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HH Hill-Team Celebrates One Year with Houlihan Lawrence

By Lisa Dudley
The celebrated HH Hill real estate team of Harry Hill and Vicki Hickman joined Houlihan Lawrence last fall – which adds Rhinebeck Brokerage to its broad territory of acclaimed Houlihan Lawrence



Harry Hill



Vicki Hickman

locations with talented real estate professionals. “We are so happy to be a part of the Houlihan Lawrence family,” proclaims Vicki Hickman, who is an associate broker and partner with Harry “Huck” Hill. “They are a first-class company with tremendous cutting-edge technology, the latest digital platforms, and an ongoing connection to the global market. “Furthermore, Houlihan Lawrence is committed to supporting our neighborhood organizations which helps to improve our quality of life. We embrace their business philosophy that our

success be a part of the greater good in the Hudson Valley. Our colleagues at Houlihan Lawrence serve on multiple non-profit boards and proudly just raised \$150,000 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness, making this a record breaking fundraising year for the Houlihan Lawrence #StrongerTogether campaign.

Ms. Hickman admits she was surprised when Huck said we are merging last year but the decision was an easy one. “The combination of our reputation and high-visibility in Rhinebeck Village [at 6408 Montgomery

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14K INC. Jewelry Store: Simple Elegance to Unique Custom Design

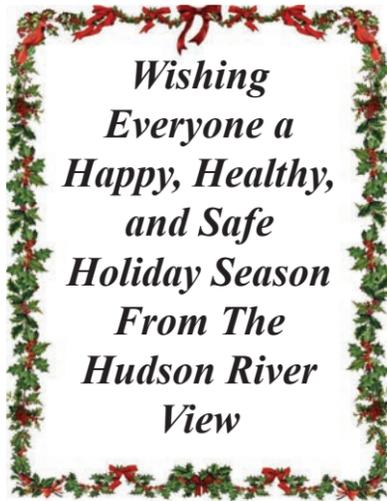
By Hilary Hart
Quality matters in every type of business or service, and especially where something as personal as jewelry is concerned, so do experience and authenticity matter. 14K Jewelry Store Inc. at 303 Fairview Avenue in Hudson [Route 9 – 12534 for all you GPS people] embodies all of the above attributes and then some. Hudson native Michael Ferrari established his beautiful store in 1988 and has been providing the area with affordable fine jewelry, giftware and repairs for over 30 years. It is a perfect example of an outstanding family-owned business that has been dedicated to the customers and the area for decades. The store is absolutely beautiful and a pleasure to visit. 14K offers one of the largest selections of quality jewelry in 14k yellow, rose or white gold, as well as a wonderful collection in sterling



silver, custom and one of a kind pieces. The wide variety of items have something for almost every taste and price range. If a customer cannot find the perfect item they are seeking, they may decide to design a custom piece, something that Michael has been providing to individuals (and even to some stores) for years. He is a much-sought-after craftsman and his works are unique.

The first in the area to offer laser technology, Michael has mastered the art of laser welding and can repair, size and create custom jewelry without the use of heat. Laser welding was first developed in Germany and was originally intended for dental repairs. The laser welder joins the two metals together using a focused light beam that meets a very small area of metal. Because there is very little heat generated with this technology, an experienced craftsman such as Michael, is

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FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS AT FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, VAL-KILL

Holiday Open Houses with Decorations, Children’s Reading Festival, Live Music, Holiday Cards for Troops, Pictures with Santa
On December 14, 2019, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will host **free holiday events**. The Roosevelt Library and the Home of FDR (Springwood) will be open to visitors free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities -- including the annual Children’s Reading Festival and free photos with Santa --** beginning at Noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center. In addition, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will be

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Greenport Auto Sales: Trusted for Years

By Hilary Hart
Remember the ads on TV where a car is sitting in someone’s driveway with a big red holiday gift bow on it? That could be for someone you know this year – or for YOU!! Owner Tim Melino’s friendly and easy-going manner may fool you into thinking his Greenport Auto Sales business is casual with him, but don’t be fooled – this man knows a lot about vehicles of all sorts, foreign and domestic, and runs an incredible business.

Greenport Auto Sales opened its doors at 401 Fairview Avenue in Hudson, NY (12534 for you GPS people) almost fifteen years ago and has been continually expanding ever since. Now they are planning further expansion into the service/maintenance and repair end of the business soon. They already are a New York State registered repair shop, with Tim’s son Brad running most of that part of the operation, but soon they will be doing even more. Their expanded repair facility will be offering a larger variety of services, including brake work, tires, and mechanical services,



Brad Melino & Tim Melino

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The Germantown Holiday Stroll... Locals Planning for a Day of Festive Fun

By Joe Doran
The joy of Christmastime is in giving. No matter the holiday trappings, that’s the spirit of the season. Unfortunately, with online shopping at just a few huge retailers becoming so prevalent, the process of getting gifts can feel disconnected from the season, and not particularly pleasurable.

The Germantown Holiday Stroll, set this year for December 7th, is more than just a way to pick out something for a loved ones and friends. It’s a great way to enjoy the journey, connect with local community, and experience some of the traditional holiday sights and sounds. Whether it’s watching a child meet Santa, or the lighting of the tree in the town square, the Germantown Holiday Stroll puts a little more of that treasured joy into the holidays.

“The event is something that Germantown has been doing for a long time,” says Tracy Martin, of Otto’s Market and the Germantown Laundromat. “It’s a way to do something for the community, bring people together, and have fun! It’s also meant to support the small businesses here in Germantown, and encourage people when out doing their holiday shopping, to shop local. It’s important to give a boost to makers and small businesses in the hamlet. And it’s a great way to all get together to celebrate and support one another.”



There are some neat activities, bargains and entertainment that Holiday Strollers can expect along the way, according to Tracy.

“This year there is going to be a holiday window decor competition between the hamlet businesses, with the winner receiving a gift certificate to Lawlor’s Package Store. We have a tree that we just put up in the hamlet square, and the it’s going to be lit as part of the festivities, at 5:30pm.”

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Wassailing and Yulesinging

The tradition of wassailing (also spelled wasselling) falls into two distinct categories: the house-visiting wassail and the orchard-visiting wassail. The house-visiting wassail is the practice of people going door-to-door, singing and offering a drink from the wassail bowl in exchange for gifts; this practice still exists, but has largely been displaced by caroling. The orchard-visiting wassail refers to the ancient custom of visiting orchards in cider-producing regions of

England, reciting incantations and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year.

The word wassail comes from the Anglo-Saxon greeting Wæs þu hæl, meaning “be thou hale”—i.e., “be in good health”.

Traditionally, the wassail is celebrated on Twelfth Night (variously on either January 5 or 6). Some people still wassail on “Old Twelvey Night”, January 17, as it would have been before the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar in 1752.

In the middle ages, the wassail was a reciprocal exchange between the feudal lords and their peasants as a form of recipient-initiated charitable giving, to be distinguished from begging.

The lord of the manor would give food and drink to the peasants in exchange for their blessing and goodwill.

This would be given in the form of the song being sung. Wassailing is the background practice against which an English carol such as “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” can be made sense of. The carol lies in the English tradition where wealthy people of the community gave Christmas

treats to the carolers on Christmas Eve such as ‘figgy puddings’.

Although wassailing is often described in innocuous and sometimes nostalgic terms—still practiced in some parts of Scotland and Northern England on New Years Day as “first-footing”—the practice in England has not always been considered so innocent. Similar traditions have also been traced to Greece and the country of Georgia. Wassailing was associated with rowdy bands of young men who would enter the homes of wealthy neighbours and demand free food and drink (in a manner similar to the modern children’s Halloween practice of trick-or-treating). If the householder refused, he was usually cursed,

and occasionally his house was vandalized. The example of the exchange is seen in their demand for “figgy pudding” and “good cheer”, i.e., the wassail beverage, without which the wassailers in the song will not leave; “We won’t go until we get some, so bring some out here”.

In the cider-producing West of England (primarily the counties of Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire) wassailing also refers to drinking (and singing) to the health of trees in the hopes that they might better thrive. The purpose of wassailing is to awake the cider apple trees and to scare away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit in the autumn.

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Kids will be glad to know that Santa is setting up shop at the Holiday Stroll too. He'll be at the Central House. There will also be live music in store, courtesy of Greg Fingar and his Taconic Ridge Bluegrass Band.

Tracy says a lot of the participating businesses will be offering specials. And they'll have treats like eggnog, hot chocolate, and holiday discounts. A Great List of Seasonal Fun and Activities

The eclectic run-down of what's going on at the Germantown Holiday Stroll includes the following:

- Local Holiday Shopping
- Hamlet Window Decor Competition
- Holiday Bazaar, 10am-4pm at Palatine Manor
- Tree Lighting, 5:30pm in the Hamlet Park
- Santa Visits, 6-7pm at Central House
- Face Painting with Fingar Insurance, 4-6pm at Central House
- Taconic Ridge Bluegrass Band, 4-6pm at Central House
- Hot Cocoa and Cookies

- at Otto's Market
- Ginger + Anise Spiced Bone Broth + Massages by East Asian Medicine Center at Gaskins
- Winter Wreaths + Garland at Athabold
- Kids Crafts + Gingerbread Decorating Contest with Germantown Library at Central House
- Eggnog + Shrimp Cocktail + Jewelry Discounts at Mary MacGill Studio
- Cookies, Tea and Technology Gifts at GTel
- Used Clothing Sale in support of Germantown Parks Commission + Modern Apothecary Workshop at Germantown Laundry
- S'mores Fire Pit by Gatherwild Ranch in front of Germantown Laundry
- Ornaments in support of Riverkeeper + Germantown Waterfront at Quittner Antiques
- Treats from Darlin Doe Farm + Little Darlings

Farm School at Michael Robbins Furniture

The Importance of Spreading Local Joy

The trend towards online holiday shopping has only accelerated in the past few years. Local businesses are responding, of course, by becoming part of that online presence. But the penchant of consumers to shop just at few large e-commerce websites is a problem.

Website consultants websitesetups.org recently compiled statistics about the trends from over a dozen different authoritative sources, including the National Retail Foundation and Experian. Among their findings:

- Holiday retail sales crossed the \$1 trillion mark for the first time in 2018.
- The average American shopper spent \$846 on gifts in 2018 — a 14 percent increase from 2017.
- The average holiday shopper purchased about 16 gifts in 2018.
- Holiday e-commerce sales were responsible for \$126 billion in 2018 — a 16.5 percent increase from the \$108.2 billion generated in 2017.
- In 2018, Cyber Monday generated \$7.9 billion in online sales — making it the biggest sales day in US e-commerce history.

There's some good news for brick and mortars and local entrepreneurs. Black Friday, for example, is still the largest shopping day of the year. It's the busiest traffic day of the year, so there's no doubt people are getting out of the house. And 56 percent of shoppers believe that Black Friday is when they can get some of the best deals on items like electronics, clothing and toys.

Local businesses are becoming much more focused on proactive promotion to help them respond and thrive. They're using chambers of commerce, coordination with local municipalities, and online resources and networking, to do it. According to LocalIQ, a news blog of USA Today, there are several key things people can do to help local businesses during the holiday shopping season. They can participate in "Small Business Saturday", a national day of awareness meant to drive traffic to local businesses. It's the Saturday after Black Friday.

