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Postal Customer

Jim's Village Barber on Gloria Dr., off RT9G across from the HS

by Lisa Dudley
James LaFalce is a licensed Master Barber located in his home at 16 Gloria Drive across from Franklin Roosevelt High School off Rt. 9G.

It's an experience to enter the world of a Master Barber in his own domain, entering along a path behind the house. "It's just what you need when you want a little time to practice self-care - where your focus is looking and feeling your best," he declares.

Many folks become attached to their barber because the intimate experience can be akin to going to a therapist. And this barber only charges \$20 for a simple cut with an additional fee for long hair, shampoos, and beard trim.

Jim LaFalce started barbering as an apprentice to another master barber. He was then able to take the test in Albany, NY to become a licensed barber. The first barber laws, implemented in 1897, were legislated for licensing and mandatory sterilization of equipment. The Associated



James LaFalce, Master Barber

Master Barbers of America was organized in 1924 in Chicago.

And now, with the sizzling summer heat, it's a good time to consider a new look or just a cooler cut. Jim LaFalce still holds true to the historic barber tradition of specializing in classic conventional clipper cuts and styling for men, women and children. He has faithful clients who welcome the kind of advice an experienced barber can give regarding what suits your face, hair type, and lifestyle.

Military veterans come to Jim's Village Barber shop because they appreciate the no-nonsense cuts.

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K-104 Woodman's Women's Hope Classic Golf Tournament to Benefit Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation; Osiris Golf Club, June 22, 2026

K-104 (WSPK Radio) and the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation are proud to announce the K-104 Woodman's Women's Hope Classic Golf Tournament on June 22, 2026, at the prestigious Osiris Golf Club. This inspiring event brings together women golfers of all skill levels to support the vital mission of the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. The Women's Hope Classic combines sport and philanthropy, creating a memorable day on the greens with the goal of raising awareness and funds to aid local breast cancer programs, education, and patient support. Proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, a leading nonprofit dedicated to providing hope and healing to those affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley, NY.

Participants will enjoy a full day of golf on Osiris Golf Club's renowned course, a beautiful and challenging layout known for its immaculate greens and friendly atmosphere. The event will also feature raffles, 50/50 Drawing, on course games and surprises, 4x \$200 Travel Gift Certificates as prizes from Golf Breaks, and opportunities to connect with other passionate supporters of this important cause.

"We are thrilled to partner with K-104 on the Women's Hope Classic at Osiris Golf Club," added Miles of Hope Executive Director, Pari Forood. "Proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit local breast cancer programs and patients. Together, we can make a tangible difference in the fight against breast cancer." For more information: <https://www.k104online.com/woodmans-womens-hope-classic/>



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Murder Café presents "The Last Laugh," an original whodunit, at various venues throughout the Hudson Valley this spring and summer.

In celebration of its 28th year of operation, Murder Café is about to premier its spring-summer production, written by owner-operator Frank Marquette. Set in The Chuckle Shack, a comedy club run by the legendary Mike Magoon, the narrative unfolds during a Tournament of Champions where comedians vie for a coveted gold water bottle. However, amidst the rivalry, one performer meets an untimely end after delivering their final punchline.

This engaging dinner theatre experience combines music, mystery, and comedy, with performances scheduled at multiple locations, including The Venue Uptown at the Best Western in Kingston on June 10th and the Hudson House Distillery in West Park on June 13th.

Each event includes a three-course dinner featuring a



Sam Eisenbaum as Mike Magoon

choice of entrée. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the homepage at murdercafe.net.

The entertainment is suitable for all ages, with prizes awarded to those who successfully identify the culprit.

Frank Marquette, owner and author, remarks: "Alongside the comedic talents of The Chuckle Shack's host, Mike Magoon, audiences will enjoy performances by three comedians, a sassy waitress, and a surprise guest. Additionally, if any audience member has five minutes of stand-up material,

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FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT A SUCCESS AT ANDERSON CENTER FOR AUTISM

The executive leadership team of Anderson Center for Autism announced that the agency hosted the Third Annual Founder's Day on May 20th, 2026. The event, which took place at Anderson's Recreation Center, featured food trucks, entertainment, tours, and more.



Founder's Day Courtesy of Anderson Foundation for Autism

Originally established in 1924 by Dr. Victor V. Anderson as a school for special needs students, the organization now offers educational, vocational, residential, clinical, and training programs designed to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. In

addition to providing evidence-informed services to residents and students who come from all over the country, Anderson offers training to scholars from various corners of the globe.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "Founder's Day has become a highly-anticipated tradition that is very meaningful for attendees. Whether someone returns to campus for the first time in years or spends time here on a regular basis, the celebration is a reminder that we're bound together by an unwavering commitment to our cause."

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, PhD., BCBA-D, LBA, current Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, (who will become CEO/Executive Director following Paul's retirement later this year), also provided

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Outdoor Discovery Program for Children and Their Families At Staatsburgh State Historic Site

Explore and discover the traces of Staatsburgh's once-thriving greenhouse complex, garden beds, and paths when you register for the site's child and family outdoor program, *Raiders of the Lost Greenhouse Complex*. Child



Children Making Garden in a Glass

participants can complete their visit by making a miniature garden in a Gilded Age-style glass! This program is appropriate for ages 5 and up. Advanced tickets are required. The cost is an \$8 materials fee per child, plus Eventbrite fee by visiting: <https://FOMAS.eventbrite.com>. In the event of heavy rain, this program will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30pm. From the 1890s through the 1920s, beautiful flowers and delicious vegetables and fruits were raised at Staatsburgh, to provide food and floral decoration for the various homes of Ruth and Ogden Mills: in Staatsburgh, but also in New York City and Newport, Rhode Island. With the support of his farm and garden staff, Mr. Mills won many prizes in the Dutchess County Fair for the produce grown on the estate. The greenhouses were removed after World War 2, and the area is no longer maintained as a part of the historic site, but clues about the former complex are there

to be discovered! Following a map, written descriptions, and photographic documents, children and their families will look for clues and gain insight into the function of remaining structures along a 40-minute, guided hike. Following the hike, child participants will make a miniature garden in a "Gilded Age" style glass to take home. Staatsburgh's 79-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River is in the hamlet of Staatsburgh,

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June Rolls In

by Catherine Pulsifer
 June rolls in, paving the way for July's delight,
 Lazy days of summer, where dreams take flight.
 Under blue skies, we bask in nature's embrace,
 With every moment, a smile on our face.
 Vacations beckon, adventures on our mind,
 Exploring new horizons, treasures we'll find.
 Flowers in bloom, painting landscapes with grace,
 Nature's vibrant colors, a picturesque embrace.
 In this month of wonder, let's seize the day,
 Embrace the joy that comes our way.

With hearts full of gratitude, we'll make memories, June into July, a time of endless possibilities.

