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Dr. Danielle St. Pierre and Sunny Paws Veterinary Services Offering Pet Hospice Care and In-Home Euthanasia to Cats and Dogs

By Lisa Dudley
Hudson River View readers often ask about licensed veterinarian, Dr. Danielle St. Pierre, DVM, CVA, and Sunny Paws Veterinary Services. They call and request contact information about “that lady veterinarian who makes house calls.”

Dr. St. Pierre offers pet hospice care and in-home euthanasia to sick and aging cats and dogs. She has beautiful and reassuring stories about easing the pain and discomfort of beloved animals. Her clients are always pleased if their pet only needs pain management, for now, which buys them more time to prepare.

Dr. St. Pierre is the rare commodity – “Besides offering in-home euthanasia and pet hospice care,” she shares, “I am trained in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine for cats and dogs -- to help ease their pain.” Most clients have a preliminary



Dr. Danielle St. Pierre, DVM, CVA conversation with their regular veterinarian and then with Dr. St. Pierre. Dr. St. Pierre makes an initial house call which allows her to suggest any recommended environmental modifications - such as traction or stairs. Owners are usually grateful and compliant, having already accepted the time to cross the rainbow bridge is drawing near.

Dr. St. Pierre often serves as a family counselor, especially, for example, if the news of a cancer diagnosis is sudden or new. “They need time to process and prepare,” she says. “Almost all house-call requests have been from word-of-

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Free Guided Landscape Walks of Historic Estate at Staatsburgh State Historic Site

This summer, Staatsburgh State Historic Site is offering free guided landscape walks on the Gilded Age estate’s



beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson River. The program, entitled “What You See... and What You Don’t See,” shows how 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. Using historic photos of the grounds, the tour will reveal what visitors would have seen at the turn of the 20th century, but also step behind the curtain to show

what was hidden from them.

The free program tour will be offered on August 2, 10, and 30 at 10:00 a.m. Advanced reservations are required: www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

“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. The program, including the walk, discussion, and looking at historic photos, will take about 1½ hours. Visitors may also wish to picnic along the river, or tour the site’s Gilded

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The History of County Fairs in New York State

By: M. Vogt

County fairs have been a cherished tradition in New York State for over two centuries, reflecting the agricultural roots and community spirit of the region. These fairs have evolved from simple agricultural showcases to multifaceted events that celebrate local culture, food, and entertainment.

The concept of the county fair in America can be traced back to the early 19th century. The first county fair in the United States was organized by Elkanah Watson in 1811 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Watson’s idea quickly spread, and by the mid-19th century, county fairs had become a staple in many states, including New York.

New York State holds the distinction of hosting the nation’s first state fair. The inaugural New York State Fair was held in Syracuse in 1841, organized by the New York State Agricultural Society. This event featured agricultural exhibits, speeches, and competitions, drawing an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 attendees. The success of this fair set the stage for the proliferation of county fairs across the state.

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, county fairs in New York grew in popularity and scope. These fairs provided a platform for farmers to showcase their livestock and crops, while also offering a venue for local artisans and merchants to sell their goods. Competitions in baking, canning, and other homemaking skills were common, fostering a sense of community and friendly rivalry.

Today, county fairs in New York State are vibrant, multifaceted events that attract visitors from all walks of life. They feature a mix of traditional agricultural exhibits and modern attractions, including midway rides, live entertainment, and food festivals. The New York State Fair, held annually in Syracuse, remains one of the largest and most popular fairs in the country, drawing over one million visitors each year.

Several county fairs in New York have gained prominence over the years. The Dutchess County Fair, first held in 1842, is one of the oldest and most well-known fairs in the state. The Columbia County

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PARADOX CONSULTING GROUP HELPS LOCAL BUSINESSES BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THAT LAST

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Beyond the latest technology and digital communications that dominate business marketing and development, the art of the human is too often overlooked.

But not by Tom Williams and Nick Franco at Paradox Consulting Group.

Tom and Nick bring a unique combination of tech expertise and longtime business relationship skills to the table, to help local businesses that want to expand their customer reach without losing the human touch.

Paradox offers a practical “toolbox” concept of providing businesses with core services to grow their marketing outreach

and customer bases.

Key items in that toolbox include:

- **Consulting:** providing strategic planning and consultation to businesses and individuals who need more personalized assistance, including help with media buying, marketing strategies and budgeting, etc.
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Actor and Filmmaker Griffin Dunne In Person at the Crandell on August 10

The Crandell Theatre’s popular event series, Crandell LIVE!, will welcome actor and filmmaker Griffin Dunne for a screening and post-show Q&A on August 10 at 7 pm. Known for his starring roles in iconic films like *An American Werewolf in London* and *After Hours*, he will discuss the evening’s featured documentary, *Joan Didion: The Center Will Not Hold*, the Emmy-nominated film he directed about his aunt, the literary legend. In addition to the film, he will be discussing his bestselling family memoir *The Friday Afternoon Club*, published by Penguin Random House in June. Crandell Executive Director Brian Edward Leach will interview Dunne and moderate questions from the audience. Griffin Dunne has been an actor, producer, and director since the late 1970s, when he landed his first role in *The Other Side of the Mountain*. Nominated for an Oscar for his short film, *The Duke of Groove*, starring a young Tobey Maguire, his directing credits include *The Good Wife* television series and the feature films *Practical Magic*, starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman, and *Addicted to Love*, starring Meg Ryan.

Dunne will be signing copies of his book after the Q&A. They will be on sale courtesy



Griffin Dunne
credit Brigitte Lacombe

of *The Chatham Bookstore*. Praised by critics and industry insiders alike, *Booklist* called the memoir, “captivating... beyond entertaining, honest in confronting heartbreaks and jealousies, often genuinely funny...” *Kirkus*’ starred review called it “a poignant love letter and evidence that through it all, genuine love is the backbone that keeps a family strong.” Tickets for this special event are \$12 for members and \$15 for the general

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By Helen Hunt Jackson
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symphony
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of peace.
Some subtle signal bids all sweet
sounds cease,
Save hum of insects' aimless
industry.
Pathetic summer seeks by
blazonry
Of color to conceal her swift
decrease.
Weak subterfuge! Each mocking
day doth fleece
A blossom, and lay bare her
poverty.
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this show!
Whole fields of golden-rod
cannot offset

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 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,



The Crandell Theatre in Chatham, NY, is one of a few community-based, nonprofit theaters in the United States devoted to film and one of fewer than one hundred single-screen movie theaters nationally. Since 2010, Crandell

Theatre, Inc. has raised more than \$1 million to purchase the historic theater and make needed repairs. The current Crandell board is engaged in a multimillion dollar campaign to renovate and restore the area's oldest, largest, single-screen theater and enhance the moviegoing experience for generations to come. For more information, visit <https://crandelltheatre.org/>, or call 518-392-3445.

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mouth referrals including from veterinarians who favorably refer Dr. St. Pierre's house-call services. Dr. St. Pierre prepares her clients and explains what to expect. Clients describe her as "very gentle and compassionate."

