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Theatre on the Road presents its 24th annual interactive, dinner theater version of Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Hudson Valley residents have seen Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas from a theatre seat. This season Theatre on the Road, a locally based production company, is inviting local residents to dine with them. This is an opportunity to kick-off the Christmas holiday season with song, laughter and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol to life. Now in its 24th year, Theatre on the Road's production will be appearing at three locations in the mid-Hudson Valley. Scheduled dates, locations and times for A Christmas Carol are as follows: The Hudson House Distillery in West Park on December 1st at 7:00 pm, The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, December 6th at 7:00 pm and December 10th at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm and The Venue Uptown



Scrooge and Tiny Tim 2023

at the Best Western in Kingston, December 14th at 7:00 pm For ticket links and further information visit the home page of www.murdercafe.net All performances are family-friendly and include a three-course dinner with entrée choice. Victorian carolers will sing at tableside, before the show and during the dinner break, and the performance will be preceded by a reception where guests will meet Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas, the Cratchit family including Tiny Tim and Nephew Fred This production is a tribute to the spirit of a traditional

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The Olana Partnership to Host Annual Winter Solstice Celebration at Olana State Historic Site with theme Winter Around the World

The Olana Partnership invites the community to join in celebrating the changing season during its annual free Winter Solstice Celebration at Olana State Historic Site. Visit



Solstice

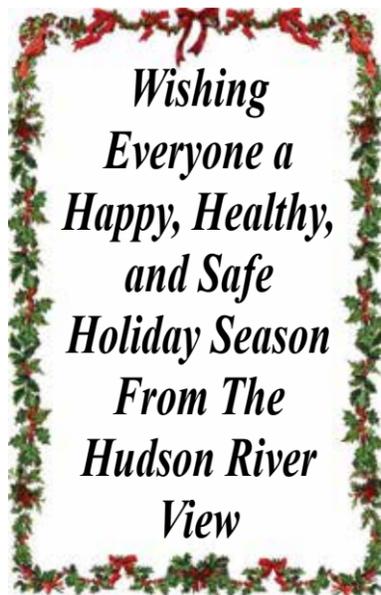
the site on Saturday, December 16, from 1-5pm for a series of free opportunities to experience the Hudson Valley's beautiful winter landscape and explore some of the countries that inspired the artist Frederic Church and his family!

The Winter Solstice Celebration will include free access to the historic interiors, a bonfire, drop-in activities and games, seasonal refreshments by Frankie's nomadic bar and coffee shop,

a special visit from everyone's favorite miniature donkey, Hank, back by popular demand, and much more! Special events will take place throughout the afternoon.

Beginning at 1pm, Heard World Jazz will provide special live short performances inside the Main House at Olana giving visitors a special opportunity to listen to music inside the house's Court Hall. Heard World's vibrant sound incorporates influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean and beyond. Due to space constraints, each performance will be limited to 12 people and will include 2-3 songs. This FREE performance is offered every 15 minutes between 1-2pm and registration is required as space is extremely limited. Heard World Jazz will move outside at 3:00pm to perform for all attendees on Olana's East Lawn. Sonia Cintron, who leads the Hudson Area Library's weekly Bilingual Storytime for kids and their families, will begin

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Everyone a
Happy, Healthy,
and Safe
Holiday Season
From The
Hudson River
View*

MYSTERY

by Elisabeth Allanbrook Barnett Art Gallery 71 is pleased to invite the public to view paintings by this month's featured artist, **Elisabeth Allanbrook Barnett**. She is an oil painter who prefers plein air (outdoor) painting of local landscapes, but often uses time in the studio to capture scenes from near and far - or of people in their daily lives. Her current show, entitled "Mystery," includes landscapes, skyscapes, flowers, figures, and scenes from Sinterklaas that will intrigue audiences with their deep colors and images that warrant a deeper look.

You can see these works from **December 8th** through **January 1st** during gallery hours listed below. Or join us for the opening reception on **December 9th, 5-7pm**, with music from Jasperoo. Elisabeth's paintings can be viewed at <https://www.artgallery71.com/artists/elisabeth-barnett>

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

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

Or contact: Elisabeth Barnett, barnettelisabeth1@gmail.com



Pond at Rose Hill Farm, oil on panel 9x12



Sinterklaas Night, oil on panel 12x16

CO TO HOST ART OPENING FOR RHINEBECK ARTIST ROSEMARY HANSON

CO is pleased to announce an art exhibit opening reception by local artist Rosemary Hanson from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Hanson received a BFA in studio art from Wells College in Aurora, NY, and studied at the Lorenzo de Medici Institute in Florence, Italy. Following graduation, she moved to New York City and began a professional career at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she worked for many years. While in New York, she continued painting at the Art Students' League with several notable instructors, including Gustav Rehberger.

In 2006, she moved to the Hudson Valley with her family. Inspired by the surrounding environment, she began painting landscapes and interiors. Later, she developed a love for still lifes using local



Homestead

flowers and fresh produce as her subjects. Her paintings depict a loose impressionistic style. Her work has been included in several individual and group shows throughout the Hudson Valley and greater New York metropolitan area.

Hanson described her approach to painting as an effort to express the essential in her subjects rather than a perfect catalogue of details.

