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The Claverack Free Library

is pleased to announce the opening of the next exhibition in the Marilyn and Bob Laurie Gallery on Friday, August 8 from 5-7 PM. **Creative Claverack: Visions Unveiled** presents the work of six local artists working in a range of artistic mediums that include cyanotype, collage, painting, textiles, encaustic, and sculpture.

Triona Fritsch is an artist living in Hollowville next to a stream. She uses a variety of materials, including fabric, botanicals, and photography to explore her relationship to nature and place.

The architect of the new Claverack Library, Linda McNutt is an artist focusing on hand stitching textiles, using stitching as a drawing medium and fabric as collage. She comes from a long line of women who sew and quilt and make beautiful objects from fabric.

A figure painter who works in both oil and oil pastels, Marion Vinot was born in Paris and moved to the Hudson area decades ago. Vinot states that although she wishes to be able to paint what she sees, spontaneity and accident



Peter Hoffman

are still the "keynotes" in her paintings, both of which call upon her imagination to create an image as pleasing to her as possible.

Peter Hoffman is an artist/sculptor who has resided in Claverack for 38 years. Many of his works are abstract assemblages, with painting being an integral part of the process. He refers to most of the sculptures in the exhibition as totems. He began making them during the pandemic, and began to view them as people-like, each with its own personality. He says, "Perhaps I was "making" new friends in a time when I could see none".

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ANDERSON CENTER FOR AUTISM ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF FIRST ANNUAL ANDERSON CONNECTS CAREER FAIR DAY

Anderson Center for Autism today announced plans to host its first annual "Anderson Connects Career Fair Day." The event, scheduled for September 18th, 2025 from 12-5pm at Anderson Recreation Center (Staatsburg, NY), is generously supported by the Barry and Holly Feirstein Endowment Fund, and hosted in part by Dutchess County Works.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO and Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "We're continuing to expand our workforce, and this event will give prospective team members a meaningful chance to visit with professionals from a wide range of departments here at Anderson. Representatives



Courtesy of Anderson Center for Autism

from the operations side of our organization, such as corporate compliance, human resources, finance, IT, and other departments will be available - as will those who work for our children and adult residences, Anderson Early Learning Academy, Anderson Education Center, case management, and other program-related areas. For anyone who is feeling ready to pursue a career change of any kind, we have so many options here at Anderson - and this is really an easy way to explore many different possibilities at the same time."

Established over 100 years ago in 1924, Anderson provides educational, vocational, clinical, and residential services for people with autism at its Staatsburg, NY campus. The nonprofit also runs Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) with three locations: Latham, NY, Pine Plains, NY, and Mount Marion, NY, Anderson Center Clinic (ACC) in Latham, NY, LifeLong LearningSM day habilitation centers, and adult residences throughout the Hudson Valley region.

Anderson Center for Autism also has a number of affiliates

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Advance tickets on sale now for 2025 Dutchess County Fair

Skip the line and head straight to the gate! Save time and money and start planning your trip to the 2025 Dutchess County Fair happening August 19 - 24, in Rhinebeck. Advance tickets can be purchased online now at dutchessfair.com until midnight August 18.

Pre-sale tickets including Senior (65+) & Military with ID can be purchased ahead of time at the Fairground's Administration Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:30am until 3:30pm until August 8th. Concert tickets must be purchased online.

Beginning August 11th through August 18th, walk up ticket sales & kiosks will be available at the Welcome Center from 9am - 4pm Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9am - 4pm.

"Senior & Military Day historically is the Wednesday of the Fair. That will not change. This year, we are offering Seniors and Military the opportunity to purchase their tickets ahead of time. These tickets bought prior to the Fair, can be used any day that they choose to come to the Fair," Vicki Imperati, Administrative Operations Manager stated. "We realize that not everyone is able to attend the Fair on Wednesday to take advantage of this discount which is why we moved in this direction."

The advanced pre-sale ticket prices are as follows: Adults - \$16.50 (includes convenience fee); children 11yrs and under are free. Ride All Day Wristband - \$30 (+ \$3 convenience fee). It is important to note that each wristband is valid for one day only during the duration of the fair and does not include admission. For questions regarding the rides, visit <https://dutchessfair.com/midway-rides/> or email Contact@powersmidways.com.

Only buy tickets through the official fair website - www.dutchessfair.com.

Purchases from any other sources, such as brokers or secondary market websites, are purchased at your own risk and will not be valid. There are no refunds or exchanges, no exceptions. Please order carefully.

Visit www.dutchessfair.com for more information regarding the fair.



"FLOCK" Lands at GRIT Gallery on Aug. 2: An Exhibit Featuring Highlights From Artist Steven M. Strauss's Avian Paintings

The artist aims to capture every species of bird on canvas; this upcoming exhibit showcases his progress and process along the way.

GRIT Gallery is proud to present **FLOCK**, a vibrant and evolving collection of paintings by artist Steven M. Strauss, exploring the entire avian species; a larger feat than he anticipated. What began in 2021 as a spontaneous exploration of avian life has grown into a sweeping visual archive of nearly 300 bird species—each one rendered with Strauss's signature blend of immediacy, nuance, and reverence for the natural world. Spanning works from 2021 to 2025, **FLOCK** captures the artist's journey from rapid-fire spray paint sketches to large-scale, detail-rich oil paintings on canvas and paper, offering viewers a rare glimpse into the scale and spirit of an ambitious



creative pursuit still in flight.

FLOCK

August 2-September 20, 2025
Opening Reception:

August 2 from 3-7pm

Steven M. Strauss is a multi-medium artist who began his studies at Pratt Institute with a focus on film and video. After several years in the film production world, later producing his own award-winning films, he shifted careers into another form of art, hairstyling, which has been his primary path for the past two decades. This journey led him to found Spring Atelier in Peekskill, NY in 2019, a creative space for Hudson Valley hairstylists to share their knowledge and collaborate on creative projects, as well as explore other facets

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The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus celebrates Summer Cirkus 2025

Saturday, Aug. 2, 1pm Hudson Sankofa Black Arts and Cultural Festival Parade kicks off! Presented this year by the 518 Sankofa Collective. See

Bindlestiff's Summer Cirkus youth participants in this dazzling parade with dozens of other artists and organizations. Along Hudson's Warren Street, starting from the 7th Street Park and ending at the Hudson Waterfront Park with food, games, music, and more! <https://www.facebook.com/HudsonSankofaFestival/>