June's Flag

by Annette Wynne
 June flung her flag out
 Shining wet with dew,—
 Red and white the clover
 And a sky of blue!
 June sang a song to the flag of the free,
 The wind caught the music and sang it to the tree,
 The sky caught the music and sang it 'cross the sea;
 The sea caught the music and flung it round the world;
 Then a million flags like June's flag were instantly unfurled,
 So sing on forever, O wind, and sky, and sea,
 And wave on so forever, bright flag of the free!

Outdoor Discovery Program from page 1

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. 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](#).



Murder Cafe presents "The Last Laugh" from page 1
Mike will invite them to take the mic! However, once a body drops, everyone will be tasked with guessing whodunit, even if they themselves are a suspect.
 The talented cast includes Sam Eisenbaum, Wendy Rudder, Jen Saracino, Marisa Gorsline, Julie Sazbo, Roger Kennedy, Jan Melchoir, and Andrew Cort. Music and sound effects will be managed by Murder Café's Technical Director, Amanni Sitz. Founded in Las Vegas in 1998, Murder Café is the brainchild of actor, writer, and director Frank Marquette, alongside his wife and producing partner, Kristen Marquette. Since their return to their native New York in 2009, they have provided exceptional entertainment for both public and private events. Renowned for their comedies, musicals, and murder mysteries, Murder Café caters to company parties, fundraising events, schools and colleges, casinos, and select public venues.

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Jim's Village Barber from page 1

Students like the \$20 price for a quick cut. One repeat customer is Ryan Donnelly, 26 years old, who has been getting haircuts by Jim for most of his life. "I refer my friends and they all come. I have seen families and children in Jim's shop. Jim is cheerful. He is good with kids," he adds. "The place is quiet and peaceful, especially for those who are sensitive to loud music, noise or bright lights."



For more information, call 845-229-5009. Business hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM by appointment. Serving Dutchess County: Hyde Park, Staatsburg, Rhinebeck and Red Hook. Visit his Facebook page: @Jim's Village Barber. Keurig coffee included. Easy parking. Fully licensed and insured. All are welcome.



Founder's Day Event at Anderson from page 1

comment. "Spending time with families, colleagues, trustees, volunteers, and community members in the same place at the same time was a rewarding chance to reaffirm our shared purpose, as it always proves to be at this event. We are grateful to have such a wonderful circle of support around us."

Among other developments over the past year which were highlighted during the Founder's Day event: Anderson Foundation for Autism continues to raise funds toward the complete rebuild of an historic building called Dellinwood, which will be transformed into a state-of-the-art center and

renamed Dellinwood Institute for Global Advances in ASD Care. Noted Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism, "The Dellinwood Institute will be the first autism-focused behavioral health training facility in the region, with plans to include indoor and outdoor multipurpose training and conference spaces, trainee clinical, medical, and dental skills practice rooms, and a 'living classroom' for visitors who wish to see what an autism supportive environment incorporates. Ultimately, it will give us a chance to share expertise on evidence-based practices with our colleagues in healthcare, education, and behavioral health, empowering them with tools needed to improve their own service delivery outcomes. There is a worldwide workforce shortage of autism professionals; we're excited to help address this issue."

Explained Philip Bronzi, Chair of Anderson Center for Autism's Board of Trustees, "Our team at Anderson has made extraordinary contributions through a wide range of initiatives that further our mission. Founder's Day is always an opportunity to take pause and consider how far we've come; I think we all feel tremendous pride in what we've achieved, and great excitement about what lies ahead." Added Marybeth Cale, Chair of Anderson Foundation for Autism's Board of Trustees, noted, "I'm pretty sure we can all agree that Dr. Anderson would marvel at the far-reaching, profound impact this agency has had in the years since he first opened the doors. Anderson Center for Autism has become a renowned leader in the field of autism care and education - here and around the world - and he is the one who planted the seed."

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6) Oscar presenter's take	45) Foot, to a poet
10) 100 centavos	46) ___ lily
14) Sweet tropical fruit	47) Drama division
15) Sky box?	49) Cold cuts shop
16) Like a bug in a rug	51) Create seams
17) Where the Professor and Mary Ann were stranded?	52) Manhattan area
20) "A Streetcar Named Desire" role	56) Beach, essentially
21) Berth place?	58) Wife of John Lennon
22) Tropical instrument, briefly	59) Pigeon sounds
23) Obi, e.g.	61) Pummel
25) Generous monetary gift	65) Like one reluctant to get married?
27) Weep	68) "Cogito, ___ sum"
30) Jab with a knife	69) PC maker
32) Deception	70) Disclose
33) Desirable quality	71) Flower part
35) Italian currency, once	72) Some evergreens
37) Noblemen	73) Checks for typos
41) Melodramatic one's comment	

DOWN

- 1) They can be boosted or inflated
- 2) Mom's sibling, to you
- 3) Like Solomon
- 4) Escapes from Pandora's box
- 5) "Big D"
- 6) Schuss, e.g.
- 7) Elizabethan headpieces
- 8) Ever
- 9) Pleasantly cheerful
- 10) Telepathy, e.g.
- 11) Follow in sequence
- 12) Makes a pouty face
- 13) S-shaped curves
- 18) "As my final point ..."
- 19) Comparatively quick
- 24) Aristide's land
- 26) First and reverse, c.g.
- 27) Roasting stick
- 28) Earthenware pot
- 29) Tulip or lily planting
- 31) Like some humor
- 34) Brown ermine
- 36) High points
- 38) Dark breads
- 39) Balcony section
- 40) Frosty's constitution
- 42) Excessively embellished
- 43) Erode
- 48) Bilateral
- 50) Draw a breath
- 52) Double agents
- 53) Dead to the world
- 54) Artful move
- 55) Present
- 57) Like prunes
- 60) Cold-weather meal
- 62) ___ Spumante
- 63) Coin opening
- 64) Cluckers
- 66) Champagne title
- 67) Mins. comprise them

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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, fundraising, and marketing initiatives, Anderson Foundation for Autism helps support, sustain, and expand upon Anderson Center for Autism's efforts to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.

MILLBROOK LIBRARY

Sharing a list of upcoming events at the Millbrook

Library in the month of June.

All of these events are free and open to the public and take place at the Millbrook Library 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY (unless otherwise noted). For more information, please visit millbrooklibrary.org.

Library Jam & Community Sing-a-Long

Wednesday, June 3 & July 1
 6:30 - 8:00pm

Fiction Room

Join Millbrook's musical community for Library Jam! Bring an instrument, or just your voice for singing, hands for clapping, or ears for listening. Eric Marshall will lead you through a myriad of memorable tunes. This group is perfect for beginner and advanced musicians. All ages and abilities are welcome! This group meets outside on the library porch or in the Fiction room, depending on the weather.

