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## Mondello Upstate Properties Provides Unmatched Independent Local Real Estate Services

By Joe Doran:  
In a time when “independent” and “locally owned” applies to fewer and fewer businesses, Mondello Upstate Properties stands out, thanks to a deep commitment to serving their clients, and to the generations that built their agency. Owner and principal broker Catherine Mondello, along with several sisters and daughters, literally go the extra mile to stay on top of what’s happening in the Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia area. They know the properties, the market conditions, and every other aspect of guiding buyers and sellers in making the right choices for their needs and desires. And the agency has made a recent real estate move of its own, so it can offer its independent services far into the future.



left to right: Margaret Mondello-Niekrewicz, Catherine Mondello, Angelina Pollard, Chelsea Seiler Pollard, Miranda Van Wagner

“I bought a building, 37 West Market Street in Red Hook, right up the block from where we are now,” Catherine explains, concerning their new office location. “We had been renting [at 7 West Market Street] for the past 13 years, and I had an opportunity to purchase number 37, and I thought it’s a great  
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## Chili Take-Out Fundraiser

Friday March 3rd from 4:30pm - 7:00pm at the Red Hook United Methodist Church, 4 Church Street, Red Hook. 1 pint of chili (regular, spicy, or vegetarian), bread, and a cup of Holy Cow ice cream. Suggested donation of \$7 to help support and build our efforts in our community. Keep an eye open for future once a month take out options.

## Reenactor Showcase at John Jay Homestead

Calling all Reenactors and historic performers – help us get people excited to celebrate the Revolutionary War’s 250th! John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is currently seeking participants for our inaugural Reenactor Showcase on Saturday, May 13, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Intended to share a passion for history and learning with visitors of all ages, the showcase is designed so that schools, museums, libraries, historical societies, and the general public can learn about all that the reenactor community has to offer. The event coincides with our weekly Farm Market and will be heavily publicized.

We are looking for reenactors and performers who interpret from pre-contact to the 1920s. If you are interested in joining us, go to [johnjayhomestead.org/events](http://johnjayhomestead.org/events) to fill out the application. You are also free to contact us by phone at 914-232-5651 or by emailing [bethany.white@parks.ny.gov](mailto:bethany.white@parks.ny.gov) with any questions.

The showcase is outdoors and will be held rain or shine. Please note that this is a curated event; an application is required. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which were visited by a record 78.4 million people in 2021. A recent university study found that spending by State Parks and its visitors supports \$5 billion in output and sales, 54,000 private-sector jobs and more than \$2.8 billion in additional state GDP. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov), connect with us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter and Instagram.



## Spencertown Academy Presents Memoir Workshop with Elizabeth Diggs

Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents an in-person memoir-writing workshop with Elizabeth Diggs. The class will meet for six sessions at the Academy from March 8 through April 12 on Wednesdays between 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The Academy has installed Blueair HealthProtect 7470 air purifiers in the auditorium and table seating will be well spaced. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants (with a minimum of eight) and the cost is \$180. To register, please see [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org). “Liz Diggs is a wonderful teacher and we are so happy to be able to offer this course with her again. The personal memoir has become one of our most popular genres,” says Jill Kalotay, Academy board member. “Every life is a compelling and unique story. In this workshop, explore how to shape and explore your stories. Put pen to paper, fingers to keyboard, and craft the memories you’ve been waiting to tell—with expert tutelage!”



“Writing a memoir is a journey to an unknown destination. The writer may believe that she or he knows the way, but the road will lead to surprising turns and forks that can bring forgotten memories into sharp focus and suddenly ‘let the future in,’” says Diggs. “We will hope to open those doors, and step through them to tell the story of where our life has taken us.”

Elizabeth Diggs is a playwright whose plays include *Grant and Twain*, *Nightingale*, *Close Ties*, *Goodbye Freddy*, *American Beef*, *Dumping Ground*, *Priceless*, *How to Plant a Rose*, and *Custer’s Luck*; produced off-Broadway and at regional theaters. She was Professor of Dramatic Writing at Tisch/NYU. She is the book writer for the  
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## Lecture: Bitter Farewell: The Esopus Indian Experience in the American Revolution

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce the upcoming lecture “Bitter Farewell: The Esopus Indian Experience in the American Revolution” with ethnoecologist Justin Wexler. To be held both in-person at the Museum’s Wooden Boat School, and virtually via Zoom link on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The three decades between 1755 and 1785 were a time of major upheaval for the native peoples of the Hudson Valley, culminating in a war that forced them out of their ancestral homeland. This presentation tells the dramatic story of the Esopus Indians and their neighbors during this turbulent period by weaving together an array of archival sources



and little-known oral history.. This lecture is presented by ethnoecologist Justin Wexler, a researcher of Hudson Valley indigenous culture, language, and history for over twenty years. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and free for Hudson River Maritime Museum members. To register, visit [www.hrmm.org/lecture-series](http://www.hrmm.org/lecture-series).

### About the Follow the River Lecture Series

For more than a decade the Hudson River Maritime Museum’s “Follow the River Lecture Series” has hosted historians, authors, and maritime experts for engaging illustrated talks on a variety of regional history and maritime subjects. In recent years, many of the lectures have also been recorded and are available on YouTube. For more information about upcoming lectures and to access recordings of past lectures, visit [www.hrmm.org/lecture-series](http://www.hrmm.org/lecture-series). The series is sponsored by Rondout Savings Bank.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the  
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## Murder Café: 25 years of murder mystery entertainment.

2023 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for Murder Café, a traveling entertainment company that specializes in original murder mystery plays. In celebration there is a year’s worth of activities and special events planned. Frank and Kristen Marquette officially launched Murder Café in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1998; both remain active in the company with Frank as artistic director, marketer, writer, producer and actor. Kristen remains dedicated to the design and construction of original costumes. Returning to their native New York State in 2010, the Marquettes established Murder Café as the region’s premier murder mystery company. Owner-operator, Frank Marquette remarked: “We have achieved this milestone through our dedication to high performance standards and customer service, with both there is no compromise. We remain determined to give both our actors and audience members an unforgettable experience and we’re determined to make 2023 our best year yet. While our productions and their locations have expanded widely since 1998, we remain committed to the principals that we started with.” Primarily known for writing and producing original murder mysteries, comedies, musicals and variety shows, Murder Café provides entertainment for company parties, fundraising



events, schools and colleges, casinos and dozens of public venues. Since 2017 they have been the theatrical centerpiece of Mohonk Mountain House’s annual Mystery Weekend. In March 2023 they will return to Mohonk with their original mystery, “Murder at the Speakeasy”. Other popular Hudson Valley venues include: The Venue at the Best Western in Kingston, The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, Meadowbrook Inn in New Windsor, the Historic Hotel Broadalbin in Broadalbin  
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# ACCORDING TO QUACKERS

## March

by Julia Ellen Jenkins  
 Old March is here with us again,  
 And all are shivering; even the men  
 Complain of the wind so sharp  
 and chill;  
 As it comes to greet us from  
 yonder hill.  
 But the sun shines bright and the

sky is clear  
 And as March must visit us once  
 a year  
 We gladly welcome it, for we  
 know  
 That it helps to lessen the drifts  
 of snow.  
 There are patches now of bare  
 ground to be seen,  
 And now and then bunches of  
 grass that are green,  
 And we earnestly listen each  
 sunny morn  
 For the noisy crow which Ave  
 hear at dawn  
 Yes, winter is passing with smiles  
 so arch,  
 And now we have windy and  
 chilly March.  
 But despite the winds that are  
 loud and drear,  
 The beauties of Spring now begin  
 to appear;  
 And soon we'll enjoy the season  
 gay,  
 With its beautiful flowery month  
 of May;  
 So blow old March, while your  
 powers last,  
 Soon April and May will your  
 glory blast.