"As an oil painter, I am interested in expressing the essence of my subject, whether it be a landscape, still

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Give A Gift of Health This Winter

Joseph V. Cassarino, founder of The Best Immune Support of Rhinebeck, the distribution arm for ProImmune Co. LLC also of Rhinebeck, calls ProImmune® Immune Formulation 200® a scientific breakthrough discovered by local scientist, and M.D., Dr. Albert B. Crum. ProImmune® reduces toxins inside cells all naturally based on the principles of evolution that supports optimal immune support. Glutathione evolved over billions of years to mitigate toxins inside the cell and Dr. Crum's formula is a glutathione precursor that prompts the cell to replenish the depleted glutathione that we can no longer produce adequately due to the excessive toxins we absorb in everything we eat, drink and breathe. Hudson River View spoke with Cassarino to find out why he came out of retirement after building several companies to spread the word about this all natural immune system nutrition booster and glutathione precursor discovered by the Harvard trained physician and scientist. *How did you get involved with this product?*

I met the inventor of ProImmune® - Immune Formulation 200®, Dr. Albert Crum, M.D., MS, D.Sci-Hon, in Rhinebeck several years ago while I was purchasing a commercial property in the village and I was intrigued by the man and his professional work. Dr. Crum was intrigued by my background and business



Joseph V. Cassarino

accomplishments. Dr. Crum requested a copy of my resume and after reading it, Dr. Crum requested I come out of retirement to help the public learn about the benefits of ProImmune and that's how our professional business relationship and friendship first formed. Since I have had personal experience with the product and being that my health is stellar and my energy level boundless, all I want is for people to discover the benefits of glutathione and to discover how replenishing glutathione with ProImmune® is a superior because the cell

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An Interview

by John B. Tabb

I sat with chill December
Beside the evening fire.

“And what do you remember,”

I ventured to inquire,

“Of seasons long forsaken?”

He answered in amaze,

“My age you have mistaken;
I’ve lived but thirty days.”

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makes the glutathione itself. Glutathione products only enter the bloodstream effectively. By taking ProImmune® the cell is making the glutathione directly inside the cell; that’s the reason I am doing the work I do. I want the public to comprehend the difference so they can truly optimize health. Additionally, I work with many of the county’s top physicians, pharmacies and health centers who recommend ProImmune extensively. Therefore, I comprehend the science and how important it is to reduce toxins and oxidative stress directly inside the cells like ProImmune does. In reality, supplementing with ProImmune® is one of the healthiest things any person can supplement with to improve health. I take ProImmune daily with my spirulina, zinc, CoQ10, D and K vitamin, and my probiotic and my daily vitamins. All of us are depleted in vitamins, nutrients

and even glutathione and we absolutely need to replenish all of them. ProImmune® is a scientific breakthrough of epic proportion in which the cells themselves replenish the glutathione and this is what makes ProImmune® different than any other glutathione product. **How does glutathione support immune health in the body?**

There are many ways to strengthen the immune system safely and as nature intended, and one of the best ways is to maintain ample glutathione

levels. People deplete glutathione as they age and speed up the process by eating processed foods and sugar and breathing polluted air. Glutathione is considered the master antioxidant and helps reduce oxidative stress in the cell to keep cells healthiest. Strong immunity is like a shield that mitigates illness, helps with recovery and protects your body from toxic substances. With many forces working against you, it is most important to take care of your immune system. **How does ProImmune work and why is it different?**

Dr. Crum made his groundbreaking scientific discovery over many years of laboratory research. His motivation was that he always felt that there should be a way the [human] cell could make its own glutathione exactly as nature intended. There are products out there that support glutathione production, such as NAC (N-Acetyl-Cysteine, an artificial glutathione precursor), but according to the research and scientific reports, they do not allow for optimum natural glutathione levels and immune system benefits. ProImmune is not glutathione. It is a glutathione precursor and the only in the world in which the cells are capable of producing glutathione intracellularly, directly inside the cells. This is what makes ProImmune unique and in very high demand. Dr. Crum, funded in part by \$88M in grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was on the cutting-edge of glutathione research. He discovered that adding a crucial set of natural nutrients could help the body manufacture optimum amounts of glutathione at the cellular level. By making the glutathione inside the cell—and only as much glutathione as the cell needs to reduce the toxins and the oxidative stress, discharging what it doesn’t need—Immune Formulation 200 is an efficient and effective glutathione supplementation. Immune Formulation 200 is a patent-pending nutrition booster and glutathione precursor that allows people to be proactive about protecting their health by reducing oxidative stress, toxins and free radicals. It helps build the immune system by reducing oxidative stress. Additionally, Immune Formulation 200 also helps maintain AIC levels in normal range. **What drives your passion for spreading the word about this product?**

Mostly my own experience with it. I’m an avid practitioner of a healthy lifestyle, but I had never heard of glutathione before I met Dr. Crum four years ago. I’m 67 years old. I’m a health-oriented person. I eat, breathe and live a certain lifestyle. I exercise every day. I’m in nature every day. I drink healthful green juices in the morning and eat salads for lunch. But even knowing all that I did and doing what I did, I did not know how important glutathione replenishment is

