. Enjoy stunning, inspiring arrangements, learn something new, and celebrate the beauty of nature with us!

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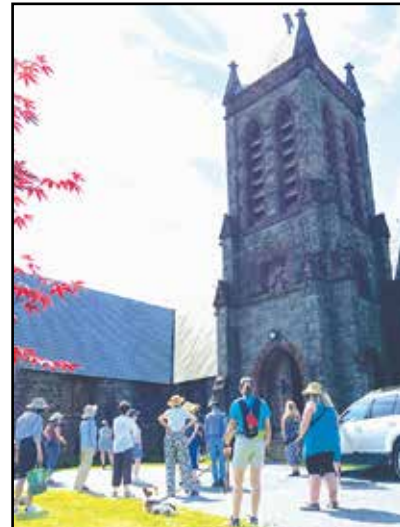
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Free Outdoor Programs at Staatsburgh State Historic Site

From photographic scavenger hunts in a stunning landscape along the Hudson River, to village walking tours, and landscape and history hikes – Staatsburgh has several offerings in July and August and throughout the fall season that will get you and your family learning about history out-of-doors, and they are all free!



History Hidden in the Woods



Staatsburgh Village Walking Tour

For adults and history buffs:

The *Staatsburgh Village Walking Tour* explores the estate's close relationship with the nearby village and its connection to the Mills family. Follow a local guide who will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburg's vibrant past and the legacy of the Mills Family beyond the estate walls. *Staatsburgh Village Walking Tour* will be held on July 25 and August 7, 15, and 22 at 10:00am, and July 26 at 2:00pm.

The guided landscape walk of Staatsburgh's grounds, entitled, *What You See... and What You Don't See*, shows how Staatsburgh's landscape architect designed a glorious setting to showcase the good life in the Gilded Age, while deliberately using landscape elements to hide the technology and labor that made a turn-of-the-century estate run. *What You See... and What You Don't See* will be held on July 31, and August 1, 14 and 21 at 10:00am.

Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills and Norrie State Parks might be?

The guided hike, *History Hidden in the Woods*, will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh's founding as a gentleman's farm in the 1700's to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. *History Hidden in the Woods* will be held July 19, and August 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:00am.

All these programs are free but require advanced reservations. To reserve your spot, visit: www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS. Perfect for Child & Family groups and all outdoor lovers:

Visit the park any day now through October and take part in our *Photographic Scavenger Hunt*. A phone with a camera and some walking shoes are all that's needed to explore the grounds and complete ten riddles on a loop through Staatsburgh's beautiful landscape along the Hudson River. All ages are invited to participate – play solo or with a group. Learn about some of the highlights of the historic grounds around the mansion while having fun! You can also picnic on the grounds or visit the Gilded Age mansion for activities while here. Thanks to Stewart's Shops, participants who complete the hunt can also win a free ice cream cone while supplies last. Staatsburgh's grounds and Mills State Park are open every day from sunrise to sunset. To download a clue sheet, visit: <https://millsfriends.org/virtual/lets-go-outside>.

Staatsburgh's 79-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River is in the hamlet of Staatsburg, between Hyde Park and Rhinebeck. A time capsule of the Gilded Age, Staatsburgh retains its original furnishings and opulent décor. The historic estate grounds surrounding the mansion, now Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park, offer scenic walking paths as well as woodland trails.

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Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours by reservation, Thursdays through Sundays. To attend a mansion tour, please make advance reservations on www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS; admission is charged upon arrival. Visitors may also enjoy a picnic or stroll by the Hudson River, or a hike along the woodland trails in adjacent Mills Memorial State Park.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh's websites at, <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>, www.Facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS, and www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com. Staatsburgh's events are also listed at parks.ny.gov. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, and welcomes over 80 million visitors annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518.474.0456. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), the OPRHP Blog or via the OPRHP Newsroom.

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Arts Mid-Hudson Presents Virtual Workshop on Building Effective Board Structures for Artist Ensembles

Arts Mid-Hudson invites artists, nonprofit leaders, and arts administrators to strengthen their organizations through Board Structures for Artist Ensembles, a virtual professional development workshop led by arts leadership consultant Piper Gunnarson. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Designed for artists, grassroots organizations, and small to mid-sized arts nonprofits, this interactive workshop explores how nonprofit boards can be structured to best support an organization's mission, programs, and long-term

sustainability. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of nonprofit governance, learn how board structures have evolved over time, and engage in practical exercises to identify governance models that best fit their organizations today while preparing for future growth.

The session will also examine the unique governance needs of artist ensembles and grassroots organizations, offering strategies for creating board structures and processes that foster effective leadership, accountability, and organizational resilience.