**Lecture: Bitter Farewell from page 1**  
 Hudson River, its tributaries and related communities. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science, the museum offers classes and programs at its Wooden Boat School, Sailing and Rowing School, and aboard its floating classroom, Solaris. The museum is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston. Visit [www.hmmm.org](http://www.hmmm.org) for more information.

**Murder Cafe from page 1**  
 and Howland Performance Arts Center in Beacon. Murder Cafe adapts to each venue's needs with their engaging storytelling and skilled improvisers. They work without traditional staging so that every venue's show is unique and tailored. Murder Café's 2023 schedule of shows will include: "A Recipe to Die For", a Valentine's themed mystery, "Murder at the Speakeasy", an expanded version of their popular mystery-musical,  
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**Memoir Workshop from page 1**

musical *Mirette*, with Tom Jones and Harvey Schmdt, and wrote for the TV drama *St. Elsewhere*. Her honors and awards include a Guggenheim, NEA, Los Angeles DramaLogue award, the CBS / FDG prize, Kennedy Center grant for new American plays, the Edgerton Foundation grant, and runner-up for the Susan Smith Blackburn prize. 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](mailto:info@spencertownacademy.org).

**Murder Cafe from page 1**

"Murder at the Mansion", a gilded age play with historical characters customized for each venue. Starting in 2014 Murder Café has expanded into the "living history" genre. Every year since, they have produced cemetery tours throughout the Hudson Valley, each offering historical characters that tell their stories in costumes and first person narratives. Historical characters relevant to specific sites have also made appearances at Mohonk Mountain House, the Beekman Arms and the Vanderbilt House.

This year Murder Café is also offering "Vaudeville Frolic", variety show set in 1923, "Murder at the Monster Mash-up", a Halloween themed whodunit and their annual dinner theater production of "A Christmas Carol". For additional information visit [www.murdercafe.net](http://www.murdercafe.net) or call 845-475-7973.

**Run, Don't Walk to the "Little Shop of Horrors!"**

By Frances Sandiford  
Readers who have a longing to re-live what was "hot" in their high school days, and is still "hot" today, will want to see the cult favorite, "Little Shop of Horrors", performed at the Red Hook High School this spring. Written by Howard Ashman, with memorable music by Alan Menken, "Little Shop of Horrors" is a simultaneously charming and shocking tale. The play opens on Skid Row, where the down-and-out characters are all looking for a way out. Seymour, Audrey, Mr. Mushnick and Orin are all finding ways to survive in this gritty environment, and a trio of vocalists that materialize from the darkness to sing the action act as modern Greek chorus. Seymour labors in a floral shop for Mr. Mushnick, and pines for the lovely Audrey. When he finds an unusual plant, he is very excited because he thinks he has discovered a new species, and has hopes for a better future; of fame and fortune, and also to possibly impress Audrey

and Mr. Mushnick. He brings the plant to Mr. Mushnick in the shop, and names it Audrey II. He nurtures this plant as it grows, and grows, giving it all of his love and attention, but little does he know the complications this very hungry plant will cause! Seymour has to contend with the

implications of feeding this plant as it grows, and it starts to take over his life. Audrey II becomes a surprising character in the play, causing each of the character's lives to change. Audrey is a compelling character, who wants someone to care for who cares

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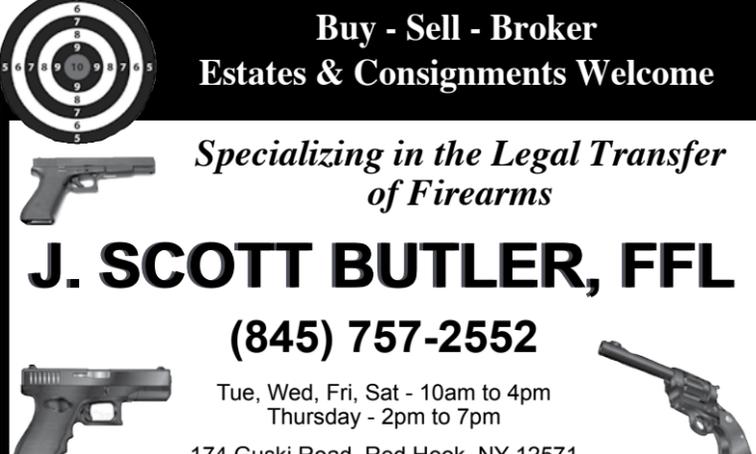
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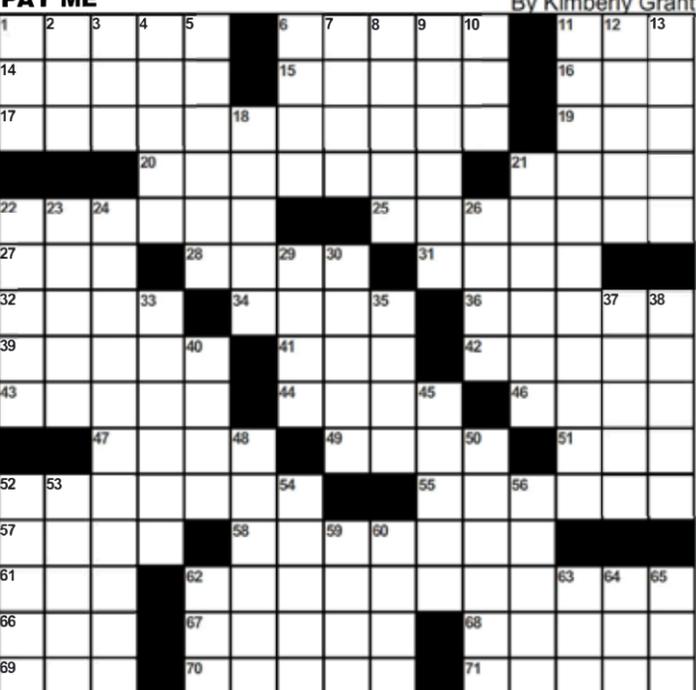
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  - Gung-ho
  - Eagle's retreat
  - Gadget guru Popeil
  - Task to be dealt with
  - It's totally unrefined
  - Gave a prize to
  - Pony prodder
  - Bit of Java programming
  - Political liberal
  - Prickly seed husk
  - Trevi fountain toss, once
  - Narrow board
  - Poetry on a grand theme
  - Gets 40 winks
  - Don't pronounce
  - Shore-slappers
  - This puzzle's theme word
  - Firefighter's signal
  - Pie segment
  - Pinball foul
  - Baby-book first
  - Spiritual mentor
  - Original "Hawaii Five-O" star
  - What to do at Joe's?
  - Go bumper to bumper with?
  - Hang on a clothesline, e.g.
  - Rotating shaft
  - Word on a crate
  - Greyhound vehicle
  - Working class, to Marx
  - Wedding declaration
  - Put in fresh soil, perhaps
  - Auto supercharger
  - Trophy display room, for many
  - Encouraging words
  - Make legislation