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 7:00pm Bindlestiff's guest artists-in-residency, the Kaisokah Moko Jumbies USA, will perform at Hudson's Waterfront Wednesday. Featured with global music star Tyla on the BET Awards, the Kaisokah Moko Jumbies will perform their mind-blowing stilt dance, accompanied by youth participants from Bindlestiff's Summer Cirkus Stilts intensive. Don't miss it! Also, Operation Unite New York presents their weekly Drum Circle at 4pm and their Annual Youth Awards at 6:30. Kite's Nest Social Justice Leadership Academy presents their Summer Showcase at 5pm and the Heard Jazz Band rounds off the evening at 7:30. Waterfront Wednesdays is a



Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School Youth Stilt Team

weekly celebration of music, food, and community starting at 5pm. Boat rides, lighthouse tours, fishing, great local cuisine, music, culture and more! visit [@waterfrontwednesdays](https://www.waterfrontwednesdays.org) on Instagram for more news! <https://www.waterfrontwednesdays.org>

Saturday, August 9

3pm Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School youth stilt team join NYC's Kaisokah Moko Jumbies for a performance at the 2nd annual Columbia County Sanctuary Movement Caribbean Festival in Albany, NY From 11 am - 6pm at Jennings Landing. More info here: <https://www.waterfrontwednesdays.org>

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The September Edition Of The Hudson River View Will Be In Area Homes On September 3rd The Deadline For Advertising And Press Release Submission Is August 20th

ACCORDING TO QUACKERS



Fleeting Days

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

In August's bloom, we savor
fleeting days,

As golden sunsets paint the
vibrant skies.

September whispers through the
twilight haze,

And shorter shadows softly start
to rise.

The night air cools, a subtle shift
appears,

Reminding us that change is
ever near.

In seriousness, we cherish
summer's end,

Embracing beauty as each
season wends.

"FLOCK" Lands from page 1

of the professional hair world
beyond formal in-salon work.
However, his most constant form
of creative expression throughout
the years has been painting.
In Steven's words, "It is a
grounding space I know I can
always return to, a solo practice
to escape the often chaotic
world. Over the years, my
subjects have morphed from
the ballet to portraits to Hondas
to Canadian geese, and now
to the entire avian species."

EXHIBIT DETAILS:

FLOCK:

Aug 2 - Sept 20, 2025

Opening Night Reception:

Saturday, August 2, 2025

from 3-7pm: Meet the artist
and enjoy refreshments.

GRIT Gallery is located at 115
Broadway, Newburgh, NY.

Open weekends from 1-5 pm.
For photos, please view [this folder](#).

Curator David Lionheart
is available for interviews.

About GRIT Gallery:



GRIT Gallery, located on
Broadway in the historic City of
Newburgh, features the thought-
provoking work of artists of
various media, whether from
around the country or down the
block; from established art-scene
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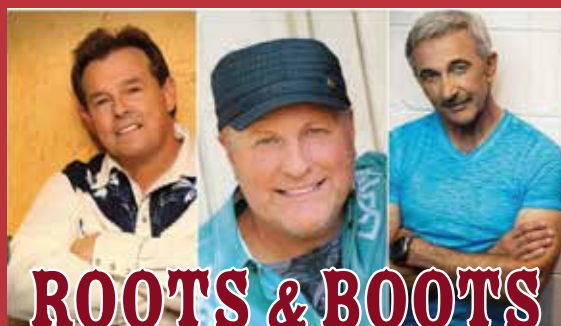
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The Claverack Free Library from page 1

Abe Graef was an educator at numerous colleges and schools in the Hudson Valley for 25 years. Since retiring, he has taken up painting, his first love.

Architect and artist Katy Flammia was born in South Korea, raised in Pennsylvania and lives in Claverack. An artist working in encaustic and acrylic painting, ceramics, and assemblage, her interests include biophilic design, perception and space, sustainable building science, land art, poetry, native plant gardening and all things Swedish. The exhibition will continue through late September. For further information please visit www.claveracklibrary.org, call the library at 518-851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary.org. Library parking is located at 629 Route 23B, Claverack NY.



Marion Vinot



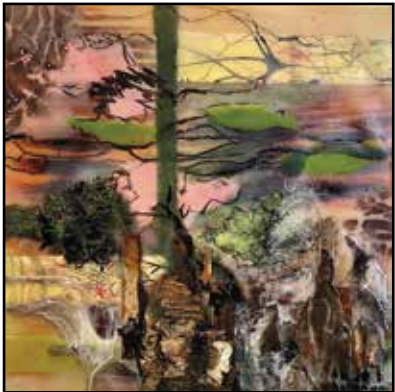
Abe Graef



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Katy Flammia

Anderson Center For Autism from page 1

working in other capacities to further its mission. Anderson Center International (ACI) trains scholars from all over the world, who work with Anderson experts to acquire the



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knowledge needed to establish programs upon return to their home countries. Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT) provides training for schools, universities, families/caregivers, businesses, organizations, and entire communities who seek to join a roster of over 150 entities who have gained designation through ACCT as “Autism Supportive.” And

ECHO Autism Anderson is a case-based learning program that offers educators from all over the world an opportunity to connect and learn from experts in the field in order to better support students with autism and other neurodiversities in their schools.

Dr. Tina Marie Covington, Chief Operating Officer at Anderson Center for Autism, noted, “The

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Anderson Center For
Autism from page 3

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internships available - and we offer comprehensive benefits, generous pay and time off, wellness programs, advancement opportunities, and more. All of us who work here get to be part of something so much bigger than ourselves - and yet, as we work to improve life for others, we end up enriching our own lives as well. It doesn’t get better than that - and I encourage anyone who’s been considering a career change to learn more by joining us on September 18th!” The Anderson Connects Career Fair Day is free

of charge and open to the public. For more information, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/careerfair.

For more information about Anderson Center for Autism and its educational, vocational, residential, clinical, and consulting/training offerings, visit andersoncenterforautism.org.

About Anderson Center for Autism
Our mission at Anderson Center for Autism is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. **About Anderson Foundation for Autism**
Through grantmaking, fundraising, and marketing initiatives, Anderson Foundation for Autism helps support, sustain, and expand upon Anderson Center for Autism’s efforts to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.

You’re Invited to a Flower
Show Celebration!

For well over 95 years, the Germantown Garden Club has held an annual Standard Flower Show, through high

times, depressions, and various administrations. This year it will take place on Saturday, August 23, from 1–4 p.m. and on Sunday, August 24, from 1–3 p.m., at the Kellener Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd, Germantown. The show will feature flower arrangements, educational displays, and horticultural specimens. This year, the Germantown Garden Club’s show title is “A Garden... Here, There, and Everywhere.” The design and horticulture classes will offer this theme for their entries.