Keeping an eye out for local Maker's Markets, and seasonal festivals like the Germantown Holiday Stroll, is another major way to keep it local. And don't forget to opt for local business gift certificates, when shopping for friends and family. People enjoy getting out to the scenic towns of the Hudson region, but a gift certificate incentive gives them that much more incentive to do it.

The Support of Jack Frost Will Be Appreciated Like any near winter-time event in the Hudson

Valley, the success of the Germantown Holiday Stroll will get a boost if the weather cooperates. "Turnout is totally weather dependent, which is why we're having it as early on in December as possible. We also have a rain date set for December 8th" says Tracy. "It's hard to predict just how many people might be there, but we hope a couple of hundred people will turn out throughout the day. Hopefully they'll spend quality time wandering around and enjoying the holiday cheer."

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You've seen Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Ghosts of Christmas from a theatre seat. This season, don't just watch the story unfold, be a part of it during Theatre On The Road's interactive dinner-theatre performance of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Kick off the holiday season with merry songs, laughter, and heart-warming nostalgia as actors and carolers bring the story to life at the historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 22 at 1 pm and 5 pm.

This event features a sumptuous three-course meal following a reception where guests meet Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Nephew Fred, and carolers in authentic Victorian

costume. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters throughout the performance. "Theatre on the Road's dinner theater presentation of A Christmas Carol has become a holiday tradition at The Beekman Arms. The actors and singers are professional and engage the audience much to our delight. We look forward to hosting them every year." - Brenda Catalano, The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, NY

Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, the production is a tribute to the spirit of a traditional holiday, with script written by Theatre On The Road founders Frank and Kristen Marquette. This year marks the fifth consecutive year that the traveling theatre troupe will produce this event at the Beekman Arms, and the show's 20th year in production overall. In honor of this anniversary, a commemorative CD featuring songs and scenes by the show's cast is available for purchase. The album includes 10 carols sung by actors and five short vignettes featuring Scrooge, Tiny Tim, the ghost of Marley, and the Cratchit family. The CD is for sale at all performances in December, and online at

theatreontheroad.com, for \$15.

"There's no better way to feel the enchantment of the holiday season than by gathering with friends and family to enjoy a performance of this holiday classic over a delicious, three-course meal at the beautiful and historic Beekman Arms," says cofounder Frank Marquette.



"And now you can take the magic home with you with our commemorative CD." Admission includes dinner

and the performance, priced at \$75 per person (includes tax and gratuity). For tickets visit www.theatreontheroad.com and information call 845-475-7973.

About Theatre on the Road Theatre on the Road is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette and wife and producing partner, Kristen. Producing plays for educational, charitable, and private events since 1998, they offer original scripts, professional actors, period styling, and handmade costumes. Original productions include Poe's Last Mystery, Voices from the Past, A Taste of Shakespeare, and seasonal "living history" tours. Visit theatreontheroad.com.

On Saturday December 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. PS 21 will present two celebrated 20th century chamber works, played by Ensemble Connect.

Ensemble Connect is a group of extraordinary classical musicians who take part in a two-year fellowship program created by a partnership of Carnegie Hall, The Julliard School, the Weill Music Institute and the New York City Department of Education. It has been acclaimed for its "energy and virtuosity" and its ability to

actively engage any audience. Poulenc's Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano (1926) is the French composer's first mature work of chamber music, loved for its "clarity," unpretentious "youthful verve", tonality and effervescence. It is the only standard work for this unusual combination of instruments. Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time was written while Messiaen was a prisoner of war at the Nazi's Stalag VIII-A camp, for the unusual combination of piano, clarinet, violin and cello - reflecting the instruments and players who were available at the camp. Its eight movements balance religious certainties with a sense of longing, with titles drawn from the biblical Revelation to John. The music varies from the simple to the complex, from nimble and dancelike, to floating, open harmonies to pulsing fury. The work is considered "majestic" and transcendent. Following the concert, the audience is invited to a reception with the artists, a holiday toast and a festive dessert. Advance tickets are \$25 general/\$20 members/\$10 students. Tickets at the door are \$30 general/\$25 members/\$10 students. For more information go to PS21chatham.org, or, tel. 518-392-6121. The PS 21 theater is located at 2980 NY-66, one mile outside Chatham, NY 12037.

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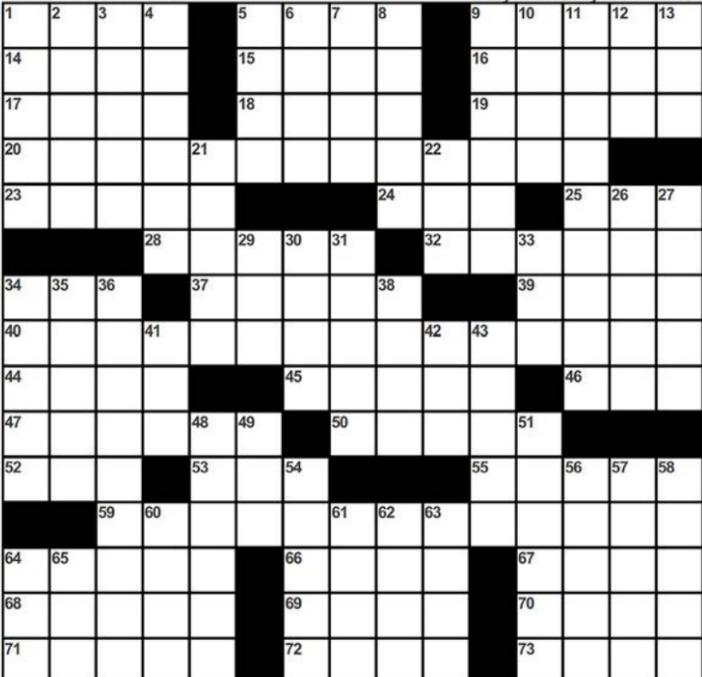
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- 32) Force out of office
- 34) Word with "photo" or "black"
- 37) Extremely long films
- 39) Voice in the choir
- 40) The art of putting things off for tomorrow
- 44) Member of the Jackson 5
- 45) Glitterati member, briefly
- 46) Bawl
- 47) Acted badly
- 50) Like illegally parked cars, often
- 52) Don'ts partners
- 53) "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 55) Come to mind
- 59) Delays leading to rescheduling
- 64) Bloodhound's guide
- 66) Material in a gym
- 67) Mine entrance
- 68) At a good clip, in poetry
- 69) Pre-owned
- 70) 5,280 feet
- 71) Word with "film" or "home"
- 72) Cushiony forest growth
- 73) Fortune-teller, supposedly

DOWN

- 1) Make sore by rubbing
- 2) "Great white" bird
- 3) Slangage
- 4) For the time being
- 5) The last one was Nicholas II
- 6) Arm bone
- 7) Type of cherry
- 8) "Love is blind," e.g.
- 9) Batting position
- 10) Type of valuable vase
- 11) Relating to the Pope
- 12) Hallucinogenic drug
- 13) Caustic drain opener
- 21) Less humid
- 22) "___ be an honor"
- 26) Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 27) Indiana's state flower
- 29) Where to get a muddy face
- 30) LP or CD, e.g.
- 31) Santa's reindeer, collectively
- 33) Butter unit
- 34) Made a choice
- 35) First-rate, slangily
- 36) In a way
- 38) Fodder holder on a farm
- 41) Bunk
- 42) Not yet unwrapped
- 43) Crosswise, on deck
- 48) Resurrection Day
- 49) Banned bug killer
- 51) Enters REM sleep
- 54) Codeine source
- 56) Low-budget film, often
- 57) Attendance counter
- 58) Banana oil, for one
- 60) Fairy-tale opener
- 61) About
- 62) Words of denial
- 63) Concludes
- 64) First name on "Cheers"
- 65) Bean counter, for short

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And its name is Art Gallery 71. Opening day was Nov. 16, 2019. A very well attended reception was held 4-8 PM. The installation contained a great diversity of paintings and photos by local Hudson Valley artists.



Paintings were sold. We love red dots. Fun was had. DM catered the event and did an amazing job.

Support local artists and enjoy your visit if only to browse. Perhaps you might find something you want to take home.

It's located at 71 E Market St #5 in Rhinebeck, NY 12571, right across from the fire station. During winter months it's open Friday 11-7, Saturday 10-8 & Sunday 11-3. (845) 516-4878.

OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Think Small for Holiday Cheer. At the November meeting of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club we welcomed Donna Croshier who is a Master Gardener Volunteer at Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. Croshier presented an informative talk

on Small Space options for the holiday season. Many people live in smaller accommodations and just have no room or inclination to decorate extravagantly. However, as the weather gets colder and the holidays approach, a bit of cheer would be just the ticket. She brought several examples of just what one could put together with a minimal amount of effort and few "ingredients". There were pinecones with glued on berries and touches of white paint sparkling with glitter. A big pinecone masqueraded as a Christmas tree! A few purchased snowman ornaments and some shiny silver balls encircled with a wide silvery ribbon in a glass vase was another. The numerous slides showed some relaxing pale blue chunky candles on a white tray sprinkled with ersatz snow. Perfect for Hanukkah. There were many small examples to prepare your home to be ready and cheerful. In early November the club held an evening meeting about roses at the Community Center which was well attended. It gave folks who cannot attend during the day an opportunity to meet new friends and see what the garden club does. Winter is not conducive to driving and once it gets dark, well, you just don't want to go out so we will not have another one until hibernation is over. It's time to do more decorating. Some members of the Garden Club went to Provost Park in Tivoli to do just that. Large jardinières were filled with greens, bittersweet and white branches to place in the common area and beribboned wreaths

hung along entrances. It looks great. Last year Red Hook Commons was decorated and will be done again this year. Soon our Memorial Garden as you enter Red Hook will be transformed from Fall to Winter with bright lights and wreaths. December is upon us and we will be celebrating the season with our annual luncheon which will be at the Beekman Arms. We will meet again in January to begin the year, as is our wont, with homemade delicious soups. Fantastic! We meet at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30 on the second Thursday of each month, except for August. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact Linda Lawson at 845-758-5653 for additional information.

Folk/Blues Music Legend Geoff Muldaur at Spencertown Academy

Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series presents folk/blues music legend Geoff Muldaur on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00pm. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 Academy members, and \$10 students) may be purchased in advance via www.spencertownacademy.org and, pending availability, will be available at the door.

"Geoff Muldaur was here, there, and everywhere in the '60s, and has kept true to his inspirations in the decades since, while expanding his vision and his reach," says Gerald Seligman, member of the Academy's Music Committee. "Now, he comes to Spencertown Academy in a format that best showcases his talents—solo—in an environment with the intimacy of a small folk club."

Guitarist, singer, songwriter, composer, and arranger Muldaur is one of the great voices and musical forces to emerge from the folk, blues, and folk-rock scenes centered in Cambridge, MA and Woodstock, NY. During the 1960s and '70s, Muldaur made a series of highly influential recordings as a founding member of the Jim Kweskin Jug Band and the Paul Butterfield's Better Days group, as well as collaborations with then-wife Maria Muldaur and other notables (Bonnie Raitt, Eric Von Schmidt, Jerry Garcia). He has composed scores for film and television and produced off-beat albums for the likes of Lenny Pickett and the Borneo Horns

and the Richard Greene String Quartet. His definitive recording of "Brazil" provided the seed for—and was featured in—Terry Gilliam's film of the same title.

