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Hudson Valley author Elizabeth Young to appear at Tivoli Artists Gallery for "Art as Therapy & Healing" special event

Speaking engagement to be held in support of Young's personal story - overcoming a life-altering childhood accident with healing and hope through art & writing

Local author Elizabeth Young, on the heels of launching her debut book entitled *Loose Limbs: a story of survival*, announces a special conversation and discussion entitled "Art as Therapy and Healing" at Tivoli Artists Gallery on Friday March 6 @ 4pm. A proud member of TAG, Young is eager to join the worlds that helped her overcome a traumatic accident as a kid, and share how art and writing can be keys to overcoming any of life's obstacles. *Loose Limbs* is the journey of a young girl named Maddie who masters healing, perseverance and will to overcome an unexpected accident in her childhood. The



Elizabeth Young

tale follows Maddie's path from typical kid who loves friends, sports and art, to the aftermath of a bike accident that leaves her with a traumatic injury and "loose limbs." The story is the fictional embodiment of Young's personal experience.

Young has appeared at notable events and locations in the region to share her story, participate in panel discussions and Q+As, offer book signings and more-including at the Dutchess County *Building Bridges Conference* held last fall at Vassar College. She was recently a guest speaker at an Intro to Special Education class

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MOVEIN DESIGN SIGNS ON AS PRESENTING SPONSOR FOR IN FLIGHT'S HOOPS 4 INCLUSION

Community basketball fundraiser promotes inclusion in Ulster County, benefits I/DD programming

In Flight, Inc. is proud to announce MoveIN Design as the presenting sponsor of its upcoming community basketball fundraiser, Hoops 4 Inclusion. This new event on April 10, 2026 at the Saugerties High School, is focused on bringing the community together in celebration of inclusion, connection, and community spirit.

Through this partnership, MoveIN Design will play a leading role in supporting the event and advancing opportunities



In Flight, Inc.'s Special Olympic's Team, The Ulster Tigers, with First Place at 2025's Unified Championship Tournament at SUNY New Paltz

for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate fully in community life. Their presenting sponsorship reflects a shared commitment to strengthening local connections and supporting inclusive community experiences across Ulster County.

Hoops 4 Inclusion will bring together local residents, supporters, and members of In Flight's community for a friendly and energetic basketball matchup between MoveIN Design Community Team and Team In Flight. Team In Flight features members of the organization's Special Olympics basketball team, the Ulster Tigers, individuals supported by In Flight, and staff. The event promises an evening of fun, teamwork, and community spirit as neighbors come together for friendly competition.

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THE RED HOOK ROTARY FOUNDATION SEEKS STUDENTS FOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Red Hook Rotary Foundation is pleased to announce its scholarships for 2026. Scholarships will be awarded to students planning to attend an accredited school or trade certificate program.

Each applicant must be a graduating senior and a legal resident of the Red Hook Central School District, Pine Plains School District or Germantown Central School District. Awards will be based on involvement in community service activities, leadership potential, and communication skills. Scholarships may be awarded to a student attending an accredited four year or community college, vocational school or trade certificate program.

Application forms may be obtained from the Guidance Office at your high school or at www.redhookrotaryclub.org. Completed applications MUST be mailed to RED HOOK ROTARY FOUNDATION, Post Office Box 88, Red Hook, NY 12571. ATTN: Jennifer Van Voorhis, by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026.

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Mill House Brewing Company to Tap Mr. Anderson Ale at April Launch Party; Proceeds will Benefit Anderson Foundation for Autism

Mill House Brewing Company and Anderson Foundation for Autism today announced details of the 12th Annual Mr. Anderson Ale Launch Event, scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 5-7pm. The party, which is open to the public but requires advance ticket purchase, will include door prizes, raffles, and appetizers, along with a chance to experience Mill House's custom craft brew, named for Anderson founder Dr. Victor V. Anderson.

Proceeds will help support Anderson Center for Autism's educational, vocational, residential, and clinical programs for individuals with autism.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/ Executive Director of Anderson



Melanie Maruzzella, Eliza Bozenski, and Natalie R. at the 2025 Mr. Anderson Ale Event; Courtesy of Anderson Center for Autism.

Center for Autism, "There are myriad reasons why we all love this tradition. In addition to helping us raise funds in honor of Autism Acceptance Month (April), the team at Mill House Brewing Company has really given us a chance to share our story. Many people who come for a drink end up leaving with a strong desire to get more involved in our cause; we've strengthened existing relationships and gained

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SPRING ANTIQUES AT RHINEBECK, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2026

It is with much enthusiasm that Barn Star Productions presents our Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck Show this coming Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd and May 24th at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY.

Over one hundred diverse and talented antiques dealers from across the U.S. are preparing for this annual event by selecting choice objects to display in their stand ranging from fine art, to American and European furnishings, Oriental rugs, country and formal furniture, accessories, exceptional folk art, stoneware pottery, vintage, period designer jewelry, trade signs, Mid Century Modern, exotic lighting, quilts, patriotic, prints, silver, art pottery, garden decorations, advertising, architectural elements and more.

The entire show is located in three airy buildings and connected with breezeways, so you never have to brave the elements.

Our courtesy tables will be stacked with complimentary magazines on antiques, popular trade newspapers, local historic site flyers, cards for upcoming shows and local restaurants.

Comments event manager, Frank Gaglio, "I am so grateful to have the opportunity of producing the Rhinebeck Shows as it is truly a tradition in Dutchess County, that show attendees literally build their weekend around. Not only is the



antiques show a memorable event for seasoned collectors, but we have now noticed young families

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March Begins

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer
 March begins, a season's blend,
 Where winter fades and spring begins.
 Buds and blooms, a vibrant display,
 Mark the promise of brighter days.
 The sun stays longer, its warmth is near,
 Filling hearts with hope and cheer.
 March whispers softly, "Rise and grow,"
 A time of change, as life starts to show.