Queer in Hollywood: LGBTQ+ Depictions in Classic Film (on Zoom)

Thursday, June 4

6:30pm

Celebrate Pride Month with

Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents groundbreaking portrayals of queer individuals and the impact of the Production Code on their depictions in classic cinema. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. Please register to receive the Zoom link for this online program.

Plein Aire Workshop at Wethersfield Estate and Gardens

Thursday, June 11 (Rain Date: June 18)

10:00 - 11:30am

Join artist June Glasson for this hands-on workshop to learn the basics of plein

aire painting - the practice of painting outdoors in the natural landscape. Beginners welcome! No experience necessary. The first workshop in this four part series will take place at Wethersfield Estate and Gardens. All art supplies will be provided but please feel free to bring your own art supplies if you have them. Space is limited and registration is required for directions and more details.

Millbrook Film Club: The Birdcage (1996)

Thursday, June 11

6:00 - 8:00pm

Bennett Room

Film Club celebrates Pride Month with this 30th

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RED HOOK ROD & GUN CLUB

RESULTS OF THE 38TH ANNUAL TROUT FISHING CONTEST
THE WINNERS IN THE 5-9 AGE GROUP
 1st - Bridger McGilvray - 20"
 2nd - Evan O'connor - 18 1/2"
 3rd - Tanner Cella - 17 1/4"

THE WINNERS IN THE 10-15 AGE GROUP
 1st - Zoe North - 18 1/4"
 2nd - Ellie Tomlinson - 18"
 3rd - Payton Tomlinson - 17 1/4"

On April 11th 2026 the Red Hook Rod & Gun Club held its 38th annual trout fishing contest at the Red Hook Rec Park in memory of Moe Moul. We had beautiful weather and a great turn out of 109 young anglers from ages 5-15. A special thank you to Stewarts shops for the donation of food, Kate Cavotti for preparing the food and drinks and the Tivoli Fire Company for being there to ensure everybody's safety. We would also like to thank Nikki North as always for signing all the young anglers in and providing them with their numbers. As always it takes a community to be able to do this year after year and for that we would like to thank the following sponsors:

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"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me" (Isaiah 43:10). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The word for witness in the Greek is 'martus' which means what a person has seen or heard. Over the years Believers have been witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers continue to witness at this time. Believers have faced martyrdom because of their obedience to the Lord's command to share the Gospel to the whole world. It is important for a bold witness to continue to go forth sharing the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that salvation is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

After the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead He spent forty days on Earth and then Ascended back to Heaven. The last words that He said before His Ascension to Heaven were the words of Acts 1:8. Jesus gave the Disciples the Great Commission. The command of the Great Commission is to go into all the world proclaiming the Gospel. After the Ascension of Jesus, the Disciples waited for ten days before the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). On that day the Apostle Peter preached a victorious message focused on the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Three thousand people responded to Peter's message and were Saved. It was a great work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people as Peter proclaimed the Gospel. The Church began on the Day of Pentecost. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

The Believers continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Many people continued to come to know the Lord. Believers continued to praise God and had favor with all the people. The witness of the Gospel continued to go forth. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). The ministry

of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles and other Believers continued to bear witness of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel. The church continued to grow both spiritually and in numbers in spite of being persecuted. The Gospel witness spread out from Jerusalem to Antioch and beyond.

When Saul got saved on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19) he became known as the Apostle Paul. As the believers ministered at the Church at Antioch, Barnabas and Saul (Paul) were set apart by the Holy Spirit to go forth with the Gospel (Acts 13). They went on the first Missionary Journey with John Mark. Many people got saved and the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ continued to spread throughout the Roman Empire. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Today, faithful Believers continue to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ as they spread the Gospel of Christ to all the nations. People need the Lord. We need to be obedient to the Great Commission and get God's Word out to the People. Like Paul, let's be determined to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul said, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Every Believer is to be a witness for Christ. Let's be in prayer for those who need the Lord. God will use us as we minister in the Power of the Holy Spirit. He will use us to bear witness of Christ. The last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, is still reaching out to people with the Gospel message. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Salvation is a gift of God's grace. The Lord Jesus Christ paid the price in full for our sins on the Cross and Rose victoriously over death and the grave. Now is the time to call upon the Lord to be saved. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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What is Your Perceived Value?

By Naomi Fata

With Mother's Day just passed and Father's Day coming up, now is a time to honor those who poured into our lives. Granted, we have a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, which shape our emotions and attachment to our parents. Regardless of your past, you can become a person whom your children want to honor, or a mentor to someone who does not have an exemplary role model.

Look forward: who do you want to become? In what way do you want to be a person who brings value and influence to the next generation: whether it be your children, your grandchildren, or someone else in your sphere of influence?

It's possible you feel you have nothing to offer. Yet, Jesus tells a different story. In Matthew 25, He shares a parable about three servants to whom the master gave varying amounts of money while he went away. It was the master's intent that each servant steward the money well. When the master returned, two of the servants had been faithful to use the money wisely, causing it to grow, while the other servant buried his money, in fear of losing it. The master commended the two servants for their faithfulness, but not the third servant.

God has given you something of value—a talent, ability, personality, life experience, love... The list could go on. He doesn't want you to live in shame believing that the only things of value are those which are grand enough for

the public eye. Your children, family, parents, church, and community can benefit from your strengths. God put you on earth for a purpose, and He created you specifically for that, placing you in contact with the people He intended you to touch.

Jesus wraps up the parable with a sobering warning: "Those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." (Matthew 25:29b) This could sound like the familiar saying, "If you don't use it, you lose it," meaning that if you don't continue practicing a skill, you often lose the knowledge of skillfulness. You can say the same about the gifts you receive from God.

Don't waste your gifts. If you have felt inadequate or insecure about what you have to give, look at what God says about your value. He has created [you] anew in Christ Jesus, so [you] can do the good things he planned for [you]." (Ephesians 2:10 NLT) The Bible term repentance means to "change your mind." It is time to change your mind about your perceived value and embrace God's view of you. He is the Master Designer, and he specifically designed each creation (including you) on purpose for a purpose.

As you discover the gifts God has given you, prayerfully ask Him to show you whom He intends for you to invest in. Who in your life could benefit from what God has created in you?

Naomi Fata is the author of the award-winning book and Selah Award finalist, *Stitching Your Story Piece by Piece*, available on Amazon.

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June 10 - Framing Needlework - Ann Marie and Rick Jackson will provide a presentation on framing needlework. They previously owned the Hyde Park Gallery where they did their framing. Many members of our Chapter have utilized their skills and can attest to their beautiful work. We look forward to welcoming them to the meeting. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents the program beginning at 12:30. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10:00am or come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillREGA or email to EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

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anniversary screening of Mike Nichols' campy comedy classic - starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as a gay couple who agree to put on a false front so their son can introduce them to his fiancée's conservative parents. (Rated R)

The Importance of Strength and Conditioning with Kyle Gillis

Saturday, June 13

11:00am - 12:00pm

Join Kyle Gillis, certified personal trainer through NCSF and owner of Kyle's Functional Fitness, LLC, to learn about how functional fitness and weight training can improve your quality of life, resilience to disease and injury, and give you more control over your health.

