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Adam Johnson Grassroots Lawn and Power Equipment Repair

By Lisa Dudley
Adam Johnson, owner of Grassroots Lawn and Power Equipment Repair, has moved back to the Hudson Valley where he graduated from Red Hook Central High School. Adam was a landscaper and property manager for his company A+ Outdoors from 2006 - 2020 until he and his wife Bekka moved south, during Covid, to be closer to family.

While living in Raleigh, NC, Adam worked for Capital Chrysler where he is Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep certified. He and Bekka were also in business repairing lawn and power equipment. When they realized they were repairing or servicing 200 lawn mowers a month, they knew it would sustain them and they could come back home. Also, Adam and Becky wanted their son, Aiden, to attend the excellent Red Hook schools.

"I have been a mechanic since 1998 - certified to repair and service vehicles at Ruge's and Rhinebeck Ford. I was even head



Aiden Johnson

mechanic for the NY State Police. I've been turning wrenches my whole life," he declares.

Adam is very particular about caring for lawn motors and small engines. "Your lawn mower should get the same care as your car or truck," he reminds us, "including oil changes, new filters, belts and tune ups.

"Regular lawn mower servicing is essential for optimal performance, longevity, and a healthy lawn," he adds.

It is also important to winterize your equipment before putting it

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**16th Annual Dairy
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Saturday, May 10th, 2025
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
At the Ghent Dairy Queen,
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Shop for your Mother's Day gifts. There will be jewelry, kitchen items, floral arrangements, artwork, spring wreaths, lighthouse motif decorations, dog/cat items & more!

The shelter would like to thank the crew at Dairy Queen - Ghent for this ongoing support. This benefit has raised over \$18,000 for our animals over the years

**Art Gallery 71
presents
Copper and Blues**

Art Gallery 71 is pleased to invite the public to view the paintings of this month's featured artist, Maureen Squires. This artist is especially known for her atmospheric creations with calligraphy and the use of a colorful palette with a variety of mediums.

You can see these works from May 9th through June 1st during gallery hours listed below. Or join us for the opening reception on May 17th, 4-6pm

Gallery address: 71 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Gallery hours:
Fridays: noon-6pm
Saturdays: noon-6pm
Sundays: 10am-4pm

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.artgallery71.com>.

**Tivoli Artists Gallery
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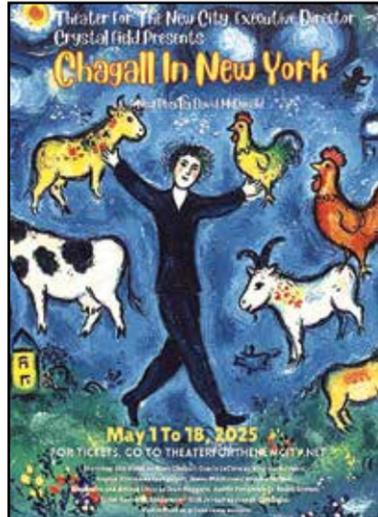
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Sat: 12 - 8pm, Sun: 1 to 7 pm
And by appointment.
tivoliartistsgallery@gmail.com



**RED HOOK PLAYWRIGHT TURNS
VALLEY STORIES
INTO NEW YORK CITY
STAGE HITS**

David McDonald, a Red Hook, NY-based writer with strong ties to the Hudson Valley, will present his new play, "Chagall In New York," at Theater For The New City in Greenwich Village from **May 1 to 18, 2025**. McDonald's work frequently explores the region's history and its connections to significant figures: his first film, "Woodstock Can't Get There From Here," documented the history of Woodstock; his first play, "Ella The Ungovernable," told the story of Ella Fitzgerald's time at the New York Training School For Girls in Hudson, NY; and now, "Chagall In New York" delves into Marc Chagall's life as a refugee in High Falls, NY, during the Second World War. This highly anticipated production will be staged Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, with Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM.

What happens when you've lost all hope and the one thing that can get it back -- your own creativity -- has deserted you as well? "Chagall



In New York" is the story of hope and redemption that begins with a profound loss -- that of Marc Chagall's wife Bella, the woman who floats with him in so many paintings. For decades, Bella had been Marc Chagall's muse, partner, and sounding board, his adoration for her made iconic by the sheer amount of paintings where she flew alongside him. It was a deep, deep spiritual bond.

But in 1944, Bella died suddenly in upstate New York, consumed by grief and guilt over the countless loved ones left behind in Eastern

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A beloved tradition in the Hudson River Valley antique and design community, the Rhinebeck Show draws collectors, interior designers, and vintage enthusiasts from across the country. With its carefully curated selection of high-quality antiques and decorative pieces, the event offers a unique opportunity to shop and discover one-of-a-kind treasures from some of the most distinguished dealers in the industry.

"Rhinebeck is more than just an antique show—it's an experience," says Frank Gaglio, founder of Barn Star Productions. "We take pride in offering a diverse selection of dealers, ensuring that every visitor finds something remarkable to take home. From early American folk art to sleek mid-century modern, there's truly something for every collector and decorator."

Show Details:
Location: Dutchess County

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**Koinobori Craft
Workshop
A Child and Family
Program
May 10, 2025 at
3:00p.m.**

Spend some family time together at Staatsburgh State Historic Site. In celebration of children and their families, Staatsburgh will be offering a koinobori craft activity. Koinobori means "carp streamer" in Japanese. Decorate carp windsocks and fly them together at your home. Tickets are \$5 per family member and can be purchased at: <https://koinoboristaatsburgh.eventbrite.com>

Traditionally displayed on Children's Day in Japan in early May, colorful carp-shaped windsocks are flown on poles outside of the home, representing each family. The koi fish symbolizes courage, strength, and perseverance due to its ability to swim upstream against the current to reach great heights. The koinobori represents the wish that each child may grow happy and strong.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours 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 Staatsburgh, 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 eventsarealsolisteditatparks.ny.gov

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May Brings Warming Rays

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer
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 Flowers bloom in this season of growth,
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The Fire Company will also be raising funds by serving breakfast sandwiches and coffee at the event. Other food vendors also are expected to be on hand. As this is an outdoor event, a rain date for severe weather is set for Sunday May 25, with the same times. Notice of a rain delay will be posted on Hillsdale's various Facebook pages as well as the town website, hillsdaleny.com, and other social media outlets. For more information on the event, contact the organizers at hillsdalenyyparks@gmail.com.