End Of Winter Near

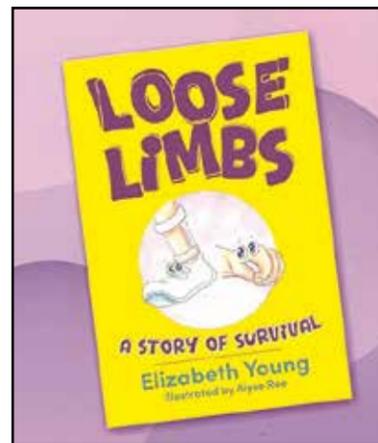
Poet: Catherine Pulsifer
 Oh, March is finally here!
 The end of winter is near;
 Days get longer, temperatures climb,
 Goodbye to frost and wintertime.
 No more shoveling sidewalks clear,
 Or dealing with ice we fear;
 Hello to sunshine and warmth galore,
 March, we welcome you once more!

Hudson Valley Author Elizabeth Young from page 1

at Vassar College held February 16 this year, and will participate in a virtual graduate class at SUNY New Paltz on Wednesday, February 25; the **Tivoli Artists Gallery event** culminates a busy stretch of sharing her story. The TAG event will also feature a local award-winning author Emilio Velez Jr., whose comic series *The Dodgeball Teens* has engaged many young readers; Velez's own journey of conquering a learning disability will make for a unique discussion on perseverance, and how art in particular can open minds and promote healing. *Loose Limbs* and *The Dodgeball Teens* have become unique jumping off points for discussion and exploration in creative settings where real-life examples of brain injury or cognitive recovery make for dynamic conversation. The TAG event will feature a talk-back and book signing element. "I'm hoping my experience and my love of art and writing will help others grow" states Young. "My Dad will host the Q+A, he's an actor and professional performer. It should be a spirited discussion!" she adds.

Elizabeth Young continues to pursue in-person events to share her experience, have informal conversations about coming back from a traumatic accident, and participating in Q+As and book-signings. In-person events at various Hudson Valley locations include special focus on educational destinations, libraries, schools, rehabilitation facilities, select foundations and other similar outlets. Any inquiries or questions about hosting an in-person meet & greet or acquiring the book can be directed to Young via looselimbs46@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Young is a Hudson Valley based author and artisan. The "Loose Limbs" characters have been in her imagination for years and are inspired by personal experience. Elizabeth is a fierce advocate for issues relating to people with disabilities. In her advocacy work, she has met other survivors who have shared their stories, which helped shape these characters. Elizabeth has a B.A. in Communications from IONA College and is a graduate of their CAP program. She lives in Red Hook. looselimbs.com | @elizabethyoung (facebook) | @eyoung1014 (instagram)



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new supporters too, all as a direct result of this event. We are very grateful to Mill House for generously putting this all together each year on our behalf." Added Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism, "We so appreciate businesses that fully embrace opportunities to get creative with fundraising. When we first approached Mill House years ago with the idea to develop a signature beer, we never could have imagined that it would end up gaining so much momentum year after year, and raising such substantial funds to help further our mission. And they've made every aspect of this meaningful, even naming Vance Gage, the grandson of Anderson's founder, their 'honorary brewmaster.' Mill House also selected a Scottish Ale as a nod to Dr. Anderson's heritage, and Vance travels up from his home in Washington, DC to celebrate the first pours of each

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year's batch. Everything about this has been so well thought-out, and we are all looking forward to the April 9th celebration!" Following the launch event, Mill House will donate an additional \$1 to Anderson for every pint of Mr. Anderson Ale that is sold at the venue throughout Autism Acceptance Month. The brewing company has also announced that select bars, restaurants, and retailers in the Hudson Valley region will carry kegs of Mr. Anderson Ale, available for purchase; funds from those sales will likewise benefit Anderson Center for Autism. Advance registration is required for the Mr. Anderson Ale Launch Event on April 9th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets cost \$40 per person; every guest will receive a pint glass. To make a reservation, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/mranderson. Note: New York State law requires that you must be 21 years of age or older to consume alcoholic beverages.

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.

Landscapes and Life: Three Artistic Visions

March 19 -April 19
Tivoli Artists Gallery
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including brushy expressiveness, controlled realism and colorful light. Many of the paintings were done outdoors (AKA plein air) in the Hudson Valley region and beyond. **Come meet the artists at the opening reception on Sat., Mar. 21 from 5-7 pm.** For more information visit tivoliartistsgallery.com

Spring Antiques at Rhinebeck from page 1

with their kids finding the show an "adventure" around every corner. Additionally, we have seen these families attend the show year after year promising a fresh crop of collectors coming of age before our eyes... Enjoy the show".