Muldaur is what's known as a 'musicians' musician.' "Geoff has always been one of my favorite singers," says Bonnie Raitt and Loudon Wainwright III deems him "one of my musical heroes." Richard Thompson sums up his admiration this way: "There are only three white blues singers, and Geoff Muldaur is at least two of them."

Roots & Shoots Concerts is a monthly series that showcases artists who reach back to earlier traditions in music (Americana, jazz, blues, rock, and world music) for inspiration, while incorporating more recent forms and influences of the present. Upcoming shows include The Nields (January 18), Tracy Grammer (February 22), Embe Esti with special guest Rob Fisch (March 21), Jim Kweskin (April 4), Rachele Garniez (May

2), and The Kennedys (June 6). 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 or call 518-392-3693.

The Hollyday Bazaar

Will be happening on **Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to 2pm, at the Red Hook United Methodist Church**, located at the corner of Church and W. Market (Route 199) Streets in Red Hook, NY. Sales include attic treasures, crafts, jewelry, holiday wreaths and swags, toys, books, baked goods and candy, in addition to our snack bar for brunch or lunch and live music throughout the day. Everyone is welcome, doors open at 9am. For questions, call 845-758-6283.

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A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

NOV. 29 – DEC. 31

Staatsburgh State Historic Site will present *A Gilded Age Christmas*, featuring lavish decorations in a Gilded Age mansion, from late November through New Year's Eve. The decorations are done in turn-of-the-century style, recreating the atmosphere of holidays long-ago at one of the great estates of the Hudson Valley.

"Each year, the mansion receives a different decorative scheme," says site manager, Pam Malcolm: "The theme this year includes a design in the dining room featuring the Nutcracker. The historic rooms are filled with Christmas trees, garlands, lights and our annual tradition of tucking mouse houses into the historic rooms for kids to locate. The mouse houses are inspired by a children's book—*Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree*—about a rich man in a mansion who has to cut down his enormous Christmas tree, and shares part of it with a mouse who lives in his walls."

Staatsburgh will open for

the holiday season on Friday, November 29. Touring hours will be Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through December 31. Additional open hours include special evening hours on Friday December 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and December 30 and 31 (Monday and Tuesday) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The site will be closed December 23-25. Admission is \$8 per person; \$6 for seniors and students; children age 12 and



younger are free. The mansion's gift shop offers many wonderful gift items for holiday shopping and is open whenever the site is open.

"We have many special holiday craft and kids' programs during *A Gilded Age Christmas*," says Malcolm, "including during school vacation. Our Facebook page has listings for all events and programs: www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS"

Staatsburgh was the Gilded Age country home of financier and philanthropist Ogden Mills and his wife, Ruth Livingston Mills, a prominent figure in New York Society. Their stately home, overlooking the Hudson River in the hamlet of Staatsburgh, was redesigned and expanded to 79 rooms in 1895 by the famous architect Stanford White.

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://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/25/details.aspx> www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS and www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com. Staatsburgh's events are listed at <https://parks.ny.gov/events/>

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The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 74 million people annually. A recent study found that New York State Parks generates \$5 billion in park and visitor spending, which supports nearly 54,000 jobs. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit <http://www.parks.ny.gov/>, connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram and Twitter.

December Ongoing Programs for Adults at Red Hook Public Library

Community Resource Navigator
10 AM - 12 PM, Mondays, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Meet with a representative from Community Partnership for Dutchess County to discuss your needs. They can help you find financial assistance, apply for benefits, or obtain on-going support. Call 845-452-5104 ext. 102 for an appointment or stop by. Every Monday.

Spinning Yarns Knitters
4PM - 6PM, Tuesdays, Dec 3, 10, 17 & 31

Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, or other handwork to our friendly stitching group every Tuesday.

Tech Help
10AM-2PM, Saturdays, Dec 7, 14, 21 & 28

Have a burning tech question you need answered? Sign-up for a free tech-help appointment at

the library weekly on Saturdays.

Afternoon Book Group
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM, Tuesday, Dec 10th

This month's discussion will be *Selected Poetry*. All participants may share poetry of their choice. From original works to cutting edge to classics, bring whatever you like. Call 845-758-3241 for more information. There is no registration required for this free program.

Evening Book Club
6:45 PM, Monday, Dec 16th

This month's discussion will be *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler. There is no registration required for this free program.

Healthcare Navigator
10 AM - 6:30 PM, Tuesday, Dec 17th

Do you have questions about health insurance? Need some assistance with the NYS Marketplace? Get free, professional advice from a NYSOH certified Healthcare Navigator from MiSN. Call 845-561-3575 to make an appointment to meet at RHPL or come as a walk-in between 4 and 6:30. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Red Hook Public Library has been serving the community of Red Hook and its need for lifelong learning since 1898. It has been designated a five-star library by *Library Journal* each year since 2013. The library was chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Library in America award, given by *Library Journal* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in 2015. FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the Red Hook Public Library, 845-758-3241, email director@redhooklibrary.org, or visit www.redhooklibrary.org.

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Pajama Storytime and Stuffed Sleepover

5:30 - 7 PM, Friday, Dec 6th

Wear your favorite jammies and bring your stuffed animal or doll to the library for a sleepy story time. Tuck in your stuffies for the night in the library then pick them up on Saturday and see what kind of wild adventures they got into overnight! Registration for sleepover is required as stuffed space is limited, but no need to register just for story time. This event is open to youth under 15 years.

Family Movie Night

5 - 7 PM, Friday, Dec 13th

Join us for the next family movie night screening of an updated version of a holiday classic featuring a well-known, green-furred curmudgeon. This film is rated PG and popcorn will be served. Kids love the casual setting and parents can relax. Fidget toys are available for those that benefit from them. Free and open to the public. Check the library website or call the library at 845-758-3241 for the movie title.

Holiday Singalong with Roger & Lenny at the Red Hook Senior Friendship Center

10:30AM-12PM, Tues Dec 17th

Join Red Hook Public Library at our 4th annual holiday sing along. Your favorite holiday tunes and new songs will be played by Roger Cohn and Lenny Sutton at the Senior Friendship Center at the Red Hook Community Center. This year's performance features a special appearance by the Red Hook Public Library Holiday All Kazoo Orchestra.

The program is free and open to the public with no registration required. Bring the kids! Cookies will be served.

All Abilities Hour Gingerbread House Decorating at the Elmendorph Inn

4-5pm, Friday Dec. 20th

All Abilities Kids & Teens are invited to register for the adaptive hour of our annual Gingerbread House Decorating event.

Adapted for kids and teens who have intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities, we will have pre-made houses ready for decorating with candies of all kinds. This event takes place at the Elmendorph Inn located at 7562 N Broadway. Enter at the rear if you want to use the accessible ramp. Advance registration is required for this hour as space is limited.

Gingerbread House Decorating at the Elmendorph Inn

5-7pm, Friday Dec. 20th

Ready to flex those creative Gingerbread House making muscles? Red Hook Public Library has the perfect event for young engineers who want to construct sweet buildings before the holidays. Bring your candy cane and gumdrop architectural dreams alive with plenty of icing and candies for decorating. Cocoa, cookies, and music add to the warm atmosphere of the historic inn. This event takes place at the Elmendorph Inn located at 7562 N Broadway. Enter at the rear if you want to use the accessible ramp. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

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Germantown Garden Club to Feature Bake Sale, Wreaths, and Houseplant Show for the Holidays

The Germantown Garden Club will be holding its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 7, from 10 am to 3 pm and on Sunday, December 8, from 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Palatine Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown. The show will feature 'Winter Container Plants.' Houseplants from members will be on display along with information about how to grow and take care of them and will offer viewers great ideas about what plants would be suitable to give as presents for the holidays. Some of them will be offered for sale. There will also be a bake sale of delicious home-made treats. Hand-decorated, one-of-a-kind, fresh wreaths and table arrangements made by garden club members will be for sale. Come early. The wreaths are a best seller for the club and sell out quickly. There will also be a Boutique Sale with items to purchase. Also offered will be raffles of

specialty baskets. Please attend to support us, as funds raised from this event benefit the club's local high school scholarship fund and other community donations and projects. For more information, please call Fran Bufi, 518-537-4868. Other holiday events that the club will be doing include the Annual Holiday Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, December 10 at noon, at the Palatine Parsonage, 52 Maple Ave., Germantown. At this meeting, the installation of club officers will take place. Members are asked to bring a gift for one of the residents at the

Livingston Hills Nursing Center. Before the meeting, the annual Adorn-A-Door contest will take place. Each year, the club sponsors this holiday decorating competition for the senior residents at Palatine Manor in Germantown. Members will be judging this event where prizes will be awarded. The seniors are very enthusiastic about this and do a fabulous job decorating the doors to their apartments. For more information, please call Fran Bufi, 518-537-4868. The Germantown Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. and National Garden Club

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents a Pearl Harbor Day author talk and book signing with Lew Paper author of IN THE CAULDRON: TERROR, TENSION, AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S STRUGGLE TO AVOID PEARL HARBOR

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents a Pearl Harbor Day author talk and book signing with Lew Paper author of IN THE CAULDRON: TERROR, TENSION, AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S STRUGGLE TO AVOID PEARL HARBOR on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The program will be held in the

Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This is a free public event but registration is required. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org to register. **S y n o p s i s :** IN THE CAULDRON is the story of Joseph Grew, America's ambassador to Japan, and his frantic effort in the months before the Pearl Harbor attack to orchestrate an agreement between Japan and the United States to avoid the war he saw coming. It is a story filled with hope and heartache, with complex and fascinating characters, and with a drama befitting the momentous decisions at stake. In those months before the Pearl Harbor attack, Japan and the United States were locked in a battle of wills. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's economic sanctions were - m o r e - crippling Japan. America's noose was tightening around Japan's neck -- but the country's leaders refused to yield to American demands. In this cauldron of boiling tensions, Joseph Grew offered many recommendations to break the deadlock. Having resided and worked in Tokyo for almost ten years, Grew understood what Roosevelt and his administration back home did not: that the Japanese would rather face

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MAKE A CHRISTMAS CRACKER AT STAATSBURGH

Staatsburgh State Historic Site will offer a holiday craft workshop, teaching visitors how to make Christmas crackers, on December 14 from 10:30a.m. until noon. Christmas crackers originated in England in the 19th



century and are still popular today in the United Kingdom. Often featured as table favors at holiday dinners, Christmas crackers make a snapping sound when pulled opened and contain tiny gifts. The craft is suitable for adults and children aged 10 and older. Reservations are required for the workshop and can be made by calling (845) 889-8851, extension 300. The cost is \$8 per person, or \$20 for a family of up to 5 people. 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://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/25/details.aspx> www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS and www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com

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A HOLIDAY "HISTORY MYSTERY" FOR CHILDREN AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Staatsburgh State Historic Site will host The Holiday Whodunit, a mystery for children, every Sunday afternoon this December. Children ages 6 to 11 and their family members can come anytime between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to attend the program. The children become detectives and solve a mystery by interviewing costumed interpreters, who portray Gilded Age houseguests and servants. One of Staatsburgh's most popular programs, the Holiday Whodunit has become an annual tradition for many families, who come each December to enjoy the holiday decorations and crack another Gilded Age case.