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for health of the cell. In fact, replenishing glutathione is one of the most important things we can do because this is how we reduce toxins and very harmful oxidative stress. Everyone should be supplementing with ProImmune according to many scientific and medical experts. I am now the head of marketing and distribution for the product and I'm finding fulfillment in using my previous experiences building successful companies on a project that can change and improve people's lives dramatically for the better. I came out of retirement to work on this. I should be in the Bahamas right now, but instead I am

helping introduce a formula that will help more people improve overall health and wellbeing on levels that may seem to be too good to be true—but are true. **How are you getting the word out?**

I have developed an ecommerce website that offers free shipping and put so much education concerning the product onto the website. Website visitors can find the science, the data, the links to the NIH health report that all prove the importance of what glutathione does and the science of what Dr. Crum's discovery provides for optimal glutathione replenishment. I'm also doing a ton of outreach. Every day I'm speaking with medical groups and professionals, functional medical centers, integrative medical

practitioners, nutritionists, dietitians. Every day I'm also moving awareness forward on social media. Additionally, I am a guest speaker with Dr. Edward (Ted) Fogarty III, a student of Dr. Crum, on KFYR.iHeart.com most Tuesdays 4:10 PM EST. The show is entitled: Fogarty on Fire and Dr. Fogarty speaks about the benefits of ProImmune and callers have a chance to call in and ask questions. The show is a hit and the audience loves hearing from Dr. Fogarty speak scientifically on how ProImmune improves health. ProImmune is also available on my Amazon account and I recommend that you give someone you love, a **gift of health** this holiday season with one of the healthiest formulas a person could incorporate into their health routine to reduce the highly toxic overload that we are all overwhelmed with today. For appointments and more information, call 845-206-8104 or email Info@TheBestImmuneSupport.com. To purchase Immune Formulation 200 and take advantage of free shipping, visit TheBestImmuneSupport.com.

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holiday. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters, as they settle in for a fine dinner and evening of celebration. Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, the script was written by Frank and Kristen Marquette, and she is also providing her handmade costumes. This is the 24th season the Marquette's version of A Christmas Carol is being produced. "Frank and Kristen's show continues to gain critical praise for every detail including authentic costumes, musical interludes and in depth characterizations", says Brittani Thompson of the Historic Hotel Broadalbin.

traditions throughout the world. The Olana Partnership is looking for volunteers to help with the Winter Solstice event. If you are interested please contact, Lauren Miller, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator at 518-751-6857 or by emailing volunteers@olana.org.

House entry will be available on a first come first served basis beginning at 2:00pm. Last house entry will be at 4:00pm. Outdoor bonfire until 5pm provided by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. This free community event is generously sponsored by the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and Price Chopper/Market 32. To learn more visit, OLANA.org/solstice.

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1) "And another thing ..." 5) Book with maps 10) Leopard feature 14) Salon work 15) Grandiose or flashy 16) Strip a fruit 17) Radius, to diameter 20) Put in 21) Tempts 22) Pinch of seasoning 25) Hackman of "Hoosiers" 26) Do one's part? 29) Where the worm turns 31) Villain 35) Long scarf 36) Overpromoted 38) Cotton-pickin' contraptions 39) What landlords hate	43) Double-decker part 44) Musical drama 45) Time span 46) Roller coaster reaction 49) Bygone despot 50) Scheider of "Jaws" 51) Svelte 53) Barbecue accessory 55) Chains of connected ideas or passages 58) Recessed area 62) Complete account 65) Having sufficient skill 66) Cleverly avoid 67) Type of candy or cider 68) Onetime Turkish governors 69) Asian goatlike animal 70) Ages upon ages
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- 2) Bit of bank business
- 3) River deposit
- 4) Killed, mobster-style
- 5) Baseball bat material
- 6) ___ Lord's Prayer
- 7) Valuable vein
- 8) On ___ and a prayer
- 9) Gambler's claim to beating the odds
- 10) Period beginning with Sputnik
- 11) Window square
- 12) Middle-Earth menaces
- 13) Golf prop
- 18) Like some novels
- 19) Pitchfork prong
- 23) Tofu bean (Var.)
- 24) Zoo heavyweight, briefly
- 26) Assists in a crime
- 27) Laughable
- 28) Grow narrower
- 30) Was a bounder?
- 32) San Fran pro
- 33) Foreword, briefly
- 34) English-class assignment
- 37) Bride's purchase
- 40) Railroad bridges
- 41) Keep from escaping
- 42) Boat harbor
- 47) Downwind, nautically
- 48) Saucy misses
- 52) Syrup source
- 54) One-tenth payment
- 55) Die
- 56) Country friendly to yours
- 57) Speak unclearly
- 59) "See you, signore"
- 60) It's hit in traffic jams?
- 61) Loose things to tie up?
- 62) "Incredible!" to Beatle fans
- 63) Rapid bustling movement
- 64) In mint condition

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life or portrait. Rather than focusing on details, I look for the broader way that shapes and colors relate to make a compelling image," she said. "There is a constant challenge for a representational artist, to put aside preconceived ideas of how our world appears, and to really see the colors, the perspective, as they are. It requires us to reconsider how we perceive what we see in order to see things in their true form."

She said she loves the process of painting because it requires

her to examine the visual relationships in the world she perceives.