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- Propel, in a way
- Agreement between partners
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- 90-degree shape
- Boiling blood
- "Fantasy Island" prop
- Made into law
- Far from cordial
- I, to Claudius
- Gulf War missile
- Small, slender gull
- "Give it ___!"
- Cordwood measure
- Elizabeth I was the last one
- Camp sight
- High-wind producer
- Classic stationery shade
- Simple chord
- Begets
- Order between "ready" and "fire"
- Blows it
- Bird no more
- Strong solution of potassium hydroxide
- Fruitful experiences
- Guard, tackle or center
- "A likely story!"
- Winner's haul
- Rotating engine part
- Cause of wrinkles
- Harmonizes, as an effort
- "Didn't I tell you?"
- Mag attachment?
- Pageant winner's prize
- Verb with "thou"
- Nutty pie
- "McSorley's Bar" painter John

DOWN

- Amniotic ___
- Tokyo, formerly
- Brazilian port, for short
- Not as many
- Like night
- Part of the second qtr.
- "___ in victory"
- Plant bug
- Apparition
- Ready to be proofed
- Hardly excited
- Deep black
- It may be dominant or recessive
- Sends to Congress
- Started a poker game
- Samantha of the silver screen
- Grandma probably has one
- Tenor-soprano combos, e.g.
- Not slanderous
- Intelligent bot
- Classic Flynn
- Certain Indian
- Animal stomach
- Drum containers
- Florentine family name
- Large letter that starts a chapter
- Voiced sounds
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Support from MoveIN Design helps make events like Hoops 4 Inclusion possible and strengthens the resources available to individuals and families throughout the region. The sponsorship reflects the personal commitment of MoveIN Design founder Meg Columbia-Walsh, who explains the company's mission:

"I founded MoveIN Design, to fill the gap in turnkey solutions for homeowners. Our services include renovation, interior design, and property management. We support and partner with our local contractors,



In Flight, Inc.'s Special Olympic's Team, The Ulster Tigers, gameplay at 2025's Regional Basketball Competition at Marist



In Flight, Inc.'s Special Olympic's Team, The Ulster Tigers, gameplay at 2025's Unified Championship Tournament at SUNY New Paltz

relations, and vendors."

"I decided to sponsor In Flight, Inc. as the founder of MoveIN Design," shares Columbia-Walsh, "I have witnessed firsthand the benefits of life services for family members with developmental disabilities. By providing this help, it has given them the chance to have a full life. I have seen my cousin with Down Syndrome, be pushed and assisted to become one of

the most decorated athletes of the Special Olympics. My other cousin has participated in group home living and holds a full-time job with Goodwill. They would never have been able to accomplish this without the help of organizations like In Flight. And we are proud to sponsor them!"

Hoops 4 Inclusion will take place on April 10, 2026 at the Saugerties High School

Gymnasium and will be open to the community. Attendees are invited to cheer on their neighbors, enjoy an evening of friendly competition, and help make a meaningful impact.

Community members, families, and local businesses are encouraged to get involved. Tickets are available online, and individuals interested in joining the Community Team can sign up directly on In Flight, Inc.'s website. Businesses and organizations looking to support inclusion through sponsorship are also encouraged to reach out. For more information, visit www.inflightinc.org or contact Jill Rodriquez at jrodriquez@inflightinc.org.

About In Flight, Inc.

In Flight, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to reach for their hopes and dreams, and support a meaningful quality of life. The organization has programming and services in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, and Ulster Counties. For more information about In Flight, Inc, please contact Jill Rodriquez at (845) 835-6060 x190 or jrodriquez@inflightinc.org.

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Information and a fillable pdf application are available at the Dutchess County Fair's website <https://dutchessfair.com/scholarships/>, through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and from local high school offices. The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. The fair where you have been active, or the NYSSA must endorse your application and will submit it for you. The website www.nyfairs.org offers a complete list of member fairs, the scholarship application, and instructions.

Please visit www.dutchessfair.com/scholarships/ or www.nyfairs.org for information regarding both scholarships.

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God's Corner

Empty Calories

By Naomi Fata

One evening earlier this week, I had some time to spare while waiting to pick up my kids from an activity. I stopped at the local coffee shop to sip on a cup of decaf and do some work on my laptop. Shortly after, a friend joined me. As we sat chatting, the barista asked if we would like some free donuts. The shop was closing in thirty minutes, so the baristas planned to throw away all the unsold donuts from the day.

The kids were ecstatic about the surprise donuts, and quickly devoured them on the way home, leaving one for me. I reasoned the donut would be a special treat and began munching on one as well.

The next morning, I woke up with extreme brain fog. It took me several hours to feel normal again. Clearly, I was not used to eating that much processed sugar late at night.

It reminded me how easy it is to reach for empty calories and how much these can affect my day. Paying attention to what we eat takes effort. Our spiritual lives are similar: feeding our soul or carelessly eating can lead to spiritual fog.

There are several areas that can cause this. The thoughts you think for one thing. None of us intend to feed on toxic thinking, but when negative thoughts are familiar, it is easy to allow them to continue.

These could be thoughts that revolve around negative self-worth or past trauma. The Bible encourages us to, "Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8) It takes determination to choose not to feed on these negative thoughts. Often, it requires the work of rewiring the neural pathways of our thoughts.

The environment we are in, what we watch, and what we spend our time doing also affects our spiritual life. After a long day at work, or with the kids, we may feel exhausted and just want to zone out from everything. It's mindless to reach for our phone, to spend our time scrolling or binge-watching a show. Entertainment and technology are not bad, but when used to fill a void, they are like eating empty calories, which will fill our time but not help us feel more connected to God.

Donuts didn't satisfy hunger; instead, they gave me brain fog. Yet Jesus said, "I am

the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35) Our hearts are hungry for connection. What will you feed your hungry soul?

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY: THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY!

"On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (John 12:12,13).

The account of the Triumphal entry is found in all four Gospels. The final week, of Jesus' earthly ministry before he was crucified on the Cross for our sins and Rise the third day, the Lord Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on a Donkey. Many people had gathered at that time in Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. On the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem the roadway was lined with people shouting, "Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." The people cut down palm branches and spread their clothing in the way as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. There was much excitement.

While many were praising the Lord, some of the Pharisees (religious leaders) wanted Jesus to silence the crowd. "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples" (Luke 19:39). In response to their request Jesus said, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40).