The workshop will be led by Piper Gunnarson, founder of Gunnarson Consulting. With nearly two decades of experience guiding arts organizations through growth, transition, and organizational change, Gunnarson specializes in helping arts and cultural nonprofits strengthen governance, diversify boards, and build sustainable leadership practices. She holds a Master's in Leadership for the Arts from New York University and previously served as Executive Director of On Site Opera, where she led significant organizational growth and strategic development.

The workshop is open to adults ages 18 and older. Registration is \$5 for Arts Mid-Hudson members and \$15 for non-members.

Arts Mid-Hudson's professional development workshops provide artists and arts organizations with practical

skills, resources, and connections to strengthen their work and build sustainable creative careers.

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Oscar-Winning *All the President's Men* and Journalism Panel, Hosted by WAMC's "The Roundtable," Comes to the Crandell on August 29

The Crandell Theatre and its partner WAMC Northeast Public Radio are pleased to announce a special screening of Alan J. Pakula's Oscar-winning political thriller *All the President's Men*, followed by a panel discussion on the current state of journalism and investigative reporting, which will be recorded to air on WAMC at a later date (TBA). The esteemed industry experts joining the panel, moderated by



Joe Donahue, host of WAMC's

"The Roundtable," include:



Martin (Marty) Baron, former executive editor of *The Washington Post*



Anne Alvergue, an Academy Award- and Emmy-nominated documentary filmmaker who directed and edited the Oscar-nominated documentary short *The Martha Mitchell Effect*.



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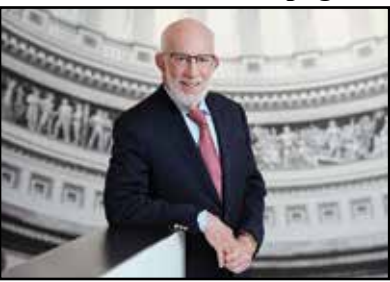
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Benjamin Ginsberg, counsel to Republican election campaigns and co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. Doors open at 5pm for a meet and greet with WAMC staff



and panelists. **Sarah Gilbert**, WAMC's President & CEO, will welcome the audience and set the stage for the evening's event. The film will start at 5:30pm. **Tickets:** <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/all-the-presidents-men/>

About the Film: Director Alan J. Pakula's gripping 1976 film, released a few months ahead of the nation's bicentennial, stars Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman as *The Washington Post* investigative reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein,

Jason Robards as *The Post's* executive editor Ben Bradlee, and Jack Warden as metropolitan editor Harry M. Rosenfeld. William Goldman, the Academy-Award-winning screenwriter of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, adapted his second Oscar-winning screenplay from Woodward and Bernstein's original book. Nominated for eight Academy Awards, *All the President's Men* also won for Best Sound, Best Supporting Actor (Robards) and Best Art Direction-Set Decoration.



Trailer: All The President's Men (1976) Official Trailer - Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman Thriller HD
Synopsis: In the run-up to the 1972 elections, *Washington Post* reporter Bob Woodward (Redford) covers what seems to be a minor break-in at the Democratic Party National headquarters. He is surprised to find top lawyers already on the defense case, and the discovery of names and addresses of White House fund organizers on the accused further arouses his suspicions. Ben Bradlee (Robards), executive editor of *The Post*, is prepared to run with the story and assigns Woodward and Carl Bernstein (Hoffman) to it.

They find the trail leading higher and higher in the White House.

The Panelists

Martin (Marty) Baron retired in 2021 as executive editor of *The Washington Post*. News staff under his leadership have won 18 Pulitzer Prizes. In addition to his eight-plus years leading *The Post*, he served as the top editor at *The Boston Globe* and *The Miami Herald*. His tenure at *The Globe* included its investigation into the Catholic Church's concealment of clergy sex abuse, which won a Pulitzer Prize for Public Service and was portrayed in the Oscar-winning movie *Spotlight*. He is the author of *Collision of Power: Trump, Bezos and The Washington Post* (2023).

Anne Alvergue is an Academy Award-nominated documentary filmmaker and editor in the greater New York area. Her work focuses primarily on gender, politics, and labor. She directed and edited *The Martha Mitchell Effect*, nominated for a 2023 Academy Award in the Best Documentary Short film category, and distributed by Netflix. She has edited many acclaimed documentaries, including the Emmy-nominated *Love, Gilda* (2018 Tribeca Film Festival opening night) which was released theatrically by Magnolia Pictures; the Emmy-nominated *Body Parts* (2022); and Emmy and IDA-nominated *Bully, Corward, Victim: The Story of Roy Cohn* (2019), also nominated for Outstanding Editing by

Cinema Eye Honors and distributed by HBO. Her most recent work includes *Maintenanc Artist (Tribeca 2025)* and *Who Killed Alex Odeh?* (Sundance 2026). She is currently directing the feature documentary *Anchorwoman* about one of the first female news anchors, Jessica Savitch. Alvergue is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, a film envoy for the American Film Showcase, a Directing instructor at New York Film Academy, and a former editing mentor for the Karen Schmeer Film Editing fellowship and the Sundance Institute. She received a Masters degree in Documentary Film from Stanford University.