The design division will feature fresh and dried flower arrangements in eight major

groups. The horticulture specimens division will include individual flowers, herbs, branches, and container-grown plants, as well as vegetables. The show is open to the public and admission is free. It’s a great opportunity for everyone to see the different types of horticulture available at this time of year, and to see beautiful and inspiring flower arrangements, and maybe learn something new, too! For more information, please call Maureen Lockwood at 914-837-0283.

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Bearded Dragon Care

By Julianne Porter

Bearded dragons are quite different than your typical pet. They require very specific environments and not providing the correct environment or diet accounts for most of their illnesses in captivity. Bearded dragons can live alone, in breeding pairs, or in groups of one male and multiple females. They are native to Australia and have a lifespan of 10-15 years. Adults reach up to 22 inches in length (from nose to tail tip) and weigh around one pound. Their natural environment is typically desert or dry forests and they are semi-arboreal, meaning they spend a significant amount of their time in trees. They are typically docile and social in captivity, making them an appealing pet for many people. Juvenile dragons need at least a 20-gallon tank with newspaper or paper pulp as the bedding. Adults should have enclosures approximately 3-4 feet in length, 16-18 inches wide and at least 16 inches tall with the same bedding as juveniles. Do not use cat litter as they can ingest the material and become impacted. They should have plenty of branches or driftwood to allow them to climb. Their enclosure should have an ambient temperature of 75-80°F during the day and 60-70°F at night. They should also have a basking area that reaches 85-95°F. They should have approximately 12-14 hours of full spectrum light in the summer and 10 hours in the winter. This light should include ultraviolet B as it is important for allowing the absorption of calcium from their digestive tract. The UVB bulb should be changed every 6 months as the production of UVB will diminish over time, even if the bulb is still producing light. Adult bearded dragons are

primarily herbivores and should be fed mostly dark leafy vegetables (i.e. romaine lettuce, collard greens, kale, spinach, parsley, and broccoli). The vegetables should be chopped/shredded, placed in a bowl or on a plate, sprayed with water, and dusted with a calcium supplement. Adults should also be fed gut-loaded crickets, dusted with calcium/vitamin D₃ twice weekly to allow for proper amounts of minerals. Gut-loading insects can be performed by feeding the insects rodent chows, dry dog food, or bird pellets. Commercial diets for bearded dragons can be offered but should not comprise more than half of their diet. If a commercial diet is fed, other vitamin/mineral supplements should be reduced. While adults eat mostly plants, juvenile dragons are omnivores, eating about 50% animals and 50% plants. Gut loaded crickets dusted with calcium/Vitamin D₃ supplement should be fed 5 times weekly along with a multivitamin dusted on the crickets once weekly. Water should be provided in dishes that the dragons can easily climb into. The environment can be misted to encourage them to drink water droplets, but do not mist the dragons themselves. Common medical problems include gastrointestinal parasites, constipation, and metabolic bone disease. Fecal testing should be performed on all dragons to assess if anti-parasitic treatments should be implemented. Constipation can occur due to their relatively low-humidity environments. Metabolic bone disease is a condition that causes softened bones, fractures, constipation and anorexia secondary to nutritional deficiencies (mainly calcium). This condition often is slow to develop so by the time it is recognized, and it

can be difficult to reverse. Owning a bearded dragon can be very entertaining and rewarding. Due to their specific husbandry needs, be sure to consult your veterinarian with any questions or concerns regarding their health.

Columbia-Greene Humane Society/ SPCA

Summer is the season of adventure, sunshine... and second chances. That's why Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA, with generous support from the ASPCA, is thrilled to offer two free adoption days in August — giving shelter pets the opportunity to find loving, forever homes with no financial barrier.

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The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/ SPCA announces the 2025 Shelter Sweeps Campaign

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA is excited to announce the 2025 Shelter Sweeps. The support given to this event over the last three years has been overwhelming and we're proud to once again offer three fantastic prize packages that were generously donated to help raise funds to support more than five thousand animals every year served by CGHS/SPCA.

The packages include an ATV Adventure Package (Value: \$7,000), a Sizzlin' Summer Griddle Package (Value: \$1,400), and a Getaway Package (Value: \$2,300).

Suggested donations for this year's Shelter Sweeps are \$1.00 per chance or 100 for \$50, and chances can be obtained in any quantity. To participate or for more information, please visit our website cghs.org, call us at (518) 828-6044 ext. 109 or email info@cghs.org.

Entries must be received no later than September 12. All entries will be verified and submitted into drawing pools by Shelter Sweeps Committee members. Winners will be drawn on September 27 at our Paw Picnic and be noticed by telephone or email. Winners have until October 11 to claim their prizes.

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Wednesdays August 7, 14, and 21, join Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School teaching artists for free weekly Hudson Juggling Club meetings Waterfront Wednesdays from 5pm – 7pm, weather permitting. Hudson Waterfront Park. In cooperation with Waterfront Wednesdays! <https://www.waterfrontwednesdays.org> Why circus? The circus is a traditional artform which brings people together in the wonder and awe of human achievement. The laughter inspired by its clowns heals and allows us to see ourselves as fully human. As a “popular” art form, it is accessible, of the moment, and always reflecting what's real in ourselves and society. These reasons are also why circus is a perfect medium for arts education and youth development. It's non-competitive, expressive, and community-building. *Bindlestiff's Summer Cirkus* is a lineup of free programs addressing and celebrating our diversity and the wonder of the circus. All programs are provided free of charge thanks to partnerships with the City of Hudson Youth Department, Operation Unite New York, Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, Columbia County Youth Bureau, and generous individual donors. Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-

profit organization. Bindlestiff's programming is made possible, in part, with support from the New York State Council on the Arts and Governor Kathy Hochul; Funds of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation; Friends of Hudson Youth; The Spark of Hudson, Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation; Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation; Stewart's Shops / Dake Family Foundation; Price Chopper | Market 32, and the Bank of Greene County Visit www.bindlestiff.org for more info! Or follow @bindlestifffamilycirkus on IG and FB

Columbia County Makes History with First-Ever Jewish Cultural Festival

Live Music, Kosher Food, and Family Fun Take Center Stage at Columbia County's Inaugural Jewish Festival

Columbia County will make history on Sunday, August 17 with the region's first-ever

Jewish cultural festival at Henry Hudson Riverfront Park. This groundbreaking inaugural event is open to visitors and residents of all faiths and backgrounds. The festival offers a unique opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate Jewish culture and identity through music, food, art, and family activities.