When Jesus came into Jerusalem He wept over the city because they missed the day of His visitation. It is sad that for three intense years Jesus spoke with authority, did many wonderful miracles, and reached out with compassion to those in need and now they rejected Him. Today Jesus is reaching out to those in need of salvation. Don't miss the day of the visitation of Jesus in your life. Jesus is perfect God who came from Heaven and was born of Mary the Virgin in Bethlehem and lived as a perfect man on earth. He came to provide salvation to all that call upon him to be saved. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

The Lord Jesus Christ prophesied that Jerusalem would be surrounded by enemies and that the city and the Temple would be destroyed. That occurred in 70 AD when the

Romans destroyed the city and the Temple and drove the Jews out of Jerusalem (Luke 19:42-44).

The Lord Jesus spent the rest of the week after Palm Sunday going in and out of the City of Jerusalem. On the night before he was betrayed by Judas, Jesus spent the evening with His Disciples in the Upper Room (John 13-14). After he left the Upper Room Jesus headed to Gethsemane (John 13-18). Judas, who betrayed Him brought the soldiers to arrest Him. Jesus was put on Trial before the Sanhedrin and then brought before Pilate in order to get permission to have Him crucified. He was condemned and crucified between two thieves for our sins on Good Friday. He willingly gave His life for us. Jesus said, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it up again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:17,18).

On the Third day Jesus rose from the dead. Next month I will share with you more on Jesus' Crucifixion and His Glorious Resurrection. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

Now is the time to believe on and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord. Now is the day of salvation. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Salvation is in Christ, and in Christ alone!

If you would like to know more about the truth of why Jesus came to earth and/or how to become a Christian contact us. Would love to share the truth of God's Word with you and why Jesus

came to earth. Contact us by sending an Email to 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.

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church

March 4 - Fiber Artist: Un-A-Frayed - Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville - Local fiber artist, Karen Madden, will be presenting and discussing the techniques of felting fiber that she uses in her creations of fiber art. She will display finished pieces that show depth of this art form and explain how out-of-the-box creativity leads to this unique art form. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents this program beginning at 12:30pm. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10am or come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email to EGASKyllkill@gmail.com.

Step Back in Time with the Germantown Garden Club

The Germantown Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 21, at the Hover Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. The meeting begins at 10:30 am. On the agenda is a presentation by Thomas Shannon, Town Historian of Germantown.

Tom will give a presentation on the "History of the Palatine Parsonage." His talk will cover the history of Germantown's 1767 Parsonage, from its beginning as the home of Reformed Church ministers and their enslaved people, through its time as the home of a free African American family, migrant farmer housing, a weekend home for Mr. and Mrs. Ekert, and finally as the home of the Germantown History Department. His presentation will include a special emphasis on the handful of surviving photos of Mrs. Ekert's gardens.

The meeting is open to the public. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Irene Clum at 518-537-4793.

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

ANDERSON FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM (AFA) SEEKS TO HELP LEAD NATIONAL DIALOGUE ABOUT AUTISM WITH REBRANDED PODCAST

Anderson Foundation for Autism's executive leadership team announced today that it has developed a new strategy and brand for its longstanding podcast.



Eliza Bozenski, LMSW, Chief Development Officer, Anderson Foundation for Autism and host of 1 in 31 Autism Today podcast

Hosted by Eliza Bozenski, LMSW, Chief Development Officer of Anderson Foundation for Autism, the radio show, named for autism incidence rates since its inception in 2012, will now be called "1 in 31: Autism Today." Produced by Pamal Broadcasting in Beacon, NY, episodes have featured celebrity guests such as Dr. Temple Grandin, renowned doctors like Dr. Kristin Sohl, local professionals such as Ashley Qitoni (Adaptive CrossFit 845), along with families, advocates, behavioral therapists, educators, and documentary filmmakers, and more.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/ Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism, "Over the past decade-plus, Eliza's interviews have helped raise tremendous awareness about autism, from how it presents to what programs can optimize the quality of life for those diagnosed. The show provides a unique platform for us to highlight experts, thought leaders, families, and so many others who are working to advance our mission. As the audience has grown, particularly more recently, it started to become clear to Eliza and her development team at Anderson that the show was ready for a more comprehensive strategy."

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Bozenski added, "So many listeners have commented on how much they have learned from our podcast; we believe that we have a responsibility to get this content in front of as many people as possible and knew it was time to think about ways to expand our reach. Renaming the show 1 in 31: Autism Today will help those searching for podcasts specific to autism more easily find us."

She continued, "Given the fact that Anderson Center for Autism has become a resource for people from all over our country and the world, it is time we position the podcast to play a more prominent role in the national and international conversation about all things related to autism."

Examples of upcoming guests include Lauren Allen from SUNY Empire and author Brigitte Shipman, who is also a parent of an autistic child. "1 in 31: Autism Today" airs on Palam Broadcasting stations in the Hudson Valley region of New York, such as WGHO,

WBPM, WHUD, and WGNV. It can also be streamed on Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, Boomplay, iHeart, Podbean, Podchaser, Spotify, and YouTube.

In addition to serving as Chief Development Officer at Anderson Foundation for Autism and host of 1 in 31: Autism Today, Bozenski serves as a trustee on the Boards of RUPCO and the Mead School. The resident of Rhinebeck, New York holds Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Miami University of Ohio, and a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Columbia University.

Founded over 100 years ago in 1924, Anderson Center for Autism offers evidence-based educational, vocational, residential, and consulting/training programs, drawing students and residents from all over the United States to experience its school and residential offerings. In addition to Anderson Center International (ACI), the organization has other affiliates such as Anderson Center Consulting and Training (ACCT), The Anderson Center

Clinic (ACC), and three Anderson Early Learning Academy (AELA) programs.