While the children question suspects, their parents can enjoy decorations that evoke the spirit of the turn of the century. Staatsburgh's holiday décor reflects the style of Gilded Age

Christmases, from the over-the-top dining room ornamentation to the old fashioned plain white gift wrap paper used on presents heaped under the mansion's 18-foot Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with electric lights, as trees might have been in other

they find Mrs. Mills' guests or Mrs. Mills' servants, all of them eager to prove their innocence and implicate someone else. At the end of the visit, children submit a ballot with their vote for whom they suspect.

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Library are providing free transportation to the Ancram Opera House for its production of The Snow Queen Sunday, December 8 at 2pm. Ancram Opera House is generously providing all attendees with deeply discounted tickets (\$5) for this inaugural cultural trip. This staged concert is for adults and younger audiences, ages 9 and up. Attendees will meet at the library/senior center at 1pm. The van, provided by the City of Hudson Youth Department, has a limited number of seats available, so registration is on a first come/first serve basis. To register please email programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, visit the main desk at the library,

or call 518-828-1792 x101. The Ancram Opera House production of The Snow Queen is a new musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen. "A man is haunted by a recurring bad dream. A girl journeys barefoot through the world to rescue her best friend. Their stories intertwine in this new adaptation with music, presented as a staged concert, accompanied by striking visuals." Book & lyrics by Barbara Wiechmann, music by Lisa Dove, and directed by Jeffrey Mousseau.

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mansions of the period. Tree lighting was an early application of electricity, first used by one of Thomas Edison's engineers on his Christmas tree at home.

Parents should plan about an hour for the children to make their way through the mansion. After an introduction to the mystery, the children go room to room interviewing suspects to uncover clues. In each room,

between not too hard and not too easy," said Staatsburgh Educator, Donald Fraser. "We want a mystery that is easy enough that a 6-year-old could figure it out, maybe with some help from the parents, but not so easy that an 11-year-old would see through it right away. If the children pay close attention, they'll pick up the clues that will help them deduce the one right answer."

All ballots will be entered in a drawing for a prize, to be awarded after the Holiday Whodunit is over at the end of December. Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate from The Holiday Whodunit's sponsors, Oblong Books & Music and the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh.

The Holiday Whodunit will take place on December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Staatsburgh will open for holiday touring on Friday, November 29. Touring hours will be Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through December 31. The site will be closed December 23, 24 and 25. Site admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors; children 12 and younger are free.

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Hands On: Printmaking
10:30 AM - 12 PM, Saturday, Dec 7
 Try your hand at this diverse area of art by making your own original printmaking stamps. Perfect for holiday decorations or cards. Art materials will be provided. Registration is required for this free program open to adults.
Local History Lunch: "Christmas Writings of Charles Dickens" by Stew Sommerville
12 PM - 1:30 PM, Wednesday, Dec 11
 Get into the holiday spirit by learning more about the Christmas related works of Charles Dickens, with guest speaker Stew Sommerville of the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Enjoy a free sandwich lunch

during this exciting presentation. This program is made possible with grant funding from the Ascienzo Family Foundation. Registration is required for this free program for adults and rides are available for seniors in the town of Red Hook. Call the library for more information.
Adult Artists Group
5:30 - 7 pm, Wednesday, Dec 11
 Making art can be a solitary pursuit. Whether you're a professional or hobby artist, enjoy some friendly company at this meetup. Bring supplies for your medium of choice so you can write, draw, or paint while getting to know members of the local creative community. No registration is required for this free program that is open to adults 16+.
WorkLife Today: Professional Presentation - Resume, Cover Letter & LinkedIn
10:30 AM - 12 PM, Saturday, Dec 14
 Learn about professional presentation from guest speaker Maureen Aurigemma, Associate Director at Bard College Career Development Office. Improve your resume, cover letter and LinkedIn profile. This class is funded in part by a grant from KeyBank. Space is limited so registration is required and limited to adults aged 16+.
Holiday Concert at Senior Friendship Center
10:30-12 Noon, Tuesday, Dec 17

Enjoy your favorite holiday tunes and new songs, played by Roger Cohn and Lenny Sutton at the Senior Friendship Center at the Red Hook Community Center. This program is made possible with grant funding from the Ascienzo Family Foundation. Registration is not required for this free program. Call the library for more information.
Brown Bag Matinee
12PM-2PM, Wednesday, Dec 18
 Bring your lunch to the movies! This month we'll show classic 1954 holiday movie starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney. Call the library for movie title and more information. Rides are available to seniors who reside in Red Hook. Coffee, tea & cookies will be served. There is no registration required for this free program
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 They also talked about other technologies that effected mail, such as the telegraph that put the Pony Express out of business, zeppelins and, later, airplanes that carried ever more letters, and, now, fewer and fewer

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 1 pound dried figs
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 3 eggs
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 11-cup Bundt pan. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan set over medium heat. Continue cooking until the butter turns golden brown, then transfer to a heatproof container and refrigerate until solid, about 1 hour.

In a medium bowl, pour the boiling water and brandy over the figs and soak until softened, about 30 minutes. Coarsely chop 1/2 cup of the figs, and set aside. Place the remaining figs and the soaking liquid in the bowl of a food processor and puree until smooth.

In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the chilled brown butter with the sugar and beat until combined. Add the eggs one at a time, and mix until combined. Add the fig puree, flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt, and beat on low speed until smooth. Stir in the chopped figs. Pour the batter into the prepared Bundt pan, then cover tightly with foil and secure with a rubber band.

Place the Bundt pan in a 12-by-17-inch deep roasting pan and set on the bottom rack of the oven. Pour 2 inches of boiling water around Bundt pan, then cover entire roasting pan with foil. Bake until the pudding is firm to the touch and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour 15 minutes.

Cool the pudding for 10 minutes, then invert the Bundt pan over a plate to unmold the pudding. Sprinkle the pudding with confectioners' sugar and cut into slices to serve.



Cannabis Toxicity in Pets

By Dr. Janette Relyea

The Cannabis sativa plant has two famous varieties – hemp and marijuana. They are, technically speaking, the same plant (Cannabis sativa) but hemp varieties contain less than 0.3% THC and marijuana varieties contain more than 0.3% THC. THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) is the psychoactive chemical lends marijuana all of its recreational effects and some of its medicinal effects. The other important compound is cannabidiol, or CBD. While marijuana is grown for its THC and CBD, hemp is grown for its fibers (for textiles and other industrial uses) and its CBD. CBD appears to be a relatively safe compound in pets and humans. We encounter problems

when CBD is in very high concentrations or is incorporated into edible products, most notably chocolate (which is toxic for dogs). There are now many CBD products marketed for pets. It is important to remember that the FDA does not recognize these products as legal medicinal products. Therefore they are not regulated, companies are not required to show evidence that they are effective and there is no regulation of how much CBD they contain. Veterinarians cannot legally prescribe these products and most have not been formally investigated for safety and efficacy. This is changing and we expect to see this market expanding. THC, on the other hand, is responsible for many cases of pet intoxication. This has become an alarming problem in states with legalized recreational marijuana

and the culprit is usually edible products. Many edibles are meant to be ingested in small amounts but since dogs cannot read labels, they tend to eat way too much. This is a problem particularly in small dogs, as deaths related to toxicity have been reported. Clinical signs of marijuana intoxication occur within 30-90 minutes after ingestion. Symptoms can linger for several days because THC is stored in the body's fat deposits. Intoxicated dogs are uncoordinated and sleepy. They often have dilated pupils, a slow heart rate, low body temperature and in some cases urinary incontinence. The classic symptom is the "startle reflex" – the dog will look like it is about to fall asleep on its feet, then startle abruptly as it is about to fall over. Cats may have alternating episodes of sedation and agitation and even aggression. Dogs and cats may also have seizures. Your veterinarian will likely check your pet for signs of other toxins that can look similar in the early stages. It is very important to let your vet know if there is a chance of exposure to marijuana or other recreational drugs. Your vet will also watch for signs of chocolate toxicity or pancreatitis, depending on what the edible base was. Treatment involves sedation, maintaining a normal body temperature and heart rate, and controlling seizures. Pets are usually hospitalized on intravenous fluids and injectable medication until the toxin wears off. As edible marijuana products become more available, it is important to keep them stored safely away from your pets.

KEEPING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FUN & SAFE FOR YOUR DOGS

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

It is hard to believe but the holiday season is once again upon us. Good times with family and friends; decorations, parties, excitement and gifts abound. But the holiday season can also be stressful for our dogs that don't quite understand what is going on. While we humans try to get more done in the time we have, our dogs only see an upset to their normal routine, trees growing in the living room and, in many homes, an unusual amount of kitchen activity that produces amazing aromas.

HOLIDAY FOODS

- While the array a food that comes from our kitchen are treats to be had by the human members of our households, they can be dangerous when consumed by our dogs; some even toxic. These include fatty or spicy foods, bread dough, fresh herbs, alcoholic beverages and sweets of all kind, especially those with chocolate or xylitol, an artificial sweetener.
- Particularly dangerous

- are cooked poultry bones. Cooked bones easily splinter, and the bone shards can cause choking or get stuck in your dog's gums. Instead, give "dog bones" specifically designed for dogs to chew. Ask your veterinarian or trainer for suggestions.
- Discourage your dog from foraging in the garbage. Secure all trash cans. It's natural that you do want to share holiday treats with your dog. While a small taste of turkey or sweet potatoes can make your dog happy, don't over do it. Too much of a good thing can make him sick.

DECORATIONS ARE NOT PLAYTHINGS.

- Keep your pets away from holiday plants, many of which are poisonous, such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and amaryllis.
- Snow globes can contain antifreeze, which is extremely toxic to dogs. Keep any antifreeze products away from your happy, tail-wagging dog. If there is an antifreeze

spill, send your dog out of the room while you clean up the liquid. Dilute the spot with water and floor cleaner to ensure your dog does not lick the area later.

- Keep electrical wires and batteries out of your pet's reach. Chewing or biting anything electrical can cause shock or burns.
- Don't leave lighted candles unattended. A lit candle knocked over by a swinging tail can burn your pet or cause a fire.

CHRISTMAS TREES CAN BE HAZARDOUS.

- Anchor the tree to the ceiling or wall to prevent it from tipping over.
- Hang non-breakable ornaments near the bottom of the tree. Avoid putting tinsel on your tree. If ingested, tinsel can twist in your dog's intestines and be deadly.
- Don't let your dog drink Christmas tree water. The water may contain preservative chemicals, which can

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Staying Connected: Did We Forget All The Benefits?

by Charlotte Michos, RN,
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Getting together with friends is fun, but did you also know it has health benefits? The holidays are coming up and instead of getting consumed with the hustle-bustle, take time just to enjoy feasting and socializing with others. **“Gathering is good for our body and our spirit”** (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/18/smarter-living/holiday-meals-family-tips.html>). Even though it may seem obvious, researchers have concluded that social connection is good for our health; so turn around your thought process this holiday season and instead of feeling like there are too many bad habits related to the holidays, eat, drink, and be merry!