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Aiden, Bekka and Adam Johnson



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- Crockett's last stand
- Volunteer's cry
- Senate vote
- Barbarian who creates a buzz?
- Mardi Gras king
- B'way "no seats" sign
- Chest part
- Lyricist Lorenz
- Wipes clean
- Matt of "The Martian"
- Greenish-blue shades
- Very quickly
- Tool with teeth
- "Good Will Hunting" sch.
- Sci-fi master Isaac
- Lawyers' org.
- Waiting uncomplainingly
- Mined asset
- Loss caused by a pothole strike
- Phone no. adjunct
- Hawaiian strings
- Waited in line, say
- Tread heavily
- Welles who played Kane
- Difficult burdens
- Private employer
- Ghastly
- P on a frat pin
- "Chocolate" dog, for short
- Worthless stock contract?
- Swelled head
- Grueling exams
- Hurricane of 2011
- Kinsey research topic
- Truth or ___ (party game)
- Slackens off

DOWN

- Fifth Avenue retailer
- Author ___ Boothe Luce
- Barbering tool
- Comedian Philips
- Like a pine fragrance
- Shorthand similar to "IMO"
- Prepared to shoot
- Barton of the Red Cross
- Right angle
- Dress designer Donna in a frenzy?
- Admirer from afar, maybe
- Deli counter call
- Ticked off
- Walking tour carry-along
- Pueblo tribe
- Super serve
- Crow's nest support
- Farm enclosures
- Apple throwaway
- Times to revel
- Cheers from the grandstands
- Border on
- Crate of exploding cigars?
- "The Four Seasons" composer Vivaldi
- Elbow guards
- Shakes down
- "Glee" actor Monteith
- Favorable times
- Rich, chocolaty dessert
- Tara family name
- Stock valuation phrase
- Great Lakes tribe members of old
- Performed brilliantly
- Brewpub offerings
- Word after "road" or "roid"
- Be the king
- Vending machine inserts
- Dropped for a 10-count, for short
- "La-la" lead-in

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Europe—many of whom perished in the Holocaust. Chagall, devastated, found himself unable to paint for more than a year. Into this landscape of grief and artistic paralysis comes Virginia Haggard, a young Englishwoman seeking work, who is hired as Chagall's assistant by his daughter Ida. Their initial meeting reveals Chagall's profound resistance to help and his deep-seated pain. He is belligerent, lashing out in grief and frustration. The play beautifully portrays Virginia's patient determination to connect with Chagall, to draw him back into the world, and ultimately, to reignite his creative fire. It is a slow and delicate process, filled with both conflict and unexpected moments

of connection. Through their interactions, Chagall confronts his grief, rediscovers his passion for art, and finds a new way to engage with the world. "Chagall In New York" is a poignant exploration of loss, the healing power of art, and the surprising ways in which human connection can lead to renewal and second chances. Starring Ukrainian-born Hollywood actor Ilia Volok, best known for his roles as Russian gangsters in film, the play explores the complex emotional and artistic journey of celebrated Jewish artist Marc Chagall during his time as a refugee in 1940s New York. Volok takes on the role of Chagall, portraying the artist's struggles with exile, grief, and the transformative power of creativity.

Joining him on stage is Sophia Romma as Ida Chagall, the artist's devoted daughter, who introduces her father to the young Englishwoman Virginia Haggard (played by Gracie LeClere). Their fateful meeting in Central Park would reignite Chagall's creative spirit and mark the beginning of a significant chapter in his life. Jamie MacDonald portrays Virginia's husband, John McNeil, alongside a talented ensemble cast, including Austin Pendleton as André Breton, actor/brain surgeon Eziel Kornel, and Vadim Kroll as a prison camp escapee. Written by David McDonald, "Chagall In New York" is more than a historical drama—it is a meditation on the power of art as a spiritual force. This production delves into the resilience of the human spirit and the role of creativity in navigating tragedy. It is a poignant and timely exploration of how art can transcend suffering and bring meaning even in the darkest moments of history. "Chagall In New York" is a must-see for theater lovers, art enthusiasts, and anyone moved by stories of survival and renewal.

at 7:30 PM; Sundays at 2:00 PM
Tickets: Available at www.theaterforthenewcity.net

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out the Century House's museum with a docent and learn all about Rosendale cement. Finally, head to the D&H Canal Historical Society's museum where historian Bill Merchant will chat with you about the canal's history and its importance to the Hudson Valley. The tour will begin at HRMM in Kingston and end at the D&H Canal Museum in High Falls. Bring your own lunch!

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Rae Gagliardy Vincent
"A Solo Show Honoring the Summer Solstice"
June 13 – July 6

Rae Gagliardy Vincent, a Catskill native, celebrates the Summer Solstice in her debut solo art show at Tivoli Artists Gallery. This exhibition, a reflection of light, spiritual awakening, and personal rebirth, embodies Vincent's deep connection to nature and the sun's energy. Her art represents a journey of introspection, revisiting the past and embracing an enlightened future.



The show runs from June 13th to July 6th at Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli, NY, (845) 757-2667. Gallery hours are Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 12-8pm, Sunday 11-7pm and by appointment. Opening reception is Saturday, June 14th 5-7pm.

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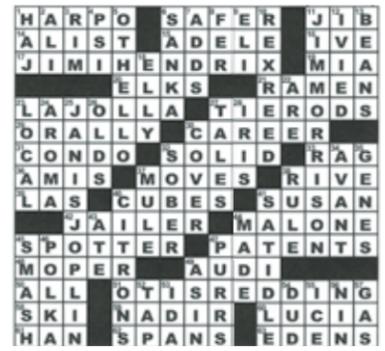
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Exotic/Small Mammal Husbandry

By Julianne Porter

Dogs and cats get a lot of attention in our veterinary world, but they are not the only critters that share our homes. Many people own reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds, and small mammals such as gerbils, rabbits and chinchillas. While even more "exotic" animals share some homes, such as non-human primates, birds of prey, big cats, venomous snakes, and other mammals such as coati, this article will focus on the exotic pets that the average person can own without any special licensing.

The most important aspect of caring for an exotic pet is making sure that their husbandry fits their species. The housing, heat, and humidity required for a bearded dragon is going to be very different from a chameleon. A rabbit needs a different diet than a guinea pig. And so on. Many diseases that veterinarians see with exotic pets are from inappropriate husbandry.

Diet is a very important aspect in exotic care. Rabbits, chinchillas, and guinea pigs should be fed mainly free choice timothy hay, with guinea pigs also needing vitamin C supplementation as they cannot make vitamin C on their own. Mice, gerbils, hamsters, and rats should eat a pellet diet formulated specifically for them. Ferrets are strict carnivores and hedgehogs are insectivores and therefore have their own specific commercial diets that should be used. In birds such as parakeets and parrots, seed diets are actually very unhealthy and will lead to irreversible health problems. Birds should be fed commercially available pellets along with fresh fruit and vegetables.