“We're thrilled to bring the first Jewish cultural festival to Columbia County,” said Rabbi Mendel Kremer, event organizer and director of Chabad of Columbia County. “This historic festival provides a meaningful opportunity for connection and celebration. We're excited to share vibrant Jewish music, culture and cuisine with our entire region.”

The festival will feature live klezmer music from the Festival Klezmer Ensemble, showcasing musicians from across the Northeast including Christina Crowder, Josh Sussman, Laura Melnicoff, and Zisl Slepovich. The world-class performance

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will bring to life Jewish sounds and stories, with musical explanations woven throughout the concert.

Attendees can expect a high-end kosher culinary experience featuring the 518 Kosher Food Truck, serving delicious meals including half-chicken dinners, brisket tacos, hotdogs, and other fresh options. The festival will also host a curated kosher wine tasting, offering guests the opportunity to sample luxurious kosher wines and discover the rich flavors of Jewish winemaking traditions from around the world. The Kona Ice truck will offer frozen treats like shaved ice with customizable flavors.

The festival promises to be especially exciting for families, with a dedicated Kids Fun Zone offering multiple moon bounces and an inflatable slide. Additional attractions include a live caricature artist creating personalized portraits on the spot, and an immersive presentation on "The Art of Jewish Scribing" — a fascinating hands-on workshop into the ancient art led by skilled scribe Rabbi Leibel Kremer.

"This inaugural festival represents our commitment to celebrating the diversity that makes Columbia County special," said Rabbi Kremer. "We're proud to bring this cultural celebration to our community and give people the opportunity to experience the vibrance and beauty of Jewish food, music and art."

The City of Hudson Police Department will be onsite throughout the event to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all attendees.

Festival organizers are also seeking local vendors interested in showcasing their products or services, as well as corporate sponsors looking to support a meaningful community event while connecting with hundreds of local attendees.

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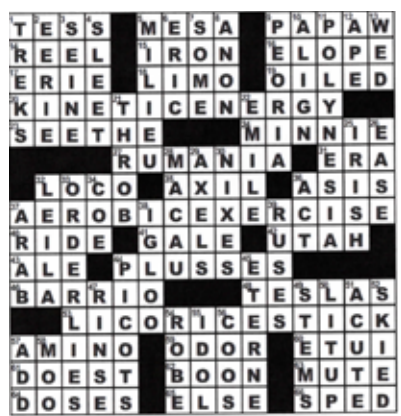
WHAT: Columbia County

Jewish Festival (Inaugural)
WHEN: Sunday, August 17, 2025 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
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About Chabad of Columbia County: Founded in 2023 by Rabbi Mendel Kremer and his wife Rochie, Chabad of Columbia County's mission is to create a warm, personal and inviting atmosphere where everyone can feel comfortable embracing, discovering and strengthening their Judaism. The Kremers host a variety of events including Shabbat Services, Jewish holiday programming, monthly Torah learning classes, children's clubs and adult education. Chabad of Columbia County is part of the Chabad movement, the largest Jewish education and outreach network. To learn more, please visit <https://www.jewishcolumbiacounty.com/>

OBLONG BOOKS CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY WITH A BIRTHDAY BASH BLOCK PARTY IN MILLERTON AND EVERYONE IS INVITED!

This August, Oblong Books celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Millerton's Main Street. Founded



in 1975 by Dick Hermans & Holly Nelson, Oblong has grown to become the premiere independent bookstore in the Hudson Valley.

Over the years, Oblong has evolved to serve the needs of its community. The Millerton store now occupies three floors in two adjoined buildings, including Oblong Jr. with toys and children's books on South Center Street. Oblong opened its second location at Montgomery Row in Rhinebeck in 2001. The business, which is now co-owned and operated by Dick and his daughter Suzanna Hermans, has become a household name in the Hudson Valley and is among the most successful independent bookstores in the country. A true community bookstore, Oblong partners with numerous local schools, libraries, and nonprofits,

and presents and supports over 150 events each year. Oblong's stores serve as a safe and welcoming space for all people.

To celebrate this milestone - Oblong is hosting a good old fashioned **50th Birthday Bash** block party on **Saturday, August 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on South Center Street in Millerton. There will be live music, food trucks, raffles and entertainment for all ages and everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. The **Millerton Business Alliance** will also be hosting its **Summer Stroll** that day so there will be lots of wonderful things to see and enjoy. Come one, come all, and celebrate the wonder of books and the magic of small business with us! **OBLONG BOOKS 50TH BIRTHDAY BASH!**