- DOWN**
- Bench-press unit
  - Wet propeller
  - Word after "ages" or "long"
  - Bloomer part
  - Digger in the garden
  - Twins or matching socks, e.g.
  - Abbreviation for some mail
  - Cantilevered window
  - Digital watch components
  - Yen fraction
  - Made peace with
  - One-eyed Egyptian god
  - Sluggish by nature
  - Luxurious sheet material
  - Plays for time
  - Aids in wrongdoing
  - Class member
  - Wayward one in a parable
  - Dog's irritant
  - Wholly absorbed
  - Time for showers
  - Fasten tightly
  - Concert rendition
  - Gloomy, to poets
  - Ineffective, as a threat
  - Like the Sahara
  - Distinguishing attribute
  - In chains
  - Expand, as pupils
  - Like a mad dog
  - Radiate, as confidence
  - Eye soothers
  - Old TV program
  - Cosmetics ingredient
  - Lays hands on
  - Get too personal
  - Man with a nest egg
  - Major TV network
  - Crib sheet user?

**PAY ME** By Kimberly Grant



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**Little House of Horrors from page 3**

for her too, and learns to find her own voice. Mr. Mushnick is a humorous character, often bemused at the behavior of hapless Seymour, and Orin, the Dentist, has one of the classic humorous songs of the play. Audrey II starts off as a helpless

little plant, and becomes quite an interesting character. Chiffon, Ronette and Crystal sing the story to us, creating rising drama and atmosphere, as do the company.

The play has achieved cult status because of its catchy music, unique characters, humorous dialogue, and the mysterious origins and power

of Audrey II. In the end, there is a mystery about what the appearance of this plant, and their relationship to it, means, and what the plant itself symbolizes. This may be what has kept audiences fascinated and entertained since the 60's!

If you'd like to see for yourself what happens down on Skid Row, come to the Red Hook High Production of "Little Shop of Horrors" on March 10th and 11th, at 7 PM.

test soil samples, and show you around our campuses. There will be a book sale and refreshments. Workshop details and registration information about Spring Gardening Days are at [ccecolumbiagreene.org/sgd2023](http://ccecolumbiagreene.org/sgd2023). Space is limited, so register now to secure your place. For questions, contact Sandra Linnell at (518) 828-3346 ext. 106. *About Cornell Cooperative* In 1917, CCE of Columbia County and CCE of Greene County were established in their respective counties. Consolidated in 2012, CCE of Columbia and Greene Counties' has continued to respond to the needs of local residents with unbiased, research-based information, tools, and education that people

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Announces Spring Gardening Days 2023**

On March 25th and April 1st, join the Master Gardener Volunteers of Columbia and Greene Counties for our annual Spring Gardening Days. This year we will have six presentations/workshops to learn the various aspects of tending to your garden. This year you can sign up for one or more of the following courses:

**March 25th in Hudson, NY – Extension Education Center – 479 Route 66, Hudson, NY**  
 9:00 AM - Gardening for Pollinators  
 10:30 AM - The Family Planting Playbook  
 12:00 PM - Creating a Cutting Garden

**April 1st in Acra, NY – Agroforestry Resource Center – 6055 Route 23, Acra, NY**  
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Proposals (RFP) to lease, operate, and maintain the Hyde Park Drive-In Movie Theatre at 4114 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York. The lease premises consist of approximately 9 acres, which have been utilized as a drive-in theatre since 1950. The site includes a single-story, approximately 2,370 SF building that contains restrooms, a concession stand for quick service food items, storage, and administrative space. The site has the capacity for parking up to 670 cars. A marquee sign, ticket booth, and projection screen are also included on the site. The National Park Service is seeking a continuation of the outdoor movie operations to attract diverse visitors and serve the surrounding community



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Proposals must be submitted electronically no later than April 14, 2023 to [amy\\_bracewell@nps.gov](mailto:amy_bracewell@nps.gov) and should include "Hyde Park Drive In" in the subject line.

Site tours may be scheduled by appointment only between February 27 and March 17, 2023 and must occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Offerors must submit questions no later than March 17, 2023. All responses will be provided in writing and made available to all offerors by posting on the above website. Please contact [amy\\_bracewell@nps.gov](mailto:amy_bracewell@nps.gov) to schedule site visits and submit questions. We anticipate that evaluation of proposals and negotiation will require 4 weeks and that the effective lease date will be on or about May 19, 2023.

The Request for Proposals can also be found at <https://sam.gov/content/home> and information on the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site can be found at [www.nps.gov/hofr](http://www.nps.gov/hofr). [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 424 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

**TSL Hudson Gallery**  
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I invite you to visit the gallery in person or visit the TSL archives to learn more about Mussmann/Bruce's work over the past 5 decades. <https://archive.timeandspace.org>



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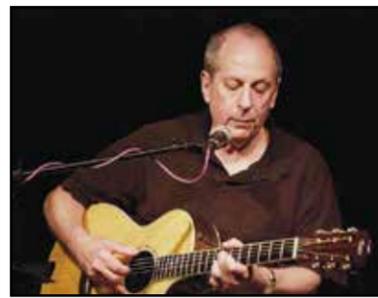
## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MARITIME MUSEUM'S SAILING SCHOOL 2023 SEASON

The Sailing School at the Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce that 2023 youth, family and adult sailing programs are now open for registration. Youth sailors will find a variety of on-the-water classes beginning in June 2023. Parent-Child Sailing Classes, youth ages 5 - 8, with an adult - US Sailing Certified instructors welcome students to sailing in a three-session (nine-hour) class in a comfortable environment, where students feel safe, have fun and learn some sailing basics while making friends and having new experiences. Introduction to Youth Sailing, ages 6 - 8 - US Sailing Certified instructors welcome students to the world of sailing in a three-session (nine-hour) class in a nurturing environment designed to ensure each student

feels comfortable aboard sailboats, is safe, has fun and learns some sailing concepts, while making new friends and having new experiences. **Building & Sailing Boats, ages 10 - 17** - Young people ages 10-17 will be introduced to woodworking, boatbuilding and sailing in this 4-day (28 hour) course encompassing a range of STEM focused skills and activities. Cooperation, teamwork, self-confidence, and independence will be gained as students learn to build and sail boats. **Youth Sailing Program, ages 10 - 17** - US Sailing certified instructors lead six one-week youth sailing experiences, from 9 am to 4 pm, (35-hours) for youth ages ten to seventeen. The focus on safety, fun and learning. Mixed age and experience levels allow experienced students to take on leadership roles. New sailors learn from instructors and their peers and proceed at their own pace. **Scholarships are available.** Apply online.