Garden Matters: Nurturing Nature with Jessica Williams, Odd Duck Farm

Saturday, June 20

11:00am - Noon

Are you ready to embrace the concept of inviting nature back to your garden? Even a tiny backyard can make a difference! Discover practical ideas for how to integrate your aesthetic desires with earth-friendly gardening. Learn which plants contribute the most to our local ecosystem and ways to create a more enriched environment by incorporating shelters and simple water features to attract frogs, birds and insects. This program will take place in the library's pollinator garden and front porch, weather permitting.

Busy Hands Crafting Circle and BYO Book Club

Saturday, June 20

2:00-4:00pm

Craft and book lovers unite! Bring your latest crafting project (knitting, crochet, embroidery, you name it!) to work on while we talk about what we've been reading and share our favorite recommendations. Light refreshments provided.

Community Supper Club

Wednesday, June 24

6:00 - 7:00pm

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Refreshments

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supper at the Millbrook Library. Everyone is welcome! Bring something to share, or just bring yourself and enjoy a meal in the company of friends and neighbors. May's theme is *I Was Drinking That*. Bring any dish made with a beverage as an ingredient (cola, coffee, tea, juice, etc.) or a complimentary side or beverage.

Millbrook Film Club: *Carol* (2016)

Thursday, June 25

6:00-8:00pm

Film Club celebrates Pride Month with a screening of director Todd Haynes' film. *Carol* stars Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara as two women who find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950s New York. (Rated R)

Summer Reading Kick Off Party: *Dinosaurs Rock!*

Saturday, June 27

10am - 12pm

Summer reading season is here and the Millbrook Library is starting it with a prehistoric bang! Join us for an unforgettable morning as *Dinosaurs Rock* transforms the library into a hands-on dinosaur museum experience perfect for curious kids and families.

Dig up real fossils, including dinosaur bones, shark teeth, and ammonites. Touch and explore genuine prehistoric specimens and life-size replicas. Get up close with the creatures that ruled the Earth millions of years ago through dynamic storytelling, amazing facts, and interactive exhibits that bring the Jurassic era to life.

Dinosaurs Rock will start at 10:00. From 11:00 - 12:00, join us for some dinosaur-themed activities, ice cream, and a steel drum performance by Jahlan Roberts sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group. Pick up your summer reading

logs and learn about the upcoming exciting events we have planned in the months ahead!

The Illustrious Family of Philip Hart (and His Home)

Saturday, June 27

12:00-1:00pm

Scholar Kathy Moyer will discuss the life of one of Millbrook's founding fathers, Philip Hart, at the Millbrook Library. That presentation will be followed by a tour of Hart's 1800 home in Harts Village. Presented by the Millbrook Historical Society.

Un Real Exhibition Upstate Art Weekend Reception & Closing Weekend

Saturday, June 27 - 5:00 -

6:30pm

Sunday, June 28 - 11:00am -

4:30pm

Please join us for the Millbrook Arts Project's Upstate Art Weekend Reception on Saturday, June 27, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

The current Millbrook Arts Project exhibition *Un Real* features artwork by Fern Apfel, Betsy Brandt, Monica Link, Kevin Mosca, Laura Von Rosk, and Daniel Walworth. These artists share a commitment to looking closely at the world—yet what emerges in their work is something far more complex than simple representation. Drawing from diverse source material, archival ephemera, woodland

observation, cinematic landscapes, and invented narratives, viewers are invited to reconsider how images mediate what we believe to be real. Representation becomes a tool not for certainty but for questioning. These works begin in the real world, but they do not remain there.

The exhibition's last day will be Sunday, June 28, with the gallery space open 11:00 am - 4:30 pm for Upstate Art Weekend.

Deeper Dive into Midlife Wellness Series

As part of their "Deeper Dive into Midlife Wellness Series," Amy Novatt, MD and Marybeth Cale, Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach, will host a workshop for those navigating perimenopause and postmenopause on June 18, 2026 from 7-9pm in Rhinebeck entitled "Bone Health and Reclaiming Power Through Movement." Dr. Novatt will first lead a discussion on the following:

- *What is bone loss, and how does aging impact the skeletal system?
- *Ways to protect the bones
- *Ways to treat bone demineralization
- *How is Osteoporosis diagnosed, and who will assist me in this diagnosis?

After Dr. Novatt's presentation, Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach and Certified Life Coach Marybeth Cale will

facilitate activities designed to motivate guests to take steps toward more optimal health in focused areas of our body and experiences as aging women. Other events are planned in this series, but guests can register for each one separately, thus there is no requirement to attend or sign up for all of them.

Each workshop will cost \$50 per person; **advance registration is required.** All of the events in the series will take place at 6250 Route 9, Rhinebeck NY 12572.

The schedule for all of the workshops is as follows:

- *June 18, 2026, 7-9pm: Bone Health + Reclaiming Power through Movement
- *September 17, 2026, 7-9pm: Sex, Libido, and Reigniting Intimacy
- *November 5, 2026, 7-9pm: Sleep + Tools for Restful Nights
- *February 4, 2027, 7-9pm: Mood + Rediscovering Joy
- *April 8, 2027, 7-9pm: Stress + Regaining Peace

According to Novatt and Cale, the objective of the program is to empower and educate women navigating perimenopause/menopause (and their partners if/when applicable). At each of the events, Dr. Amy Novatt will lead an informative discussion on that date's designated workshop topic, and certified life and health/wellness coach Marybeth Cale will facilitate activities designed to help guests uncover what action steps they need to take to optimize that area of their well-being.

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Amy Novatt, MD is a board-certified OB-GYN with more than 30 years of clinical experience. Her work centers on integrating women's health with lifestyle practices that support wellness across the lifespan. She guides women through perimenopause, menopause, sexual health concerns, and the challenges of chronic medical conditions—both in clinical settings and through retreat-based programs. She is also the creator and host of GynoCurious, a global podcast exploring women's health and the many ways we heal and are healed.



Amy Novatt, MD

Marybeth Cale is a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach, Certified Life Coach, and Certified Meditation and Mindfulness Teacher. Founder of Estuary Coaching, she offers individual and group coaching on a number of topics, including midlife well-being, confident communication, empathic listening, stress management, midlife awakening, and more. Cale is also a writer, publicist, and co-president of Cale Communications. In her free time, she serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Anderson Foundation for Autism, Chair of Anderson Foundation's PR Committee, and Chair of Rhinebeck Rotary's Community Health Committee (which works to address food insecurity and mental health and wellness locally).



Marybeth Cale

Advance reservation and payment is required to attend any or all of the events, as space is limited. Visit estuarycoaching.com/packages to register.