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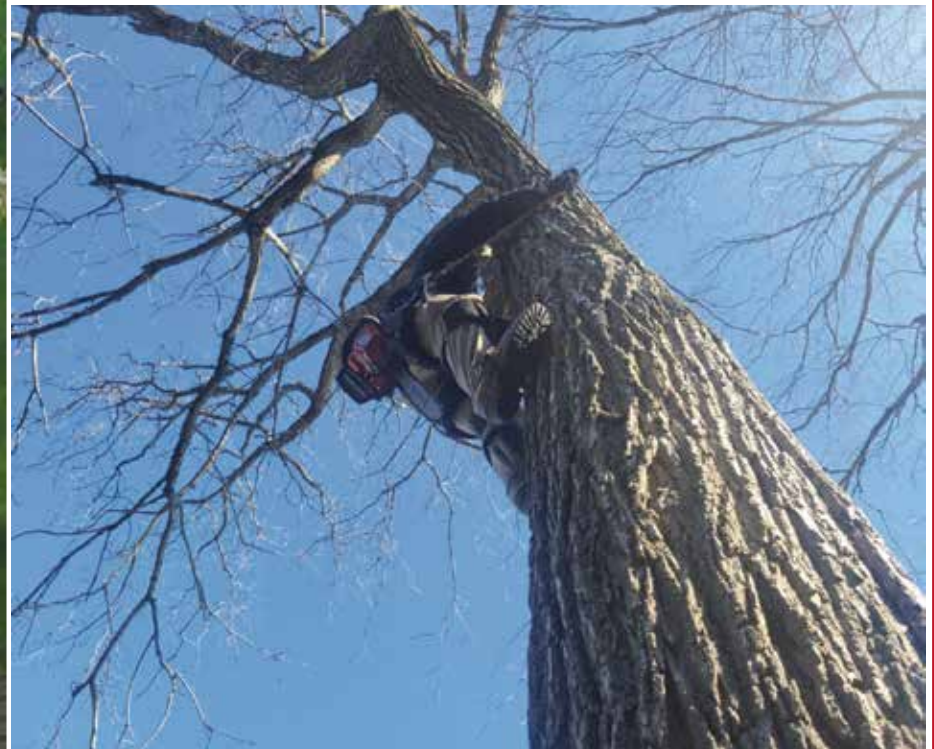
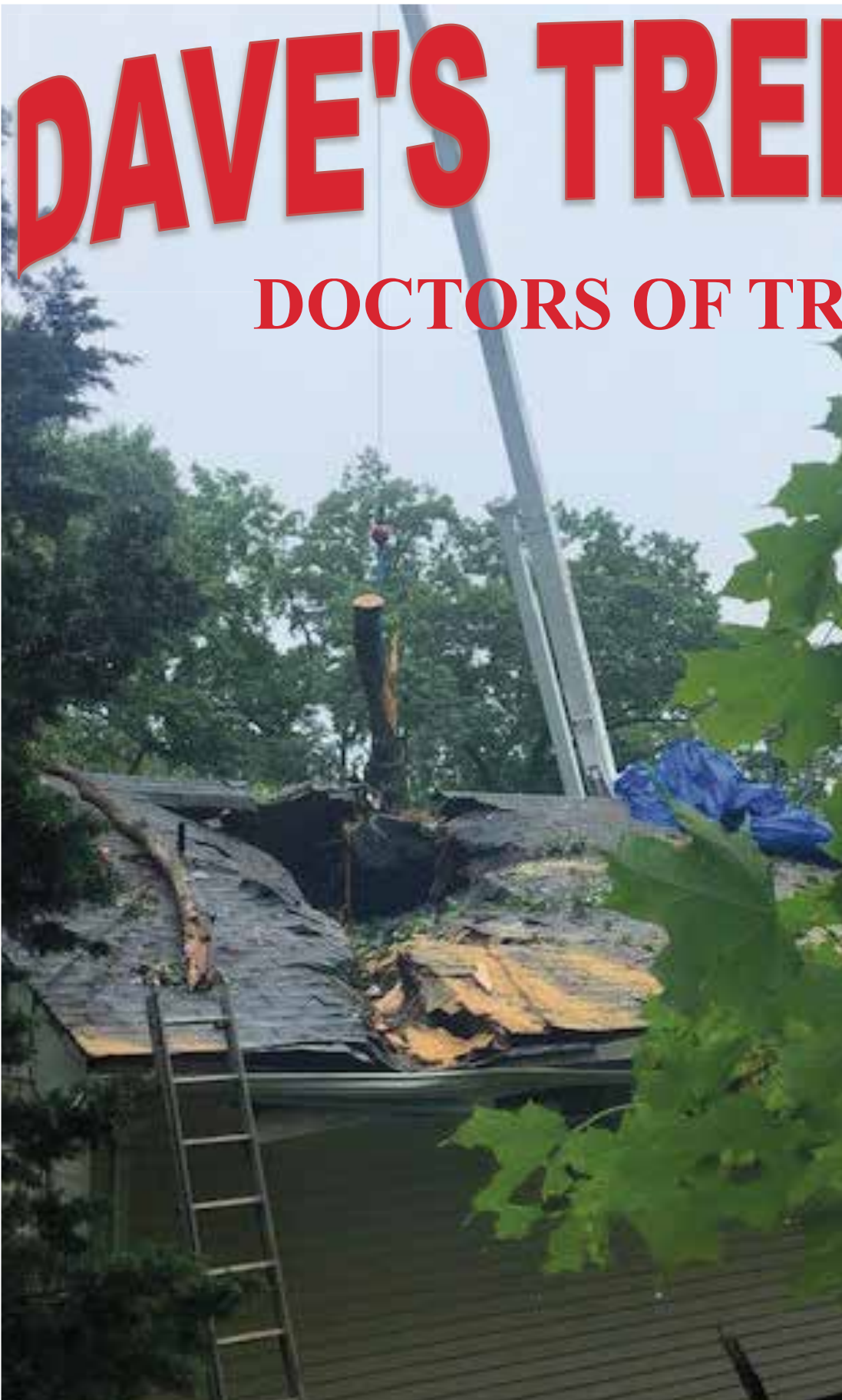
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God's Corner

The Patchwork of Your Story Part 1

By Naomi Fata

Holding up a quilt I made as a teenager, I can reminisce over the pieces of fabric. Each holds a memory. One was left over fabric from an Easter outfit, another from one of my aunt's worn-out dresses, yet another from a project I made for my brother. Back then it was common to have quilts made from the remains of other projects. The pieces, now securely stitched together, tell the story of a life.

Yet, do the pieces, or stories of your life seem disjointed. Some memories may be buried due to shame or guilt; others are too painful to bring up. We all have a story – that is what life is. Part of it may be painful- filled with loss, bad choices, a criminal record, a drug addiction, pornography, mental illness -feeling like you never measure up. Maybe you have also tried to shove these parts of the story away, thinking that would disqualify you from living a meaningful life.

The apostle Paul had a story to tell. As the author of many New Testament books, he did a good job of sharing all the parts of his story. There are three main parts of his story that are also important parts of yours. I'll be breaking each point down over the next three months.

#1 He knew who he was before he came to Christ (or you could say before his conversion) He wasn't afraid of what was ugly. In 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Paul calls himself "the worst of sinners" because he used to persecute Christians. Often, he was instrumental in putting them in jail or having them killed (refer to Acts 22). Paul did not hide this part of his history, instead he used it to tell the world of the power of God to transform.

Though Paul was not proud of his actions before Christ, He knew that God was using his story to encourage others.

Have you ever read a biography? I enjoy them if the author is transparent about the successes, failures, and personal struggles of the subject. It gives me courage to know that just because someone reached a level of distinction, they had to go through stuff to get there. Life wasn't always perfect for them nor were they perfect.

When I read the writings of Paul, reflecting on who he was before Christ, I stand in awe of

the power of God to change a life. That means He can change me— He can change you. Rather than throwing away these scraps of your story, ask God to change the way you see them, believing that He has to ability to change ashes to beauty. (Isaiah 61:3) Like a patchwork quilt, it takes ALL the pieces to create a work of art.