Reptiles not only require specific diets, but they have temperature, humidity, and lighting requirements that vary

between species. It is important to use lights that have UVB for most reptiles and that these lights are changed frequently. Snakes are the exception and do not require UVB, but turtles, tortoises, and lizards do. Some lizards require gut loaded insects (insects that have been fed diets rich in calcium and other minerals), whereas other lizards require mainly dark leafy greens and fruits. Turtles and tortoises will require different temperatures and humidities than each other, but also turtles will require different diets depending on whether they are herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores. Chameleons are very delicate, requiring different temperatures and humidities throughout the day and often need a much more humid environment than most enclosures can provide.

In addition to the proper diet, bedding, temperatures, etc. it is also important that environmental enrichment be provided. Improper enrichment can lead to behavioral issues, medical issues, and a poor quality of life. This means proper perches, climbing structures, hiding places, and toys when appropriate depending on the species.

These "non dog and cat" species are unique and can bring joy and interest to our homes, but it is important to know that they have specific requirements that are not only different from dogs and cats, but also different from each other. Many diseases that come from poor or improper husbandry will develop over months to even years, making it very difficult to treat. These pets also do not show sickness in the same way a dog or cat may show it, making it difficult to even know that something is wrong until it is too late. Because of these unique animals, it is very important to discuss with your veterinarian their diet, housing (size of enclosure,

temperature gradients, humidity, bedding, etc), and enrichment to be sure you are adequately caring for your exotic critter.

Happy Endings for a Special Dog

On January 11, 2025, a Cane Corso named Moonshine was surrendered to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA). Staff immediately noticed that Moonshine appeared scared, lethargic, and severely emaciated. She was promptly examined by the shelter veterinarian and scored a 1.5 on the Nestlé Purina Body Condition System, which measures healthy body weight in dogs. A score of 1 indicates severe emaciation, while 9 indicates extreme obesity.

Moonshine's shocking neglect deeply alarmed the CGHS/SPCA staff. There was concern that an underlying medical issue might be responsible for her deteriorated state. Bloodwork was conducted, but the tests revealed no medical explanation for her condition. Tragically, it was determined that Moonshine was simply suffering from malnutrition—she had been starved.

Rehabilitation efforts began immediately. Thanks to her sweet disposition and eagerness to please, Moonshine instantly became a staff favorite. In just two weeks, she gained over ten pounds.

CGHS/SPCA contacted the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to open an animal cruelty investigation. Deputy Austin Welch was assigned to work with CGHS/SPCA investigators and staff to identify the person responsible for Moonshine's terrible condition. On February 26, Eric Samperisi Jr. was arrested by Deputy Welch and charged with animal cruelty under Article 26, Section 353 of the Agriculture and Markets Law: "Failure to provide proper sustenance." If convicted, Mr. Samperisi could face up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Now renamed Angel, Moonshine was fully rehabilitated at CGHS/SPCA and has since found her new forever home.



L to R: Columbia County Deputy Austin Welch, James Learnihan, Angel (formerly AKA Moonshine), Meryl Learnihan, and CGHS/SPCA President/CEO and Peace Officer Ron Perez.

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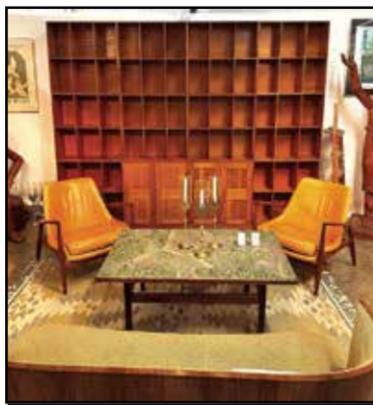
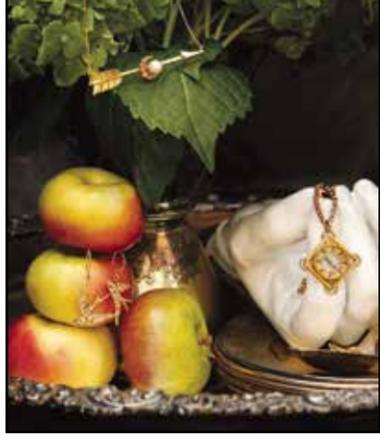
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Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck from page 1
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Don't miss this exciting weekend filled with **history, artistry, and rare finds!** Whether you're a collector, designer, or simply someone who appreciates fine craftsmanship, the **Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck** promises a **shopping experience unlike any other.** For more information, visit Barnstar.com or follow us on social media at @AntiquesAtRhinebeck for updates and exhibitor previews.

Free Birding Walks from page 5

Valley? On Sundays, May 4 and 18 at 9:00am, Staatsburgh State Historic Site is hosting free, guided birding walks through Mills-Norrie State Park. Birding Walks are free to attend, but reservations are required at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS.

Staatsburgh and the surrounding Mills-Norrie State Park is an ideal area for birding, possessing a great variety of environments in close proximity. Local birder, David Lund, is an experienced volunteer guide who has been birding in Mills-Norrie State Park for the last 35 years. Staatsburgh's two-hour birding walk is open to bird enthusiasts with all levels of experience - from beginners to experts! Experienced birders will enjoy a walk through several interesting environments while those new to the hobby will find encouragement and a helping hand. Please bring your own binoculars. If you would like to borrow a set, binoculars can be checked out using a Mid-Hudson Library

System library card at the nearby Staatsburg Library: <https://staatsburglibrary.org/> Visitors to Staatsburgh may also wish to stroll or picnic by the Hudson River, follow the site's self-guided landscape tour, or walk the woodland trails in adjacent Mills and Norrie State Parks. A full list of all Staatsburgh's programs is found on the site's reservations page: <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>.

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.com.

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Spencertown Academy Arts Center Presents "Nurturing Nature" Exhibition
Six women artists explore their symbiotic relationships with the natural world
May 31 - June 29

Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents "Nurturing Nature," an exhibition in which six women artists explore their symbiotic relationships with the natural world. Co-curated by Karen Andrews and Norma Cohen, the show features wearable art and mixed media sculptures by Deborah H. Carter, acrylic painting and monoprints by Maxine Davidowitz, archival photography by Shelley Lawrence Kirkwood, ceramics and digital prints by Anat Shifan, oil painting by Jackie Skrzyński,

and frozen botanical works and photography by Anna Thurber. On Saturday, May 31 there will be an opening reception from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Academy, which will feature a live performance piece by Deborah H. Carter, and the exhibition will remain on display through June 29. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Admission is free and the artworks are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Academy. "The title 'Nurturing Nature' was chosen because it calls to mind a feminine spirit, divine mother, Mother Nature, and Gaia. This exhibit is meant to be a reflection on our evolving relationship with the plant world, and our need to change that relationship for our mutual survival," says Karen Andrews. "It's an exceptionally strong, personal, sensitive, intelligent, and stunning group show," adds Norma Cohen. "The subject matter ranges from flora, orchards, and plant life to landscapes, seascapes, and more and the use of color, line, texture, and design is magnificent."