"In the meantime," she stipulates, "the biggest issue for her clients and their elderly pets is the recent heat and humidity. It's really important to give special attention to your animals in this heat." Some people think a house fan is enough - but air conditioning is usually needed for an elderly pet to help maintain their body temperature

- and every case is different. Dr. St. Pierre explains that humidity and barometric pressure can cause stress for an elderly pet, especially if left at home alone. And naturally, Dr. St. Pierre insists that no animal ever be left in a car (even with the windows open) or in the bald sun outside on a hot day. There is also the issue of hot asphalt burning their feet so walk them in the grass if you can. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Make sure there is access to lots of fresh water including swimming if they are able, outdoor spray/sprinklers or cool bath/showers indoors. Warm weather means drinking

Warm weather means drinking

more fresh water so don't go anywhere without enough water for you and your furry friend. When at home indoors, extra fluids can mean more doggy diapers - or for male dogs, those amazing belly bands. Elderly pets often have incontinence and may need more grooming in the heat -- to be sure of clean and complete hygiene.

It's important to watch for panting during these long heat spells. If your pet seems overheated, apply ice packs or cold towels to their head, neck and chest or put them in cool (not cold) water. Give them ice cubes to lick or use a turkey baster to provide small amounts of fluid. If symptoms get worse call your veterinary hospital. [Humane Society website] And remember to **be prepared for power outages**. Lately, the Hudson Valley has been having big storms and blackouts, sometimes lasting days. Unless you have a backup generator, keep lots of bottled water on hand and create a disaster plan to keep your elderly pets safe from the heat.

Dr. St. Pierre covers in-home veterinary visits to pets in the Dutchess County, Ulster County and Columbia County areas including but not limited to Kingston, Hudson, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Tivoli, Hyde Park, and Poughkeepsie. Visits farther than 20 miles can be arranged on an individual basis for an additional fee. Payment arrangements must be made prior to services.

For more information about Dr. Danielle St. Pierre and her Sunny Paws Veterinarian Services, call (845) 597-6976

or email sunnypawsvet@gmail.com. Like them on Facebook @SunnyPawsVet or visit their website www.SunnyPawsVet.com for a list of options, prices and links to pet loss support groups. “If you know someone who has recently lost a pet, please reach out. Make sure they are ok. Grief for a lost pet is very real.”

The History of County Fairs from page 1

Fair, held in Chatham, offers a charming blend of agricultural exhibits, entertainment, and

family-friendly activities. The Delaware County Fair, known for its large agricultural displays and diverse attractions, is another highlight of the fair season.

The history of county fairs in New York State is a testament to the enduring appeal of these community events. From their humble beginnings as agricultural showcases to their status as major cultural festivals, county fairs continue to play a vital role in celebrating and preserving the rich heritage of New York State.

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1) Ungentlemanly chaps | 44) Elegant headdress |
| 5) Report-card mark | 45) Infamous Roman emperor |
| 10) Draw blood | 46) Classic song spelled with arm motions |
| 14) How rioters run | 47) Basketball's trajectory |
| 15) In tune | 49) Common list heading |
| 16) Part of the "Elba" palindrome | 51) "Kapow!" |
| 17) Apple pie topper, sometimes | 52) Letters that blast |
| 20) "Funny Girl" actor Omar | 55) Bon ____ (witty remark) |
| 21) "Impossible!" | 57) Moistens |
| 22) Type of support | 59) Soda fountain parts |
| 24) Feel remorse about | 62) Legally accountable |
| 25) However briefly? | 66) Sweet bakery offering |
| 26) Friend | 68) Move briskly, as a horse |
| 29) Chunk or hunk | 69) Not so cordial |
| 31) Amateur's opposite | 70) "____ for the poor!" |
| 33) Use scissors | 71) Eats in the evening |
| 35) Eye feature | 72) Beach flock |
| 37) Loosen, as shoes | 73) Chapter 11 issue |
| 41) Reddish hair color | |

DOWN

- 1) Cleveland cagers, briefly
- 2) Indian wet nurse
- 3) Spanish lady's title
- 4) Maxi or mini
- 5) Driver, e.g.
- 6) Genetically coded stuff, for short
- 7) All in the family
- 8) Interior design
- 9) Washing aid for pupils
- 10) First lady of Olympus
- 11) "___ you the clever one!"
- 12) It may exceed one's grasp
- 13) Xerox precursor
- 18) Isn't truthful
- 19) Angelic young'un
- 23) Place of safety
- 26) "Do you want to hear a secret?"
- 27) "Freeze" starter
- 28) Money in Milan, once
- 30) Artist's hat
- 32) Child with no siblings
- 34) Prefix for "legal"
- 36) One-way street symbol
- 38) Mummy's home
- 39) Andean civilization
- 40) Dutch cheese
- 42) Become enthusiastic about
- 43) High-range singers?
- 48) "Calm down!"
- 50) Suffix with "psych"
- 52) Diplomatic qualities
- 53) 1960s jacket style
- 54) Base unit
- 56) Tiny amount
- 58) Caesar or Waldorf, e.g.
- 60) Does a thespian's job
- 61) Cookery direction
- 63) Amount of cotton
- 64) Arm or leg, e.g.
- 65) Old attachment to "while"
- 67) Hallow ending?



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Tom Williams

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Sustaining and serving customers via ongoing relationships is a key aspect of business success that may seem obvious, but is often overlooked by business owners, says Tom.

“Most businesses do not do a really good job of staying in contact with their existing customers and leveraging those relationships. They’re always looking for the next



Nick Franco

person to sell something to or provide a service to,” Tom notes. “Yet if you follow any of the industry pundits and the surveys, it’s exponentially

more expensive to get a new customer than it is to invest in the relationship with the existing one. Yet for some reason, that’s a hard thing for people to do. They either are not comfortable with it, they don’t know how to do it, or they don’t have the time. And we try to get our customers to focus on that item in the toolbox. Because if you’re going to spend a lot of time and effort doing something, there’s nothing better you can do than take care of the customers who already spent money with you.”

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Feline Allergic Bronchitis

By Julianne Porter, DVM

Asthma is a relatively common condition among people, affecting approximately 1 in 12 adults and children in the United States¹. Interestingly, dogs and cats can also suffer from asthma. Asthma, also referred to as allergic bronchitis, is triggered by an allergic reaction to particles that are inhaled, stimulating the immune system.

When a cat is exposed to an allergen, the immune cells trigger inflammation (an IgE mediated hypersensitivity), resulting in excess mucous formation, irritation, swelling and constriction of the airways. This limits the ability of the air to move through, causing difficulty breathing. This may look like wheezing, coughing/hacking or even vomiting, rapid breathing and open mouth breathing. Sometimes the signs are subtle, but it can escalate into a crisis. Signs can be chronic, or they may seem to come out of nowhere in an acute attack.

Asthma is diagnosed in cats ranging from 1 to 11 years of age, with the average cat being 4-5 years old. Approximately 1-5% of cats are affected in the U.S.