A healthy diet and exercise are important prescriptions for good health, but so is our **social connection**. For those of you who enjoy alone time – no worries. Social connection is about quality time, not quantity. **On the other hand, social isolation is risky business, with researchers concluding that it is equal to the physically-linked risk factors of smoking, obesity or lack of exercise** (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3150158/>). A more apparent observation is that social connection leads to better mental health; people are less depressed and less anxious when they stay connected (*The Happiness Track*, by Emma Seppala).

What is the meaning of social connection? Researchers define it as: *“the feeling that you belong to a group and generally feel close to other people. Scientific evidence strongly suggests that this is a core psychological need essential to feeling satisfied with your life”* (<http://www.liherald.com/islandpark/stories/the-power-of-human-connection,102632>).

Dr. J. Martino et al – in their 2017 study addressing the power of human interaction – characterized social connection as a “dose of the human moment—a positive contact with other people.” As with *Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs*, social connection is considered a vital human need, and it is now utilized as treatment and prevention, along with medical therapies, for various health conditions such as depression, obesity, anxiety, addictions, etc. (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6125010/>).

How powerful is social connection?

1. A lack of social connection is worse for our health than smoking
2. Having social connections increase our chances of longevity by fifty percent.
3. Social connection can help us ward off disease. Feeling connected boosts our immune system and decreases inflammation.
4. People who are connected with others have lower rates of depression.
5. Our self-esteem and empathy, improves when we feel connected to others. (<https://www.inc.com/jessica-stillman/5-ways-social-connection-makes-you-healthier.html>)

What about our connection with our physicians and other healthcare providers?

Doctor-patient relationships have changed, and we need to be mindful of maintaining a connection. We see more specialists, more tests are done, computers are being utilized more in health settings, and hospitalists (instead of our own doctor) see us when we are hospitalized. Although these advancements improve our health in some ways, they also lead to being more distanced from our doctors. For example, it’s great that our medical history is stored in the electronic medical record for easy access to our providers, but it also tends to lead to less “face-time” with our doctors. The advanced technology with equipment and testings, have helped in the advancement of our treatments, but this also takes away from the basics of being “touched and examined” by our doctors. Having hospitalists, who are better trained to deal with patients in the hospital setting, is an asset, but we also lose the connection of our primary physician (who knows us well) being with us

when we are hospitalized (<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/keeping-the-human-connection-in-medicine-2016121210837>).

In conclusion, we need to seek a balance of utilizing the advancements in medicine wisely and still maintaining our connection with our doctor and other providers.

Interesting that social connection is part of town planning.

Although town planning has changed as a result of economics, people’s interest in downsizing, desire to be within walking distance to schools, stores, restaurants etc., there is also a link to social connection. I have a friend who is a town planner, and she has addressed the fact that many areas of our country are changing the design of their towns because of the way people want to live. More people are living closer to their village and town centers in traditional neighborhood developments (TND), where they can be in proximity to each other, socialize, share recreational facilities, and overall build better community relationships. **Perhaps researchers will find that these communities are healthier.**

As society discovers the benefits of the simplicity of social connection, we might see changes in the way we live, socialize, do business, and take care of our health. Currently our digital and success-driven world doesn’t seem to be working for us and it has the potential to result in “connected disconnection.” The outcome is loneliness, and with our elderly population, loneliness is becoming an epidemic known as the “hidden killer” (<https://medium.com/thrive-global/the-science-of-human-connection-and-wellness-in-a-digitally-connected-world-611eb8c1b51c>). We are gravitating toward reconnection to each other, and science had discovered that we are getting healthier and feeling better as a result. After all, **“the most precious commodities on this planet are our health, love, and happiness. Regardless of what we accomplish and accumulate in life, we are unable to take it with us”** (Marina Rose, in 2017’s *The Science of Human Connection and Wellness In A Digitally Disconnected World*).

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Alzheimer’s Awareness Workshop at the Hudson Area Library

The Hudson Area Library and the City of Hudson Senior Center are hosting a workshop in their healthy living series sponsored by The Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York State: “Understanding and Responding

to Dementia-related Behavior” on Wednesday, December 4, 5-6pm. Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer’s disease. *Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior is appropriate*



for community presentations, corporate employee wellness meetings, support group programming and more. This program will be held in the library’s community room, which is wheelchair accessible. The program is free, but registration is encouraged. To register call Sierra at 518-867-4999 x1691 or email ssnoddy@alz.org. The Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York covers a 17-county region and is based in Albany, New York. The City of Hudson Senior Center is located on the 2nd floor of 51 North Fifth Street in Hudson, NY. There are county and city services at the center, including meals for seniors; yoga, aerobics and painting classes. For more information call: (518) 838-3200. The Hudson Area Library enriches the quality of life by providing free and equal access to programs, services and resources, and by creating opportunities for all members of our community to connect, create, learn and grow. The library is located at 51 N. 5th Street in Hudson, NY.

December Teen Programs at Red Hook Public Library

Study Hours
2 - 5 pm, Mondays,
Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Looking for a place to study? The library’s Community Room is reserved for quiet study alone or in small groups

every Monday afternoon.
Youth Speaks
4 - 6 pm, Wednesday, Dec 4th
Dutchess County wants to know from teens themselves what the county can do to make their lives better. Stop in to talk with library staff and the people from Path to Promise in Dutchess County and let them know! Don’t let adults decide what you want and need, tell them yourself! No registration is required.

Libratory 2

2 - 3 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 17th
Science experiments, engineering projects, and other STEM activities for youth ages 11+ who want to take it a bit deeper. We cover subjects such as chemistry, biology, physics, and more. No registration is required for this free program.

Teen Gaming Lounge

2:30 - 4:30 pm, Fridays, Dec 6, 13, 20 & 27

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call the Red Hook Public Library, 845-758-3241, email director@redhooklibrary.org, or visit www.redhooklibrary.org.

Claverack Free Library

On Saturday December 14th at 1 PM the Claverack Free Library welcomes its first Death Cafe, hosted by Claudia Coenen. The purpose of a death cafe is to talk about end of life concerns in order to demystify death. This is not a support group. There will be coffee and cake and neighbors. The library is located at 9 Route 9H, with parking around the corner at 629 Rte 23B. Death Cafe is free.

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God's Corner

Picture Perfect Nativity

As the Christmas decorations come out of the attics. The box containing the nativity set is opened, each piece carefully unwrapped from the newspaper that has been protecting it throughout the year. One at a time each porcelain figurine gets set on the mantel or under the tree. There are figures of angels and shepherds, camels and wisemen, Mary and Joseph with a babe lying in a manger. Perhaps the nativity scene causes you to feel nostalgia of Christmas' past, or fills your heart with the sentiments of peace and love, which are so tied to the Christmas season. But Christmas calls for more

than sentiment and tradition. It calls for faith. Believing that Jesus existed, that He was born as a baby doesn't take much faith. In fact, the Bible says even the demons believe. (James 2:19) This believing is a mental consent, but until belief comes from the heart, changing our words and actions it is meaningless. Belief also goes beyond the manger, to the whole story of the life of Christ. His life was meaningful as a whole; His birth, death, and resurrection. Romans 10:9 reminds us that "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Faith is not just

a mental assent. Our words should reflect that we believe, and it must come from the heart. In His book *The Divine Conspiracy*, Dallas Willard puts it this way, "To trust the real person Jesus, is to have full confidence in him in every dimension of our real life, to believe that he is right about and adequate to everything." (p49)

The image of the nativity on our mantels or under our trees should serve as a reminder of the daily relationship we can have with Christ. He did not come to earth to live and die to simply be an icon of faith or religion. He came because He loved you so much that He wanted you to have a relationship with God. John 1:12 says that He gives the right to become children of God, to all who receive Him and believe on His name.

As you celebrate this season reflect on the love of God, who sent His Son for you. Don't turn away from His love, instead open your heart to receive it. His love pouring into your heart is the beginning of daily relationship with the One who wants to be a present part of your life all year round. By Naomi Fata President of Christian Resource Ministry Inc. More information can be found at www.christianresourceministry.com

Truth of the Christian Faith is that the Word was God. Then at the appointed time the Word was made Flesh. This occurred when the Angel Gabriel came to a Virgin by the name of Mary to inform her that she was chosen to give birth to Jesus (Luke 1:30,31). She was told that she would conceive when the Holy Spirit would come upon her and the power of the Highest would overshadow her (Luke 1:35). Mary was engaged to Joseph, but they hadn't come together yet in Marriage. The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream to inform him about what had occurred with Mary and that she would give birth to Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25). The Virgin Conception and Birth of Jesus is another Foundation Truth of the Christian Faith. For Jesus is the Perfect Lamb of God without sin: The Lord Jesus Christ is Perfect God - Perfect Man! Mary and Joseph were from

Nazareth. The Prophet Micah stated that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). The Roman government decided to bring a taxation on Israel, so each person had to go to their hometown to be registered for the taxation. Since both Mary and Joseph were of the House and Lineage of David they had to go to Bethlehem. Mary was in her ninth month of pregnancy when they traveled the ninety miles to Bethlehem! When they got to Bethlehem, they checked the Inn and there was no room in the Inn (Luke 2:7).

Jesus was born somewhere near the Inn and placed in a Manger! He was born in a very humble setting. The Eternal Word became a man. The Birth of Jesus was Announced to Shepherds outside of Bethlehem. The Angel appeared to the Shepherds and said, "... Fear not: for, behold, I bring

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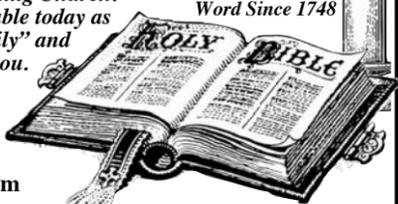
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HELP YOUR DOG FEEL SAFE AND RELAXED

- Most dogs get very excited when guests arrive. To help your dog be calmer, exercise him prior to the festivities. After 30 minutes of walking or playtime, your dog will likely be relaxed or want to nap.
- As a general rule, don't allow the family dog to greet unfamiliar guests since unusual activities and commotion can cause him extra stress.
- Give your dog a break from the hubbub by putting him in his crate or in a quiet room with his bed. Allow him to re-join the festivities after guests have arrived. Don't put your dog outside, especially in cold temperatures, where you might forget about him.
- Pets stressed by unfamiliar events typically pant more,

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A FINAL NOTE:

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ANCRAM OPERA HOUSE SEEKS LOCAL STORYTELLERS REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES

An evening of homegrown stories told by local residents Ancram Opera House seeks local storytellers for its popular series REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES, which will close out the 2019 season

on Saturday, December 21. Interested participants can email a story summary to paul@ancramoperahouse.org or leave a one-minute version on AOH's pitch line at 518-250-9791. The deadline to submit stories is Friday, December 6th. All stories must be true, experienced firsthand by the storyteller, and run no more than 15 minutes. Ancram Opera House Director Paul Ricciardi created REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES after being inspired by The Moth Radio Hour on NPR. "REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES has become an audience favorite that we produce twice a year" said Ricciardi. "The intimacy of our theater provides the perfect setting." Ricciardi works with storytellers to help them prepare their stories for the stage. "The goal is not to create a polished monologue, but to allow the spontaneity of a real-lifestory to shine through," he said. Ancram Opera House is located

at 1330 County Route 7, just north of the corner of Route 82. For more information visit www.ancramoperahouse.org.