**Early Registration is recommended!** Sign up early to assure a spot in our youth sailing classes which usually sell out. For details about classes, scholarships and registration for Youth Sailing School offerings, visit the Sailing School online <https://www.hrmm.org/youth-sailing-program.html> or call (845) 338-0071. **Adult Sailors will also find a number of course options:** **First Sail** - Adults will enjoy a relaxing two-hour introduction to sailing on the Rondout Creek and the Hudson River aboard our stable catboat Tidbit. Experienced sailors are also welcome. Adults may also sign up children age 5 and older to join them. **Adult Sailing Series** - is a four-session (12-hour) class, designed for adults 18 and older, who are either new to sailing or who have some experience but wish to get out on the water and practice their skills. **US Sailing Basic Keelboat** - is an intensive, 21-hour class taught by US Sailing Certified instructors and covers many topics which a competent sailor will need to master. The course will use the Basic Keelboat textbook published by the US Sailing Association, and students who successfully complete the course will be eligible to become certified as Basic Keelboat Sailors through US Sailing. For details about adult classes and registration, visit the Sailing School online <https://www.hrmm.org/adult-sailing.html> or call (845) 338-0071. The Hudson River Maritime Museum is located along the historic Rondout Creek in downtown Kingston, N.Y. HRMM is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries, and related industries. The Museum opened the Riverport Wooden Boat School in 2016 and the Riverport Sailing School in 2017.

in hysterics about how Steve seemed to be everywhere in the 60s and 70s—and survived to tell the tale. This one-man show is the perfect vehicle for his dual talents of music and storytelling.”



Guitarist and singer Katz was a founding member of the Blues Project, the Even Dozen Jug Band, and Blood Sweat & Tears. In “A Night of Story and Song,” he tells poignant and often hilarious stories of his life in music and plays many of the songs he made famous. Along with the groups he created, he dined with Brian Epstein, partied with Groucho Marx, jammed with Mose Allison, worked with the Beatles’ George Martin, shared a bag of potato chips with Jimi Hendrix, and was told to get a haircut by Mickey Spillane. He was a producer of hit albums (for Lou Reed), a record company executive (Mercury, Green Linnet), and songwriter (“Sometime in Winter,” “Steve’s Song”). At the Academy, he will have copies of his memoir and CDs to sign and sell.

Roots & Shoots Concerts is an ongoing Academy 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.

Other upcoming Roots & Shoots shows include: “Blues Women of the Capital Region”

featuring Robin O’Herin, Jill Burnham, and Amy Ryan on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00pm; Jerron Paxton and Dennis Lichtman in a program inspired by the jazz and blues of the 1920s on Saturday, March 11 at 8:00pm; Alt/indie artists Rachel Garniez and Erik Della Penna in “Sidewalks of New York: An Evening of Original and Vintage Songs about NYC” on Saturday, April 22 at 8:00pm; American roots musician Guy Davis in a solo performance on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00pm; and the Emily Duff Band playing a gritty blend of blues, roots, punk rock, and country music on Saturday, July 8 at 8:00pm.

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](mailto:info@spencertownacademy.org).

## INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHER LYNN DAVIS AND CLIMATE SCIENTIST ANTHONY LEISEROWITZ TO SPEAK FOLLOWING A SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE 2021 FILM MELTDOWN

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 3 white onions, diced  
 1 celery stalk, diced  
 1 head garlic, minced  
 1 bunch fresh sage  
 1 bunch fresh thyme  
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
 20 medium Yukon gold potatoes  
 2 cups grated Gruyere  
 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter  
 1 baguette, thinly sliced

**Directions**  
 Brown the Italian sausage in a large pot over medium-high heat, then remove and reserve. Sear the turkey in the pot until golden brown on both sides, then add the stock, carrots, onions, celery, garlic, sage and thyme. Bring to a boil, then lower to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until the turkey is cooked through and the vegetables are tender, 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes. Take the turkey out of the pot and allow to cool slightly.  
 Remove the meat from the bones, then chop into bite-sized pieces. Continue to cook the remaining liquid until further reduced. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Place the turkey, sausage, vegetables and reduced stock in 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.  
 Fill a large pot with water and boil the potatoes until tender. Crush them with a potato masher, then add the cheese and butter. Place on top of the turkey and vegetable mixture and bake until the casserole is warm throughout and the potatoes have become slightly golden on top, about 30 minutes.  
 Serve with the baguette.

## Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series Presents Steve Katz of the Blues Project and Blood, Sweat & Tears

Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series will present Steve Katz, founding member of the Blues Project and Blood, Sweat & Tears, in “A Night of Story and Song” on Saturday, March 25 at 8:00pm. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 Academy members ) are available via [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org). Seating will be limited and advance reservations are strongly suggested. “A few summers back, Spencertown Academy hosted Steve Katz to talk about his memoir, *Blood, Sweat, and My Rock ‘n’ Roll Years: Is Steve Katz a Rock Star?*,” says Seligman. “I had the pleasure of interviewing him during our annual Festival of Books. The audience and I were riveted by his stories and often

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**Internationally Acclaimed Photographer from page 6**

Hudson, Hudson Hall, Partners for Climate Action, and Upstate Films, is proud to present a special screening of the 2021 film *Meltdown* on Saturday, March 4 from 4-6pm at Hudson Hall. The screening will be followed by a special Q&A with trailblazing Hudson-based photographer Lynn Davis and climate scientist Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D. *Meltdown* (Fredric Golding, 60 min., 2021) is a timely documentary that merges art and science as it follows acclaimed photographer Lynn Davis and climate scientist Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D. to the town of Illulisat, Greenland, considered the "Ground Zero" of climate change. Coinciding with this special screening, two of Davis's large-scale photographs from her travels to Greenland are on view at Olana State Historic Site as part of Olana's first winter exhibition, *Chasing*



*Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape*. *Chasing Icebergs*, which runs through March 26, traces the 19th century artist Frederic Church's quest to paint icebergs off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. Much like Church, Davis' art is connected to global exploration, and she draws inspiration from remote locations, including the sublime beauty of the arctic landscape. "I came searching for beauty, feeling loss, and now I've come to see the loss of the planet", says Davis. "There's all

the statistics, the dangers, then there's the awesome beauty." "How do you experience beauty at the same time that you have a sense of tragedy?" Anthony Leiserowitz asks. "It's about life itself, isn't it?" "I'm so pleased we are presenting this timely film in Hudson," said Carolyn Keogh, The Olana Partnership's Director of Education & Public Programs. "Having Lynn's work on view at Olana presents a wonderful occasion to revisit this important documentary's discussion of our current climate crisis through the intersections of art and science." Lynn Davis is an internationally known photographer whose work has been exhibited worldwide and collected extensively. Davis received a BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1970 and apprenticed with Berenice Abbott in the summer of 1974. Since 1980, Davis has had over 86 solo shows and has work in many collections including the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, and Reina Sofia

Museum in Madrid. She lives and works in Hudson, New York, near Olana, with her husband, the novelist and screenwriter Rudolph Wurlitzer. In April 2023, The Olana Partnership will present Lynn Davis with the Frederic Church Award. Anthony Leiserowitz, Ph.D. is the founder and Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and a Senior Research Scientist at the Yale School of the Environment. He is an expert on public climate change and environmental beliefs, attitudes, policy preferences, and behavior, and the psychological, cultural, and political factors that shape them. He conducts research at the global, national, and local scales, including many surveys of the American public and is the host of *Climate Connections*, a radio program broadcast each day on more than 650 stations and

frequencies nationwide. Tickets cost \$14 for General Admission and \$10 for members of The Olana Partnership, Hudson Hall, Upstate Films, and Basilica Hudson. A special conversation and Q&A with Lynn Davis and Anthony Leiserowitz will follow the film's screening. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://hudsonhall.org/event/meltdown/>

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# God's Corner

## An Ambitious Life

By Naomi Fata

The best business advice in the world will always tell you to envision where you want to be a year from now or five years from now. Isn't this what we tell young people finishing high school and heading off to college?