Asthma is typically diagnosed based on age of the pet, physical exam, and radiographs. When diagnosing asthma, it's important to rule out other conditions that

can cause similar signs. Parasites, viral or bacterial pneumonia, and heart disease can all mimic asthma. It is also important to note that while radiographs are often the ideal way to diagnose asthma, it has been found that up to 23% of cats with asthma have normal radiographs. When it is suspected that a cat has asthma but has normal radiographs, further testing is warranted. This may include specific blood tests or bronchoscopy to visualize the airways along with microscopic evaluation of the cells.

Treatment for asthma is centered around corticosteroids and bronchodilators. Both of these can come in oral, inhaled or injectable forms. Talk with your veterinarian about the benefits and restrictions each of these medications and forms offer. Other treatments, such as desensitization (i.e. allergy shots), omega 3 fatty acids, and other medications are being researched, but none yet have been conclusively proven to work.

Environmental control is also important. Cats can be triggered by dust, pollen, certain litters, candles, cleaners, air fresheners, molds/mildew, and cigarette smoke. Using air filters/purifiers (HEPA if possible), dustless cat litter, avoiding candles, incense, air fresheners, and not smoking in the house will help reduce the allergen load your cat is exposed to.

Dogs can also suffer from allergic bronchitis, but it is rare. Allergens cause an inflammatory cascade resulting in swelling, increased mucous production, and constriction of the airways. Spasms of the airways do not typically occur in dogs. Dogs mostly have a nonproductive cough that worsens with exercise.

Interestingly, wheezing, increased respiratory rate and effort, and respiratory distress are uncommon in dogs compared to cats. Diagnostics and treatments, however, are similar to those in cats.

Allergic bronchitis is often a long-term illness affecting dogs and cats, but minimizing environmental triggers and using a treatment regiment specific to your pet can help them live a long life.

¹ Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America 2023

Summertime Care and Safety Tips for Your Dog

Presented by Barbara Sweeney Fassett and Bark Busters Home Dog Training Dutchess County

Summer is finally in full swing and with that comes vacations, picnics, barbeques and lots of outdoor activities. My Dakota loves all the outdoor fun and any opportunity she can find to be wet. She is, after all, a 8 year-old Golden Retriever. For me that means that my best way to keep her entertained and comfortable when we are outside is to either invite her into our pool or fill her toddler-size wading pool with water and a few toys. She is pretty good at entertaining herself given those resources. Without clean water and some toys, Dakota is very likely to wander off to the pond on our property for a quick dip to cool off in what I consider to be less than desirable water. While the pond is an ideal breeding ground for the tree frogs, and provides shelter for an occasional family of ducks, it is not the place that I want Dakota to swim. “Waterproof” Your Dog

For those dogs that enjoy a swim there are a few things to keep in mind: If your dog has had a dip in a lake or river, rinse her off to avoid ear mites, eye infections and pesky clingy insects which can embed themselves into her fur. If your dog loves to jump into your swimming pool, make sure she knows how to get out safely. When a dog falls into a lake or river, her instinct tells her to turnaround and get out from the point at which she fell in. However in a swimming pool, a dog may drown if she follows this instinctive action. Therefore, teach your dog where and how to get out of the pool regardless of where she went in. Not all dogs like or know how to swim. If your dog appears eager to give swimming a try, like my Dakota, let her get used to it gradually. Never throw a nervous or inexperienced swimmer into the water.

Beat the Heat and Be Mindful of Exposure to the Sun Remember that a parked car can become dangerously hot in only a few minutes. Dogs are not efficient at cooling themselves. They cannot perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Panting and drinking water helps to cool them, but if they have only overheated air to breathe in a parked car, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage in as little as 15 minutes. Remember that your light-colored dog's coat can invite damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays, leading to sunburn and possible skin cancer. If your dog is light-colored and/or she lacks black pigment around the eyes, ears and nose, keep her out of the bright sun. Talk to your veterinarian about sunblock for your dog preferably in the formula she can't lick off. Dogs should always have access to cool shade and fresh water in the summer heat.

Rules of the Road

I like to take an occasional road trip with my dog and Dakota travels well. She generally lays quietly on the backseat of the car. She does not sit in the front passenger seat nor do I allow her to stand between the two front seats with her feet on the center console. She wears a harness that is designed specifically for the car that is padded and secured to the seat belt in the back. It provides protection for her in the event of an accident, prevents her from becoming a projectile in the car or from her leaving the car if a door were to open unexpectedly.

An alternative to securing her in the backseat would be to install a pet barrier to keep her in the back of the vehicle. A barrier, however, would not prevent her from jumping out of the vehicle if a door opened or glass shattered.

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Paradox Consulting specializes in taking on marketing related services, so that small business owners can focus on what they do best.

Nick says: “paying attention to building on and growing customer relationships via communication and information that represents value to both a business and their clients, is at the heart of the Paradox Consulting Group approach.”

Paradox helps companies develop “structured communication on a regular basis, newsletters or helpful messaging, and not always overtly self-serving, meaning we’re not trying to sell the guy something. We try to encourage our customers to figure out ways to offer helpful

information to customers, and not doing it sound like ‘I want you to buy more stuff from me.’ It’s more, ‘Here’s some helpful hints that’ll make what you currently have better,’ and that reinforces the relationship in a positive way, and hopefully make the customer think, ‘well, gee, this guy’s thinking about me and looking out for me. Maybe the next time I need something, I should give him a call.’”

Following up with their customers after a significant purchase can be a key aspect of building a relationship that will last, by showing there’s more company commitment and attention involved than just making a one-off sale.

“Some people buy things, and they forget where they bought ‘em because there’s no follow up,” Tom explains

this common failing that businesses should always look to improve. “It’s in all types of businesses. One of the chronic issues that most small businesses have is they don’t have a good database of their customer contact information, names, addresses. I mean, emails are very important today, and they keep saying, well, I’m going to get around to it. And I said, well, if you don’t get around then somebody else will. So, we really focus on the basics, and that’s a very important part of our toolbox because even with all the high-tech stuff we have today and the internet and all the digital world, people still do business with people. And if you can figure out a way to create that connection.”

Testimonials from Real Customers Mean Everything

Part of the toolbox that Paradox Consulting Group offers include video and related marketing and ad buying services that can help businesses that have satisfied

and loyal customers, but who aren’t letting other potential customers in on that valuable track record.

“I think one of the things that businesses should try to do is to have something accessible online, or even perhaps a photograph or a video of how the customer feels about the products and services from that particular business,” says Nick. “Because that type of messaging is invaluable when you’re marketing to that customer. Then if people see the advertisement, and they see someone talking about it, if you watch TV at night, there’s always Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So, and this guy did a great job on our roof, or he fixed my car, or he repaired my driveway. So that is a kind of positive reinforcement. Again, it takes a little bit of time and effort to do it, but we encourage our customers to get that kind of feedback

and utilize it creatively in their messaging.”