Ghent Reformed Church

On Saturday, December 21st at 7pm, the Ghent Reformed Church, located at 1039 County Route 22 in West Ghent (just north of Love Apple Farm) will have a service called Blue Christmas. This service is designed to provide comfort to those who are sad, who sorrow and who are depressed during the "holiday" season. Please join us on this longest night of the year and leave your burdens at the foot of the cross. All are welcome. A candlelight Christmas Eve service at the Ghent Reformed Church, located at 1039 County Route 22 in West Ghent (just north of Love Apple Farm) will be held at 6pm. Come welcome the baby on this most holy of nights. After service, light refreshments will be served.

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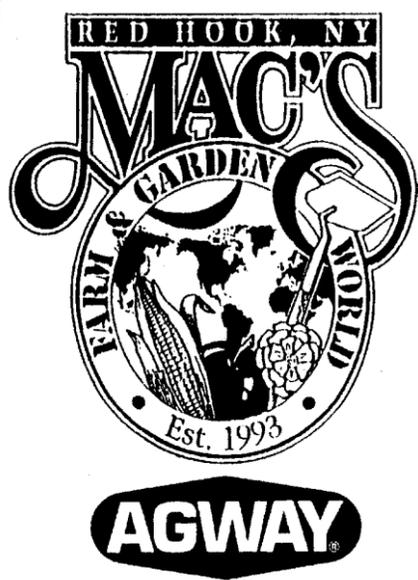
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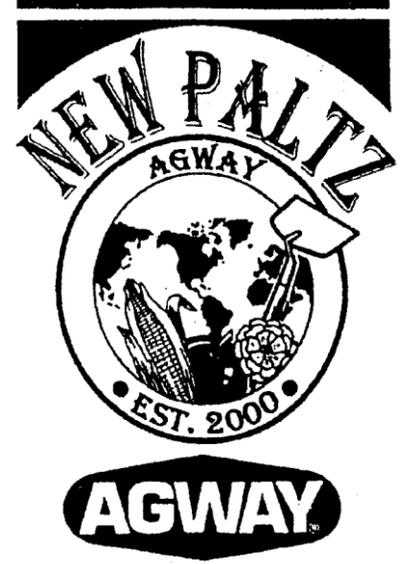


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decorated for the holidays and open from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Children's Reading Festival, Santa and Holiday Cards for Troops

The annual Children's Reading Festival -- presented by the Roosevelt Library and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District -- will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 14, 2019. Children's book authors will read from and sign copies of their books. Featured books will be available for purchase in the New

Deal Store in the Wallace Center. Children's Reading Festival authors include:
1:30 p.m.
Barbara Ann Mojica
LITTLE MISS HISTORY TRAVELS TO HYDE PARK, HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM
2:15 p.m.
Caroline Nastro
THE BEAR WHO COULDN'T SLEEP
3:00 p.m.
Lu Ann Schnable Kaldor and Eve S. Gendron
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In addition, there will be live music, free photos with Santa from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and children can **make holiday cards for sailors on the USS FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT** (www.ddg-roosevelt.navy.mil) beginning at Noon. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon in the Wallace Center lobby.
Holiday Open House - December 14, 2019 - Roosevelt Library and Home, Val-Kill
Holiday Open House on December 14 is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Home of FDR National Historic Site and at the Roosevelt Library. Both the Home and the Roosevelt Library study will be decorated for the holidays as they were during the Roosevelt presidency. Admission is free to the Home and Library throughout the day. Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill) will also be free, decorated for the holidays, and open to visitors from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 14. For more information please call: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745; or Francesca Macsali Urbin, National Park Service, (845) 229-6225.
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
Designed by Franklin Roosevelt and dedicated on June 30, 1941, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is the nation's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. Administered by the National Archives and Records Administration since 1941, the Library preserves and makes accessible to the American people the records of FDR's presidency. The Roosevelt Library's mission is to foster a deeper understanding of the lives and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their continuing impact on contemporary life. This work is carried out through the Library's archives and research room, museum collections and exhibitions, innovative educational programs, and engaging public programming. Visit www.fdrlibrary.org for more information. The National Park Service administers the Home of

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites in Hyde Park, New York. Visitors to the sites can enjoy guided tours of the historic buildings, beautiful gardens, lush green lawns, and miles of hiking trails. Special park events are offered throughout the year, and kids can participate in free junior ranger programs. For more information visit www.nps.gov/hofr.

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you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).
Praise God that the True Light has come into the world! Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12). He came to be our Savior and to give His Life on the Cross for our sins. He paid the price in full for our sins by His Death on the Cross. Then on the third day He Rose bodily from death and the grave to

guarantee Eternal Life to all that call upon His name and receive Him as their Personal Savior!
Jesus is the True Light of the world. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Have you come to the Light, the Lord Jesus Christ? If you haven't come to the True Light, the Lord Jesus Christ, now is the time to believe on and receive Him as your Personal Savior! "But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian and/or what it means to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, please contact us by Email at cdcfirone@aol.com or by Telephone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is located at Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 mile north on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Pastor Frank L. Cirone



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my opinion,” says Melino, “these service contracts are the best thing that ever came out for used vehicles. They cover a large variety of car parts and much of the labor costs.”

Naturally, their inventory changes every week, as they selectively add to it and sell stock. But if you cannot get up to the Fairview Avenue location, their website at www.greenportauto.com has pictures and information on each of their vehicles and even a list of coming soon vehicles that they are in the process of obtaining or preparing for sale. You can check on any vehicles of interest and get detailed information on any of the choices. In addition, because the inventory changes constantly, let Greenport Auto know if you are searching for a particular vehicle and they can be on the lookout for you. The website also provides a



secure site to apply for credit, which many places don't help folks with except to vaguely send them off to a bank. Greenport Auto works with a variety of financing institutions to help get any resident best rates for their circumstances. In particular, for Columbia County residents, they have a special first-time buyers program available where if a prospective customer has NO credit but has been employed for six months and can show an ability

to handle the payments and meet eligibility requirements, they may qualify for best rates on a loan.

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The Melino family have been well-known for several generations around Hudson and have continuously run successful businesses and given back to the community in many ways. People may remember Tim from his involvement helping his parents, Joe and Marge Melino, operate the popular Joe's Bar and Restaurant just up

the road from Greenport Auto – a popular place to meet, greet and eat for almost forty years. Some of Greenport Auto patrons are new to the business and the area, but many have known and used Tim's knowledge of the automotive industry for decades.

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On three Saturdays in December, Staatsburgh State Historic Site will present performances of period music, performed by harpist Elysia Roman. Set amidst the historic rooms, decorated for the holidays, Ms. Roman's performances are not formal concerts, but are meant to be enjoyed as visitors tour the house. Roman will perform holiday songs that are now classics but were brand new during the Gilded Age like What Child Is This? (1865) and Away in a Manger (1882), along with elegant classical music from the same period including Claude Debussy's Clair de Lune (1890) and Jean Sibelius's Finlandia (1899). The performances are included in the price of site admission: \$8/adults; \$6/seniors and students with an ID; and children 12 and under are free. Before studying harp at the collegiate level, Elysia Roman performed many times at Carnegie Hall and Ozawa Hall, among many other famous concert halls. She toured Asia with an orchestral ensemble in 2012 and performed that same year at the World Harp Congress.

Beginning studies at the age of nine, Elysia has maintained an attitude of excellence, passion and dedication throughout her musical studies and professional career. Her full sound and expert tone production can fill cathedrals and historic mansions alike. The Gilded Age (1865-1913) was



a time when Americans wanted the best of everything, from the finest Italian marble - to the best European music - to uniquely American inventions. Music of the Gilded Age is a project developed by Dr. Christopher Brellocks, Academy of Music Chair at Dutchess Community College, in which authentic music from this time is performed in beautiful mansions where it would have originally been heard. Ms. Roman's performances are being presented by The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh, the volunteer support group for Staatsburgh. Staatsburgh was the Gilded Age country estate of financier and philanthropist Ogden Mills

and his wife, Ruth Livingston Mills, a prominent figure in New York Society. Their stately home, overlooking the Hudson River in the hamlet of Staatsburgh, was redesigned and expanded to 79 rooms in 1895 by the famous architect Stanford White, and still contains the

family's original furniture, art and décor. The mansion is set within Mills Memorial State Park, overlooking the Hudson River, just north of Hyde Park. A Gilded Age Christmas, featuring lavish decorations in a Gilded Age mansion, is presented by Staatsburgh from late November through New Year's Eve. The decorations are done in turn-of-the-century style, recreating the atmosphere of holidays long-ago at one of the great estates of the Hudson Valley. Staatsburgh will open for the holiday season on Friday, November 29. Touring hours will be Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through December 31. Additional open hours include special evening hours on Friday December 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and December 30 and 31 (Monday and Tuesday) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The site will be closed December 23-25. Admission is \$8 per person; \$6 for seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are free. The mansion's gift shop offers many wonderful gift items for holiday shopping and is open whenever the site is open. "We have many special holiday craft and kids' programs during A Gilded Age Christmas," says Malcolm, "including during school vacation. Our Facebook page has listings for all events and programs: www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS" 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://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/25/details.aspx> and www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS Staatsburgh's events are also listed at <https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?hs=25> The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 74 million people annually. A recent study found that New York State Parks generates \$5 billion in park and visitor spending, which supports nearly 54,000 jobs. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit <http://www.parks.ny.gov/>, connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram and Twitter.

Tivoli Artists Gallery presents annual Holiday Show, with creative gifts and novelties

Festive annual show offers wide array of unique handmade arts and crafts for sale during the holidays. Tivoli Artists Gallery Tivoli Artists Gallery, the Hudson Valley collective of artists, artisans and photographers, announces its final presentation of the year, a showcase of handmade artwork, jewelry, goods and novelties via its annual HOLIDAY SHOW (November 22 - December 22, 2019). This trademark TAG event features work from members and guest artists in the area, offering everything from fine art to traditional crafts to whimsical fancies and creative, one-of-a-kind pieces, all at a variety of prices. There will be an artists'

opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 6pm - 8pm - a chance to meet the many talents whose work will be for sale, and to mix and mingle with the community. No charge to attend, light refreshments will be served.

The Holiday Show, which will run for five-weekends, has always been a time for members and non-members alike to exhibit items for holiday giving, often unique objects created just for this show. Show curator Peggy Farrington will guide the exhibit and look to feature unique gifts such as paintings, photographs, handmade jewelry and accessories. Pottery, other artistic items and more will also be on display and available. In the spirit of supporting local artists and supplying more special gift ideas, the gallery will also offer gift certificates in any amount, which can be used for gift memberships or to purchase future items.

According to Farrington, "We aim to bring art into your life. If you're looking to give a special gift of creativity this year, while supporting the local arts community, you have come to the right place." Farrington's goal is to unite artists with the region and create an environment of positivity and prosperity. She adds, "We are passionate about local, handmade goods and sharing the works of member and guest artists with the rest of world."

Tivoli has become a destination for the arts in the Hudson Valley and TAG, now in its 26th year, has been a mainstay for artists and arts enthusiasts. The Tivoli Artists Gallery Holiday Show and Sale, November 22 - December 22, 2019 @ Tivoli Artists Gallery, free. Opening reception Sat. Nov. 23, 6 pm - 8 pm; tivoliartistsgallery.com

Tivoli Artists Gallery is dedicated to the artistic growth of 40+ Hudson Valley artists. Rotating monthly exhibits present diversity both in medium and subject matter. Winter Hours: Fri. 5pm-8:30pm; Sat. 1pm-8:30pm; Sun. 1pm-5pm; or by appointment.