Deborah H. Carter is a multimedia artist based in Pittsfield, MA, who creates upcycled one-of-a-kind wearable art. Her couture pieces are constructed from post-consumer waste, discarded items, and thrifted wares, as well as natural substances, such as bark, vines, and flowers. "I manipulate the color, shape, and texture of materials to compel us to question our assumptions of beauty and worth and ultimately reconsider our habits and attitudes about waste and consumption," she says.

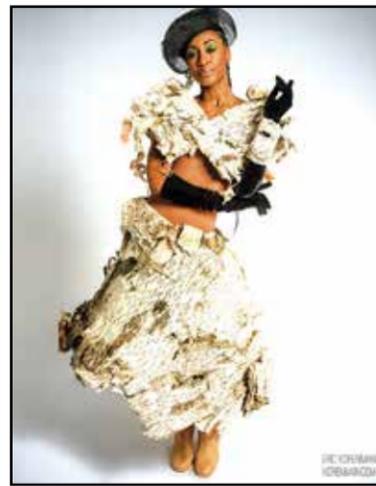
Painter and printmaker Maxine Davidowitz's studio—a renovated 1880s barn—is in West Shokan, NY. "My art is an abstract response to the natural world, with a subtextual awareness of the growing climate emergency threatening our planet," she says. "With a painterly approach to mark-making and a focus on textural details, such as branches, vines,

and wild organic matter, I work intuitively and find the subject matter as I paint, scraping back and reapplying, using a variety of tools, to mine the possibilities of paint on the surface." Her artwork has been shown throughout the Northeast United States and is in many private collections.

Based in Pelham, MA, Shelley Lawrence Kirkwood illustrates the possibility of a shamanic connection with the tiny (sometimes microscopic) plant forms and spores she photographs by magnifying them into statuesque forms. "Contemplative time spent in nature is central to my art practice. I have always embraced photography as a meditative practice, a tool to help me more meaningfully observe the connections between time,



"Flora and Forest in Greens and Yellows" by Anat Shifan (clay, 13" x 26" x 22")



"Embarkment" by Deborah Carter (garment in birch bark, 60" x 36" x 36")

consciousness, memory, and home," she says. Kirkwood earned a BA from Hampshire College and an MFA from the University of Arizona. Her work has been exhibited internationally and featured in numerous publications. "Working with my hands forming clay into natural forms is an expression of my humanity," says High Falls, NY-based ceramicist Anat Shifan. "I explore nature's ambivalent representations in art: the texture of sexuality, life, death, power, and subversion." She holds a BA in English Literature and Philosophy from Hebrew University, an MA in Ceramics from Eastern Michigan University, and an MFA in Ceramics from Cranbrook Academy of Art and Design. She

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God's Corner

Identity Crisis

By Naomi Fata

When a baby enters the world, a woman is bestowed a new title- that of mother. This new name might be one that has been long coveted, or it may be one that comes with uncertainty, and twinges of fear.

Additionally, this new name may give a sense of lost identity. Perhaps it involved a change of work status, a change of focus, as the new life because a priority focus. New moms may wonder if they have lost their sense of self in caring for a helpless baby.

Though this specific identity crisis may be unique to mothers, in a similar way all face an identity crisis. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*, "We all desperately want to know that we are valuable." Often, we look for this value in a title we hold, a degree we've earned, the sum of our paycheck, or a feat of accomplishment.

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Of all people, He knew who He was. In *Philippians 2*, it says that He emptied Himself and took on the form of a servant. He let go of the titles to become a servant.

In faith circles you may have heard that once you come to Christ you are a Son or Daughter of the King. Jesus was the SON of God. Think for a moment – what is the actual role of a king for? A king is to "serve the people with wisdom and authority. Jesus as the Son of God in human form, living on the earth, served with authority and wisdom."

We can think of servants as too low for us; too insignificant. As mothers the job is of a servant. Isn't this identity that He is inviting us all to take on? Life isn't about accomplishments and titles. It is so much simpler than that. In Scripture Jesus elevates the title of servant. Look at *Matthew 20* for example. Jesus challenges the disciples that rather than wanting to become great, learn to be a servant, reminding them that He did not come to be served but to serve.

Whatever title you hold—mother, CEO, wife, business owner, pro athlete, coach, doctor, teacher or any other title of accomplishment—may you elevate the title of servant above them all. Set aside the ideas of greatness to serve those closest to you. This is the

attitude of love that Jesus was trying to teach us. As you draw close to Him, He longs to fill you with His love, which will also give you a servant's heart as you learn to love and care for others. This is the most valuable thing you can do with your life. It won't come with applause, or accolades, but it will be a life worth living! By becoming a servant, whether through motherhood or some other service, you have not lost your identity, instead you have gained one of the greatest titles: that of servant.

OUR MOTHERS

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (*Exodus 20:12*) **WE ARE COMMANDED TO HONOUR OUR MOTHERS!** As Christians we are to Honor our Mothers all the days of their and our lives. While we take up a different relationship when we leave Home, we are still commanded to Honor them **THE INFLUENCE OF GRANDMOTHERS AND MOTHERS ON THEIR CHILDREN!**

Mothers and Grandmothers have a tremendous influence on the lives of their Children. The Apostle Paul mentions the influence that two Godly women had on the life of their son and grandson, Timothy. The Apostle Paul wrote, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwell first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (*2 Timothy 1:5*). These two Godly women were faithful in teaching Timothy the Scriptures. When Paul visited the region where they lived, Timothy was ready to accept and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into his life as his Personal Savior and Lord. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ" (*2 Timothy 3:15*)

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION!

Parents (Mothers and Fathers) and Spiritual Leaders are to be diligent in teaching the next generation about God, His Word, Salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the importance in living the Christian life. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (*Deuteronomy 6:7*).

THE DANGER OF NOT TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION!