"I love the process of painting because it makes me notice these relationships in my visual world and it requires my mind to compare everything to everything else. I think this is where truth is found — in the patterns and relationships of all things to each other."

CO co-owner and Community Manager Dugan Radwin said she was happy CO is hosting the opening.

"We are so excited to have another talented artist showing at CO," she said. "Rosemary's

work is full of color and passion, and we are so grateful to have her showing at our venue." The exhibit will be up at CO through the end of the month. Visitors can come to CO during business hours Monday through Friday to see the work and view the venue.

About CO
CO, located at 6571 Spring Brook Ave. (Route 9) across from the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, opened in 2018 after a two-year re-design and renovation led by local architect Frank Mazarella. Since its inception, CO has co-hosted numerous innovation sessions and community-related events, ranging from professional meetings, workshops and training, to parties, mixers and nonprofit galas. Local businesses and organizations that have utilized the space include Corcoran Real Estate, Data Stories, Hudson Community Incubator, Hudson Valley Women in Business, Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce, Rhinebeck Rotary Club, Stockade Works and Winnakee Land Trust. It has served as a meeting space for student groups such as Rhinebeck Interact Club and the 4H Club as well as a space for local artists to share their work, including Stacie Flint, Tom Cale, Dan Goldman, Helena Palazzi, Kelli Bickman, Ryan Cronin, Shea Lord and Janine Gentile.

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19th century and the most important artist's home, studio, and designed landscape in the United States. Church designed Olana as a holistic environment integrating his advanced ideas about art, architecture, landscape design, and environmental conservation. Olana's 250-acre artist-designed landscape with five miles of carriage roads and



a Persian-inspired house at its summit embraces unrivaled panoramic views of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains and welcomes more than 170,000 visitors annually. The landscape is open for guided touring, and reservations are highly recommended. The landscape is open daily 8 AM-sunset. Olana State Historic Site, administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state. The Olana Partnership is the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit cooperative partner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Olana State Historic Site.

The Claverack Library is pleased to host a Family Kwanzaa Celebration on Friday, December 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Presented in partnership with **Operation Unite NY**, come celebrate African-American culture and unity with friends and family. Join us for an afternoon of arts and crafts for children, dancing, drumming, a candle-lighting ceremony, and the sharing of Nguzo Saba; the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Walk-ins are welcome, however we recommend pre-registering by calling 518-851-7120 or emailing info@claveracklibrary.org to assure we have enough supplies for all. The Claverack Library is located at 9 Route 9H at the intersection of Route 23B. www.claveracklibrary.org

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Expecting Presents

By Naomi Fata

Christmas is still weeks away. Yet, already among the children of my home there is great anticipation and excitement. They are counting down the days, because they have experienced Christmas's in the past and have an understanding that there will be presents to open on Christmas morning. Not just any presents but presents given with their personality and interests in mind. They trust that we as parents will give these gifts, that trust is enough to build up hope and anticipation. It reminds me of the verses in Matthew 7:7-11. If we as infallible beings know how to give good gifts to those we love, how much more so does our perfect Father, whose love for us is beyond measure, know how to give good gifts to us as His children. Children can be known to have a short attention span, but I have noticed that between November 1st and Christmas Day, they have no trouble holding the expectation of what they will receive. Why then do we have such difficulty eagerly waiting and looking forward to the presents that God gives us as His children? Dr Timothy Jennings writes of the gift giving scenario in his book *Could It Be This Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*, as he points out that children don't have a sense of fear or uncertainty about whether there truly will be presents, but long before they see the presents they have joy and excitement knowing that it will be there for them. (p82) This is because they know that the giver of the presents is reliable. Perhaps the real question is: do we know and believe with all our hearts that God is reliable? This season we celebrate one of the gifts we have already received - Jesus! Yet, how often do we marvel at the miracle? Those who lived at the time before the birth of Christ, had only the promise and no evidence of His coming, yet they believed that God was reliable. Look at the long accounts of faithful men and women in Hebrews 11, as the names of Old Testament saints are repeatedly

mentioned as acting (anticipating, hoping, and believing) by faith. Christmas Day is fixed on the calendar each year. We know December 25th will come once a year. It's true we do not know the day or the hour that all of God's gifts and promises will come to pass but let us believe from our hearts that God is reliable. He is the giver of God gifts! We don't need to shrink back in fear thinking that He will not do as He said. Instead let us live with joyful expectation, by faith. And be sure to put your trust, hopes, dreams and expectation in the most precious gift of the season - Jesus, who came so that you might have eternal life. Naomi is the Author of *Beyond Head Knowledge: Knowing Christ who Satisfies our Hearts*

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring 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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).

This month we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus. It is a joyful time of the year for Christians. While the world gets focused on the material aspect of Christmas, Believers rejoice in the fact that the Savior was born of Mary, the Virgin in Bethlehem.

THE ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH!

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary to inform her that she was chosen to give birth to Jesus. She responded to the Angel Gabriel by asking the question, "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34). She was engaged to Joseph, but they hadn't come together in marriage yet. The angel informed her by saying, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, and was without sin. This is absolutely necessary

according to the prophecy of Scripture (Isaiah 7:14) and based on the truth of theology. The Lord Jesus lived a perfect life without sin. He is Perfect God-Perfect Man. Therefore He could die for our sins on the Cross of Calvary, and Rise the third day in victory over death and the tomb. Hallelujah, What a Savior!