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THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He is God! The Lord Jesus Christ told His Disciples (Apostles) in the Upper Room on the night that He was betrayed that He would send Another Comforter, the Holy Spirit. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever" (John 14:16) On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to take up a new Relationship with the Believers. On that day also the Church, the Body of Christ, began. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit enabled the Apostles to speak the Gospel in the language of the people. People had come from various parts of the Romans Empire to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. The Apostle Peter with boldness proclaimed the Gospel. He spoke about the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Three thousand people were Saved (they became Christians). When a person becomes a Christian the Holy Spirit comes to indwell their being. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19,20).

AT THE MOMENT OF SALVATION A PERSON RECEIVES THE HOLY SPIRIT!

When a person believes on and receives the Lord Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and Lord, they

receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and are placed into the Body of Christ by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). The Believer is to be filled with the Spirit. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). To be filled with the Spirit means that the Believer is controlled by the Spirit and is able to live a victorious life in Christ. The evidence of being controlled by the Spirit will be seen in the following ways: living a Joyful life, having a Thankful life, and living a life of submission to One Another in the fear of the Lord.

THE JOYFUL LIFE!

The Holy Spirit enables the Believer to live a Life of Joy. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

THE THANKFUL LIFE!

When a Believer is filled with the Holy Spirit they will live a life of Thanksgiving. The Christian has so much to give thanks to God for every day. It is a Blessing to give Thanks to God. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

THE SUBMISSIVE LIFE!

The Believer will live a submissive life. When a Believer is submissive and lives in obedience to the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit, it is evident they are being controlled by the Holy Spirit. Submitting to one another is so important in the life of a Believer and will result in Christ-like relationships with one another. The Spirit-filled Believer will esteem others before their own self. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:3,4).

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22,23). The fruit of the Spirit is not self-produced but is Holy Spirit-produced and will result in God being glorified and others being blessed.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OPENS THE EYES OF OUR HEART TO THE GOSPEL!

The Lord Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the Cross. He died for us and Rose bodily from the grave. The Spirit opens the heart of people that are receptive to the truth and causes them to respond by faith and receive the gift of Eternal Life that is in Jesus Christ (John 3:16). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17). If you would like to know more about the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit or how to become a Christian, we encourage you to contact us by Email at 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, N.Y. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

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opens August 7th. Registration is open ONLY to Town of Clinton Residents for the first 2 weeks. Clinton Residents: please call the library to register. Registration will open online for everyone after the 2-week period. **Summer Concerts in August** *Fridays at 6:30 PM* Friday August 1st: Gray Matter (at Fran Mark Park) Friday August 8th: Grampa Joe's Washboard Band (At Clinton Community Library) Friday August 15th: Vito Petrocitto (At Fran Mark Park)

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) 495-0655 or visit www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org


NEW MURAL UNVEILING AT DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Artist Zickafoose Highlights Ag Heritage

Arts Mid-Hudson, Destination Dutchess and the Dutchess County Agricultural Society are excited to announce that Brian Zickafoose has been chosen to create a mural for the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Mural Project. The unveiling will take place at a public event at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center August 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. WRWD's Beth Christy broadcasting live from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This collaborative project invited artists to share their vision through the theme "How does agriculture unite us?" Zickafoose was selected from among nine artists who submitted proposals for his design, which captures Dutchess County's agritourism by highlighting family farms, orchards, wineries, breweries, arts and the area's natural beauty.

Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, Executive Director of Arts Mid-

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Hudson, added, “We are thrilled to unveil Brian’s mural at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, which beautifully illustrates how agriculture unites us all. This stunning artwork celebrates the harmonious relationship between art and agriculture, showcasing how together they enrich our community and culture.”

Based in New York’s Hudson Valley, Zickafoose is an acclaimed illustrator, muralist, and artist known for vibrant works blending nature and spirituality. “It’s an honor to collaborate with the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Destination Dutchess and Arts Mid-Hudson,” said Zickafoose. “This mural celebrates the vibrant creative spirit of the Hudson Valley

while honoring the region’s rich agricultural heritage. It’s designed to spark a sense of wonder and transformation in all who encounter it.”

Melaine Rottkamp, president & CEO of Destination Dutchess, expressed her enthusiasm. “Following our successful partnership with Arts Mid-Hudson on the mural project adjacent to our tourism brochure racks at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, we looked for another opportunity to collaborate,” said Rottkamp. “We felt that commissioning a stunning mural showcasing agritourism - a key component of our diverse tourism offerings - created the perfect opportunity to celebrate our farms and farmers.” She added, “Working with the Fairgrounds to place it in an

accessible location has been exceptional. Now, hundreds of thousands of people who flock there annually to be immersed in our agricultural heritage will be able to enjoy the artwork.”

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Dutchess County’s farms and fairgrounds are at the heart of who we are, and this mural is a beautiful way to honor that legacy. We are so grateful to Brian Zickafoose for bringing his talent to this project and to our partners who helped bring it to fruition. This is a perfect example of how art and agriculture can come together to inspire everyone who visits the Fairgrounds and to celebrate all that makes Dutchess County special.”

Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, stated, “We take every opportunity to spread the word about the mission of the Dutchess Agricultural Society, which is to promote and educate people about agriculture. What better place to have this beautiful mural displayed than at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds, where it can be viewed at one of the largest Agritourism venues in the Hudson Valley.”

Anyone interested in attending the free event should RSVP at artsmidhudson.org/dc-fairground-mural. Fair cuisine will be provided by Maxwell Catering and What’s Poppin’ Kettle Corn. About Arts Mid-Hudson Arts Mid-Hudson is the leading nonprofit arts service organization dedicated to enriching the Mid-Hudson region through the arts. Since 1964, Arts Mid-Hudson

has been at the forefront of initiatives that engage and promote the arts, providing invaluable support and resources to artists, arts organizations, and communities. Through a diverse array of programs and services, Arts Mid-Hudson fosters creativity, cultural expression, and community development, reinforcing the essential role that the arts play in enhancing the quality of life throughout the region. ArtsMidHudson.org I (845) 454-3200 About Destination Dutchess Dutchess Tourism, Inc., dba Destination Dutchess, is the official designated destination marketing organization for Dutchess County, New York, and

is accredited by the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program of Destinations International. It is an independent 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that works to bring tourism dollars to area businesses by marketing and promoting the assets of Dutchess County to the nation and the world. The office is located at 3 Neptune Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie, New York with 20 Tourism Information Points (TIPs) located around Dutchess County. Destination Dutchess is partially funded by monies received from the County of Dutchess. DestinationDutchess.com | (845) 463-4000

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About Dutchess County Agricultural Society