Fred Rutberg is the president of New England Newspapers, Inc., which publishes *The Berkshire Eagle*. After investors purchased New England Newspapers, Inc., in 2016, he became its publisher from December 2017 to October 2025. He is a past president of the Massachusetts Newspapers Publishers Association. An attorney for 30 years and justice for 20 years, he retired from the bench on April 21, 2015. After moving to the Berkshires in 1972 to become the attorney-in-charge of Legal Aid Society of Albany's Rensselaer County Office in Troy, he maintained a general practice law firm in Stockbridge and Lenox from 1972 to 1984 (also as a partner in Rutberg & Shearn and later Rutberg & Heller). He has represented many Berkshire County family businesses, including the Red Lion Inn, Country Curtains, Inc., Berkshire Corporation, the Rose family enterprises, and the Berkshire Theatre Festival, Inc. Appointed Associate Justice of the Southern Berkshire District

Court in March 1994, and named Presiding Justice of the Pittsfield District Court in January 2007 (as well as Presiding Justice of Southern Berkshire District Court in November 2013), he was appointed to the District Court Appellate Division in 1998 and served until 2010. He was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure in 2001 and was appointed its Chair in 2008, serving until April 2015. He is a past board member and past vice president of the Massachusetts Judges' Conference.

Ben Ginsberg, a former *Berkshire Eagle* reporter who also worked at *The Boston Globe*, *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, and *The Riverside Press-Enterprise* (California) before entering law school, is a nationally known political law advocate who represented participants in the political process during a 40-year legal career. He is currently the Volker Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution's Revitalizing American Institution project and co-chair of three nonprofits aiding election officials to enhance confidence in American elections: the Pillars of the Community, the Bipartisan American Election Project and the Election Officials Legal Defense Network. His clients have included political parties, political campaigns, candidates, members of Congress and state legislatures, governors, corporations, trade associations, PACs, vendors, donors, and individuals. His representations ranged across a variety of election law and regulatory issues, including voting issues

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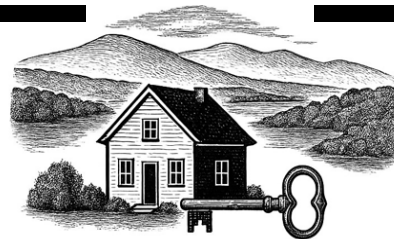
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program, “The Roundtable.” In addition to countless impressive human “gets,” he has talked to a lot of Muppets. Joe grew up in Philadelphia and has been on the area airwaves for more than 25 years. He currently lives in Washington County, NY with his wife, Kelly, and their dog, Brady. And yes, he reads every single book. **WAMC President and CEO Sarah Gilbert** became WAMC/ Northeast Public Radio’s President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in July 2024. She spent the first decade of her career in public media at the BBC in London and Brussels, where she worked on the international desk leading teams in the field throughout Europe and the Middle East. In 2006 she relocated to Washington, D.C., where she oversaw the BBC’s 2008 election coverage and served as Executive Producer for *Americana*, a weekly politics and culture show. After a stint in Los Angeles as Managing Editor at APM’s *Marketplace*, she returned to Washington and joined NPR as, successively, Supervising Senior Editor of Weekend Edition, Executive Producer of *Morning Edition*, and Vice President of News Programming. She is passionate about the role and responsibility of public media to inform,

educate, and engage its audiences. **Photo credits:** Sarah Gilbert photo, Abigail Gehring Lawrence; Marty Baron photo, Essdras M Suarez©; *All the President’s Men* photo, courtesy Warner Bros. (l to r: Dustin Hoffman as Carl Bernstein, Robert Redford as Bob Woodward, Jason Robards as Ben Bradlee, Jack Warden as Harry Rosenfeld, and Martin Balsam as Howard Simons.) **About the Crandell** The Crandell Theatre is a 501(c) (3), nonprofit community cinema in Chatham, NY. It is one of only 54 independent, single-screen movie theaters left in the United States and one of a handful left in the Hudson Valley. The theater is supported by ticket sales and earned revenue, contributions of members and friends, and private and public grants, including the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Beginning in 2010, Crandell Theatre, Inc., raised more than \$1 million to purchase the historic theater and make needed repairs. In November 2024, the Crandell closed for a \$4.2 million dollar construction project to enhance the moviegoing experience for generations to come. The theater reopened in October 2025. For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518-392-3445.

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