THE PLACE OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, but they had to go to Bethlehem because of the decree of Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed (Luke 2:1). The Prophet Micah prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Since Mary and Joseph were both of the house and lineage of David they were required to go to the City of David, which is Bethlehem. **DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HEART (LIFE) FOR JESUS?**

When they got to Bethlehem, Mary was ready to give Birth to Jesus, but there was no room in the Inn (Luke 2:7). Very likely Jesus was born near the Inn in a stable, and placed in a manger, which is a feeding trough for animals. To be sure a very humble setting for the Lord of Glory. I trust that you have room in your heart for Jesus. By that I mean to truly accept and receive Him into your life as your Lord and Savior. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-13).

THE BIRTH OF JESUS IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERD!

The account in Luke 2:8-20 records how the angel of the Lord announced to the Shepherds that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and that He would be found wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a

manger (Luke 2:12). A multitude of the heavenly hosts then praised God, and said Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:13,14). As we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus let us like the heavenly hosts be found praising God and giving Him all the Glory because Jesus is the reason for the season. Jesus came into the world, He lived a perfect life, spoke with authority, reached out to those in need, and gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins so that people could be saved, and to bring many sons and daughters to glory. To God belongs the Glory.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!

What a tremendous blessing it is to know the Lord Jesus. I am sure that as Christians we can say, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). I am sure that we all know what a gift is. When a gift is purchased by someone, and then given to another person, the person that receives the gift will say, "Thank you." I have never seen anyone reach into their pocketbook or wallet and offer to pay for the gift. The gift of salvation has been paid for by the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross and by His Glorious Resurrection. The gift is now offered to whoever who will call upon the name of the Lord. We don't deserve it or work for it, but receive it by faith in Christ alone. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Receive the gift today! The best gift that

you will ever receive is eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's share the gift of Salvation in Jesus with others this Christmas, and throughout the year.

If you would like to know more about Celebrating the Birth of Jesus and/or what it means to be a True Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, please contact us. If you would like to know more about the Ministries at GBFC, contact us by Email at fdcirone@aol.com or by Phone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is an Independent Bible Church. We are located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 mile north on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, NY. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

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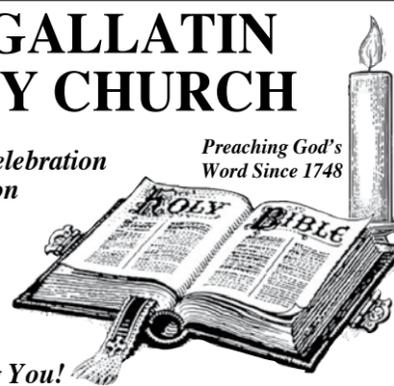
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It is hard to believe but the holiday season is once again rapidly approaching, and I would hope that we can all have happy and safe celebrations. Please keep in mind that good times with family and friends; decorations, parties, gifts and all the excitement that goes along with the holidays can 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 may 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 of food that comes

from our kitchen are treats to be had by the humans, they can be dangerous when consumed by our dogs. These include fatty or spicy foods, bread dough, fresh herbs, alcoholic beverages and sweets of all kinds, especially those with chocolate or xylitol. Particularly dangerous are cooked poultry bones that easily splinter, and bone shards can cause choking or get stuck in your dog's gums. Ask your trainer or veterinarian for suggestions.

Secure all trash cans and discourage your dog from foraging. While a small taste of turkey or sweet potatoes can make your dog happy, don't over do it.

DECORATIONS ARE NOT PLAYTHINGS

Many holiday plants are poisonous, such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and amaryllis. Keep them out of reach from your dog. 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. 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. If ingested, tinsel can twist in your dog's intestines and be deadly. Don't use it! Christmas tree water may contain preservative chemicals, which can trigger severe indigestion in dogs. Stagnant clean water can breed bacteria and cause nausea or diarrhea to the pet which imbibes. Don't let your dog drink water from the base of your tree. Sweep up fallen pine needles regularly, as they can puncture holes in a dog's intestines if ingested.

HELP YOUR DOG FEEL SAFE AND RELAXED

Most dogs get 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 hub-bub by putting him in his crate or in a quiet room with his bed. Allow him to rejoin 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, so keep your dog's water bowl filled with freshwater.

PETS LIKE PRESENTS TOO

Help your dog stay busy and out of the holiday trimmings by giving him fun, safe gifts. Shop for puzzles, games and toys that require your dog to think and keep him entertained.

A FINAL NOTE

Please, please, please don't give a pet as a surprise gift.

A cute puppy might seem like the perfect gift choice, but many of these holiday presents end up in animal shelters. Owning a dog takes a genuine commitment of time and responsibility, and adoptive owners must be ready to participate in training and other activities. If you are absolutely certain the recipient is up to the challenge and wants the responsibility, seriously consider giving a leash and a collar or a note saying a dog of the recipient's choice will come with it. This helps ensure the lucky person gets just the right pet to bring into the family.