Miles of Hope Announces 2026 Local Scholarships

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation today announced \$54,000 in scholarship awards to Hudson Valley students.

"Each year, a scholarship committee, made up of members of our Board, former and current teachers, and the two co-founders of the foundation, reviews applications and reads heartwarming essays from students whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. This is one of the most rewarding things we do," explained Executive Director, Pari Forood.

The Miles of Hope mission is to fund support services, education and outreach for people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley. In 2026, the foundation received 60 scholarship applications from seven counties; 21 students were awarded between \$2500 and \$5000 for their college/university expenses.

"We work with Guidance Counselors in 24 school districts to make sure that any student whose life has been affected by breast cancer has the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. The process is relatively easy: students submit their grades, class rank, and volunteer activities as they relate to breast cancer, as well as an essay telling us how breast cancer has impacted their lives," Ms. Forood said. In 20 years, Miles of Hope has given away over \$4 million dollars to programs such as scholarships and helping breast cancer patients with their bills and finances.

"Oftentimes, a breast cancer diagnosis comes with ancillary costs and patients will delay or forgo treatment. Miles of Hope steps in and pays for food, gas, transportation to and from treatment, housing, utilities, car payments, cell phone bills, etc." Ms. Forood added.

"When a family member is diagnosed with breast cancer, the entire family is affected. We are honored to award scholarships to these high school and college students whose lives were turned upside down sometimes when they were quite young," Ms. Forood explained.

The scholarship recipients are listed with their current educational institution:

Boyd, Quinn, P – Red Hook Senior High School
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Kaminski, Madison, J – Saugerties Senior High School
LeClair, Isabella, R – None of the Above; North Salem High School

Lewis, Olivia, K – Cornwall Central High School
Ostine, Meghan – Arlington High School
Peyton, Connor – Arlington High School
Post, Tristan – Rondout Valley High School
Sleight, Samantha – Arlington High School
Tsfasman, Oriana – Roy C Ketchan Senior High School
Valencia, Olivia – Our Lady of Lourdes High School
Zehr, Landon – Highland High School
Zittel, Addison – Arlington High School

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APA's Small Town and Rural Planning Division Presents Village of Rhinebeck with National Honor Award for Outstanding Comprehensive Plan

The American Planning Association has recognized the Village of Rhinebeck with an Honor Award for the community-driven process that led to the approval and implementation of the village's comprehensive plan.

The Association's Small Town and Rural Planning (STaR) Division has given the village the division's highest recognition this cycle – in the Vernon Deines

Comprehensive Plan or Special Project Plan (Small Jurisdiction) category. The Vernon Deines Award honors comprehensive and special project plans that demonstrate innovation, inclusivity, and strong implementation potential in small towns and rural communities nationwide.

At the April 27 award presentation in Detroit, the award's committee highlighted that Rhinebeck's plan stands out precisely because it is already in motion. The village formally seated a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) in October, which is actively prioritizing plan goals, researching grant opportunities, and advancing implementation strategies and conversations with stakeholders. Reviewers praised the strength of community engagement in the plan and singled out the CPIC structure as something other small municipalities could replicate. The idea of a committee devoted solely to plan implementation was particularly compelling to the selection panel.

Unanimously adopted by the Village Board in September 2024, the Comprehensive Plan is the result of a nearly 2.5-year process that engaged nearly 60 volunteers and more than 1,000 residents. Strongly supported by Michele Greig of

Four Corners Planning in Tivoli, NY, the effort incorporated public meetings, workshops, interviews, surveys, and creative outreach strategies designed to ensure broad and meaningful participation. The plan addresses land use and zoning, housing, economic development, historic preservation, transportation, climate resilience, infrastructure, and civic engagement. It balances the village's historic character with evolving community needs and offers practical, implementable recommendations.

Alongside the CPIC's active work, a comprehensive zoning code overhaul supported by a New York State Smart Growth grant is already well underway, with a draft nearing completion. Plan driven outcomes already on the ground include adaptive reuse projects, new housing, infrastructure investments, and successful grant awards. Neighboring towns are already using Rhinebeck's plan as a model for restructuring their own comprehensive plans.

"This recognition affirms both the strength of Rhinebeck's community-driven planning process and the village's commitment to implementation," said Mayor Gary Bassett. "The Comprehensive Plan reflects the voices of our community and is already shaping how we move forward."

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JUNE BIKE RIDE TO BENEFIT NATIONAL EMS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The first Yo-Pough-Yo Charity Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, June 13, starting at 8 a.m. at both the Empress EMS North headquarters at 10 S. White Street in Poughkeepsie, and the Empress EMS South headquarters at 722 Nepperhan Avenue in Yonkers. Participants from each location will ride toward each other and meet at Castle Park at 92-198 Pumphouse Road in Brewster for lunch between noon and

1 p.m. The ride is open to the public, but RSVPs are required. All riders must wear helmets.

Ride support volunteers are also needed, including people to drive the two fly cars provided by Empress that will be equipped with hydration and bike racks to pick up riders who encounter issues and cannot complete the ride. Volunteers can sign-up at the RSVP link.

The International Association of EMTs and Paramedics Union Local 20 is providing breakfast for cyclists and volunteers on both sides of the route. Empress will provide lunch at the park. Paramedic Bill Rothschild

is the creative visionary behind the event.

"This is my crazy idea," Rothschild said. "I had to do some union work out of the Empress station in Poughkeepsie. I finished a shift at 7 a.m., and the meeting wasn't until 10 a.m., and I thought I would bring my bike and go for a ride on the Dutchess Trail. It's less than a mile from the Empress base, and it's fairly flat, and a fairly easy ride."

He realized the Empress headquarters in Yonkers was also near a bike trail, and that sparked an idea.

"It's an 80-mile bike ride from Yonkers to Poughkeepsie. I started to think, 'What if people want to start in Poughkeepsie and go to Yonkers?' That's where the Yo-Pough-Yo name came from, is that it starts in both places." "Brewster is more or less in the middle between the two," he continued. "It's a good-sized park that is a good place to have lunch. The idea just grew over time about having the groups starting at either side and meeting in the middle. Then they can either go back to their starting points or continue to the other station," he said.

He said it's a straight shot except for a short section in Brewster where riders have to go on the road briefly to get to the rest of the trail.

As the planning took shape, he realized he needed sponsors and an organization to benefit from it and decided on The National EMS Memorial Service, which is held every summer in Washington, D.C., to honor EMS staff who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Every rider who donates \$25 to participate will be matched three times by Empress EMS, the IAEP (International Association of EMTs and Paramedics) nationally and the Local 20. So each participant will ultimately bring \$100 to the cause. Rothschild said the National EMS Memorial Service is regularly attended by Empress staff.

"A group of people from Empress drive down to the Washington, D.C., area to attend that service, which is free. And as part of that service, there is also a bike ride. We carpool down on Thursday and go on the bike ride on Friday. The service is on Saturday, and we drive back up after that. Anyone is welcome to join us."