"And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel" (*Judges 2:10*). This verse explains to us that the Scripture wasn't being transmitted to the next generation. The next generation after Joshua knew not the LORD. Why was that so? It probably was so because the truth of God and His works was not being taught to the next generation. As Christians we need to be diligent in teaching the next generation about God, His Word, and Salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. To not teach the next generation is disobedience. It is imperative that we realize the importance and responsibility of teaching and training the next generation to follow the Lord. **THE BLESSING IN BEING FAITHFUL IN TEACHING OUR CHILDREN!**

When Parents (Mothers and Fathers) are obedient in teaching their children the truth from God's Word they will be blessed because their children will be given the opportunity to follow the Lord. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (*3 John 4*). You can trust the promise of God's Word when you are obedient in following God's directions. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (*Proverbs 22:6*)

THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HONORING HIS MOTHER!

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his own home" (*John 19:26,27*). **THE GREATEST NEED FOR EVERYONE: WOMEN, MEN, AND CHILDREN!**

The greatest need that everyone has is to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and Lord. Now is the time to come to Christ. "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*). Now is the time to receive the gift of salvation! When you repent of your sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your heart you will be Born Again and become a Christian. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (*Romans 10:9,10*). **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO KNOW MORE PLEASE CONTACT US!**

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is a longtime faculty member at SUNY New Paltz, where she is currently head of the Ceramics Program. Shiftan is represented by Hostler Burrows NY/LA.

"I make oil paintings that are grounded in a romantic sensibility. I have always been attracted to the beautiful and unsettling, and I notice these qualities often occur together. In common vegetation, I find inspiration and a sense of connection with a larger natural system," says Jackie Skrzynski of Newburgh, NY. "Observing the drama of growth, decay, and rebirth, I confront my own mortality and the ephemeral quality of life." She studied art at UNC-Chapel Hill, including a pivotal year in Spain, and earned her MFA from the University at Albany. Her artwork has been exhibited at universities and galleries across the country and abroad.

Anna Thurber lives and works in her studio near Boston. For the last decade, she has been creating and photographing

natural botanical scenes in her ice sculptures. Her photographs of frozen flowers reveal a depth of beauty that perhaps only bees and other insects can perceive. She says her prints "live between sculpture, performance, and photography," endeavoring to take the viewer into the heart of a plant's spirit by enlarging and accentuating its magnificent radiance and infinite complexity. Inspired by the forests and gardens, her compositions are captured raw or accented with a multitude of brilliant colors and light.

Founded in 1972, Spencertown Academy Arts Center is a cultural center and community resource serving Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital region. Housed in a landmark 1847 Greek Revival schoolhouse, the Academy is located at 790 State Route 203 in Spencertown, New York. For more information, please see www.spencertownacademy.org.

May 7: Taste the Art of Bobbin Lace

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild, presents Martine Charise, Skyllkill's Librarian and creative stitcher. Martine will show diverse lace pillows, her bobbin collection to make different kinds of lace as well as demonstrate the basic technique of bobbin lace. The program will begin at 12:30pm. You can join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10am or come for this program only at 12:30. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Germantown Garden Club

At the April meeting of the Germantown Garden Club members were treated to a lively and informative presentation on growing and caring for orchids. Brian Bender-Tymon of Petalos Floral Design in Kingston shared tips on Orchid care. At the end of the presentation, each member was given an Orchid to take home.



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Hudson Valley artists and makers. Shoppers can explore an inspiring selection of locally made goods, including glassware, jewelry, greeting cards, textiles, ceramics, wood products, prints, paintings, home décor, and more, perfect for finding one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting the region's creative community! Join us for the **Grand Opening Reception** on Friday, May 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the start of the season, meet some of the participating artists, and enjoy light refreshments as you browse the shop.

Shop Hours:
 Tuesday – Friday | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Saturdays, May 3 & May 10 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie, NY
Participating Artists Include: Maryam Ali, Lucy Aponte, Roy Bartels, Janet Baskerville, Deborah Bein, Suzanne Bonser, Susan Bores, Peter Brown, Patricia Collins Broun, Oscar Burkowske, Celia Calvo, Mary Jane Carpentier, Donna Castelluccio, Michelle Ciulla, Jamila Dawkins, Carrie Decker, Vitaliia Deriabina, Carolyn Dickey, Christine Domino, Marie Elliott, Peggy Farrington, Mary M Flad, Carol Flaitz, Sarah Ganly, Ilene Goldman, Nereida Gonzalez-Bridges, Theresa Gooby, Cara Hochhalter, Nikki Hung, Tony Hung, Robin Hutchinson, Maggie Inge, Heather Iori, Lynne James, Vanessa Joy, Paul Kmiotek, Pam Krinsky, Linda Lavin, Logan Lesley, Elinor Levy, Maureen Lohan-Bremer, Lynn Lombardi, Alexis Lynch,

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societies, and food and beverage partners, highlights the county's rich past through engaging presentations at historic sites. This month's program features "Dutchess Rev250: Revolutionaries of Western Dutchess," presented by Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum. We resume our Rev250 real-time programming by journeying back to May 1775 for a punch list of Western Dutchess County's leading revolutionaries—and the loyalist opposition they faced. Learn about the individuals who shaped the early days of resistance in our region as the American Revolution began to unfold.

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP is encouraged but not required. As Lasting Joy Brewery is an open venue, we cannot strictly enforce RSVPs, but letting the host organization know you're coming helps with planning. RSVP and details: <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/tavern-trail-lasting-joy-may25>



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Community Collaboration Blooms: Green Teen Hydroponic Greenhouse Launches at Dutchess Community College with Central Hudson Support

A new hydroponic garden is taking root at Dutchess Community College (DCC), thanks to an \$8,500 contribution from Central Hudson in support of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's (CCEDC) Green Teen program. The funding will help establish a hydroponic

greenhouse, a key feature of the newly expanded Green Teen initiative in Poughkeepsie. On Thursday, April 24th, at 1:00 pm on the campus of Dutchess Community College (50 Mascot Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601) Falcon Hall (near the tennis courts), Central Hudson volunteers will join Green Teen Poughkeepsie participants and community leaders to celebrate the project, raising the structure's roof and presenting the donation. This milestone marks another step forward in empowering local youth through hands-on agriculture, leadership, and sustainability education. **Growing Skills, Nourishing**