Caution and common sense in caring for your dog during the holidays will help ensure a safe and happy holiday season for all. And the results? Happy Dogs = Happy Families. Bark Busters is the World's Largest and Most Trusted

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Boarding Your Pet

Julianne Porter, DVM

The world has become more "pet friendly" allowing pets in public places, driven by the desire for owners to keep their pets with them as much as they are able. Despite this social shift, there may come a time when a dog or cat needs to board at a facility. This may occur because the owners may be going to a place where pets are still not allowed, they may be traveling where they cannot properly care for their pet, there could be an emergency where an owner needs to be in the hospital, or they could be undergoing construction on their home that does not make it safe for their pets to be there. Whatever the reason, owners should be as prepared as they can for boarding their pet. Planning for boarding: Contact the boarding facility well in advance as many facilities book up quickly. Inquire about the specific requirements for your pet such as vaccines, negative fecal test results, etc. Some places will also require pets to be on flea/tick prevention. Ask the facility if they require you to bring your own food, bedding, bowls, etc. or if the facility will provide those. If your pet needs medications or a special

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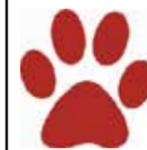
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won Best of Festival at Palm Springs earlier this year and is included in this showcase. [<http://www.liamlopinto.com/>].

After the films, Moviehouse General Manager, Jeremy Boviard will talk with Liam about the films and their filmmakers, and take questions from the audience.

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The event is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. Tickets are required

and are available through The Moviehouse website. [<https://bit.ly/TMH-Shorts-Contenders>]

The run time is 1hr 31minutes, followed by the talkback. **The films being presented are (in running order):**

THE OLD YOUNG CROW (Japan, USA 2023) 12min. Directed by Liam Lopinto

An Iranian boy befriends an old Japanese woman at a graveyard in Tokyo. WINNER - PALM SPRINGS BEST OF FESTIVAL

OUR MALES AND OUR FEMALES (Jordan, 2023) 11min.

Directed by: Ahmad Alyaseer
A father and mother are faced with the painful task of washing and shrouding their deceased transgender daughter. WINNER - NASHVILLE BEST NARRATIVE SHORT

YELLOW (UK, 2023) 12min.

Directed by: Elham Ehsan
In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, a woman walks into a chadari store in Kabul to buy her first full-body veil and face an uncertain future. WINNER - URBANWORLD BEST NARRATIVE SHORT

CLOSING DYNASTY (USA, 2023) 17min. Directed by: Lloyd Lee Choi
On a school day, a precocious seven-year-old girl, Queenie, hustles and schemes ways to make money on the streets of New York City. WINNER - AFI FEST & BERLINALE GRAND JURY PRIZE

NAI NAI & WAI PO (GRANDMA AND GRANDMA) (USA, 2023) 16min.

Directed by: Sean Wang
A personal love letter from director Sean Wang to his Nai Nai and Wai Po, a grandma super team that dances, stretches, and farts their sorrows away. WINNER - AFI FEST & SXSW GRAND JURY PRIZE

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Directed by Mitra Shahidi
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 Wed. 12/06, Wed. 12/13, Wed. 12/20, Wed. 12/27 at 9:30 AM
 Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm

with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension. **No class December 25, 2023**
Story time on the Dot (in-person)
 Tue. 12/05, Tue. 12/12, Tue. 12/19, Tue. 12/26 at 10:30 AM
 Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

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 Wed. 12/06, Wed. 12/13, Wed. 12/20, Wed. 12/27 at 6:00 PM (online)
 Sun. 12/03, Sun. 12/10, Sun. 12/17, Sun. 12/24, Sun. 12/31 at 10:00 AM (in person or online)
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Boarding your pet from page 6

diet, make sure the facility is comfortable administering those. Be sure the staff can reach you if there is an emergency or if your pet becomes sick during the stay. If you may be unreachable, leave the contact details for a person who can make decisions while you are away. Finding the right place: Connect with the boarding facility you plan to use and ask how they are set up. Do they walk dogs together or allow them to interact during the stay? How much exercise do they offer and how big are the kennels/cages? What is their protocol if your pet gets sick? How do they prevent pets from

escaping? It is also important to know their hours of operation and how many staff members are involved. Ask if the facility offers tours. If possible, have your pet board for a weekend to see how they do and meet the staff. Not every boarding facility is set up to cater to all pet personalities. A pet that needs socialization and exercise will need a different environment than a pet that prefers quiet and no interaction with other animals or one who needs close medical monitoring. Aftermath of boarding: Most pets will settle in quickly and do quite well. However, it is common for some to have decreased appetites or even gastrointestinal upset (vomiting/diarrhea) during their

stay. Their routine, surroundings, and caretakers are different, so it can cause some anxiety. Some pets will have trouble urinating or defecating outside if it is not what they are used to. Pets can also be vocal and aggressive due to their stress. In any of these situations, the boarding staff should be trained to recognize these issues and have a protocol to address them. Sometimes it will require special food or supplements; sometimes it will require special medication to help keep the pets calm; rarely it can be severe enough to warrant ending the boarding stay early or not boarding in the future. Be sure to talk with the boarding staff when you pick your pet up to find out exactly how they did. Boarding can be stressful, but with proper planning and communication between you and your boarding facility, it can go smoothly and be an invaluable service.

Columbia-Greene Humane Society/ SPCA waives all adoptions fee for the month of December.