Anderson Foundation for Autism (AFA) helps to support and sustain the aforementioned programs and services through fundraising, grants, and marketing. AFA also offers a grantmaking opportunity for eligible organizations in need of funds for programs that reflect a commitment to Anderson's mission. *Learn more about the 1 in 31: Autism Today podcast by visiting andersoncenterforautism.org/lin31.*

About Anderson Center for Autism

Our mission at Anderson Center for Autism is to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism.

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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.

Historic Site—once the country residence of Ruth and Ogden Mills—were the hub of activity for the creation of *haute cuisine* serving weekend parties for the elite of New York society. Three chefs and their staff labored to create culinary perfection for each meal served to the family's guests in a palatial, marble-clad dining hall, with meals of 8-10 courses. However, in recent decades, the kitchen and surrounding rooms have been in great need of restoration, which has now been completed, thanks to funding from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund, via grants administered by Parks and Trails New York, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

The newly-completed work repaired the walls of the kitchen, the butler's scullery, and a hallway leading to the servants' dining hall, with replica tile, where the original tile had for many years been falling, making the rooms unsafe and unsuitable for interpretive use. The completed project includes retiling the walls and repainting the ceilings of these spaces, which were peeling; modern lighting and office hardware was removed, so that these spaces more closely reflect their historic appearance," says site manager, Pam Malcolm: "We are very grateful to The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh for working with us to secure funding to complete this project, which will allow the site to include these very important spaces in our tours



and interpretive programs."

Diane Topkis, president of the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh notes that "...the organization has partnered successfully with the site on many conservation and restoration projects focused on collections items, but the kitchen restoration was the first capital project we have collaborated on with the site in many years, and it was a very ambitious project for an all-volunteer organization. We felt strongly that the restoration of these important spaces needed to happen, so the site can make productive use of them. People

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Staatsburgh Mansion Celebrates Completed Restoration of Historic Kitchen Walls At Staatsburgh State Historic Site

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Vestibular Disease

By Julianne Porter

Dizziness or being unsteady on your feet can be one of the most unsettling sensations. Anyone who has been on a boat in rough water or has spun around in a circle too fast can attest to this. But there is a medical condition that can also create this feeling, and when it happens, it can be very unpleasant, especially if we do not expect it or know why it is happening.

Many people have likely had the misfortune of experiencing vertigo, the sensation of spinning. Vertigo is a symptom of a vestibular disorder and it can occur in many animals in addition to humans, including our pets and livestock.

The vestibular center is located in the inner ear and sends information from the middle ear to the cerebellum and brain stem. It is responsible for maintaining our balance and orientation. It's how we know if we are upside-down, how we can correct ourselves if we are falling or walking on uneven ground, and allows our eyes to follow objects without becoming dizzy.

If this area is compromised, you could become uncoordinated and even nauseated, and it's no different for our pets. They may look like they are falling down drunk or may even roll over on the ground. They often have their head tilted to one side and their eyes may dart back and forth (this is known as nystagmus). They may vomit as well. In mild cases, it may just feel like the room is spinning, but in

more severe cases, they literally cannot tell which way is up. There are several reasons that the vestibular system can be affected and they are typically divided into two main categories – central lesions (in the brain) and peripheral lesions (in the ear). Central lesions include tumors, infections such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in dogs or Toxoplasmosis in cats, trauma, toxins, and in very rare cases, vascular accidents. Peripheral causes include middle ear infections and polyps or tumors in the ear canal, but the most common cause of vestibular issues in our dogs and cats is actually idiopathic (meaning, we cannot identify a cause). Rabbits are more likely to have vestibular problems due to ear infections or a parasitic infection from *E. cuniculi*.

In order to try to determine the cause and confirm it is indeed a vestibular issue (and not a seizure or heart condition), a physical exam and medical history are indicated. The exam includes an otoscopic exam and a neurologic exam and can often determine if the problem is central or peripheral. If an exam cannot make this determination, imaging such as CT or MRI is indicated.

Treatment, of course, depends on the cause. If there is an infection, antibiotics or antiparasitics can be indicated. If there is a growth, removal is considered. Thankfully, if the problem is idiopathic, it will typically resolve without treatment. Most dogs improve within 2-3 days

and are normal within 2 weeks. Cats can take a bit longer (2-3 weeks) but also tend to resolve without treatment. Supportive care such as fluids and anti-nausea medication are given if the pet is not eating/drinking or if they are vomiting. They must be kept in a safe environment away from any stairs or sharp surfaces they could fall on to. Sometimes, a head tilt can remain, but this does not impact their health or quality of life.

While seeing your pet have a vestibular episode can be terrifying, many times it is self-limiting or treatable. However, because there are scarier causes out there, it is very important to have your pet evaluated as soon as possible.

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are fascinated by the skills and processes of creating very complicated and elaborate gourmet cuisine, using turn-of-the-century technology. And the lives and daily activities of the domestic staff are of equal interest in the “upstairs-downstairs” story of these fabulous manorial estates in the Hudson Valley over a century ago.”

Project funding of \$300,000 was provided by Parks and Trails New York, as part of the 2023, Round 9 “Stewardship and Public Access Capacity” Program, and another \$30,500 was awarded by a \$30,500 New York State Environmental Protection Fund grant in 2021, through the Consolidated Funding Application process and administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh provided matching funds for both awards.

“The site is very excited to bring these rooms online with our various thematic tours. The repair of the walls and ceilings also allows us to start planning to reinstall surviving artifacts from the collections that were originally part of the kitchen suite,” says Malcolm, “this project is a gateway to a very enhanced experience of touring the mansion.”