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10:30 - 11:15, Tuesdays
Dec 3, 10, 17*

Tiny Tots Theater's exciting dress-up box continues! Superhero dinosaurs save stranded elephants, pirates cook up wonderful feasts, and so much more. *Please note that for our December 17th session Tiny Tots Theater will be joining the RHPL Holiday Concert held at the Red Hook Community Center located on 59 Fisk ST. This free program is for pre-school-aged children as young as 2 and as old as 5. No registration is required.

Preschool Play & Learn
10:30 - 11:15, Wednesdays,
Dec 4, 11 & 18

Preschool Play & Learn is RHPL's story time featuring activity-based learning for young preschoolers. This program is a fun way to introduce early literacy concepts and children as young as 2 can participate - though babies are welcome too. No registration is required for this free program.

Engineering Art
3:45 - 4:45,
Wednesdays, Dec 4 & 11

This new after school programs explores the intersection of math and art. We'll make our own tessellations, build pyramids, and experiment with optical illusions. If you enjoy drawing and/or love to solve problems, you'll enjoy these afternoons of creative learning. This program is for youth ages 10+. Registration is required for this free program.

Petit Picasso
10:30 - 11:30,
Thursdays, Dec 5, 12 & 19

Paint at the library! If you're a preschooler who can hold a brush, you can paint. Using washable tempera paints, children create masterpieces suitable for framing or fridge decor. We supply smocks, but also recommend that kids come ready to be a bit messy -- just in case. No registration is required for this free program.

Libratory
10:30 - 11:30,
Thursdays, Dec 5, 12 & 19

In our experiment-based science program for homeschoolers we cover STEM subjects such as chemistry, biology, physics, and more. The program is designed for students aged 6+ but we can accommodate a wide range of skill levels. No registration is required for this free program.

Read to Rosie
4:00 - 4:45,
Thursdays, Dec 5 & 12

Rosie the therapy dog *loves* a good story. Come read to her or just enjoy her sweet, soft, sociable presence in our Children's Library. No registration is required for this free program.

Lego Club
4:00 - 4:45, Fridays
Dec 6 & 13

Use RHPL's massive collection of Legos to build whatever your imagination can cook up. No registration is required for this free program.

Adoptive Families Group
5:30 - 6:30, Friday, Dec 13
Red Hook Public Library welcomes adoptive families for community and conversation in the Children's Library. With

games and art projects for the children, parents can talk with each other and/or join in the mess-making mayhem. No registration is required for this free event.

Family Storytime
11:00 - 12:00, Saturdays
Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

Can't make it to story time programs during the week? RHPL has your back. Come Saturday mornings for stories in the Children's Library followed by drawing time with the library's varied collection of craft supplies. No registration is required for this free event. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** Red Hook Public Library has been serving the community of Red Hook and its need for lifelong learning since 1898. It has been designated a five-star library by *Library Journal* each year since 2013. The library was chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Library in America award, given by *Library Journal* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in 2015. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call the Red Hook Public Library, 845-758-3241, email director@redhooklibrary.org, or visit www.redhooklibrary.org.

The Rip Van Winkle Council, Boy Scouts of America will honor Charles "Bud" Walker, Hudson Valley Foot Associates with the Clemont I. Angstrom Distinguished Citizens Award at their annual recognition dinner on Thursday, November 14th at Diamond Mills in Saugerties.

The Distinguished Citizens Award is presented annually by the Rip Van Winkle Council to individuals who have provided exceptional service to the local community. The award is named in memory of "Doc" Clement I. Angstrom- a humanitarian, community leader and dedicated member of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Walker will be honored for her more than 30 years of service to the citizens of Ulster and Greene Counties through his commitment to serving our youth.

In addition to the recognition of Mr. Walker, a special Corporate Citizen Award

will be bestowed upon Elise Anderson for community service and stewardship of the UPS Store in Kingston. The UPS Store has not only provided outstanding service to their customers, she has made a real commitment to support our communities Churches and Youth Organizations.

We will also be honoring the American Legion for their outstanding work and dedication to our country as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. We will be honoring Stephen Mataraza Chairman of the Scouting Division of New York, George Greiner, Greene County Commander and Leonard Beaulieu, Ulster County Commander with the Americanism Award.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the more than 1300 young people in Ulster and Greene Counties who are involved in Scouting with the Rip Van Winkle Council each year. Strong program activities include community citizenship and service, emergency preparedness training, camping year-round at Camp Tri-Mount, hiking, team building and environmental awareness.

The dinner will feature a silent auction fundraiser, with merchandise and artwork donated by local businesses and organizations. Tickets for the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner are \$100 per person and include dinner, cash bar, entertainment and a pre-dinner viewing of auction items.

Reception and auction viewing begins at 6 P.M. with dinner to follow at 7 P.M. All donations are tax-deductible and benefit local Scouting programs.

For tickets or more information, contact the Rip Van Winkle Council office at (845) 339-0846; or visit the council's website at www.rvwbsa.org.

Deck the Halls

Give back to your community by shopping at Northern Dutchess Hospital's Holiday Plant Pop-up Shop. The holiday "shop" is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 4 and 5, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6511 Springbrook Ave. Valet parking is available. A consecutive pop-up shop will open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the lobby of the Thompson House, 6525 Springbrook Ave., Rhinebeck. Purchase kissing balls, wreaths, swags, holiday plants, Lavender trees as well as handmade holiday decorations and gifts while supplies last. All proceeds benefit the hospital and skilled nursing center. The auxiliary is a group of volunteers who work in the hospital gift shop, thrift shop and plan fundraising events throughout the year. For information, call the hospital Volunteer Office (845) 871-3470 (TTY: 800-421-1220).

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The highlight of the season is the Candlelight Evening Tableaux on Sunday, December 15th from 3 - 6pm. For this uniquely-beautiful program staff and volunteers will don period costume and recreate holiday scenes from different eras including Victorian Christmas, New Year's Day visiting traditions, Twelfth Night festivities and more. The entire mansion will twinkle as glass prisms reflect the candles' warm glow. The event is \$12

for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Reservations required. Call (518) 537-4240 to purchase tickets.

Clermont's free Holiday Open House is on Saturday, December 21st. Visitors will be able to enjoy the mansion's spectacular rooms lavishly decorated for the holidays from 11am - 4pm. Live historic music performed by MeadowSuite will brighten the air. Additionally, hot mulled cider will be served to all guests in the museum's visitor center and gift shop. Clermont's Open House is a fun way to see the 250-year-old mansion all dressed up for the holidays! Families or groups may enjoy the mansion easily as you wander from room to room at your own pace, with docents dressed in historic costume present to answer your questions. House Tours of the decorated mansion available every Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm through December 22nd.

For more information, please call (518) 537-4240. Clermont State Historic Site is located at 1 Clermont Avenue in Germantown, off Route 9G. The Historic Site features the mansion, formal gardens, scenic Hudson River views and miles of hiking trails. The Friends of Clermont is a private, non-profit

educational corporation, founded in 1977 to support and supplement the museum education and historic preservation programs at Clermont State Historic Site. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1973, Clermont is one of six historic sites and 15 parks administered by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the Taconic Region.

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December All Abilities Programs at Red Hook Public Library

All Abilities Adults
12:30 - 1 PM, Fridays,
December 6 & 20

An hour of crafts, activities & social connection for adults with intellectual, cognitive and developmental disabilities. In December, we'll decorate tote bags and then end the year with cookie decorating at our traditional holiday party. No registration is required for this free program open to adults.

All Abilities Kids and Teens Music and Movement

1 PM, Saturday, December 7
Designed for the needs of children and teens with intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities, Music & Movement is about dancing, singing and playing percussion. Come strut your stuff or just listen and rock in this thoroughly judgment-free space. If your child or teen would benefit from visiting the space prior to the program, ask for Amy when you call to register. We will happily work with you to make All Abilities programs a good experience for your child or teen. Registration is required as class size is intentionally small.

All Abilities Kids' and Teens' Science

10:30 - 11:30 AM, Friday, December 13
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All Abilities Gingerbread House Decorating

4 - 5 PM, Friday, December 20 at Elmendorph Inn
All Abilities Kids & Teens are invited to register for the adaptive

hour of our annual Gingerbread House Decorating event. Adapted for kids and teens who have intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities, we will have pre-made houses ready for decorating with candies of all kinds and the room will be less crowded. This event takes place at the Elmendorph Inn and requires registration by calling the library. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** Red Hook Public Library has been serving the community of Red Hook and its need for lifelong learning since 1898. It has been designated a five-star library by *Library Journal* each year since 2013. The library was chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Library in America award, given by *Library Journal* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in 2015. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call the Red Hook Public Library, 845-758-3241, email director@redhooklibrary.org, or visit www.redhooklibrary.org.

THE GERMANTOWN GARDEN CLUB

Culminating a year of work, the Germantown Garden Club was recognized by receiving a total

Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. at the Best Western in Kingston, NY. There are three levels of awards, the District, the State and Nationally. Included are the following from District Three: a Citation for Publicity 'Newsletter' and a FIRST PLACE for the 2019 Yearbook themed "*The Wonderful World of Gardening*". Five were from the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.; 2018 State Club Recognition Award, a state Citation for their contribution to the National Garden Club's World Gardening project. For their 2018 90th Standard Flower Show "*Let's Celebrate*" and a Third Place for the flower show schedule and a FIRST PLACE for the Press Book Award. From National Garden Clubs a purple ribbon and citation for the 2018 Standard Flower Show "*Let's Celebrate*". The Germantown Garden Club will soon begin planning the programs for 2020 which once again include a Standard Flower Show.

The Germantown Garden Club meetings are free and the public is always welcome.

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of 8 awards. The awards were presented at the District Three Fall Conference of the Federated

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intimate knowledge of the local region and continually evolving real estate trends. The Hill family has lived in Rhinebeck for several generations and Huck is an avid outdoorsman with a love for the land. Vicki Hickman discovered her passion for real estate in 1997 after moving from the Washington, DC area with her family for the Hudson Valley quality-of-life. Together, they bring over 50 years of combined real estate experience to the table. “We specialize in both full time and weekend residential properties, river estates, farms, land, commercial real estate, and rentals -- both residential and commercial.” They work as a team and clearly their close relationship is part of their continued success. Ms. Hickman suggests this is a good time to sell as regional inventory is tight. There are many first time buyers who are looking at starter-homes and baby boomers who are downsizing to more manageable dwellings. There has also been a dramatic movement of people from the city looking on both sides of the river for properties. As NYC becomes more expensive, they are in the market for full time residences as well weekend properties.

While the HH Hill team is recognized for listing and closing multi-million-dollar homes and luxury properties, Ms. Hickman also enjoys facilitating “entry-level” homebuyers who need assistance navigating what can be a confusing process.

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End of Year Schedule for Hudson Area Library's Book Groups

The year is coming to a close, and along with it, the Hudson Area Library book groups are embarking on their final selections for 2019. Each group has just one more meeting this year, but each with a special twist of its own! Then, following a holiday break, the groups will return with strong literary lineups for 2020.