A longtime friend of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) who wishes to remain anonymous has generously offered to sponsor all adoption fees for the month of December. During the month of December, all adoption fees at CGHS/SPCA will be waived. The goal during this time is to empty the shelter for

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Sign up for Crafty Kids Holiday Party at the Visitor Center on Saturday, December 9th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Create

a variety of holiday crafts, enjoy hot chocolate and a snack. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Admission is \$5 per person. Reservations can be made at <https://bookeyo.com/clermont>

Finally, on Saturday, December 16th join us for the always popular Holiday Open House. Clermont's rooms will be decorated for you to explore at your own pace from 11:00am-4:00pm. Knowledgeable guides will be stationed throughout the house to answer your questions about all the people who lived and worked on the estate. Take time to view the new Visitor Center exhibit "Spero Meliora: Life in the Land of Livingston" where refreshments will be served. This event is free, and reservations are not required.

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Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 79.5 million visits in 2022. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call (518) 474-0456. Join us in celebrating our Centennial throughout 2024, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the OPRHP Blog.

A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS EVENING HOURS AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

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24, by advance reservation only at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS. The site will be closed on December 24 and 25, and reopen December 26 through December 31. Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh's websites

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- 1 cup beef broth
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 1/2 cup freshly shredded Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, divided

Directions

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



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December Events at Clinton Community Library from page 8
 Readers will enjoy a fun book swap. Bring a wrapped book—new is not necessary—and then pick one that is a surprise for you. We'll have tea; we'll have treats, and we'll take home a book! Who's got the spirit! Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Global Literature Book Club
(in person)
 December Selection: *The Magician* by Colm Tóibín
 Monday December 18 at 7:00 PM
 The Global Literature Book Club focuses on exploring the world through literature. We discuss novels from around the globe, selected by members of the club. These works provide insights into a wide variety of nations,

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS
Ceramic Penguin Painting (in person)
Saturday December 2 at 10:30 AM
 Did you know most penguin species primarily live in the Southern Hemisphere? There is only one species that shares a hemisphere with us, but that is all the way in the Galápagos! This adorable wintery animal lives far, far away from our library so why not come paint your very own ceramic version to take home! We will have penguin statues and paints here at the library for you to use.

Note: You must register for each individual who is attending and would like to participate. Materials are limited and there will not be extra!

Gingerbread House Decorating (in person)
Saturday December 16 at 10:30 AM

Something sweet is coming back to the library! Gingerbread House Decorating! Our annual program will be on December 16th 2023. We will have kits and candies for you to decorate your very own gingerbread house. Join us for this sweet program that is surely to be a *winterful* time!

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Presentation & Book Talk: "The Eight: The Lemmon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom" (in person)

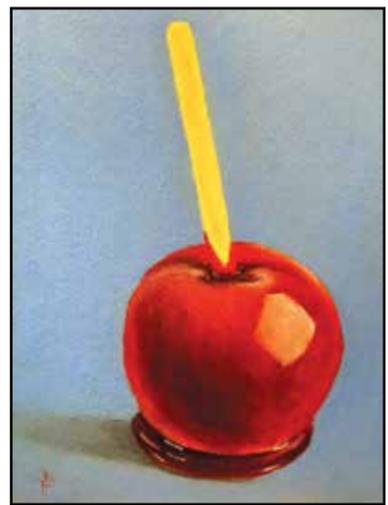
Friday December 8 at 7:00 PM
 The Clinton Historical Society and Clinton Community Library are co-sponsoring this program on Friday, December 8th, at 7:00 PM. Retired Judge Albert Rosenblatt will speak about his new book *The Eight: The Lemmon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom*. *The Eight* tells the story of *Lemmon v. New York*—or, as it's more popularly known, the *Lemmon Slave Case*. All but forgotten today, it was one of the most momentous civil rights cases in American history.

About Clinton Community Library
 Clinton Community Library was established in 1965. It is located at 1215 Centre Rd. in Rhinebeck, NY, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall. The library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9AM-5PM, Fridays from 10:30AM-6:30PM, and Saturdays from 9AM-1PM. The Clinton Community is the recipient of the Joseph F. Shubert Award for Library Excellence. The Library is the cornerstone of our community, enriching lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity. For more information, call (845) 266-5530 or visit www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org

Spencertown Academy Presents Members' Art Show
 November 18 - December 10

Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents its 8th annual Members' Art Show featuring works made by more than 70 Academy community members. On Saturday, November 18, there will be an opening reception from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the exhibit will remain on display through December 10. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from

1:00pm to 5:00pm. Admission is free and most of the artworks are for sale; a portion of the proceeds benefits the Academy.