He noted there is a distinction between the EMS Memorial Bike Ride and the National EMS Memorial Service. The service is reserved for people who lose their lives in the line of duty, while the bike ride provides an opportunity to honor any EMS workers who have passed away, regardless of whether they were on duty at the time. "A bunch of people come and do it. We have a great time," he said of the EMS Memorial Bike Ride. Rothschild said he considers his participation in the ride to be a significant factor in helping him maintain the physical fitness needed to keep working as a paramedic for 36 years. "I was never a serious physical

exertion person in the slightest, and discovering the EMS Memorial Bike Ride was a seminal breakthrough moment, to the extent that at my almost 60 years of age, I have enough stamina and physical ability to continue doing the work. I want to spread the word so that in Empress or elsewhere in the EMS community, someone might find out that this is pretty cool," Rothschild said.

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- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish

Directions

Put the flour in a shallow platter and add the onion powder, garlic powder, cayenne, salt, and pepper; mix with a fork to distribute evenly. Pat the pork chops dry with paper towels to remove any moisture and then dredge them in the seasoned flour, shaking off the excess.

Heat a large saute pan or cast iron skillet over medium heat and coat with the oil. When the oil is nice and hot, lay the pork chops in the pan in a single layer and fry for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove the pork chops from the pan and add a little sprinkle of seasoned flour to the pan drippings. Mix the flour into the fat to dissolve and then pour in the chicken broth in. Let the liquid cook down for 5 minutes to reduce and thicken slightly. Stir in the buttermilk to make a creamy gravy and return the pork chops to the pan, covering them with the sauce. Simmer for 5 minutes until the pork is cooked through. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with chopped parsley before serving.

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Physical Rehabilitation

By Julianne Porter

People who have been through surgeries and/or injuries know the importance of physical rehabilitation. It typically allows for faster recovery and better long-term function. The same can be said for our pets. Physical rehab is a crucial component of the multimodal approach that veterinarians use. It is important not only in scenarios of recovery from surgery or injury, but in slowing the progression of arthritis. Physical rehabilitation is more than exercise. It also includes massage, heat and cold treatments, acupuncture, LASER, and electromagnetic therapy. Massage and stretching are often used prior to any exercise, or when exercise is not a viable option. It helps to relax pets prior to their subsequent therapies, improve their flexibility, decrease pain, improve joint stability and increase blood flow to promote healing. This is typically done with the pet lying down on their side with their owner (or veterinary team member) manipulating the joints and muscles with their hands. Cold therapy is a great way to reduce inflammation, especially in the immediate hours and days following an injury, surgery, or arthritic flare-up. This is typically performed with ice packs. Heat therapy, on the other hand, is

often implemented in the days after the initial "insult" to help promote blood flow and healing. Warm compresses are often made of either warm towels or store-bought heat packs. In either situation, the heat or cold source should be wrapped to protect the skin from any damage, and the pet should never be left alone with a heat or cold pack applied. LASER therapy sends light energy (photons) into the mitochondria of cells, which causes the cells to produce the fuel needed to repair themselves. This allows for tissue to heal faster and more efficiently, all without damaging the cells. Pulsed electromagnetic field therapy is another safe method that delivers a small current to damaged tissue to promote anti-inflammatory mechanisms by enhancing the production of nitric oxide. Acupuncture, which can be enhanced by electrical nerve stimulation, works by placing small needles in specific points to stimulate the nervous system to release chemicals to reduce pain and promote healing. There is also a newer technology called "photobiomodulation" (or "fluorescent light therapy") which is often used to promote wound healing and decrease bacterial contamination of wounds. It works similarly to LASER therapy in that it increases mitochondrial energy production, promotes growth factors, and

benefits collagen production. There are a variety of exercises used in rehabilitation depending on the location and severity of the condition. Some exercises target the balance system in the brain, while other exercises focus on strengthening the muscles around joints. Most of the time the exercises start off with very low impact (i.e., rising from a sitting position to a standing position) and gradually increase in intensity over time. Swimming is a great low-impact exercise if your pet is comfortable with water and your veterinary team recommends it. Many rehabilitation facilities use an underwater treadmill as part of their therapy protocol. While it is recommended to begin physical rehabilitation at a veterinary hospital or rehabilitation center, many methods can eventually be performed at home, but they always should be under the direction and advice of a veterinary professional. Performing the wrong exercise or performing exercises too quickly can result in further damage and a longer healing process. Acupuncture is an area that requires a specially trained veterinarian to be performed and should not be attempted at home. Your veterinarian can work with you to develop a proper physical rehabilitation plan to help your pet recover as quickly and safely as possible.



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Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park Twilight Music in the Parks Summer Music Series Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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100-Year-Old Crandell Theatre to Celebrate Mel Brooks' 100th Birthday on June 14

This special **100th Anniversary Series** all-day event will feature *The Producers*, *Blazing Saddles* and *Young Frankenstein*, three of Brooks' funniest and most beloved films. The Crandell isn't the only one celebrating its centenary this year. On **June 14** we will host the next edition of our ongoing 100th Anniversary Series with a tribute to comedian, writer and director **Mel Brooks**. The all-day event will feature three of Brooks' funniest and most beloved films: *The Producers*, *Blazing Saddles* and *Young Frankenstein*. Join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of this living legend!

THE PRODUCERS. 1967. PG, 88 min., 1pm

Down-on-his-luck theatrical producer Max Bialystock (Leo Mostel) is forced to romance rich old ladies to finance his efforts. When timid accountant Leo Bloom (Gene Wilder) reviews Max's books, the two hit upon a way to make a

fortune by producing a sure-fire flop. The musical in question? *Springtime for Hitler*. Hilarious and irreverent, Brooks' first film spawned a real-life musical adaptation in 2001 that went on to win 12 Tony Awards and made Brooks a member of that rare club of EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony) winners.

Tickets: <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/the-producers/>
BLAZING SADDLES. 1974. R, 93 min., 3:30pm

Not just an affectionately riotous parody of the cowboy genre, *Blazing Saddles* also keenly engages in deep-seated issues of racism in American life. A town where everyone seems to be named Johnson is in the way of the railroad. When the west's first Black sheriff rides into town, the sophisticated urbanite (Cleavon Little) and his perpetually drunk gunslinger sidekick (Gene Wilder) defend the townsfolk from thugs and corrupt land grabbers with their anachronistic, spot-on social commentary. Brooks and his co-writers, who included Richard Pryor, gleefully mix third-rail subject matter

and taboo language to call out the racism and hypocrisy at the heart of America's cherished frontier myths. Brooks appears in multiple roles, from the region's governor to a Yiddish-speaking Native American chief.

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YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN. 1974. PG, 106 min., 6pm

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Tickets: <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/young-frankenstein/>
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 during its annual festival FilmColumbia's 25th anniversary. For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518-392-3445.