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 corporation. The 80-member society is made up of interested men and women who elect the 16-member Board of Directors. The group oversees all aspects of the operation of the Dutchess County Fair, Fairgrounds and all off-season events. A permanent staff of ten led by the President/CEO produces various events at the Hudson Valley's premier destination for fair and festival-goers and maintains the 147-acre facility throughout the year. The number of paid staff and volunteers during the fair grows to several hundred. The fairgrounds is located at 6636 Springbrook Ave, Rte. 9 in Rhinebeck, New York. DutchessFair.com I (845) 876-4000 For more information about

Arts Mid-Hudson and future art events, sign up for the monthly E-newsletter at www.artsmidhudson.org

NDP EMS ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) TRAINING PROGRAMS

Dutchess County, Columbia County, NY, and Litchfield County, CT: NDP EMS announced today the following upcoming training opportunities. All require advance registration. **NDP EMS EMT Training Class: Poughkeepsie** Dates: August 12-December 18, 2025

Location: Roosevelt Fire Department, Cream St, Poughkeepsie NY Class Days and Time: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6-9:30pm Practical date: 12/6/25

Fee if not affiliated with a volunteer squad: \$950.00 (due on or before the first night of class) Pre-Registration Required! For more information, call Cheryl Hilbrandt at 845.876.0448 X136 or email: chilbrandt@ndpems.com. **NDP EMS EMT Refresher Course: Poughkeepsie** Dates: August 12-December 18, 2025

Location: Roosevelt Fire Department, Cream St, Poughkeepsie NY Class Days/Times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6-9:30pm Practical Challenge: August 6, 2025 at NDP Station 1 (Written test will be completed prior to course start date) Fee: \$400 (due on or before the first night of class) Pre-Registration Required! For more information, call Cheryl Hilbrandt at 845.876.0448 X136 or email: chilbrandt@ndpems.com.

NDP EMS EMT Training Class: Annandale-on-Hudson Dates: September 16, 2025-February 19, 2026 Location: Bard College Class Days/Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9:30pm, and a few Saturday mornings Practical Exam is February 7, 2026 Fee if not affiliated with a volunteer squad: \$950.00 (due on or before the first night of class) Pre-Registration Required! For more information, call Cheryl Hilbrandt at 845.876.0448 X136 or email: chilbrandt@ndpems.com. Said Mark Browne, Paramedic,

President and Chief Operating Officer at NDP EMS, "Our EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training programs - along with our recertification opportunities - not only give participants a valuable skill set, but also help build the confidence needed for this rewarding career path. We encourage anyone even considering this field to reach out with questions; there are so many jobs available, especially here at NDP EMS. Both EMT and Paramedic positions come with flexible scheduling, comprehensive benefits, and more." Browne noted that NDP EMS is currently recruiting Paramedics, who can expect a pay range of \$24-\$34/hour commensurate with experience. Interested candidates can call 845.876.0448 X125 to learn more. Added Edward Murray, EMT-P and Chief Executive Officer of NDP EMS, "In addition to offering EMT training programs like those noted above, we

also host CPR classes and gap year opportunities for recent graduates at NDP EMS. While our company headquarters is located in Rhinebeck, we have station locations throughout the Hudson Valley and Litchfield County, Connecticut, giving prospective employees a chance to work from any number of locations throughout the region." For more information about training opportunities or job openings at NDP EMS visit ndpems.com/careers or call 845.876.0448 X136.

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compensation, flexible scheduling, health/dental insurance, vacation/sick time, 401K, professional development opportunities, and in some cases, tuition reimbursement. NDP EMS is an equal opportunity employer. To learn more, call 845.876.0448 or visit ndpems.com.

Discover Artistic Inspiration at Open Studios This Labor Day Weekend

Art enthusiasts and cultural explorers are invited to immerse themselves in a weekend of creativity during Art Studio Views this Labor Day weekend. From August 30-September 1, 30-artists will open their doors to the public, offering a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the craftsmanship and vision behind some of the region's most acclaimed artworks. Located in five Hudson Valley communities - Hyde Park, Germantown, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli, Art Studio Views has been a cornerstone of the local art scene for 18-years. It is renowned for its promotion of

local talents and bringing people together to appreciate their work. "We are thrilled to welcome visitors to Art Studios Views over Labor Day weekend," said Joanna Hess, director of ASV. "This event is not only a celebration of art but also a chance for our community to come together and experience the power of creativity. This event promises to be a highlight of the holiday weekend, blending cultural enrichment with the joy of artistic discovery." "Whatever your interest" Hess continues, "the tour has something for you—painters working in oils, acrylics, watercolors and inks; collage & mixed media makers working with found objects; printmakers; photographers; and ceramic artists whose work ranges from functional with a bit of funk thrown in for good measure. It's all here for you to discover." Throughout the weekend, guests can anticipate intimate guided


tours led by the artists, and some demonstrations, providing insights into their creative processes and inspirations. Hess explains "Before our big weekend, The Betsy Jacaruso Gallery, located in Rhinebeck, is hosting the ASV "Sampler Exhibit" which is a perfect opportunity to preview the artwork of the participating artists. Join us for the Reception on Saturday, August 16th, 5-7pm in the Courtyard, during Rhinebeck's Third Saturday Arts Walk, where you can meet the artists in a convivial atmosphere." Open studio tours create a vibrant culture in the community. Follow our bright yellow Art Studio Views signs along the route to find these private studios. Whether you're a seasoned art aficionado or simply curious about the local creative scene, Art Studios invites you to join us this Labor Day weekend for an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, but please

leave your pets at home. For more information to plan your visit, about ASV artists, sponsors, and spots to stop for a meal, please visit artstudioviews.com

DUTCHESS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. ANNOUNCES 2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced today that 8 youths were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2025. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 23 during the annual Agricultural Society's dinner meeting.

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“The \$10,000 scholarship award was presented to Jackson Crisp. Several other awards were given to students who work hard and have a vested interest in the Fair. We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture, or a career related to agriculture or horticulture,” said Andy Imperati, President/CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society (Dutchess County Fairgrounds). He continued, “In addition to the

scholarships already in place, for the second year, a \$1000 scholarship was given to a Rhinebeck High School student who shows Good Citizenship not only in their personal life, but in their school and community. Christopher Winters is the 2025 recipient of this award.”

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles. The scholarships are funded through

the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

Jackson Crisp, Poughquag, was selected to receive the \$10,000 scholarship plus a one-time additional \$7,500 award.