Tom and Nick emphasize that Paradox is experienced in providing cost effective solutions to small businesses that might not think they have the wherewithal to engage in that professional promotion.

“What we do is we approach the video from several aspects. One is the budget the person must work with. Not everyone has an unlimited budget for high-end professional filming and videography. So, we’ll take canned video B-roll, we’ll take some still shots and put something together that’s reasonably priced so they can get their message out there. With the internet today, social media is a great way to utilize videos. I mean, YouTube, Vimeo, the different various platforms. People like to view these things, and so we try to do it in a way where

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they can get a *video tool* that they can use for their business when maybe they thought they couldn't afford it."

Community Involvement and Service That Goes Beyond Business

After cutting his teeth in auto sales, Tom, a Dutchess County native, started Network Marketing in 1994, which was primarily focused on the retail automobile industry. He soon partnered with Nick Franco, and they have worked together now for 30 years. During the financial crisis of 2007-08 they decided to move in a somewhat different direction, branching out to become a more complete market and services company for small businesses and organizations of all types.

"We switched our focus to small businesses, organizations, local government. We do some political campaigns, so it's sort of a mixed bag. We find that for us, having some variety in the types of businesses we work with or clients, keeps the job interesting."

Tom is also active in supporting and promoting community initiatives close to his heart. His life-long involvement in the great outdoors, has informed that support.

"I grew up in scouting and I'm an Eagle Scout, and I spent a lot of time outdoors. I've done a lot of work with conservation

and environmental related groups. A lot of that spills over into our work with sportsman's organizations, and county federations. In fact, we are currently working with the Dutchess County Federation right now on some projects...because that's an area where sportsmen do a lot of good work for youth, and conservation and fish stocking and things like that. And the public doesn't really have a good awareness. So, we use our communications tools to help some of these guys take their game to the next level.



"Nick and I have both done a lot of work with the Wounded Warrior Project through the Adaptive Sports Foundation up at Windham. Helping Veterans reacclimate for civilian life. We've done a lot of outdoor related events for them both locally in the Hudson Valley and up north in the Adirondacks. We take veterans into the woods for several days and have a lot of volunteers and work with them...and that's been very rewarding."

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Discover Artistic Inspiration at Open Studios This Labor Day Weekend

Art enthusiasts and cultural explorers are invited to immerse themselves in a weekend of creativity during Art Studio Views this Labor Day weekend. From August 31-September 1, 30-artists will open their doors to the public, offering a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the craftsmanship and vision behind some of the region's most acclaimed artworks. Many studios will also be open on Monday, Labor Day. Located in five Hudson Valley communities - Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli, Art Studio Views has been a cornerstone of the local art scene for 17-years, renowned for its promotion of local talents and brings people together to appreciate their work.

"We are thrilled to welcome visitors to Art Studios Views over Labor Day weekend," said Joanna Hess, director of ASV. "This event is not only a celebration of art but also a chance for our community to come together and experience the power of creativity. This event promises to be a highlight of the holiday weekend, blending cultural enrichment with the joy of artistic discovery." "Whatever your interest" Hess continues, "the tour has

something for you—painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolors and inks; collage & mixed media makers working with found objects; printmakers; photographers; and ceramic artists whose work ranges from functional with a bit of funk thrown in for good measure. It's all here for you to discover."

Throughout the weekend, guests can anticipate intimate guided tours led by the artists, and some demonstrations, providing insights into their creative processes and inspirations. Hess explains "Before our big weekend, The Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, located in Rhinebeck, is hosting the ASV "Sampler Exhibit" which is a perfect opportunity to preview the artwork of the 30-participating artists. Join us for the Reception on Saturday, August 17th, 5-7pm in the Courtyard, during Rhinebeck's Third Saturday Arts

Walk, where you can meet the artists in a convivial atmosphere." Open studio tours create a vibrant culture in the community. Follow our bright yellow Art Studio Views signs along the route to find these private studios. The ASV Class of 2024 *indicates studios are also open Monday, Labor Day
Germantown/Clermont: Marie Cole: painter/printmaker; *Ramah Commanday: wood-fired ceramics; *Anthony Finta: painter; Grace Gunning: metal arts; Trevor Hunter: abstract expressionist; Red Hook/Tivoli: Sean Bowen: painter; *Janene Gentile: painter; Louise Kalin: printmaker/mixed media; Kevin Palfreyman: painter; Linda Palfreyman: painter; Kathy Schmidt: painter; *Demoy Shilling: photographer
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God's Corner

Panic Over Rising Temperatures

By Naomi Fata

With the heat and humidity of summer, comments about climate change are part of many conversations. Most echo a sense of underlying fear or anxiety about the issue.

There will always be things that could cause fear from climate change, to terrorism, to the upcoming elections. Fear can paralyze the soul if we let it. But putting fear in perspective can set us free.

From what perspective do you see these issues in the world?

Looking to the Bible for answers, you see that none of this comes as a surprise to God. In Matthew 24:6-8 Jesus says, “And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.” (NLT)

Wars. Famine. Earthquakes. The passage does not directly mention climate change. But these day wars, famine, and earthquakes are rampant. Yet Jesus encourages us not to panic. Why not panic?

This world is not our permanent home, according to Hebrews 13:

14. Rather, because of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we can have eternal life through faith in Him. (John 3:16). This means that we aren't bound by the things that happen to the world as we know it. In Heaven, there is no more fear or pain, and sin's impact is broken.

Rather than letting panic dominate our thinking, you can live with hope. Because faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what we don't see. (Hebrews 11:1). Yes, we see the world falling apart. Yes, there are concerns and events that cause fear.

Don't we teach children from a young age, so that they will be prepared for adulthood and independence one day? They don't see the future and aren't able to imagine their life as an adult.

In this, perhaps we are much like little children. Our Father is giving us information about the future. Some of it makes little sense in our minds. Yet we can continue to go to Him, tell Him our fears, ask Him for wisdom about the future, and continue to study His Word.

Faith is not a simple journey.
To believe what we do not see
does not come easily. Yet when
you know Him and His love,
He gives the faith to believe.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

“For all the promises of
God in him are yea, and in
him Amen, unto the glory of

God by us” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

There are several thousand promises of God recorded in the Bible. Some of the promises are to the world in general, some to the nation of Israel, some to the Church, and many to every Believer. We can be assured what the Lord promises will come to pass. The Lord never breaks His promise. He is the True Promise Keeper! Some promises are unconditional, while others are conditional. “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4). I would like to cover some of the promises that apply to our lives. Also I would like you to think of other promises that apply to your life.

THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

“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). The promise is eternal life to whoever believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and receives Him into their life. This is a wonderful promise given to whosoever believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. I encourage everyone reading this to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and call upon Him to be saved. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). The Lord Jesus Christ paid the price in full. When He died on the Cross he said, “It is finished” (John 19:30). The work of salvation was completed by His death, and then three days later He Rose bodily from the grave in Victory over death and the grave.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the Upper Room the Lord Jesus promised to send another comforter. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit. “And I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever” (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit lives within the life of every Believer.