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Tivoli Artists Gallery Presents "Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies"

Tivoli Artists Gallery (TAG) is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition, "Duets, Trios & Quartets: Close Harmonies," curated by Linda Cassidy. The exhibition will run from July 3 through August 2, 2026, with an Opening Reception on Saturday, July 4, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. "Duets, Trios & Quartets" invites viewers to consider the power of the series. By moving beyond the standalone piece, the exhibition explores the dialogue that emerges when an artist creates groups of related works. The show features a diverse range of works by gallery members across all mediums, styles, and sizes—from intimate visual "duets" to expansive four-part "quartets." Curated



Yellow on Blue, Linda Cassidy, mixed media on canvas, 24x30 in.



Yellow on Sienna Linda Cassidy, mixed media on canvas, 24x30 in.

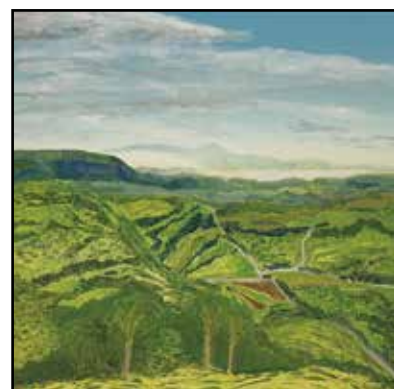
with an eye toward these "close harmonies," the exhibition highlights the rhythmic and structural relationships that bind art together in sequence. **Event Highlights:** Opening Reception: Saturday, July 4, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Location: Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli, NY. Exhibition Dates:

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public, but registration is required to receive the streaming link. All who register are invited to submit questions that will be asked during the Q&A session of the event. **Register here:** <https://w1.donorperfect.net/webblink/webblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=567>

Leading with Artivism is a live quarterly interview series, created and curated by Poet Gold in collaboration with Arts Mid-Hudson, featuring a diverse mix of Artivists (Artist Activists) who have taken up the charge through their art to highlight social issues. Each episode gives viewers an inside look at the hearts and minds of these courageous creatives. To watch all previous episodes of *Leading with Artivism*: <https://www.youtube.com/@ArtsMidHudson> Poet Gold is a rare talent who grabs you by the heart and says "Recognize" – Poet, author, performer, songwriter, community "Artist" and speaker, Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson is pushing the boundaries of poetry and the spoken word. Living with a chronic illness since childhood, Poet Gold, or as she is affectionately known as "Gold", brings a soul-searching insight about the human existence, love, dreams, challenges, and triumph.

Mike Jurkovic 2025-2027 Ulster County Poet Laureate. Published globally. Little reportable income. Collections: *Circling Planes* (Bushwhack Books, 2026). *Buckshot Reckoning*, mooncussers, *AmericanMental*, (Luchador Press 2023, 2022, 2020); haiku collections *Monet's Bamboo* (CAPS Press, 2025) *Blue Fan Whirring* (Nirala Press, 2018) 2016 Pushcart nominee. President Calling All Poets Series. Co-chair of the Music Fan Film Series, Rosendale Theatre, Rosendale, NY. CD reviews online *All About Jazz* and *lightwoodpress.com* Host, *NuJazzXcursions*,

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A Moment in Time: Inflection Points

Tivoli Artists Gallery will be presenting a new show titled "A Moment in Time: Inflection Points." The exhibition is centered on the idea of something that happened at a particular and specific time. It may be an instant captured in a visual glimpse which attempts to show an occurrence when something was one way and became something different afterwards. The concept for the show is based on the idea of inflection points. An inflection point is a time of significant change as in a turning point. In mathematics, it is a point on a curve in which a change in the direction of curvature occurs. An inflection point in contemporary usage often refers to a variety of sea changes that seem to build and then change suddenly into a different form and level of understanding.

The artists in the exhibit were encouraged to consider before and after periods in time when important change occurred, and to clarify them in visual terms. Some of the works are of a personal nature that informs the viewer of an event in their lives. Others serve to illuminate incidents that are current or historic in culture and civilization. The exhibition aspires to portray expressions that show inflection points at a particular moment in time.

Artists with work in this show include Ania Aldrich, Lynn



Melissa K Braggins, "Running in the Wind" Monotype, 25 x 33 in



Ted Braggins, "Space Shuttle (Funereal Mask)" Monotype, 31 x 43 in



Ted Braggins, "Suncoast 3" Monotype, 20 x 29 in

Aikman, Gwen Bardon, Elisabeth Barnett, Ted Braggins, Melissa K Braggins, Linda Cassidy, Marie Cole, Elizabeth Dama, Jane Famighetti, Anita Fina Kiewra, Kathleen Gefell, Janene Gentile, Linda Leo Palfeyman, Kevin Palfreyman, Gina Palmer, Terry Preisner, Demoy Shilling, Guy Sobering, Silvana Tagliaferri, Santina Tirone, Rae Vincent, Camille Warmington, and Elizabeth Young. In various

media, their works represent a range of style and approach.

The exhibit, curated by Ted and Melissa Braggins, will run from May 29 until June 28, 2026 at the gallery on 60 Broadway, Tivoli NY. A reception for the artists will be held from 5 - 7 PM on Saturday, May 30. Please make an opportunity to come out and see this interesting and moving show. Additional information may be found at tivoliantistsgallery.com

Art Omi and Pocketbook Hudson Hotel and Baths Announce Cultural Partnership

A Free Art Shuttle and an Afterparty Collaboration Connect Hudson Valley's Premier Boutique Hotel with One of the Region's Foremost Contemporary Art Institutions

Art Omi, the arts center that has called the Hudson Valley home since 1992, encompassing the 120-acre Sculpture & Architecture Park, international artist residencies, and arts education, and Pocketbook Hudson Hotel and Baths, the recently opened hotel, restaurant, and cultural complex, have announced a partnership bringing together two of the region's most distinctive spaces. Launching Memorial Day weekend, the collaboration features a free

seasonal Art Shuttle connecting Pocketbook Hudson Hotel and Baths to Art Omi and other neighboring art destinations, alongside afterparties hosted by Art Omi at Ether, the hotel's clandestine club. Partnership highlights include *Shenanigans*, a party celebrating Art Omi's summer openings on June 27, 2026 during Upstate Art Weekend.

This partnership addresses a longstanding access gap: the Hudson Valley is home to one of the most significant concentrations of contemporary art in the Northeast, yet most are miles from any public transit connection. Hudson itself is two hours from New York City on Amtrak, making it a natural entry point for visitors arriving from New York City and for locals without a car, but the institutions farther afield have remained largely out of reach. The Art Shuttle, free and departing from Pocketbook Hudson on select Saturdays, changes that for audiences traveling from New York City, the Capital Region, the Berkshires, and beyond.