Ambition would be considered a good thing, wouldn't it? Yet sometimes the message of the Bible seems to offer a contrary ambition. In the book of Matthew Jesus says, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

Ambition typically stirs up in the heart and mind a focus on a specified outcome. It has little to do with serving someone else. This ambition is a type of goal that must be reached or else we will be labeled "failure". In humanitarian efforts or religious deeds this focus can seem like a good thing, helping quantify the good deed and keeping us from apathy. Yet where does the attitude of service come into play?

Do you remember last month's article? It was about the workers in the vineyard – how some worked all day, others worked half a day and still others worked only a few hours. Yet they all received the same pay! Those who worked all day were not happy that they got paid the same as those who worked only a few hours. It didn't seem fair. This account is recorded in Matthew chapter 20.

Further on in the same chapter of Matthew the disciples have a real-life example. The mother of James and John want her boys to be the ones to sit at Jesus' right and left when He goes up to heaven. Sitting right next to Jesus in a place of honor is a bit of an ambition. But a place next to Jesus is not one that can be earned through works.

Jesus responded to this request saying, "I have no right to say who will sit on my right or left. My Father has prepared the place for those He has chosen."

No amount of good works, meals given to the hungry, church services attended or offerings put in the plate will amount to a guaranteed place of honor.

Instead, Jesus wants us to learn the heart of a servant. It might be an oxymoron to have ambition to be the best servant. That very ambition would produce an attitude of pride.

As you look around, whether it be at those in the workplace, those who teach the children, those who

lead your church, may we all have an attitude of humility. Before thinking words of criticism over how things could have been done better, maybe it is time to be thankful that they showed up with what they have to offer. Maybe its time to extend grace to the imperfection of others, rather than comparing ourselves, thinking we come out on top.

Who ever wants to be great must be a servant of all. If you want to live a successful life in the eyes of God, you must learn from the greatest servant who ever lived: Jesus. Let's take the time to know Him through the pages of Scripture and ask Him to show us the lifestyle of service. The greatest ambition of all is to know Him more.

## FREEDOM (LIBERTY) IN CHRIST

**"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).**

The word for freedom in the Greek is "eleutheros" which means freedom from restraint and obligation. In John 8:36 it means to have freedom from sin. This is possible because the Lord Jesus Christ paid the price in full for sin, and sets the person free who believes on Jesus, and receives Him into their life as their Personal Lord and Savior.

Organizations of the World: Political groups and even some Religious groups talk about freedom (liberty). While they may sound good, the Word of God gives us the only way in which a person can have true freedom (liberty). The truth of what the Lord Jesus Christ said is the only way a person can have true Spiritual freedom.

Genesis 3 records the Fall of man when Adam and Eve listened to the lies of satan. As a result of the Fall sin entered the world. The Lord provided Adam and Eve with skins for a covering and also gave the prophecy of the coming Messiah (Genesis 3:15) which tells about what would occur in the future when Christ would come to pay the price for sin so that man might be saved and be restored back to a right relationship with God.

The Lord Jesus came to provide salvation full and free and to guarantee true freedom (liberty) to all that believe on His name and receive Him into their life. The Lord Jesus is the Eternal Word of God (John 1:1) that became flesh (John 1:14)

when He was born of the Mary, the Virgin in Bethlehem. Jesus lived a perfect life. He spoke with authority and did many miracles and wonderful works. He spoke with compassion and reached out to those in need. At the age of thirty-three He went to the Cross willing to die for our sins. He Rose the Third Day victoriously over death and the grave. Salvation is promised to all that call upon Him to be saved. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

During the Pandemic we were blessed at Grace Bible Fellowship Church to be able to hold Worship Services throughout the Pandemic. At one time we had five Worship Services over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday). In that way we could divide the Congregation up into small groups. Throughout that time, we enjoyed freedom in Christ, and liberty in Worship. It was a wonderful time for us! We give all the Glory to God. I say this with a humble heart, not with an attitude of pride. I firmly believe in the Sovereignty and Providence of God. We believe in doing all things according to the Divine Will of God, and to always consider the safety of God's People. This being said, freedom (liberty) in Christ is paramount for us! While we enjoy freedom (liberty), it is to never to be abused or to be used in a disobedient or rebellious way. While we enjoy freedom in Christ, we must also consider how our lives affect others. Sometimes we need to set aside our own personal liberty for the sake of a Brother or Sister in Christ. As Christians we are to use our liberty to serve others with a heart of love. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). SO, DO YOU HAVE FREEDOM (LIBERTY) IN CHRIST?

If you haven't received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior, I encourage

you to do so now. The Bible says that if you call upon the name of the Lord for salvation you shall be saved. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

If you would like to know more about Freedom (Liberty) in Christ, and/or how to become a Christian, please contact us by email at [fdcirone@aol.com](mailto:fdcirone@aol.com) or by Phone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 9G, 1/4 Mile north on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, NY. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

## Kick-Off Meeting Set For March 19 to Learn About Volunteering at Vanderbilt Garden

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## Learn About Gardening Smarter as We Get Older with the Germantown Garden Club

The Germantown Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 9:30 am, at the Hover Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. This month's program will feature a presentation on "Ten Ways to Garden Smarter as We Get Older" by Chris Ferrero. Chris is a Cornell Master Gardener volunteer. She has served on committees to lend expertise in shade

perennials, flowering shrubs, and native plants and designed gardens that are recognized by Pollinator Pathways and the National Wildlife Federation. This presentation will cover how we can maintain our home landscapes and still enjoy gardening into our senior years. Chris will give us new ideas on how to maintain our aesthetic standards in our gardens while accommodating our increasing physical limitations. We'll discuss not whether we can garden into the twilight years, but HOW. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public. 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 Clubs, Inc.

## Women's Networking Luncheon

In honor of International Women's Day, March 8th, and Women's History Month, The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce invites you to a Women's Networking Luncheon Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 12:00 - 2:00 pm at "The Greenport" At the Falls, 158 Union Turnpike, Hudson NY. Featuring: Guest Speaker, Jackie Salvatore, Columbia County Undersheriff. Jackie will be speaking about Empowering Women followed by a Q&A. We will also hear some encouraging words from our luncheon sponsors. Networking luncheons provide a great opportunity for area businesswomen to promote their business to other professionals interested in what they have to offer or know someone who is. Guests will be given time to network with the many other professionals in attendance. Don't forget your Business cards!

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## Urinary Tract Infections

By Julianne Porter, DVM

Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) are fairly common in human medicine, affecting approximately 10-15% of people assigned male at birth, and 50-60% of people assigned female at birth. It is important to know that our animals can get UTIs as well. While this article will focus on dogs and cats, many other animals can have UTIs, including rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, cows, pigs, horses, sheep and goats. In these animals, however, the infection is often secondary to an underlying issue such as nutrition, genetics, trauma,

or poor husbandry, rather than a primary bacterial infection.