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The Green Teen program equips urban youth with essential life and career skills through immersive experiences in farming, nutrition, entrepreneurship, and community leadership. Since its founding in Beacon, the program has provided paid opportunities for teens to grow and distribute fresh produce at farmers' markets, food pantries, and pop-up events. In 2024, CCEDC expanded Green Teen to Poughkeepsie, establishing a home on the DCC campus—a strategic location where many participating students may later pursue higher education. The Beacon program has been proudly supported by New York State Assemblymember Jonathan G. Jacobson (District 104), while the Poughkeepsie expansion reflects its growing impact. **A Win for Youth, Community, and Sustainability** “This project exemplifies the power of collaboration,” said **Mary Lou Carolan, Executive Director of CCEDC.** “Central Hudson’s investment doesn’t just support a garden—it nurtures future leaders, strengthens local food access, and builds a greener, more resilient community. Every teen involved gains real-world skills, and every harvest benefits neighbors in need. It’s a triple win.” The hydroponic greenhouse will enable year-round growing, further enhancing food security and educational opportunities for participants. “Dutchess Community College’s partnership with the Green Teen program and this new expansion brings learning to life in a way that reflects the best of what the campus stands for,” said **Dr. Susan Rogers, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at DCC.** “Through sustainability, work-based learning, and service learning, we’re creating healthy, hands-on experiences in partnership with CCE and Central Hudson—spaces where students not only grow

academically and personally but also give back to their community in meaningful ways.” “We are deeply grateful to Central Hudson for their generous donation supporting our food pantry garden’s new hydroponic greenhouse,” added **Lacie Reilly, Director of The Pantry at DCC.** “This contribution expands our capacity to grow fresh, healthy produce year-round and the greenhouse will serve as an educational and hands-on resource for the Poughkeepsie Green Teen Program. We are honored to have Central Hudson as a partner in our mission to fight food insecurity and support youth engagement in our region.” **Learn More & Get Involved**

For details on the Green Teen program or other CCEDC initiatives, visit ccedutchess.org or call **845-677-8223.** **About Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC)** CCEDC delivers research-based programs in agriculture, youth development, environmental sustainability, nutrition, and more. Key initiatives include Green Teen, Master Gardeners, Dutchess County 4-H, Taste NY at Todd Hill, Family and Consumer Education and the Mid-Hudson Clean Energy Hub. *Connection. Collaboration. Community.* That is how CCEDC is **Growing Forward!**



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Chef John's Hot Sloppy Joe Dip



Ingredients

- 2 pounds extra lean ground beef
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- 1 onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- cayenne pepper, to taste
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided

Directions

Place ground beef, bell pepper, onion, garlic, flour, brown sugar, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper in a heavy pot.

Place pot over medium-high heat. Break up and stir mixture as it heats. Cook and stir until most of the moisture has evaporated and mixture is crumbly and begins to brown, about 15 minutes. Stir in chicken broth, ketchup, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well and bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thick, about 45 minutes.

Set oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source and preheat the oven's broiler.

Transfer mixture to oven-proof sauce pan. Top with 1/2 of the shredded cheese. Poke cheese down into the dip with a fork, stirring lightly. Top with remaining cheese.

Place pan under broiler; broil until cheese is browned, and mixture is hot and bubbly, about 5 minutes.

ZONTA WELCOMES THREE MEW MEMBERS

The Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley is thrilled to welcome three talented new members, Ann Sublett, Eileen Rice and Suzanne Trevellyan to the club.

Ann Sublett is the writer, editor, and publisher of Almanac of the Chathams & the Dutch Towns, a hyper-local monthly magazine devoted to the events and natural wonders of northern Columbia County. Ann grew up in Valatie, spent a few years living and working in New York City, and now lives in Chatham where she also serves as the board president at Chatham Kids Club the nonprofit childcare service at Chatham's Mary E. Dardess Elementary School.

Ann is a lifelong believer in the rights of girls and women and is thrilled to be part of Zonta Upper Hudson Valley.

Eileen Rice began her career as a caseworker for Oswego County Social Services then joined the NYS Department of Social Services in 1980. She worked for the Office of Family and Children's Services until 2009. Since then, she has become a certified horticulturist, with her own gardening business. She also became an IRS Enrolled Agent, working for H&R Block for 10 years volunteering for the Volunteers in Tax Assistance program for low-income citizens. She was born in Rochester, and attended college at SUNY Oswego and has lived in East Chatham for 22 years where she feels very connected to the

vibrant community. She became interested in Zonta because of its worldwide focus on the welfare of women and girls, "I have seen enough of the suffering that they often experience to instill a desire to help in any way that I can."

Suzanne Trevellyan is a graphic and web designer living in Chatham, NY. She and her husband, Robert, own Trevellyan.biz, a website design and development company that helps small to medium-sized business build a professional online presence.

Originally from Highland, NY, Suzanne earned an AAS in Journalism Technology from SUNY Morrisville and a BA in Communication from SUNY Brockport. Before Trevellyan.biz, she spent 12 years as Advertising Manager at Adams

Fairacre Farms, where she honed her skills in marketing, advertising and graphic design.



"New members Suzanne Trevellyan, Ann Sublett and Eileen Rice at Zonta of Upper Hudson Valley annual Paint and Sip."

Suzanne joined Zonta with the hope of connecting with like-minded individuals. "I'm committed to contributing my time, energy, and ideas to help make a positive impact."

Founded in 1919, Zonta has spent over a century working to empower women in the U.S. and internationally through advocacy for gender equality in employment, working with local organizations to combat gender-based violence, volunteering countless hours to raise funds for educational scholarships for local students and providing information and support on various community projects such as supporting local domestic violence programs. The Zonta of UHV, now celebrating it's 40th year, continues to improve the lives of women here and abroad and is happy to welcome new members with the same goals. For more information on membership, contact Jill Potter at zontauhv@gmail.com

Old Dutch Village Garden Club Greets Spring With A Plant Sale and More

By Nancy Bendiner and Felice Gelman

Get Ready for THE GREAT PLANT SALE!! On Saturday, May 17, starting at 9 AM sharp, ODVGC will offer bargain priced, locally grown perennials, shrubs and herbs at our annual sale near the Memorial Garden across from CVS. Save the date!

We hear from our local community that our plants have an excellent track record for beauty and survival. As most come from local donations, they are acclimated to our weather conditions. Look around your perennial garden — thing about what you'd like to thin out or move out to donate to the sale think and think about what new plants you need. Ideally, we request plant donations no later than May 3. (We like to make sure they have time to recover from being repotted so they will be in good shape for their new owners). We will accept plants already potted or we will come and dig them out if you are unable to do so. We also welcome donations of garden ornamentation, decorative pots and planters, and gently used garden tools. For more information about donations, please call Linda Lawson at 845-399-9532.

Club members continue to learn about gardening at our monthly meetings. On March 13, Miriam Goler of Full Circus Farm offered a fascinating presentation about how the organically grown fruit trees sold at her farm get their start. She demonstrated how she

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Old Dutch Village Garden

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gardening, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club has a commitment to community service. We maintain a large demonstration garden at Veterans Park in Red Hook and a smaller garden in Upper Red Hook at the Welcome to Red Hook sign. ODVGC members will be prepping the Veterans Park garden for its spring debut at the end of March.