THE PROMISE OF HIS POWER

The last words that Jesus said before He ascended back to Heaven were, “But ye shall receive power, after 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 promise of the Coming of the Holy Spirit will result in the Believers being endued with power. The Holy Spirit gives the power to witness, to live the Christian life, and to minister effectively. We need to depend on the promise of His power in order to accomplish what He has chosen us to do.

THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE

The Lord is always with us. He will never leave or forsake us. “For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Hebrews 13:5b,6).

THE PROMISE OF HIS JESUS' COMING

Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (1 John 14:1-3). If you would like to know more about the promises of God and/or the Blessings of being

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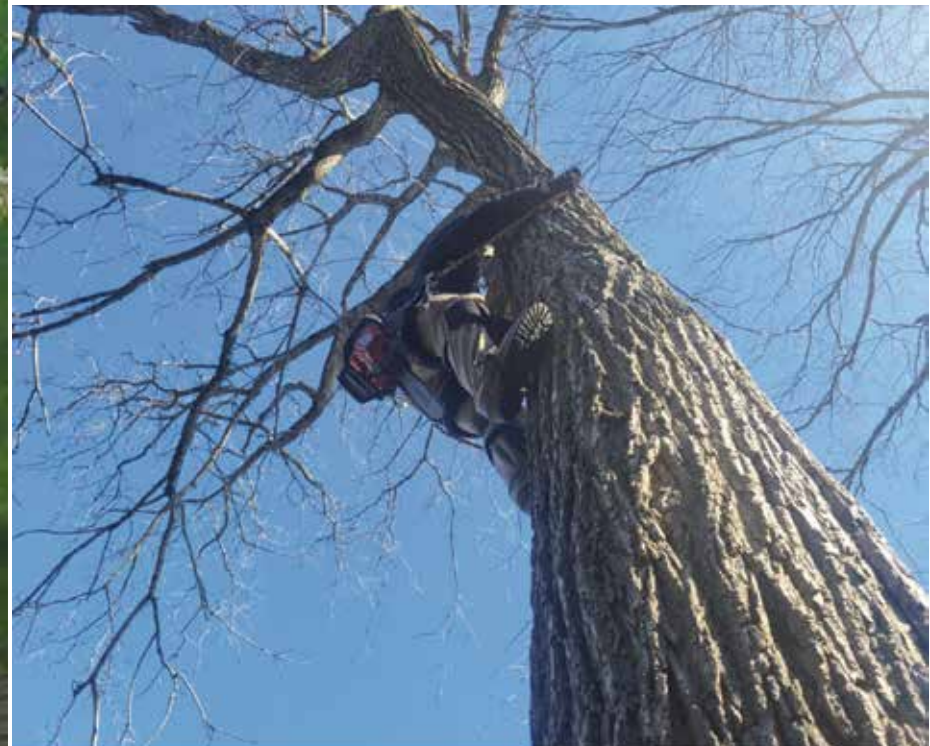
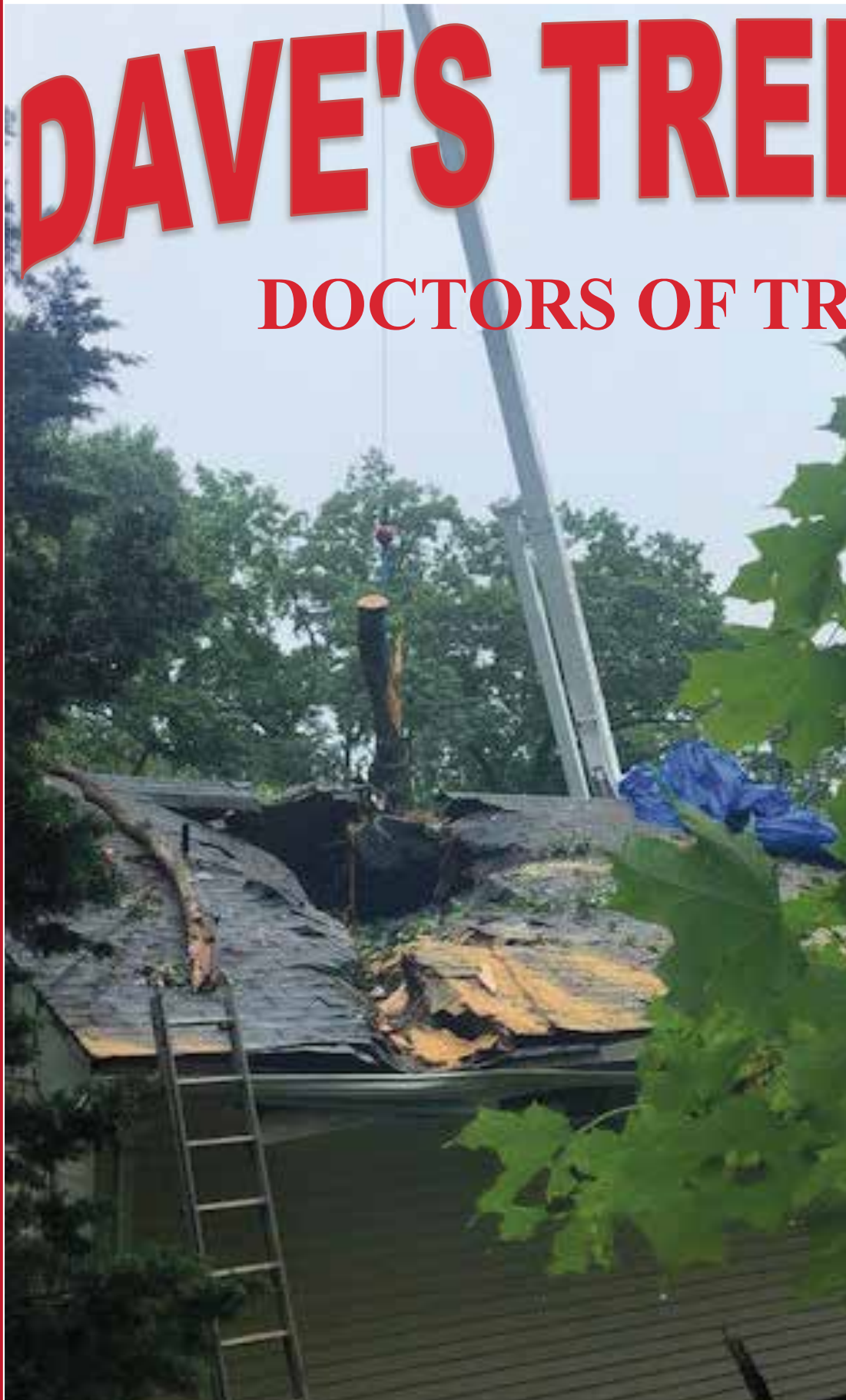
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Literary Retreat with A Public Space

Thursday, September 12 - Sunday, September 15

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WORKSHOPS

Jo Ann Beard: Interpreting Memory

Jai Chakrabarti: Poetic Forms in Fiction

Mary-Beth Hughes: The Next New Dance

Samantha Hunt: The Atlas of Everything

Robert Sullivan: Writing with Water—Reading Landscapes

DUTCHESS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. ANNOUNCES 2024 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced today that 4 youths

were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2024. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 24 during the annual Agricultural Society’s dinner meeting.