A UTI typically involves a bacterial infection of the kidneys, ureters (tubes that connect from each kidney to the bladder), urinary bladder, prostate (in male dogs), and/or urethra (the tube that goes from the bladder to the external environment). Most of the time, a UTI will occur due to bacteria entering the urinary tract from the external environment, and ascend into the urethra and bladder. While the urinary tract has defense mechanisms to help prevent infections, this is not always enough to stave off bacteria. Although any pet can contract an infection, older pets, females, and pets with illnesses (such as diabetes mellitus,

kidney failure, and those who have compromised immune systems) will be at a higher risk.

Signs of a UTI are straining to urinate, urinating only small amounts at a time, urinating in inappropriate places (outside of the litter box for a cat, or inside the house for a dog), and blood in the urine. Some pets will lick their genitals or act uncomfortable. Because the infection is confined to the urinary tract, pets are not typically "sick" – meaning they often do not have a fever, they are not lethargic, and they do not have a poor appetite. The exception to this is if the infection invades the kidneys – that location does tend to have more signs associated with general malaise.

Because the above signs can also be seen with other urinary issues, such as stones, tumors, sterile cystitis (inflammation in the bladder without infection), or even behavioral problems, it is important to try to confirm an infection before starting treatment. The primary test performed is a urinalysis. A sample of urine is analyzed to look for the presence of red blood cells, white blood cells, and bacteria. It will also look at the concentration of the urine, if there are any crystals or glucose, or if there are any cells from the lining of the kidneys. Additional testing, such as a urine culture & sensitivity, radiographs, and blood work maybe performed as well depending on the individual case.

Treatment typically involves an antibiotic to clear up the bacterial infection. Pain medication is sometimes added on if a pet is particularly uncomfortable. For chronic or recurrent infections, probiotics and other supplements are considered. It is important to note that cranberry extract and d-mannose are typically only helpful for treating and preventing UTIs specifically caused by E. coli. While E. coli is commonly involved in UTIs, it is not the only bacteria that dogs and cats are affected by.

Most of the time, UTIs are cleared quickly. When there are repeat or persistent infections, we need to look at the overall health of the pet and determine if there are any underlying causes that are predisposing them to infections.

and wrestle each other to prepare themselves for adult life when they'll have to figure out their place in their pack. Jumping can be an expression of dominance. If Rover jumps on you or a guest, he's not just saying hello, which is what a lot of people think. He's actually saying that the house is his and that he is making the rules. Or he may actually be challenging you to "play" for leadership.

Barking is a natural behavior. Almost every dog will bark. Dogs bark for a variety of reasons. It is part of their normal communication technique. But when dogs bark inappropriately it can drive us crazy. One thing I find really interesting is that in a pack consisting of only dogs, there is usually very little barking but in the human-canine packs, (our family), there is often a lot of barking.

Mouthing and nipping are also behaviors that dogs learn to do as puppies. It's very similar to jumping. Puppies and dogs are designed with thick loose skin to handle that kind of play. We're made differently however. Pups will usually learn bite inhibition from the reactions of their littermates or from the older dogs. We however, don't react the same way. They don't get the message from us that nipping is inappropriate.

Coprophagia or eating poop is a behavior that we find absolutely disgusting and wonder why on earth they would do that. Even eating poop is a natural dog behavior. A mother dog will stimulate her very young puppies to toilet by licking their genital and anal areas. When they go, she consumes the excrement in order

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### NATURAL DOG BEHAVIOR

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

As I've stated in previous writings, there are differences between dogs and people. It's pretty obvious that this is true. What may not be as apparent is that many of the issues that people call us about are "natural" dog behaviors. They are not human behaviors. When the dogs that live with us do these things there is a disconnect between our world and Rover's. But dogs are dogs so these things are natural to them. Let's look at some examples.

Jumping up is an activity that starts with puppies playing with each other. They jump on

**Barkbusters from page 10** to keep the "den" area clean. The pups are too small to go anywhere and she doesn't want them lying in their waste. She also is likely to want to eliminate the scent of her pups and keep them safe from predators. This is most likely how dogs start to learn to keep their sleeping area clean. It's also most likely when dogs learn this behavior. These activities and many others that we're called to help people with are all natural activities from Rover's perspective. They don't understand that there is nothing wrong with doing them. They aren't doing them to make us mad, although that is often the result. They are just doing things that are either instinctual or learned behavior, often as young puppies.

10 times better, his sense of smell is 100 times better and he's often stronger and more agile. We usually prove our disabilities to him over and over. Once we understand Rover's world we can then modify how we interact in his world. Rover is a dog. He can't consciously just decide to modify how he interacts with us. He can LEARN to modify how he interacts but its learned behavior not his "natural" behavior. Left alone Rover will always act like the dog he is. Even when his behavior changes, he'll still be a dog. He's never going to be a person. Once everyone understands the rules it's much easier to play the game. Once everyone is playing together instead of being at odds you know what happens. Happy Dogs = Happy Families Bark Busters is the World's Largest and Most Trusted Dog Training Company. Our techniques have been used to train more than 1.1 million dogs worldwide without the use of treats or physical force and we provide Guaranteed Support for

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could barely move. Greenport Police responded to the call and found five dogs, all in deplorable condition. The police contacted the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) for assistance. After discussions with Greenport Police and Humane Society officials, Rist agreed to surrender the five dogs to the CGHS/SPCA.



Upon arrival at the shelter, the five Mini Goldendoodles were examined by shelter staff and a

veterinarian. Two of the five dogs were in a condition that needed immediate attention. One dog, a 5-year-old named "Wally," was so matted that it was described as an "exoskeleton." It took a veterinarian and two veterinary technicians two hours to peel the matted shell off of Wally. He was anesthetized during the shaving procedure due to the pain he would have had to endure. All five dogs, ranging in age from four to ten years, are expected to make a full recovery and will be placed up for adoption. For more information, please contact the CGHS/SPCA at (518) 828-6044 or [info@cghs.org](mailto:info@cghs.org). Interested potential homes can visit the shelter's website at [cghs.org](http://cghs.org) to fill out an application to be pre-approved for adoptions.

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with dynamic and imaginative characters. It is the tale of 3 young boys who find themselves in a strange and primal paradise, which requires them to bind together and have courage, as they face unforeseen dangers and adventure. Most adults who have read the book, have been unable to put it down and upon completion inquire as to when the next book in the series will be published. It will keep the attention of the young person/people in your life, as well as entertain most adults. It is the kind of wholesome entertainment that most adults desire for the children/teens in their lives and the characters are good, caring role models. Written for children 9-13, the first book in The Oasis King Chronicles was released on February 28th, 2023 and the second book has already been sent to the publisher. The Author - Mark David Pullen, is a lifelong resident of Columbia County and a proud husband and father. His book, The Oasis King, is available at all major retailers, but for more

information about Mr. Pullen or The Oasis King Chronicles, please go to his website - <http://www.theoasisking.com/> or find him on facebook (Mark David Pullen).