Candy Apple - Leslie Gabosh, Oil 10x8

"This year's Members' Show is outstanding in so many ways. The artists present an amazing array of media that will keep the audience on their toes," says Norma Cohen, chair of the Spencertown Academy Curatorial Committee. "Themes offered are light and joyful, as well as serious and moody. And the various uses of color can be exquisite and tender, and then showing

big and bold in other work." The artists featured in the Members' Art Show include Jeffrey All (Spencertown, NY), Karen Andrews (West Stockbridge, MA), Susan Anthony (Hillsdale, NY), Fern Apfel (Kinderhook, NY), Holly Aragi (Sheffield, MA), Sarah Barton-King (Philmont, NY), Leslie Baum (Ancram, NY), Jill Berman (Ghent, NY), Arlene Boehm (Hudson, NY), William Bullard (Ghent, NY), Giovanna Caligaris (Spencertown, NY), William Case (Spencertown, NY), Roselle Chartock (Great Barrington, MA), Judith Church (Copake, NY), (Norma Cohen (Canaan, NY), David Conyers (Craryville, NY), Maria Crespo (Philmont, NY), Christian Dewailly (Ghent, NY), Stella Elliston (Great Barrington, MA), Meryl Enerson (East Chatham, NY), Bruce Felton (Spencertown, NY), Douglas Freeman (Ghent, NY), Meryl Freeman (Ghent, NY), Peter Fritsch (Copake, NY), Leslie Gabosh (Spencertown, NY), Julie Griffin (Austerlitz, NY), Susan Grybas (Chatham,

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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 contact info@spencertownacademy.org.

The Claverack Library

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of Greene County locations will be collecting pet food and toys to support the free CGHS/SPCA Pet Food Bank for the month of November. Items most needed include: Dry cat and dog food, Nylabones and Kongs for dogs, cat toys, and treats for both dogs and cats.

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Screenings of High Noon (1952) and the Documentary Short High Noon on the Waterfront (2022) Will Be Introduced and Discussed by Foreman's Daughter, Dr. Amanda Foreman, FRSA, and the Crandell's Peter Biskind. The historic Crandell Theatre on Chatham's Main Street is pleased to present "High Noon's Hidden Backstory," about blacklisted screenwriter Carl Foreman, on December 9 at 7 pm. The documentary short High Noon on the Waterfront (2022) and a special screening of the 1952 film High Noon, starring Gary Cooper, will be introduced by acclaimed historian and



Amanda Foreman



Peter Biskind. Photo by John Shea

Kinderhook resident Dr. Amanda Foreman, FRSA. Following the screenings, Dr. Foreman will

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discuss her father's time during the McCarthy era with author Peter Biskind, a Crandell board member. Tickets are \$20 and will benefit the theater's upcoming restoration and renovation. *High Noon*, written by Carl Foreman, is an untraditional Western starring Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly and Katy Jurado. The film eschews familiar Western tropes like chases on horseback, saloon fights and breathtaking vistas for more immediate, emotional scenes that culminate in a dramatic final act. The heroine (Kelly) even rescues the hero (Cooper), which upset several critics in the buttoned-up 1950s. But the film's backstory is even wilder. John Wayne declined the leading role after reading Foreman's script, which he felt was a thinly veiled screed against blacklisting, something Wayne vociferously supported during the House Un-American Activities Committee Hearings led by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Cooper won an Academy Award that year for his role, but didn't attend the ceremony. John Wayne, of all people,



High Noon Cast



Gary Cooper High Noon

accepted the Oscar on his behalf. The documentary short *High Noon on the Waterfront* (14 min.) will precede the feature. The short visually renders a dialogue between Carl Foreman (voiced by Edward Norton) and Elia Kazan (voiced by John Turturro), highlighting their very different views and actions during the McCarthy era. Dr. Amanda Foreman is the author of the prize-winning bestsellers *Georgiana*, *Duchess of Devonshire* and *A World on Fire: An Epic History of*

Two Nations Divided. In 2016, Foreman served as chair of The Man Booker Prize. That same year, her BBC documentary series, *The Ascent of Woman*, was released. Her next book, *The World Made by Women: A New History of Humanity*, is scheduled to be published by Penguin Random House in 2025. Peter Biskind is the bestselling author of *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls: How the Sex-Drugs-And Rock 'n Roll Generation Saved Hollywood*.

His latest book, *Pandora's Box: How Guts, Guile and Greed Upended TV*, was released this fall. He is the co-executive and co-artistic director of the 23-year FilmColumbia film festival, held annually at the Crandell Theatre.

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Chatham, NY, is one of a few community-based, nonprofit theaters in the United States devoted to film and one of fewer than one hundred single-screen movie theaters nationally. Since 2010, Crandell Theatre, Inc., has raised more than \$1 million to purchase the historic theater and make needed repairs. The current Crandell board is engaged in a

multi-million-dollar campaign to renovate and restore the area's oldest, largest, single-screen theater and enhance the moviegoing experience for generations to come. For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518-392-3445.

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Maritime Museum Seeking Winter Wear Donations for Mitten Tree Drive

Gloves, hats, socks & more will benefit local human services orgs Hudson River Maritime Museum once again embracing the spirit of giving with its annual Mitten Tree Drive. For over a decade, the museum has collected new or gently used winter wear. The items are hung on a 10' wooden tree structure built at the museum's Wooden Boat School. When the tree is full, donations are brought to local adult and children's services organizations. The museum's store will be open to receiving donations beginning, Saturday, Nov 25, 2023. This year, donations will be going to People's Place. Donations sought include gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, hand warmers, and umbrellas. Items can be for all ages and can be brought to the [museum store](http://museumstore.org) which is located at 50 Rondout Landing in Kingston. The store is open Thursday-Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm and a designated box will be available on the front porch to accept donations when the store is closed. For more information about Hudson River Maritime Museum's year-round exhibits and programming, visit www.hrrm.org.

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