“The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Evan Boice. Several other awards were given out to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture,” stated Andy Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (Dutchess County Fairgrounds). He continued with, “This year, in addition to the scholarships already in place, a new \$1000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School Student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community.”

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

Evan Boice of Lagrangeville, was selected to receive the \$10,000 scholarship plus a one time additional \$7,500 award. The following students were selected to receive a one time Achievement Award:

Ashley Keck of Poughkeepsie

Katelyn, Marshall of Clinton Corners

Lauryn Menz of Red Hook

Kathryn Tibbetts of Hyde Park

DCAS Inc. Rhinebeck High School Good Citizenship Award:

Jerriemy Chilson of Rhinebeck

The 178th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 20 - 25 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year’s Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or call 845-876-4000.

CCS CLASS OF 1968 MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER IS TATE VANALSTYNE

Tate VanAlstyne of Chatham was the recipient of this year’s Chatham Central School (CCS) Class of 1968 Memorial Award, in the amount of \$500. In developing the criteria, members of the Class of 1968 recalled what was important to them in school and throughout their lives. These “Best of ‘68” values included a positive attitude, a strong sense of community, a strong work ethic, a willingness to take a chance even if it is not the popular choice, and empathy

toward others. Tate exemplifies these values, especially by being a member and team leader of several CCS sports teams, always letting every player know that he is there for them. He often “trusts his gut” and stands his ground even when his decision may not be what others want. He helps others in his baseball camp each year free time by volunteering for and is especially good with many community projects. encouraging younger students

For example, Tate helps at



Brian Simmons presented Tate VanAlstyne with the CCS Class of 1968 award as his mother Kelly VanAlstyne looked on.

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INGREDIENTS

2 zucchini squash spiralized
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 garlic cloves
8 to 10 shishito peppers
2 ears of sweet corn grilled or charred (or even leftover from dinner a night before!)

1/2 pint cherry tomatoes halved or sliced, sprinkled with salt and pepper
1/2 cup fresh mozzarella balls
2 tablespoons fresh basil
2 tablespoons fresh oregano
salt and pepper to taste

SHRIMP

1 pound raw peeled and deveined shrimp I like the larger grilling shrimp
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 garlic cloves finely minced or pressed

INSTRUCTIONS

Start by spiralizing the zucchini and hitting it all with a pinch of salt. Place it on a towel and spread it out, allowing it to sit and release moisture for a few minutes. Press another towel on top of it to soak up some of the water.

At this point, you can grill the corn and prep the shishito peppers! If you don’t want to turn on your grill, you can heat the broiler in your oven and place the corn and peppers on a baking sheet. Stick them under the broil as close as you can, watching the entire time, and rotate as they both char and get golden. Remove from the oven (or grill!) and let these things cool. Slice the corn from the cob.

I start the shrimp below, then set it aside on a plate. You can toss the zucchini noodles in the skillet that you used for the shrimp (which is DELISH!) or you can use a new skillet with a bit of olive oil and garlic. I toss the noodles over medium heat for a few minutes until they are just barely cooked. Taste one and determine if you need some salt and pepper to taste. Place the zoodles in one large bowl or a few separate bowls. Build the rest of your bowl, adding on the tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, grilled corn and peppers. Add a few herbs over top and you’re good to go!

Pat the shrimp completely dry with paper towels. Once it’s dry, season it with the salt, pepper, paprika and cumin. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and add the butter. Once it’s melted and begins to sizzle, add the shrimp in batches (don’t overcrowd it!) and cook on both sides until pink. The butter will brown as the shrimp cooks and you can whisk it occasionally to prevent it from burning. When the shrimp is finished, stir in the garlic (I stir a little in each batch of the shrimp) and cook for a second then place the shrimp on a plate. Repeat with remaining shrimp!

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CCS Class pf 1968 Memorial Award Winner from page 11

to achieve their goals.

Tate is the grandson of Brian Simmons, a member of the Class of 1968, which may be why he demonstrates so many of the characteristics required to win this award. Tate will play baseball for the Southern New Hampshire University while studying Business and Finance.

This award was established by fundraising and donations received at the Class's 50th Reunion. Future awards are contingent upon the generosity

and funding of donors. To contribute to this award and honor the class members who have had an immeasurable impact on improving lives and our community, please contact Christine Madsen Rundell at 518-965-4220 for more information.

PRINTMAKING

August 8th - September 1, 2024
This show will feature gallery artists' works in various printmaking styles ranging from monoprints, etching, woodblock, textural pulp, and lithography. A printmaking workshop will be offered at the gallery August 24th 1-4 pm, followed by a

clothesline show and reception of prints from the workshop 5-7pm. Show dates: Friday August 8th through Sunday September 1st
Where: Tivoli Artists Gallery 60 Broadway, Tivoli, New York
Gallery Hours: Thursday (by appointment), Friday, 5 - 8:30 pm, Saturday 12 - 8 pm, Sunday 12 -4 pm.

Gallery Phone: (845) 757-2667
The public is cordially invite to the Opening Reception, Saturday August 10th, 5 - 7 pm and the Clothesline Show Saturday, August 24th, 5-7pm
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Spencertown Academy Arts Center 19th Annual Festival of Books August 30 through September 2 Distinguished Authors, Children's Programming, and Giant Book Sale

Spencertown Academy Arts Center's 19th annual Festival of Books takes place over Labor Day weekend, August 30 through September 2. The Festival features a giant used book sale, two days of discussions with and readings by esteemed authors, and a children's program.

Featured authors include Martin Baron, Andrew Leland, Stephen McCauley, Paul Muldoon, Ruth Reichl, and Anna Shechtman. Admission is free to all of the events, save for the Members Only Preview early book-buying opportunity detailed below.

The Festival, which began in 2006 as a book sale to raise funds for the Academy's community arts programs, has grown into one of the biggest and most eagerly anticipated cultural events of the season. Carl Atkins, Wayne Greene, and David Highfill are co-chairs of the Festival. "We are very fortunate this year to have a stellar lineup of authors, including a Pulitzer Prize winner in poetry, a finalist for this year's Pulitzer Prize in memoir, and this year's James Beard Award winner for Lifetime Achievement," says Atkins. "Our talented volunteers are waiting in the wings, ready to sort, tidy

up, and catalog the thousands of used books we'll be receiving for the always-epic book sale."