Art Shuttle: Connecting Hudson to the Region's Cultural Centers | Select Saturdays this Summer

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in the Northeast), as well as Jack Shainman's The School in Kinderhook, with further destinations to be announced. As Pocketbook Hudson is a short walk from the Hudson Amtrak station, the shuttle serves visitors stepping off the train from New York City as readily as it does guests already staying at the hotel. Pocketbook Hudson's restaurant, **Ambos**, and lounge welcomes visitors throughout the day should they want to linger for food or drinks while **The Baths** offer day passes for visitors.

The inaugural shuttle takes place on Saturday, May 23, during Memorial Day Weekend, with service running every 30 minutes between 10 AM to 2 PM from Pocketbook Hudson to Art Omi. On Saturday, May 30, the shuttle route will expand to include Jack Shainman's The School in Kinderhook for the opening of *Modus Operandi*, before continuing on to Art Omi for the closing weekend of *Onnis Luque | DOMINIO: An Unfinished Visual Archive of Architectural Extractivism*.

On Saturday, June 27, during Upstate Art Weekend, a dedicated shuttle will run every 30 minutes between 3 and 7 PM from Pocketbook Hudson to Art Omi for the Summer Opening of

the exhibitions **Nayland Blake | "Haunt": Being the Folly of One Victoria Spectre** in the Sculpture & Architecture Park and Newmark Gallery and **Tschabalala Self | Pioneer** in the Sculpture & Architecture Park. The opening will feature two newly commissioned performances by renowned artists M. Lamar and Daniro. All ages. Free to the public with **RSVP**. **Shenanigans: Art Omi Summer Opening Afterparty | Saturday, June 27, 2026**

On June 27, Art Omi co-presents *Shenanigans* with Pocketbook Hudson and **Elephant Magazine** during Upstate Art Weekend 2026. The evening follows the **Art Omi Summer Opening** from 3 to 6 PM on Art Omi's 120-acre campus (free to the public with **RSVP**), with the Art Shuttle running between Pocketbook Hudson and Art Omi. Celebrations will continue with an afterparty at Ether, Pocketbook Hudson's subterranean club, from 9 PM until late.

Shenanigans marks the openings of the exhibitions **Nayland Blake | "Haunt": Being the Folly of One Victoria Spectre** and **Tschabalala Self | Pioneer** at Art Omi, with performances and readings at Ether by Bibbe Hansen, Whitney Mallett, Peter McGough, Isaiah Davis, and more to be announced, accompanied by

DJ sets by Ms. Carrie Stacks and DonChristian Jones. 21+. Tickets available at artomi.org. **Art Omi Upstate Benefit Afterparty | Saturday, September 26, 2026**

On September 26, 2026, Art Omi's Annual Upstate Benefit, one of the organization's largest fundraising events of the year, will be held at Pocketbook Hudson. The evening includes a cocktail reception, seated dinner, and live auction, with an afterparty at Ether. Rooms at Pocketbook Hudson are available for advance booking for the weekend of the Upstate Benefit. Details and ticketing to be announced at artomi.org. **Nayland Blake | "Haunt": Being the Folly of One Victoria Spectre**

Nayland Blake's *"Haunt": Being the Folly of One Victoria Spectre* (2026), a new commission, is the artist's first outdoor installation opening at Art Omi on Saturday, June 27. It will be accompanied by performances, activations, and workshops across Art Omi's Sculpture & Architecture Park and gallery. Victoria Spectre, the figure referenced in the work's title, is Blake's alter ego, a cross between a sibyl and a cryptid, a mysterious creature dispersing fragments of insight from their studio/nest. Part classroom, part lounge, part farmstand, part abandoned amusement park ride, Blake's project raises questions about fantasy, labor, aging, and the conditions of daily life.

"Haunt" draws upon the history of the ornamental hermit, a novelty of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in which a wealthy landowner would hire a man to live alone in a humble dwelling on their estate for a term of seven years. Required to remain visible to visitors and abide by a strict set of rules for the duration of their contract, ornamental hermits were often

forbidden from speaking or cutting their hair and were understood to perform a fantasy of a simpler model of life predating the Industrial Revolution. The ornamental hermit was the precursor to the garden gnome, a mythological earth dweller known to foment mischief in the mountains, woods, and mines. **Tschabalala Self | Pioneer**

Opening on June 27, 2026, at Art Omi, *Tschabalala Self: Pioneer* (2023) marks the premiere of the bronze sculpture — originally commissioned by Desert X — on the East Coast. The artist writes: *"Pioneer is a monument built in homage to the collective foremothers of contemporary America. Pioneer represents the lost, expelled, and forgotten Indigenous and African women...[who stand] as a beacon of resilience for their descendants — a visual representation of their birthright and place within the American landscape."*

For more information on the partnership, please visit pocketbookhudson.com and artomi.org or follow along on Instagram via [@pocketbookhudson](https://www.instagram.com/pocketbookhudson) and [@artomi](https://www.instagram.com/artomi). **ABOUT ART OMI** **Art Omi** is a not-for-profit arts center in New York's Hudson Valley that is home to the 120-acre Sculpture & Architecture Park and Newmark Gallery, international residency programs, and thriving arts

education programs. Art Omi forms community with creative expression as its common denominator for artists and the public alike to celebrate the transformative quality of art.

Art Omi: Exhibitions is a laboratory for artists and architects to challenge conventions, take risks, and shape urgent cultural conversations. We champion artists and architects at critical moments of their careers, offering a platform to test new ideas. Through exhibitions, events, and publications, we foster projects where playful irreverence meets critical inquiry. Our program is designed to build community and provoke dialogue, self-reflection, and experimentation. We serve as an open invitation to all.

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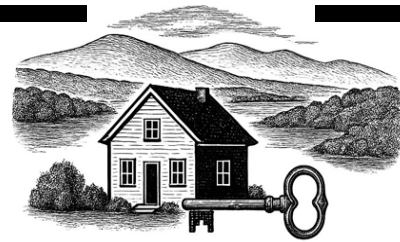
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The cookbook festival co-hosted by Talbott & Arding Cheese and Provisions is expected to showcase over 2,000 new and used cookbooks from local residents and play hosts to hundreds of home cooks, food lovers and cookbook enthusiasts. The Claverack Free Library's first Cookbook Festival will be taking place Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Churchtown Firehouse located at 2219 County Route 27, Hudson, New York. This exciting new Hudson Valley event will feature more than 2,000 used and new cookbooks for sale, with all proceeds directly supporting the Claverack Free Library and its essential programs and services. As an important cultural center for our community, the library depends on local support to continue serving residents of all ages. The festival will also feature signings with exciting cookbook authors: **SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1:00-3:00PM:** Journalist, visual artist and James Beard award winning author, Susan Simon will be signing copies of her latest cookbook, *The Cook and the Rabbi: Recipes and Stories to Celebrate the Jewish Holidays*. Susan thinks of this book as "... Hudson Valley Jewish, because

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