Staatsburgh’s 79-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River is in the hamlet of Staatsburg, between Hyde Park and Rhinebeck. A time capsule of the Gilded Age, Staatsburgh retains its original furnishings and opulent décor. The historic estate grounds surrounding the mansion, now Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park, offer scenic walking paths as well as woodland trails.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours by reservation; to attend a mansion tour, please make advance reservations on www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS; admission is charged upon arrival. Visitors may also enjoy a picnic or stroll by the Hudson River, or a hike along the woodland trails in Mills Memorial State Park. The New York State Office of



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Family Craft Program: Irish Soda Bread in a Jar at Staatsburgh State Historic Site Saturday, March 14, 3-4pm

Celebrate the Irish connection to Staatsburgh with a family craft and story-time. Learn about the Irish immigrants who came to work in domestic service for the Mills family, as well as the family's personal connection to Ireland. Staatsburgh State Historic Site invites children

and their caregivers to see how one of the Irish maids lived in the mansion; listen to an Irish folk tale; and assemble the ingredients to make their own Irish soda bread at home. All craft materials will be supplied. The 60-minute workshop is appropriate for children ages 4 and up, accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$5/child and can be purchased at <https://staatsburghsodabread2026.eventbrite.com>. Eventbrite's fees are waived for Friend's members. To become a member visit <https://millsfriends.org/become-a-friend/>. Staatsburgh's 79-room mansion



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ZONTA'S "THINK SPRING" PAINT AND SIP FUNDRAISER

The Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley will host its 6th annual "Think Spring" Paint and Sip Fundraiser Saturday March 21, 2026 at the New Concord Meeting House, 2689 County Route 9, East Chatham, (map). Enjoy an afternoon of painting, refreshments and good company and learn about the Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley and its mission to better the lives of women and girls locally and internationally.



Proceeds from this event will support Zonta's many service projects including providing essential items to local Domestic Violence Shelters

and awarding scholarships to High School students who show outstanding community service.

Tickets are \$55 per painter (choice of canvas or tote bag) and include paints, brushes, wine, beverages and snacks. Also, a 50/50 raffle will be available. Painting instruction will be given by Jen Dorgan from Piece of My Art Studio.

To purchase tickets visit PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/MM9EP3LSFZARG> or mail a check payable to Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley and send to PO Box 34, Ghent NY 12075. Checks must be received by MARCH 14, 2026.

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- 1 (8-ounce) package cremini mushrooms, quartered
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup shredded smoked gouda cheese (about 4 ounces)
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3 1/2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, plus more to taste
- 1/2 cup panko
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Directions

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350°F and butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the spaghetti and cook 2 minutes less than the package directs. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain.
- 2 Heat 2 tablespoons butter in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and 1/2 teaspoon salt and sauté until the mushrooms begin to turn golden, 5 to 7 minutes.
- 3 Stir in the garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring, until toasted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the wine and cook until reduced by half, 3 to 5 minutes. Slowly stir in the broth and cook until the sauce thickens, 7 to 9 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Gradually stir in the cream cheese, gouda, and 3/4 cup parmesan until melted.
- 4 Add the chicken, spaghetti, and peas to the sauce and stir. Add the reserved cooking water, about 2 tablespoons at a time, until very saucy.
- 5 Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter in a bowl in the microwave. Stir in the panko, parsley, and the remaining 1/4 cup parmesan.
- 6 Pour the spaghetti mixture into the prepared baking dish and sprinkle with the panko mixture. Bake until bubbly and golden brown, about 25 minutes. Let rest about 5 minutes before serving.

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The 2026 Good Egg Celebration to Honor Kim Williams of Williams Lumber Celebrating Leadership, Legacy, and 80 Years of Community Impact

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that the 2026 Good Egg Celebration will honor **Kim Williams of Williams Lumber** for her outstanding leadership and enduring contributions to the Rhinebeck community and regional business landscape. In a fitting and happy coincidence, this year's recognition comes as **Williams Lumber & Home Stores** celebrates its **80th anniversary** — marking eight decades of family leadership, community investment, and commitment to local growth. Kim's stewardship and dedication continue that legacy, strengthening both the business community and the fabric of Rhinebeck itself. The celebration - presented by

Six Senses Hudson Valley and Williams Lumber & Home Stores - will take place **Thursday, March 12th from 5:30-8:30 PM at The Beekman Arms**, one of America's oldest inns and a treasured Rhinebeck landmark.

Kim's leadership, dedication, and influence. Business owners, civic leaders, and community supporters will gather for an evening that blends recognition with meaningful connection. For more than 15 years, the

congratulatory program ads are now available for businesses and individuals who wish to celebrate Kim while also highlighting their own organizations in front of Rhinebeck's business and community leaders.

Millbrook Arts Group 2026 Winter Concert Series at the Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Group Winter Concert Series returns to the Millbrook Library this February through April 2026. **Hudson Valley Hot Club** Saturday, March 28, 4:30-6:30pm Vintage jazz from the 20s and 30s played in the raucous swing style developed by Django Reinhardt and other great gypsy jazz musicians. Featuring Luke Johnson and Eric Marshall on guitar and David Chernack on Fiddle/Mandolin. **Musicians of Ma'alwyck** Saturday, April 25, 4:30-6:30pm Founded in 2000 by violinist and artistic director Ann-Marie Baker Schwartz, the professional chamber music ensemble Musicians of Ma'alwyck is widely recognized for bringing history to life. The ensemble began with a specialization in pieces that may have been heard in New York State during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and has expanded their repertoire into twentieth century works, contemporaries, and commissions from emerging composers. Featuring Ann-Marie Baker Schwartz (violin), Sten Yngvar Isachsen (guitar), Norman Thibodeau (flute), and André Laurent O'Neil (cello). This concert series is brought to you by the Millbrook Arts Group. All programs are free to the public and located at the Millbrook Library (3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY). A pre-show reception starts before each concert at 4:30pm. The concert runs 5:00-6:30pm.