Authors' books will be available for purchase and signing. Coffee and delicious snacks will also be for sale on Saturday and Sunday.
FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE
Saturday, August 31
The authors' program kicks off at 12:00pm with bestselling author Ruth Reichl discussing her new book, *The Paris Novel*, with writer and producer Paige Orloff. Deemed "mouthwatering" by *The New York Times*, the novel is a testament to living deliciously, taking chances, and finding your true home. Reichl has published five memoirs, a cookbook, and two works of fiction. She was editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine and previously served as restaurant critic for *The New York Times*, as well as food editor and restaurant
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As thunderstorm season creeps up on us, we want help dog owners know how to manage their dog's fear of the booming thunder. Thunderstorms are a common fear in dogs, causing many to panic and run away, become destructive, or even hurt themselves. Dogs can sense that a storm is on the way, and they often begin to show signs of anxiety even before the storm can be heard. While thunderstorms may cause panic, dogs can be trained to manage their reactions and feel calmer through all the noise and bright flashes.

The following tips can help you and your dog manage reactions to help relax during storms, fireworks or other loud disturbances that may be frightening to him. Always keep proper identification securely fastened to your dog's collar in case he gets out. Talk to your veterinarian about implanting a universal microchip in your pet for lifelong identification. Remember to update your veterinary clinic and animal shelter with your correct contact information. Give your dog a safe place to stay during storms. Inside your home, create a quiet den-like area where your dog can feel secure. A properly introduced crate or kennel can be a calming refuge for him. When a storm is brewing, lead your dog to his special place to help him feel calm and protected. If your dog lives outside, cover his doghouse or dog run with a blanket to shield him from the bursts of lightning. Outside dogs can get lost or even injured if they escape their fenced yards in fear during storms. Dogs

can pick up fear or discomfort with storms from their family pack members, so it is important that you develop a calm, matter-of-fact attitude. Let your dog stay close and try to distract him with activities like play or brushing. Do not try to reassure him in a sympathetic voice—this will sound like praise and may increase his nervousness and confusion. Some dogs become destructive when frightened. A crate is always the best way to keep your dog safe and your belongings intact. If you don't use a crate, remove any items in the room your dog could destroy or could hurt him if he chewed them. During a storm, keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noise and bright flashes. Turn on a TV or radio playing soft music at normal volume to distract your dog and help him to relax. Keep your dog away from doors that lead outside. Your dog may be under significant stress, which could result in unnecessary injury to others entering your home or cause him to dart outside and get lost or injured. Your dog may become incontinent due to his extreme fear and the rush of adrenaline he experiences during a storm. Be prepared for this, and don't react if it occurs. Dogs that continue to panic in thunderstorms may have to be reconditioned by creating an artificial storm with environmental recordings. While reconditioning can be a time-consuming procedure, it can have a high success rate. A qualified Bark Busters dog behavioral therapist can help your dog be calmer during storms. In the most extreme cases, medication in conjunction with training may be the best solution to help your dog cope with his fear of storms. Consult with your veterinarian about possible treatments.

Your dog's phobia of thunderstorms probably won't get better on its own. Help him learn that it's just noise and is nothing for him to worry about. When he learns to relax and

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Barbara Sweeney Fassett is the Owner of Bark Busters Home Dog Training, Dutchess County. As such, she has done business in the mid-Hudson Valley for the past 18+ years For more information about Bark Busters, please visit our website at www.BarkBusters.com where you can take a free 20 question quiz to rate your dog's behavior. You can also contact Barbara directly by phone at 845-535-5302 and join in the fun by "liking" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/>

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critic for the *Los Angeles Times*. She has been honored with six James Beard Awards, including the 2024 Honorable James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.

At 1:30pm, Andrew Leland will talk about his first book, *The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight*, which was a finalist for the 2024 Pulitzer Prize in memoir. It is a sweeping exploration of not only the physical experience of blindness, but also its language, politics and customs. Leland has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's Quarterly*, and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, among other outlets. From 2013 to 2019, he hosted and

produced The Organist, an arts and culture podcast, for KCRW in Los Angeles; he has also produced pieces for Radiolab and 99 Percent Invisible. Joining the author in conversation will be Alex Kitnick, assistant professor of art history and visual culture at Bard College.

At 3:00pm, veteran journalist and newspaper editor Martin Baron will discuss *Collision of Power: Trump, Bezos, and the Washington Post*, which was named a 2023 Best Book of the Year by Amazon. Baron took charge of *The Washington Post* newsroom in 2013. Just seven months into his new job, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos bought the *Post*, ending a venerated

family's 80 years of ownership. Just over two years later, Donald Trump became president. Now, the capital's newspaper, owned by one of the world's richest men, was tasked not only with meeting the demands of their new owner but also contending with a White House that waged a war of unprecedented vitriol against the media. Joining Baron in conversation will be Barry Meier, author of *Pain Killer: An Empire of Deceit and the Origin of America's Opioid Epidemic*.

FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE Sunday, September 1

At 11:30am, Anna Shechtman will discuss *The Riddles of the Sphinx: Inheriting the Feminist*

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History of the Crossword Puzzle, which is both a memoir about her experience as one of the few female puzzle makers and a history of the crossword puzzle. She profiles the overlooked women central to the crossword's creation and evolution—from the "Crossword Craze" of the 1920s to the role of digital technology today. Shechtman published her

first *New York Times* puzzle at age 19, and later, helped to spearhead the *The New Yorker's* popular crossword section. She has also written for a number of outlets, including *ArtForum*, *The New Inquiry*, *The New Yorker*, the *New York Review of Books*, *Slate*, and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, where she is an editor-at-large. Joining her in conversation will be Sam Huber, critic and editor of *The Yale Review*.

At 1:00pm, author Stephen McCauley will talk about his eighth novel, *You Only Call When You're in Trouble*, which was an Indie Next Pick for January 2024 and named one of Electric Literature's "42 Queer Books You Need to Read in 2024." McCauley's previous works include national bestsellers *My Ex-Life*, *The Object of My Affection*, and *Alternatives to Sex*. Three of his books have been made into feature films. *The New York Times Book Review* dubbed him "the secret love child of Edith Wharton and Woody Allen," and the French Ministry of Culture named him a Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters. He currently co-directs the Creative Writing program at Brandeis University.

Sunday's final program at 2:30pm will feature Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon, whose latest book, *Joy*

in Service on Rue Tagore: Poems, is his 15th full-length collection of poetry. In it, he writes with the same verve and distinction that have won him the highest accolades. From artichokes to zinc, he navigates an alphabet of image and history, through barleymen and Irish slavers to the last running wolf in Ulster. The journey involves the accumulated bric-a-brac of a life, and a reckoning along the way of gains against loss. Muldoon's poetry has been translated into 20 languages. **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

The Festival of Books children's program on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00am to 11:30am will feature a meet and greet with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, the title character of children's author and illustrator Eric Carle's beloved picture book. Kids will be able to have their photos taken with the costumed character, get crafty with art activities, and listen to the classic story of a butterfly's life cycle read by Chatham High School drama students Kaylee Couitt and Paxton Brownell.