The Hudson Area Library



General Reading Book Group meets monthly on Wednesdays 5-6pm and is reading *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert on November 20. For this final meeting of 2019, the group will enjoy their discussion over dinner at Coyote Flaco Restaurant, located at 6032 Route 9H in Claverack. This group reads fiction and nonfiction and is facilitated by long-time member of the Friends of the Hudson Area Library,

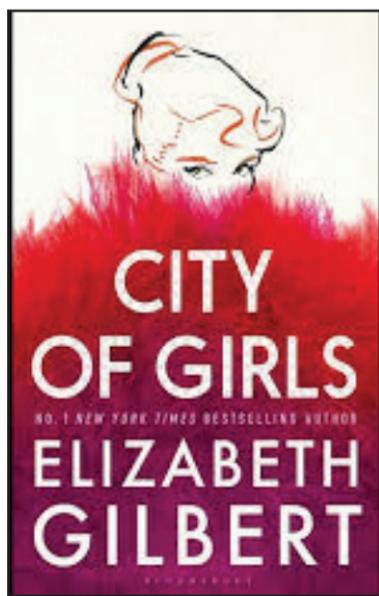
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In his *New York Times* review titled, *Elizabeth Gilbert's 'City of Girls' Delivers a Love- and Booze-Filled Romp Through 1940s New York*, author David Gates also describes the book as "the story of a conflicted, solitary woman who's made an independent life as best she can." He concludes that "this open-endedness, this refusal of received literary templates, is what makes "City of Girls" worth reading."

The **Nonfiction Book Group** meets monthly on Mondays, 6-7:30pm and for its final meeting in 2019, on December 9, will discuss the documentary film *The Dust Bowl*, by Ken Burns. Be sure to watch the film beforehand, as the meeting will be a discussion group, not a viewing party. The film, in 2-parts totaling 4 hours, examines the ecological, humanitarian, and political aspects of this devastating period in American history. This group focuses on history and social & political life in North America and is facilitated by library Board President Mark Orton. To register for the book group email morton@hudsonarealibrary.org.

City of Girls is available for

borrowing through the Mid-Hudson Library System. The film *The Dust Bowl* can be accessed through the Hudson Area Library's new Kanopy streaming



service, which can be accessed via this [link](#). Use your library card to register for the free service.

The Hudson Area Library is located at 51 North Fifth Street in Hudson, NY. The mission of the library is to enrich the quality of life by providing free and equal access to programs, services and resources, and by creating opportunities for all members of our community to connect, create, learn and grow. For more information visit hudsonarealibrary.org.

The UMW of Trinity United Methodist Church

555 Joslen Blvd., Hudson, will be having a "Craft/Vendor Sale and Holiday Cookie Walk" on **Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Stop by to choose from the area's finest cookie creations. The various vendors will be selling soy candles, candies, dog bandanas/bows/signs, knitted & crocheted items, jewelry, wooden banks, and ornaments, just to name a few.

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THE MORTON

Peter Sipperley will play favorite Christmas carols on the piano; Joe Baer and his grandsons, Sam and Maddox, will perform the classic Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas"; Shirl Sipperley will recite the humorous, "A Parents' Night Before Christmas", Lynda Sales presents a staged reading of her short comic play, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman", produced by Dick Rizzo featuring Michelle Kafel, Marisa Gorsline, Lawrence Miller, Bob Sills & Lynda Sales; Alan Lipper will perform the hilarious Chanukah songs as seen on SNL and ... Annie Fox and The Boys will perform, live and on stage! Food and Drink available. A suggested \$10 contribution will be most appreciated. All contributions will go to the Library Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 pm Morton Memorial Library 82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff, NY

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Town of Esopus Library. Duck Pond Gallery Participatory Art Opening December 6-26, 2019

Opening Reception Friday December 6, 5:30-7 **Free Admission**



128 Canal St, Port Ewen, 845-338-5580

Hours: M, Tu, Wed, Fri 10-6:30 Thurs 11-5:30, Sat 10-4, Sunday CLOSED

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Livingston Colonial with lake access

Beautiful five year old home with a first floor master suite. It offers access to Twin Lakes where you can swim, fish or kayak. Features include 9 foot ceiling, a kitchen with custom cabinets and a center island.

The walkout basement comes with two doors and a regular window, a great space to finish. The oversized deck is perfect for casual entertainment. **\$350,000.**



Six BOHA acres with views - Red Hook

Catskill Mountain views and glorious sunsets, is what you will enjoy from this parcel on a country lane. Conveniently located to the town park, schools and Bard College. **\$89,500**

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OVER 55?



Ready for an easier life but like nice amenities? This 3BR, 2 bath manufactured home in Red Hook has CA, a FPL, MBR suite, K w/an island, an 18x20 LR, open DR, large windows, 3 decks & a beautiful garden. **\$110,000**

PERFECT FOR A FAMILY,



this 3BR, 2.5 bath Townhouse in Red Hook has CA, oak floors, a great K w/a breakfast bar, DR, huge MBR suites w/a 5 piece bath, large deck, full basement, included outdoor maintenance & fees are low! **\$305,900**

AT THE GARDENS



in Rhinebeck, this 2BR, 2 bath, one story end unit is renovated & picture perfect! Granite K w/an island, vaulted LR w/FPL, lovely MBR suite, CA, deck, clubhouse w/pool & private gym. Shining & move-in ready. **\$399,000.**

JUST LISTED,



this special 3BR, 2 bath country home is on a dead-end street, has huge windows & skylights, CA, a FPL, wonderful K, a first floor BR & bath AND steps away is deeded lake access to spectacular Brown's Pond. **\$399,900.**

SO VERY NICE,



this Rhinebeck Contemporary is spectacular in & out. In has a spacious & open LR/DR/K/& FR. There's CA, 4 sets of bay windows, oak floors, a 3 car garage. Out is professionally landscaped & just plain stunning! **\$529,000.**

SITED HIGH,



there are SPECTACULAR, panoramic 180 degree views of the Catskills & Hudson from this 3866 SF Custom Contemporary in Red Hook. There's CA, a FPL, studio, 15x32 MBR suite, 800 ft. of decking, & complete privacy. **\$749,900.**

A WONDERFUL END UNIT



condo @ phase 2 @ the Gardens, this like new 2 BR, 2.5 bath unit has a perfect white K w/an island, open DR/LR, FPL, huge MBR suite, a separate guest suite, den & a private 2nd floor balcony. **\$425,999**

BUDGET FRIENDLY,



this 3BR, 1.5 bath one story home in Red Hook has a large, redone K w/granite counters & stainless appliances, a totally redone main bath, 21 foot LR, separate FR, & a special plus, 3.92 private acres! **\$235,900.**

4663 SF



includes a wonderful 4BR, 1.5 bath, Sears home for you w/oak up & down, a huge LR w/FPL, FR, DR, K w/an island, charming woodwork, doors, stairway & built-ins + there's a freshly painted 1922 SF Cape you can rent. WOW! **\$339,900**

BRAND NEW,



this manufactured home in Rhinebeck has 2 MBR suites, & an open K/DR/LR. This home has efficient propane heat, a gas range, laundry, + there are two decks, a dead end street, & location is walkable to the Village. **\$69,900.**

SPACIOUS, STYLISH,



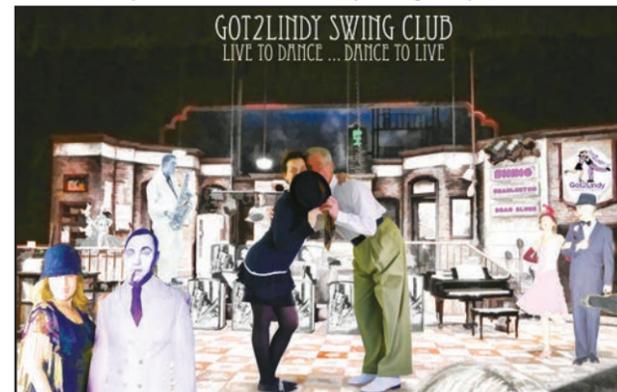
& surrounded by 3.9 magnificent acres w/huge trees, a pond, & rolling lawns, this 3000 SF Rhinebeck colonial has wood floors up & down, a first floor 3 rm. MBR suite, 16x23 formal LR w/FPL, great K, DR, huge FR, stone patios walkways, & superb privacy. **\$539,900.**

IN RHINEBECK VILLAGE,



this Circa 1865 Colonial has 5 BRs, 4 full baths, beautiful wood floors w/inlays, a library, FPL, bay window, a granite K w/a huge island, mud room, DR, den, + the 2.2 acre lot w/huge trees is one of a kind! **\$1,125,000.**

Give a Gift that Lasts a Lifetime this Holiday Season
 Knowing what to get kids for Christmas is easy, but what about the adults? What do you get your family and friends who already seem to have everything they could want? Why not give them a gift certificate for dance lessons? Perfect for friends about to get engaged, or that couple floundering with empty nest syndrome and in need of a hobby, or that recently divorced or widowed friend starting a new life path. Any of them might appreciate the gift of dance. And don't forget the not-so-secret desire of your spouse to bring a little dance into your lives together. It's a gift that lasts a lifetime. "The Christmas gift certificate for dance lessons that I received in 2010 literally



changed my life," said Susan Simon of Red Hook. "I actually procrastinated almost a year before getting started but once I did, I was hooked and haven't stopped since! I just got back from a cruise where I was selected to dance in front of an audience with a Filipino cruise staff member who was decades younger than me and I had a ball dancing with him and entertaining the crowd. I never could have done that before!"

Got2Lindy Dance Studios has been swinging the Hudson Valley since 2004 and offers instant e-gift certificates online for private lessons or group classes with no partner required. E-gift certificates can be ordered and received instantly online, so this gift is perfect even at the last minute! And with classes in Kingston, Highland and Newburgh, there's sure to be a convenient location. Visit www.got2lindy.com for more information or to purchase an instant gift certificate.

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Milan 2 Family



Located with in a short drive to the TSP is this large 2 family Ranch home with deck and a detached 2 car garage that sit's on 1.3 park-like acres. This would be a great investment or perfect for someone who wants to live in one unit and rent the other....Asking **\$245,000**

Bowling Alley



Located in the Town of Red Hook in high traffic corridor of the Kingston/Rhinecliff bridge close to BARD Collage is this 20 lane, 18000sf bowling alley constructed of 12 inch block & steel trusses that offers 20 lanes, arcade, miniature golf course, lunch counter w/liquor license & has parking for 100+ cars. Asking **\$2,195,000**

Rhinebeck Village



Turn of the Century Colonial located in the heart of the Rhinebeck Village on one of it's most sought-after streets. This home is currently being used as a 2 family w/an apartment on the 1st floor and another on the 2nd and could easily be converted back to it's original single family floor plan. **\$425,000.**

Twin Lakes 2 Family



Located 20 minutes north of Rhinebeck in a private lake community is this legal 2 family house with income potential. Live in one unit and rent the other. Asking **\$239,000.**

Rhinebeck 97 Acre Farm



Located minutes from the Rhinebeck Village is this 97 Acre farm with a Classic Colonial Farm House, 2 barns one with electric and a meandering stream. Asking **\$1,295,000**

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