The evening will feature live music, a seated three-course dinner in an elegant setting, and a tribute program highlighting

Good Egg Celebration has recognized individuals who exemplify service, integrity, and a deep commitment to the vitality of the Rhinebeck area. This year's event will bring together business owners, civic leaders, and community supporters for an elegant evening featuring a seated three-course dinner and a tribute program honoring Kim's leadership, impact, and continued dedication to the region. Event Sponsors include **Birch Hill Wealth Advisors, The Beekman Arms, and The Montalto Law Firm.** Sponsorship opportunities and

“Kim Williams represents the very spirit of what the Good Egg Award stands for,” said the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Liana Galardi. “Her leadership, generosity, and commitment to Rhinebeck have made a lasting difference in our business community. We are honored to celebrate her.” Tickets, sponsorship details, and program ad information are now available through the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce. **About the Good Egg Celebration** The Good Egg Celebration is an annual Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce event recognizing individuals whose leadership and service have made a meaningful impact on the Rhinebeck business community and surrounding region. **Purchase tickets here:** <https://rhinebeckchamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/6489> **For sponsors, the Good Egg Celebration offers:**

- Direct visibility among Rhinebeck's most engaged business leaders
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Clarion Concerts Broadens its Palette with Sizzling Multi-dimensional Jazz Group Amir ElSaffar New Quartet

Clarion Concerts, presenter of stellar chamber music concerts for many decades in the Hudson Valley/Berkshires, steps into the ever-widening expanse of today's musical appetites with a concert on **Sunday, 08 March 2026** at the **Stissing Center**. Appearing at **3pm** that day will be the **Amir ElSaffar New Quartet**: **Amir ElSaffar**, trumpet; **Ole Mathisen**, tenor saxophone; **Tania Giannouli**, piano, and **Tomas Fujiwara**, drums.

WHAT: Clarion Concerts at The Stissing Center
WHO: Amir ElSaffar New Quartet

WHEN: Sunday 08 March 2026 at 3pm

WHERE: The Stissing Center / 2950 Church St. / Pine Plains NY 12567

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Says Clarion's Artistic Director, violinist **Melissa White**, "More



Amir ElSaffar New Quartet

Amir ElSaffar, trumpet * Tomas Fujiwara, drums
 Tania Giannouli, microtonal piano * Ole Mathisen, tenor saxophone
 Photo by Daniel Wetzel

than five years ago, Clarion found a way to provide music to a community exhausted by the pandemic and confined to their homes - we streamed two of our concerts. One of these streams featured a performance by Amir ElSaffar and a group including the world's greatest singer of the Iraqi Maqam tradition, Hamid AlSaadi. To our surprise and delight, this streamed concert garnered the largest audience ever recorded for Clarion Concerts, and we were eager to bring Amir back. We're delighted to be presenting him once again, and this time in a totally new context, a jazz quartet!"

According to Chris Ingalls in *PopMatters*, "Amir ElSaffar's New Quartet have pulled off the trick of creating something that moves and sounds like jazz, but with a much deeper resonance.

By incorporating the microtonal tunings of Maqam, the musical parameters are widened considerably, resulting in a rich and rewarding experience."

Says Steve Hochman in *SPIN Magazine*: "For this Chicagoan, this is all part of a mission to introduce people to sounds that to them may seem new or different, without making them seem, well, foreign. 'It's really important to me to bring these musical languages and traditions together in a way that makes sense in the moment,' [ElSaffar] says. 'You don't have to have prior knowledge...the ear very quickly adjusts to those sounds.'"

American composer, trumpeter, santur player, vocalist, and bandleader **Amir ElSaffar** has been described in the *New York Times* as "the celebrated trumpeter and composer who explores vital connections between jazz and Arabic music." A recipient of the Doris Duke Performing Artist Award and US Artist Fellowship, and Hodder Fellowship at Princeton University, ElSaffar has earned an international reputation for his work combining jazz and western classical music with the microtonal Maqam music of Iraq and the Middle East. His six piece **Two Rivers** ensemble

and 17-piece **Rivers of Sound** orchestra, combining Western and Arabic instrumentation and musical languages, have released five critically acclaimed albums and have toured throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East. The **Amir ElSaffar Quartet** performs ElSaffar's microtonal compositions with standard jazz instrumentation. His ensemble **Safaafir** is the only ensemble in the US performing and preserving the Iraqi Maqam in its traditional format, and **The Alwan Ensemble**, the resident ensemble of Alwan for the Arts, specializes in classical music from Egypt, the Levant, and Iraq. Throughout his career, ElSaffar has also worked with jazz legends, such as Cecil Taylor and Archie Shepp, along with other prominent jazz musicians like Danilo Perez, Mark Dresser, Gerry Hemingway, Marc Ribot, Henry Grimes, and Oliver Lake.

Established in 1957, **Clarion Concerts** is dedicated to bringing world-class chamber music to the Hudson Valley of New York. Clarion seeks to expand the chamber music repertoire

through the commissioning and performance of new works by contemporary composers. The non-profit organization has a specific commitment to presenting, commissioning, and fostering chamber music works by Black composers and showcasing Black musicians and seeks to promote the understanding and enjoyment of chamber music through educational and concert experiences for young people in the community. For more information about **Clarion Concerts**, visit kathrynkingmedia.com, clarionconcerts.org and call 917-751-8228.

HILLSDALE

New York Secretary of State Walter T. Mosley informed the town of Hillsdale that it has been awarded \$111,060 to update its comprehensive plan, a legally required document that guides a community's vision, goals and strategies for growth, development and quality of life.

The grant comes from the state's Environmental Protection

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Fund Smart Growth Community Planning Program, through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application.