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At the heart of the Festival is a giant book sale, one of the biggest in the region, featuring more than 15,000 gently used books, including fiction and non-fiction, hard and soft covers—all offered at affordable prices. Friends of the Academy donate books and a dedicated band of volunteers, led by Wayne Greene, spend countless hours throughout the summer carefully sorting and organizing the books in preparation for the sale. The book sale is open to the

public on Saturday, August 31 from 10:00am to 5:00pm; Sunday, September 1 from 10:00am to 4:00pm; and on Monday, September 2 (bargain day) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Admission is free. Teachers with ID receive a 20% discount on their purchases (except in the Special Book Room and guest author books).

In addition, Spencertown Academy members will have first crack at the books during the Members Only Preview on Friday, August 30 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. "Browse and buy at your leisure—shoppers will enjoy early access even more this year as the use of scanning devices will be prohibited on Friday," says Greene. "No commotion, just a pleasant shopping experience." Free for members, \$10 for member's guests, and memberships will be available online or at the door.

The Special Book Room features an array of curated books, including art, photography, architecture, design, cookbooks, graphic novels, collectible first editions, signed books, esoterica, and more. Some highlights from early donations include an extraordinary selection of graphic novels and books of illustration and cartoon art, including several volumes featuring the art of R. Crumb and Mad Magazine. Signed books include Herman Leonard's *Jazz Memories*, a coffee table book of his iconic jazz photography, signed by Leonard; a seminal photography book, *The Sweet Flypaper of Life*, featuring Roy DeCarava's photographs of

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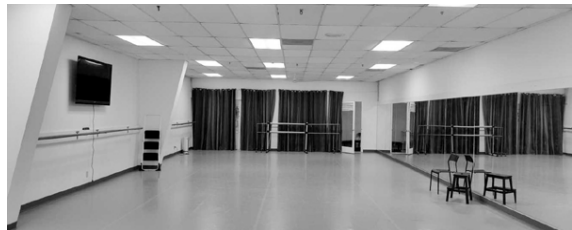


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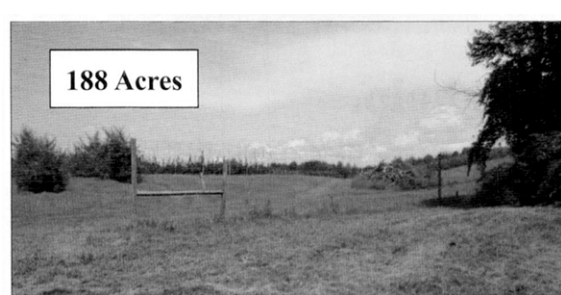


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Spencertown Academy Arts Center from page 14

Harlem in the fifties, signed by DeCarava; and a history of the cartoon series, *The Flintstones*, signed by co-creators Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera.

There's a Kids' Corner for young readers and a media section full of vinyl LPs, DVDs, CDs, and audio books. This year, there will be a special section devoted to Miles Davis featuring classic albums on vinyl, as well as boxed CD sets of his music.

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.

IDEAS – Photography by Yoram Gelman

Art Gallery 71 is pleased to invite the public to view the photography of this month's featured artist, Yoram Gelman. About his work, Gelman states, "I tend to photograph what I call *ideas* that

are based on math and physics — that is, curves and relationships between shapes/objects."



Boats/Bridge by Yoram Gelman

You can view Ideas from August 9th through September 2nd during gallery hours listed below. Please join us for the opening reception on Saturday, August 17th from 4-6pm. Gallery address: *71 East Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572* Gallery hours:

Fridays: noon-6pm

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

Germantown Garden Club Members Get Ready For Upcoming Flower Show

The Germantown Garden Club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, at the

Hover Meeting Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. The meeting begins at noon. On the agenda will be a presentation by Accredited Flower Show Judge Barbara Campbell on "Designing Arrangements for Flower Shows." Barbara will share tips and ideas for creating award-winning floral designs with a

special emphasis on the club's upcoming flower show displays. She will also talk about exhibiting specimens for the horticulture classes. A question-and-answer session will follow. The club will also discuss plans for their upcoming Annual Flower Show. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public, new members are always welcome.

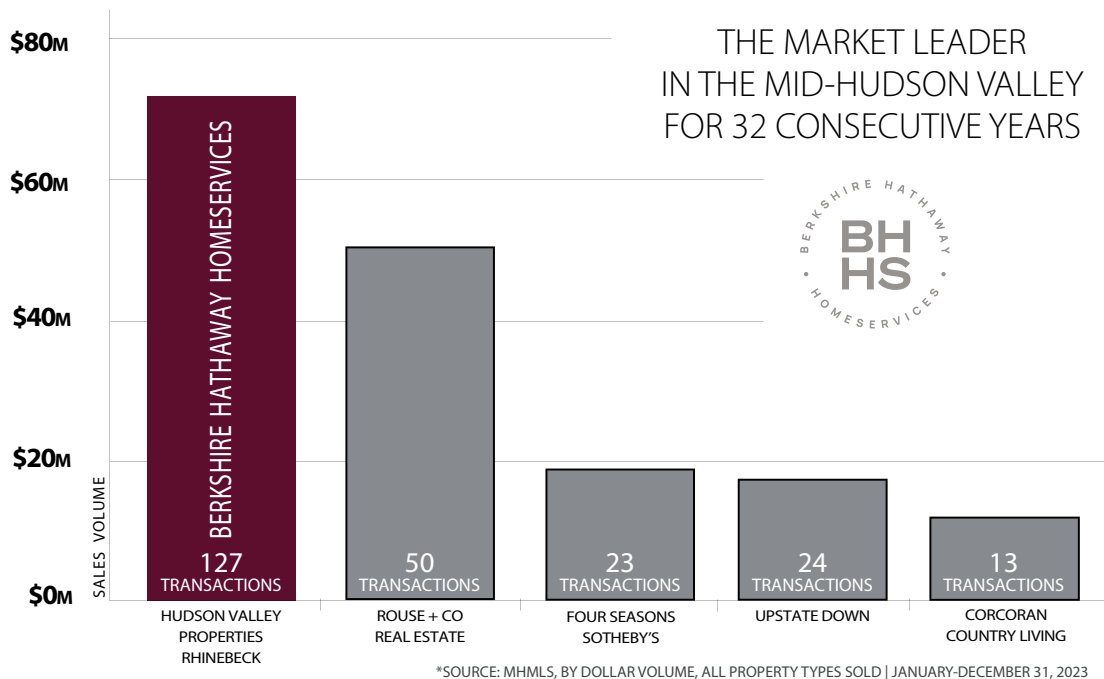
For more than 95 years, the Club has held an annual Standard Flower Show. This year it will take place on Saturday, September 7 from 1–4 p.m. and on Sunday, September 8, from 1–3 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Post 346, 1154 Woods Rd, Germantown. The show will feature flower arrangements

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educational displays, and horticultural specimens. This year the Germantown Garden Club's show title is "The Four Seasons." The design and horticulture classes will offer this theme for their entries.

For more information, please call Irene Clum, 518-537-4793.

The Germantown Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Library of Local Presents: Presentation and Book-signing with Cara Hochhalter

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