## We were framed! (in a good way)

By Pat Owens

At the February meeting of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club the theme was "A Gift from Nature" presented by Vera Tsumagari, our Vice President. The idea was to adorn plain old picture frames with items provided by our natural environment. It's amazing how sticks, burrs, leaves and dried flowers can bring a frame to life and enhance the photo or drawing within. Just wield that glue gun and go to town! They were indeed delightful renditions. And, of course, the goodies on the table represented Valentine's Day. Never let a baking opportunity go to waste.

During the business meeting several topics were discussed including plans for the Annual Plant Sale in May. It will here before we know it and if the weather is any indication, it may be even sooner than that. This year the date is May 20. While you are walking around your garden, think about what needs to be divided or just dug up. We would love to have it or even come to dig it up at the appropriate time. Remember, don't disturb those leaves, etc. too early. Bugs and stuff are wintering over in there. It should be at least 50 degrees for a week or more until those critters wake up. And while you are loitering in your garden be aware that the Garden of the Month starts in June, and you could be a candidate.

Also discussed was our annual Scholarship to one or two graduating Red Hook High School seniors with plans to pursue a track of horticulture, environmental studies or landscape design. Every little bit helps and surely there are some budding environmentalists

in our school population who might benefit from a little extra help in the financial department. Interested students can check on that availability. On March 9 one of our members Felice Gelman will provide a presentation on the subject of "All About Bees". It is imperative that we protect their environment. Actually, I am considering reducing our lawn space to provide a "wilder" area for our butterfly and bee population. Less to mow, more to enjoy in both time and beauty. A win-win situation all around.

As stated the next meeting of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club will be on Thursday, March 9. There is always more to learn about nature. A presentation on birds is in the offing as well. And we're a fun and welcoming group. 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.

## Panorama: OLANA's Week-Long Summer Youth

### Programs Open for Registration

The Olana Partnership announces its 14th annual

**Panorama Summer Youth Program** which begins in July and runs through early August 2023 at Olana State Historic Site. Certified teachers, professionals, and museum educators will deliver four week-long programs that encourage creative play and discovery at Olana. This year, instructors developed hands-on educational activities for children ages 6-11 that encourage creative thinking and include photography, explorations of the lake and 250-acre landscape, design and cooking workshops.

The first week's program *See Like a Photographer*, runs from Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14. Led by experienced teaching artists, students will discover different ways to create photographs using point-and-shoot cameras, sun print paper, multi-media techniques, and more! Led by practicing photographers and museum educators, students will document their learning and create a final collection of their own images made during the week. Together, we will also explore Olana's summer exhibition, by going inside Olana's Historic House and hiking to an artist's site-specific interventions in the landscape!

Week two, *Explore Like a Scientist*, runs from Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21. Students

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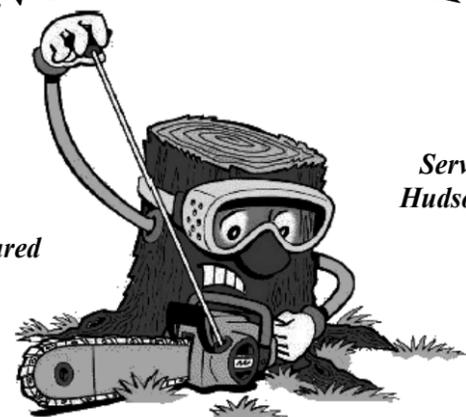
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will investigate the different habitats and ecosystems that exist at Olana through games, scientific observation, and special guest visits. Together, students will uncover the secrets of the natural world and explore how to relate to their surroundings. A special guest visit by Columbia Land Conservancy will give campers the chance to wade into Olana's man-made lake and discover what exists beneath the surface! Guest chefs from The Sylvia Center will also show us how to create delicious snacks with local-fresh produce! The third week *Invent Like an Artist* will take place Monday, July 24 to Friday July 28, and focuses on art making. Students will take a trip around the globe and explore the cultures and places that inspired Frederic Church. Together, students will invent creative ways to make art in 2D and 3D, using place, nature, and history as inspiration. Students will also explore Olana's new exhibition by visiting inside Olana's Historic House and hiking to artworks in the surrounding landscape. The fourth and final week, *Think Like a Farmer* will be held from July 31 to August 4, focusing on farming and food. Students will dig into the history

of Olana and the Hudson Valley as an agricultural center and learn more about how communities have farmed this land throughout time. Together, students will learn about where our food comes from and how different growing practices play important roles in our own lives. We will even get up close and personal with Olana's beehives during a special visit with beekeepers from Fox Farm Apiary. Special guest chefs from The Sylvia Center will also help us create delicious snacks with local-fresh produce!

Each week will run Monday-Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Registration will close on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The cost of attendance is \$375 a week for members of The Olana Partnership or \$425 a week for non-members. To become a member, visit [OLANA.org/membership](http://OLANA.org/membership). **Full scholarships and financial support for transportation are available for students who attend Title 1 schools and/or receive SNAP and EBT benefits. To apply for funding or to learn more email [education@olana.org](mailto:education@olana.org).**

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**Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series Presents Rachele Garniez and Erik Della Penna "Sidewalks of New York: An Evening of Original and Vintage Songs About NYC"**



Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series will present Rachele Garniez and Erik Della Penna in "Sidewalks of New York: An Evening of Original and Vintage Songs About NYC" on Saturday, April 22 at 8:00pm. Singers, songwriters, and instrumentalists, both artists bring a wealth of inspirations and influences to their crafts—from Tin Pan Alley to folk and

Americana. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 Academy members) are available via [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org). Seating will be limited, and advance reservations are strongly suggested.

"Two of New York's most stunningly unique musicians join forces to cover vintage songs about New York in their own

unique way—complete with an accompanying slide show of old photos taken in 1928," says Academy Music Committee Member Gerald Seligman. "Fresh from their German tour of 'Ein Abend in New York,' they harmonize and wax poetic,

creating a sound that charms and delights audiences of all stripes. We can't wait to host this one!"

Multi-instrumentalist and performer Rachele Garniez is a native New Yorker who has earned the titles "Diva with a Difference" (Billboard Magazine) and "Master of Surprise" (Entertainment Weekly). She employs a variety

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**Mondello from page 1**

investment. It's an office space with a one-bedroom apartment upstairs. And then there's a garage that is fronted on another side street. So, I saw the potential there, and of course, being in the [real estate] business, I had to act on it."

As part of the purchase decision, Catherine decided to close a small office location in Pine Plains.

She says the Red Hook building purchase ensures that Mondello can remain competitive in a field where large corporate owned real estate agencies have become the norm.

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**The Local Market Follows Its Own Unique Conditions**

Real estate markets in many parts of the U.S.—and some parts of the Hudson region—have cooled off, due to economic and interest rate policies over the past year.

But Catherine says towns like Red Hook, Rhinebeck and other nearby towns continue to see micro-market conditions that are bucking that trend.

"The housing inventory is still low," she notes. "There are more buyers than there are sellers. Especially in the Red Hook area. What's happened with the current interest rates, there are some people that have basically been priced out of the market. Whereas, maybe six months ago, they could work that into their payment. But now the payments are higher than what it was. So they can't afford the homes."

Buyers from urban centers like NYC have continued to show strong interest in purchasing locally, according to Catherine.