ODVGC looks forward to our April 10 Anniversary Luncheon at Charlie O's in Red Hook—each attendee can order at the luncheon their individual choice from the menu. At our May 8 meeting, the subject will be "The Power of Purple in the Garden"—how to incorporate shades of purple and burgundy using perennials, annuals, herbs, shrubs and trees. Join us at our monthly

meetings, usually the second Thursday of the month at 12:30 at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. See you there! And watch us on Facebook for updates on our activities.

Miles of Hope Announces 2025 Scholarships

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation today announced Scholarship awards to nineteen Hudson Valley students. "This is one of the most rewarding things we do," explained Executive Director, Pari Forood. "Each year, a committee made up of members of our Board, former and current teachers, and the two co-founders of the foundation get together to review applications and read heartwarming essays from students whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer." 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 21 years, Miles of Hope has given away over \$3.6 million dollars for programs helping people affected by breast cancer. "This year, the foundation received 63 applications from nine counties – nineteen students were awarded between \$1500 and \$5000 for their college/university expenses. Over 300 students with an association to breast cancer through a family member or friend/teacher have received scholarship assistance from us," explained Ms. Forood. "This year, we gave away \$45,000 to students whose lives have been affected by breast cancer," explained Miles of Hope Co-Founder and Scholarship Committee Chairman, Cathy Varunok.

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“We work with Guidance Counselors in 24 school districts in nine counties 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 and an essay telling us how breast cancer has impacted their lives,” Ms. Forood said. “The scholarship committee is made up of breast cancer survivors and people who have also been affected by the disease. The entire process takes a few months from receipt of the applications online, to assessing them. It is one of our most important programs along with our Medical Gap Care Fund helping people in treatment with their bills and finances.” All Miles of Hope programs can be found here: <https://miles-of-hope.org/> The scholarship recipients are listed below with their high school/ current educational institution

and county of residence.
 Madison Kaminsky – Dutchess County – Roy C. Ketcham High School/RPI
 Nell Stevens – Dutchess County – Millbrook High School/ Wellsley College
 Maryclare Parker-Stark – Dutchess County – Spackenkill High School
 Gabrielle Desdune – Dutchess County - Our Lady of Lourdes/USC
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Learn How to Make Your Home and Garden Sustainable

The Germantown Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at the Hover Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. The meeting begins at Noon. On the agenda is a presentation by Amelia Legare, Owner of the O Zone and Flower Power Native Plant Nursery and Garden Center, 148 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook, NY. The store specializes in supplying sustainable bulk-refill items and the garden center grows and sells indigenous plants native to our region. Amelia will give a presentation on “Sustainability in the Home and Garden.” She will talk about the O Zone Sustainability

Center and Flower Power Native Nursery and how learning together as a community can bring out the best practices for ourselves and our planet. The O Zone is a low-waste sustainability center, which is home to a plastic free, bulk-refill marketplace, a community composting service, and a learning center. Her goal is to reduce as much plastic waste within the gardening industry as possible and provide the best possible plant species for enhancing biodiversity and providing habitat for our many at-risk pollinators.

New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Irene Clum, at 518-537-4793.

Not to be Missed Annual Plant Sale



The Germantown Garden Club will hold its very popular Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17 from 8 am–1 pm at Palatine Park, Germantown. There will be locally grown nursery plants available for purchase. Plant selections include annual flowers, perennials, vegetables, and herbs. Garden club members will provide houseplants and seedlings.

The club will also offer a Gardening Tag Sale and a

delicious Bake Sale. This event coincides with the Germantown Town-Wide Yard Sale event. Get here early, as the most desirable plants sell out fast! Funds raised at this event support the club’s Germantown High School Scholarship Fund and other vital donations and projects for the town that the club provides. For more information, please call Joyce Vale at 518-821-2955. The Germantown Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

A Storied Past Scott Brodie | Andrea Burgay | Steve Rein

Monday, May 5 – Saturday, May 31, 2025

Opening Reception: Friday, May 9, 6 – 7:30 PM

A Storied Past is the third exhibition in the inaugural season of the Millbrook Arts Project, curated by Sharon Bates. Artists **Scott Brodie, Andrea Burgay, and Steve Rein** each utilize distinct materials and methods, yet they share a fascination with everyday objects and images – mundane elements that become carriers of unexpected storylines.

Scott Brodie makes intimate portraits of his domestic possessions that tell the tale of life as he lives it. He prefers close observation and the “butteriness” of oil paint to reveal the play of light on both the subject matter and the paint surface of a canvas.

Andrea Burgay works through a regenerative process of adding and removing layers of handmade and collected materials to bring the past, the unwanted and

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 overlooked, into the present in a new form. In her ongoing Fictions series, she gives life to discarded books, transforming them into sculptural collages that reimagine their lost or fragmented stories.



Steve Rein draws inspiration from vintage snapshots – amateur photographs he finds in thrift stores and at garage sales. In these abandoned images, he uncovers unguarded moments of vulnerability and quiet humanity. His paintings preserve the mystery of the original photo while layering on the passage of time, painted directly onto reclaimed wood using richly pigmented lettering enamels. The vivid colors stand in stark contrast to the worn, aged surfaces, adding both tension and resonance.

If every picture tells a story, then each work in this exhibition carries a layered and evocative past – inviting viewers to reflect on memory, transformation, and the narratives embedded in the objects and images we leave behind. The exhibit opens Monday, May 5 and runs through Saturday, May 31, 2025. The public is invited to a reception on Friday, May 9, from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Andrea Burgay will offer a collage workshop on

Friday, May 9 at 5:00pm. Steve Rein will offer an artist talk on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00pm. Millbrook Arts Project, a community art space is a partnership of the Millbrook Arts Group and Millbrook Library, dedicated to offering exhibition opportunities to visual artists and enriching the experience of visual art in Millbrook and surrounding communities. All programs are located at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY. For more information about the Millbrook Arts Project and a list of upcoming exhibits, visit <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>.