The following students were selected to receive a one-time Achievement Award: Jamison Fountain, Millbrook; Gretah Kilmer, Rhinebeck; Lauryn Menz, Red Hook; Ashley Keck, Poughkeepsie; Leah Gottschalk, Hopewell Jct; Mackenzie Phillips, Beacon

The 179th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 19 - 24 in Rhinebeck. For more information about this year’s Fair, visit www.dutchessfair.com. Follow the Dutchess County Fair on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Spencertown Academy Arts Center 20th Annual Festival of Books August 29 - September 1 Distinguished Authors, Children’s Programming, and Giant Book Sale

Spencertown Academy Arts Center’s 20th annual Festival of Books takes place over Labor Day weekend, August 29 through September 1. The Festival features a giant used book sale, two days of discussions with and readings by esteemed authors, and a children’s program. Featured authors include Chloé Caldwell, Peter S. Canellos, Elizabeth Dias,

David Hajdu, Lisa Lerer, Mayukh Sen, and Bonnie Yochelson. Admission is free to all of the events, save for the Members Only Preview early book-buying opportunity detailed below.

The Festival, which began in 2006 as a book sale to raise funds for the Academy’s community arts programs, has grown into one of the biggest and most eagerly anticipated cultural events of the season. Wayne Greene and David Highfill are co-chairs of the Festival. “We have a stellar line-up of authors and books this year, and I’m anticipating some lively conversations under the big tent,” says David Highfill. “As we mark the 20th year of the Festival of Books, we once again strive to make this beloved event one that the entire community, and beyond, can look forward to and enjoy. Our talented volunteers are waiting in the wings, ready to sort, tidy up, and catalog the thousands of used books we’ll be receiving for the always-epic book sale,” adds Greene. Authors’ books will be available

for purchase and signing. Coffee and snacks will also be for sale on Saturday and Sunday. **FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE** Saturday, August 30 The authors’ program kicks off at 12:30pm with Peter S. Canellos discussing his book, *The Great Dissenter: The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America’s Judicial Hero* (Simon & Shuster) with writer and television producer Dalton Delan. A sweeping biography of an American hero who stood against all the forces of Gilded Age America to fight for civil rights and economic freedom, it’s a profound tale of how a former slave owner—with the help of a once-enslaved man who grew up alongside him and was believed to be his half-brother—changed American law. Canellos is a current editor at POLITICO, former editorial page editor of *The Boston Globe*, and editor of the *New York Times* bestseller *Last Lion: The* **Continued on page 15**

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Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy. At 2:00pm, art historian Bonnie Yochelson will talk about her biography, *Too Good to Get Married: The Life and Photographs of Miss Alice Austen* (Fordham University Press) with curator Diane Shewchuk. Austen (1866-1952) was a prolific amateur photographer from a well-to-do family whose Victorian cottage, called Clear Comfort, overlooks New York harbor and is a National Historic Landmark and LGBTQ Historic Site. The book describes how a woman who grew up in the Gilded Age, when the term “lesbian” did not yet exist, challenged and conformed to the conservative ideals of Staten Island high society, and it deciphers the role photography played in her journey of self-discovery. Yochelson’s notable works include *Jacob A. Riis: Revealing New York’s Other Half*, *Alfred Stieglitz New York*, and *Berenice Abbott: Changing New York*. At 3:30pm, top journalists Lisa Lerer and Elizabeth Dias will discuss their national bestseller, *The Fall of Roe: The Rise of a New America* (Flatiron

Books), with Rebecca Hart Holder, executive director of Reproductive Equity Now. This groundbreaking book charts the shocking political and religious campaign to take down abortion rights and remake American families, womanhood, and the nation itself. Dias, national religion correspondent for *The New York Times*, has covered American religion and politics for more than a decade, with a focus on the surging power of conservative Christianity that drives the Trump movement. Lerer, national political correspondent for *The New York Times*, has covered American politics, power, and elections for nearly two decades. She has covered five presidential campaigns, the White House, and Congress. FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE Sunday, August 31 At 11:30am, author Chloé Caldwell will talk about *Trying: A Memoir* (Graywolf Press) with novelist Jen Beagin. Known for writing with candor, irreverence, and heart, her latest book is about infertility, betrayal, and rebirth. It intimately captures a self in a continuous process of becoming—and the mysterious ways that writing informs that

process. Caldwell is the author of national bestseller *Women*, the memoir *The Red Zone*, and the essay collections *I’ll Tell You in Person* and *Legs Get Led Astray*. Her essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Bon Appétit*, *The Cut*, *Autostraddle*, *Longreads*, and *Nylon*. At 1:00pm, author Mayukh Sen will discuss *Love, Queenie*:

Merle Oberon, Hollywood’s First South Asian Star (W.W. Norton & Company). In the first major biography of Oberon in over four decades, Sen draws on family interviews and heretofore untapped archival material to animate the *Wuthering Heights* star’s hard-won journey from poverty to fame. He is a

Class of 2025 Fellow at New America, and he teaches film and television journalism at New York University. Sunday’s final program at 2:30pm will feature author David Hajdu in conversation with music journalist Seth Rogovoy about his book, *The Uncanny Muse*: Continued on page 16



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Music, Art and Machines from Automata to AI (W.W. Norton & Company). In it, he tells the story of art’s relation to machines—from the Baroque period to the age of AI. Hajdu is the author of seven books, including *Adrianne Gaffel: A Fiction*, and he is a three-time National Book Critics Circle Award finalist. A musician and composer, he is also the music critic for the Nation and a journalism professor at Columbia University.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

The Festival of Books children’s program on Saturday, August 30 from 10:00am to 12:00pm will feature a meet and greet with The Rainbow Fish, the title character of Marcus Pfister’s beloved children’s picture book, which has sold 30 million copies and counting worldwide in more than

50 languages. Kids will be able to have their photos taken with the costumed character, get crafty with art activities, and listen to the classic story about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share read by Rae Gilson.

GIANT USED BOOK SALE

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

The book sale is open to the public on Saturday, August 30 from 10:00am to 5:00pm; Sunday,

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

In addition, Spencertown Academy members will have first crack at the books during the Members Only Preview on Friday, August 29 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. “Browse and buy at your leisure—shoppers will enjoy early access even more this year as the use of scanning devices will be prohibited on Friday,” says Greene. “No commotion, just a pleasant shopping experience.”

Free for members, \$10 for member’s guests, and memberships will be available online or at the door. The Special Book Room features an array of curated books, including art, photography, architecture, design, cookbooks, graphic novels, collectible first editions, signed books, esoterica, and more. There’s a Kids’ Corner for young readers and a media section full of vinyl LPs, DVDs, CDs, and audio books.

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