For Mondello, part of competing on behalf of clients means keeping up on what's going on at a granular level, including what inventory is out there, but also what might be coming on the market, and where hidden opportunities, in terms of communities and properties, exist.

"I have my three daughters working with me, Miranda,

Chelsea and Angelina" says Catherine. As well as my sisters, Margaret and Terese who have helped build the business to where we are today. We have managed to really hold our own with the big franchises. We've been right up there in the mid-Hudson MLS in the Hudson Valley, with sales and listings. So we've been falling into the top 15 percentage, which is pretty good, out of about 280 offices in the region. I think

people look at that, and it makes a difference."

Asked if she sees the tight local market perhaps becoming a little friendlier to buyers via increased housing initiatives, she mentioned some possibilities, but said a lot of uncertainties surrounds those potential options.

"Certainly, new construction [could] help. But that's also very expensive. So, buyers for the new construction are going to be somebody that has deep pockets.

"As far as zoning, I know Red Hook right now, they're looking to buy up open spaces. There's some farmland just outside the perimeter of the village. In fact some of it I think takes in the village, that they're looking to purchase, to do some affordable housing. But I don't know what that means. It's sort of a gray area. But I do know that really anything that has any quality, there's still a lot of investors out there, that are buying fixers and flipping them.

"This area, the Red Hook, Rhinebeck area of the Hudson Valley, things just keep going up."

**From Bedroom Business to Local Institution**

Speaking to Catherine, it's evident that she not only enjoys what she does, but that she and her family have a determination to build upon the humble beginnings and hard work of her mother Audrey, who founded Mondello in 1974.

As Catherine tells it:

"My mom started Audrey Mondello Real Estate from her bedroom with a notebook, a phone and one referral, after working as a real estate agent, but deciding to earn her Brokers license and open her own business out of her basement in Gallatin, Columbia



a long career with IXL Fitness as manager. Miranda was expecting her first child, and needed the same flexibility which initially led Audrey, then myself and my sisters, as mothers looking for a career with flexible hours.

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March 22. 10am, Starr Library, 68 West Market Street. Alan Peterson, from The Waterman Bird Club, will talk about Spring Birds. Refreshments Served. Visitors welcomed. Every year, the Rhinebeck Garden club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call 914-263-5298, or <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064834505072>



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of instruments, including accordion, piano, claviola, guitar, and plastic bells to bring her darkly optimistic story-songs to life. She has played with Thomas Dolby, Jack White, and composed music and songs for Taylor Mac, Catherine Russell, The Citizens Band, Ingrid Lucia, and The Flying Neutrinos. Garniez is one third of VickiKristinaBarcelona

band, a trio of women dedicated to reimagining the songs of Tom Waits. Erik Della Penna is a songwriter, composer, and guitarist living in New York City. He has written for and performed extensively with Hazmat Modine, Joan Baez, and Joan Osborne, and serves as music director for Natalie Merchant. He is currently working on a musical with Tony Award winning composer David

Yazbek that is based on the bizarre life and death of failed train robber Elmer McCurdy and he has a musical for young people now in production at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami entitled "Kitty Hawk." He has also written music for the New York Historical Society, A&E television, and dozens of documentary films. Penna's guitar and drum duo, Kill Henry Sugar, is currently recording their seventh collection of original songs.

Roots & Shoots Concerts is an ongoing Academy 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.

Other upcoming Roots & Shoots shows include: "Blues Women of the Capital Region" featuring Robin O'Herin, Jill Burnham, and Amy Ryan on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00pm; Jerron Paxton and Dennis Lichtman in a program inspired by the jazz and blues of the 1920s on Saturday, March 11 at 8:00pm; Steve Katz (former member of the Blues Project and Blood, Sweat & Tears) in "A Night of Story and Song" on Saturday, March 25 at 8:00pm; American roots musician Guy Davis in a solo performance on Saturday, June 10 at 8:00pm; and the Emily Duff Band playing a gritty blend of blues, roots, punk rock, and country music on Saturday, July 8 at 8:00pm.

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](mailto:info@spencertownacademy.org).

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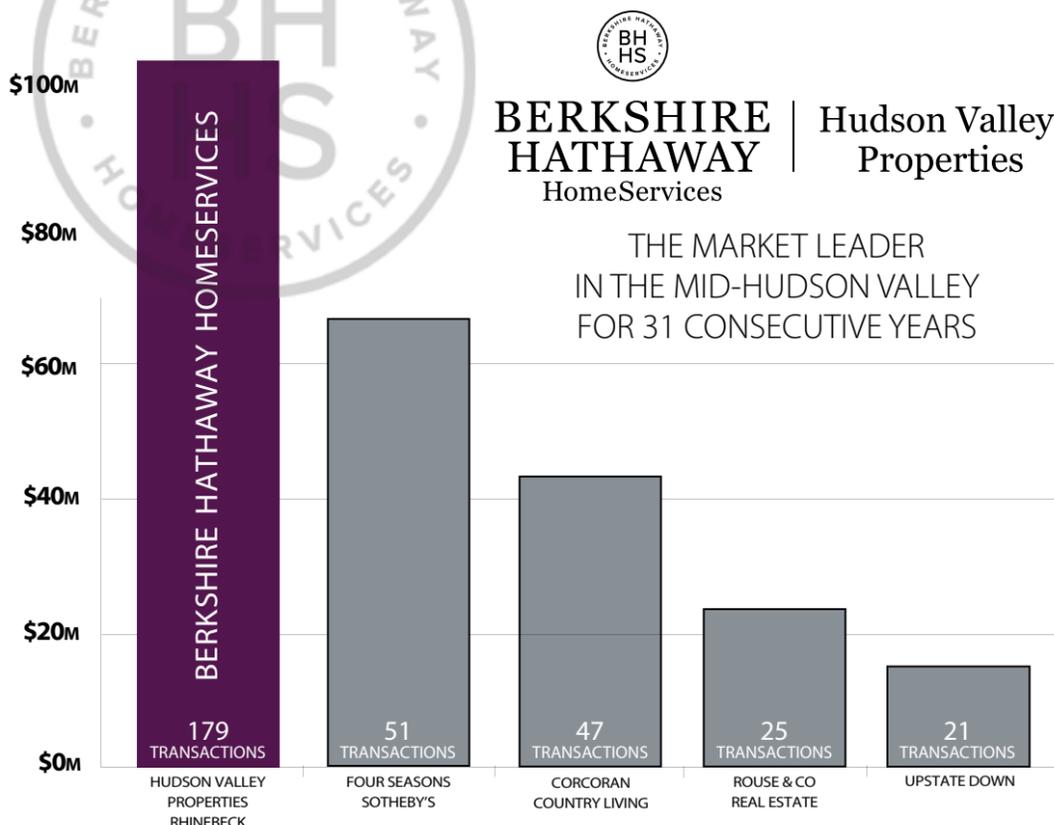
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working with me,” Catherine says of her daughters. “And that’s eventually the plan down the road. I’m not retiring any time soon, but eventually they’ll be taking over as the third generation. I have two granddaughters that are consistently in the office and are basically growing up there. And that’s what happened with my girls.”

Asked about the chance that Mondello might be one of the few remaining independent local real estate firms to be bought out and affiliated to a corporate entity, Catherine calculated that probability at zero.

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