FREE GUIDED LANDSCAPE WALKS OF HISTORIC ESTATE AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is offering free guided landscape walks on the Gilded Age estate's beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson River. The program, "What You See... and What You Don't See," will be offered on Saturdays, May 10 & 17 at 10:00 a.m. Advanced reservations are required at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS. Staatsburgh's landscape architect designed a glorious

setting that showcased 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. "On this guided walk, you'll be able to imagine what it would be like to be a guest of Ruth Livingston Mills at one of her very exclusive parties at Staatsburgh," says site educator, Don Fraser: "On a beautiful afternoon, you might stroll along the Hudson, or sail the river on the Mills' yacht, or take a carriage drive. The grounds would present you with stunning vistas and lovely gardens; but tucked out of view, the estate staff would be shoveling coal, laundering piles of clothes and linens, or tending to animals, and all that would be invisible to you." The walk will be about one mile of mostly level terrain, with some uphill walking. Visitors may also wish to picnic along the river or tour the site's Gilded Age mansion (an admission fee applies to mansion tours, and reservations are required at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS.) Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburgh, NY.

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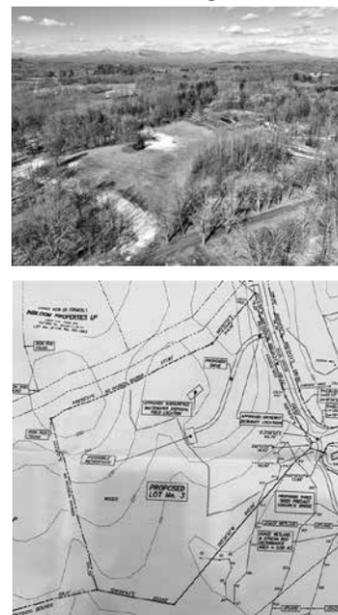
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Walk to Village/ Hannaford & Lyceum! Red Hook, NY:

Easy living in this 5-year young 3 BR / 2 BTH Manufactured Home in well-maintained park. Features include Open FP, bright & sunny KIT with abundant cabinetry, DA overlooking front yard & Cozy LR to entertain guests. Primary BR w large En-Suite & two guest BR's with their own FB. A separate mudroom doubles as laundry w a new stack-able W/D. Economical affordable w propane heat. Updates include new gutters & central air. Located minutes to Village. Asking **\$178,000**



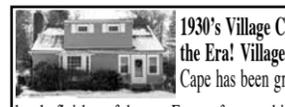
Stunning & Immaculate! Red Hook, NY:

Immaculate manufactured home is 2 years young. Enter the front door from the wonderful front-covered Porch and you'll marvel at the huge open FP with fabulous modern KIT, loads of cabinets and a beautiful peninsula with great workspace. The LR holds a full suite of furniture, and the formal DA has sliders to back deck. The Main BR has a WIC and its own FB with tons of storage. Two extra BR's and ultra-modern FB. A separate Laundry rm with sink /storage. Home is in a quiet, well-maintained park just 5 minutes from the village of Red Hook. Park rent of \$700 includes water, sewer and taxes. Asking **\$255,000**



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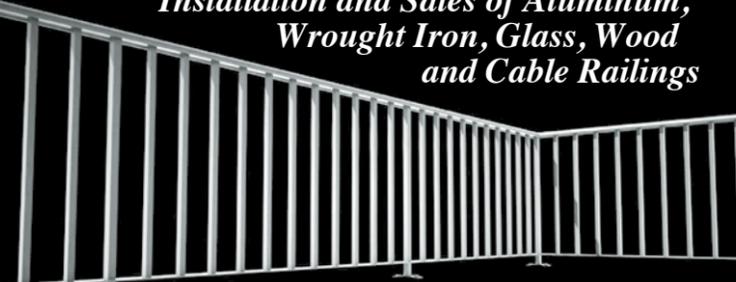
Clarion Concerts Announces Fundraising Concert on June 14th to Feature PUBLIQuartet

In its 68th year of bringing exceptional chamber music to New York's Hudson Valley **Clarion Concerts** will wrap the 2024-2025 season with its **annual fundraising concert on Sunday, 14 June 2025 at 3pm**. The concert and post-concert reception will take place in an antique barn at a private residence in Ancramdale, NY (location to be provided to ticket holders). **Tickets:** Supporter \$100; General admission: \$75. The concert will be followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, where the artists and audience can mingle in a relaxed, beautiful setting. The fundraising concert will feature GRAMMY®-nominated **PUBLIQuartet** ("... a respectful acknowledgment of the past and confident step into the future" -*New York Times*), an ensemble that combines improvisation with composed music, traditional Western classical music, and influences of Africa, South America, blues, gospel and other genres. Applauded by *The Washington Post* as "a perfect encapsulation of today's trends in chamber music," and by *The New Yorker* as "independent-minded," **PUBLIQuartet** rose on the music scene as winner of the 2013 Concert Artists Guild New Music/New Places award, and in 2019 garnered Chamber Music America's prestigious Visionary Award for outstanding and innovative approaches to contemporary classical, jazz, and world chamber music. PQ's genre-bending programs range from newly commissioned

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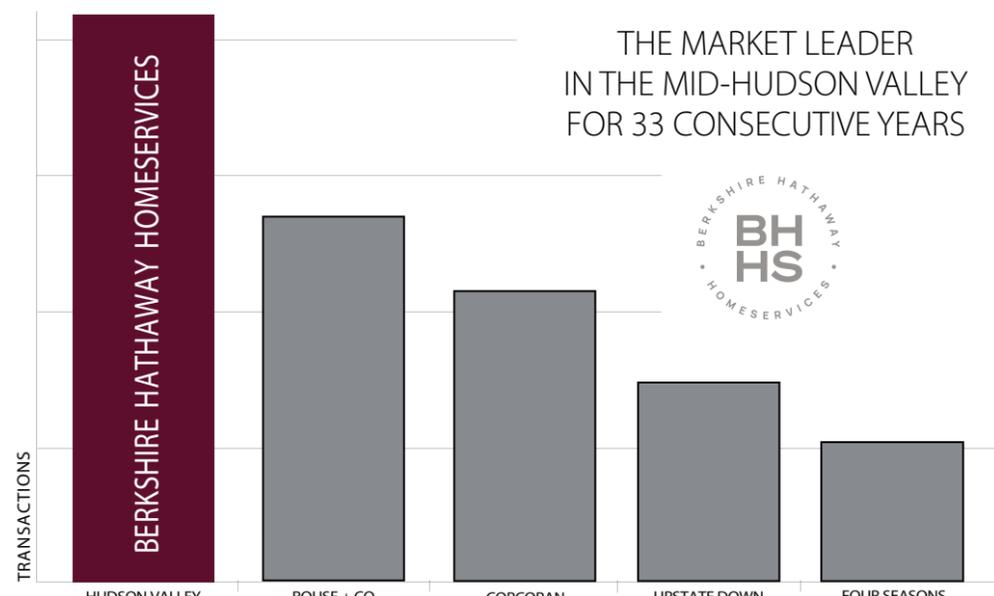


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