“We are thrilled to be awarded this generous grant and thank everyone at the state level,” said Hillsdale Town Supervisor Mike Dvorchak. “It’s been 30 years since we have fully updated this important planning document, and we’re looking forward to the process.”

Dvorchak added, “The Town Board will create a system to garner the extensive public input needed to modernize the comprehensive plan. This will be a multi-year process with many virtual and in-person opportunities for residents, business owners, farmers and others to make their voices heard.”

Dvorchak thanked Town Councilmember Jamie Carano Nordenstrom and Conservation Advisory Council member Gretchen Stevens for doing the heavy lifting of writing and preparing the grant application, along with Hillsdale Town Clerk Robina Ward for assisting in the process.

Carano Nordenstrom said the grant will “support the costs of a planning consultant to assist with the preparation and local adoption of a new comprehensive plan, and legal consultants to

review the revised plan and its applicability to the revised zoning code.” She said that “a town-wide planning process can engage our community to incorporate new knowledge and emerging trends in land use, demographics, housing, infrastructure, water resources and climate.”

Carano Nordenstrom added that a comprehensive plan guided by smart growth principles “would support critical affordable housing development in areas where water and sewer infrastructure is available or planned, redevelopment in hamlets, protection of historic, agricultural and natural resources, multi-modal-oriented streetscapes, equity and equality, and promotion of community-scale clean energy infrastructure.” Stevens said the revised comprehensive plan “will reflect the changes in the town over the last 30 years and describe ways to achieve today’s vision for a thriving community.”

She added, “With lots of input from Hillsdale residents, the plan will set forth the town’s best ideas for supporting a vibrant local economy, addressing the needs for affordable housing, bolstering diverse agriculture, developing local access to renewable energy, strengthening environmental protections, reducing our carbon footprint, and anticipating, mitigating, and adapting to the impacts of climate change.”

The Sailing School at HRMM Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary & Announces 2026 Youth Sailing Programs

The Sailing School at the Hudson River Maritime Museum is celebrating its tenth year of programming in 2026. The only US Sailing Accredited sailing school in the Hudson Valley, it was founded in 2017 with a two-week pilot youth program on four sailboats with 24 youth sailors. Now, six graduates from that initial program have earned their US Sailing Instructor certifications, and they comprise half of our roster of highly skilled sailing instructors who will deliver youth and adult sailing classes to over 350 students in 2026 on our fleet of 22 sailboats!



The Sailing School at HRMM 2026 youth sailing programs include: The Parent-Child Sailing class is for parents (or caregivers) and their children ages five to eight. The class comprises four 3-hour sessions (12 hours total) and aims to introduce children to the basics of sailing in a nurturing environment, so each student develops as a sailor while making new friends and having new



experiences. Morning classes (9 am to noon) are for five- and six-year-olds with their adults, and afternoon classes (1 - 4 pm) are for seven- and eight-year-olds with their adults. Classes are designed for one adult and one child to sail together. No prior sailing experience is necessary. **Parent-Child Sailing will take place on June 29 - July 1 and August 17 - 20.**

Fees are \$425 per registrant per week. All HRMM members receive a 10% discount on registration. At HRMM's **Voyager Camp**, a



meets learning in this all-day, multi-activity youth program that blends sailing, boat building, woodworking, museum education, solar boat tours, and hands-on STEAM activities into a unique experience.



the workshop and on the water! **The Voyager Program will run Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for six one-week sessions July 6th through August 14th.**

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Fees are \$795 per week. All HRMM members receive a 10% discount on registration. **Find more information and registration details at hrmm.org or [here](#).**

Scholarship Opportunities. Creating a more inclusive waterfront by providing access and removing financial barriers when needed is a critical part of our mission. We are pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to deserving young people for our summer programs. Financial aid and scholarships are available based upon need and available funding.

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The Hudson River Maritime Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries and related industries. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science, the museum offers classes and programs at its Woodworking School, Sailing and Rowing School, and aboard *Solaris*, the 100% solar powered tour boat and floating classroom. Now in its 46th year, HRMM is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston. For more information about the Hudson River Maritime Museum, please visit hrmm.org, find **HRMM on Facebook**, or call 845.338.0071.




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CANAAN SUPERVISOR AND TOWN OF STUYVESANT HONORED BY NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS

Brenda Adams praised for community service, Stuyvesant named a Town of Excellence

At the annual New York Association of Towns conference here a Columbia County town and a town supervisor were both recognized for outstanding achievements on Monday February 16.

Canaan Supervisor Brenda Adams, along with New Windsor (Orange County) Supervisor Stephen Bedetti, were award the 2025-2026 Public Servant Meritorious Award and the Town of Stuyvesant was recognized as a Town of Excellence by the association, a nonprofit organization that provides training and advocating for town governments across New York State.

Adams was honored for her sustained commitment to community leadership, collaborative problem-solving, and hands-on public service.

With decades of service to Canaan, as a planning board member, town board member and now supervisor, Adams has led transformative initiatives in broadband access, emergency management, clean energy and community resilience, the association said.

Under her leadership, Canaan achieved NYSEDA Climate Smart Community designation, secured significant state grant funding for energy-efficient



Pictured, left to right: Bart Ziegler (Hillsdale Town Board), Susan Haag (Austerlitz Town Clerk/Tax Collector), Nico Hernandez (Hillsdale Town Board), Melissa Naegeli (Stuyvesant Town Clerk/Tax Collector), Brenda Adams (Canaan Town Supervisor), D. Michael Dvorchak (Hillsdale Town Supervisor), Erin Stamper (Austerlitz Town Board), Colleen Lutz (Ancram Town Supervisor), Victoria Mills (Canaan Town Board), Donal Collins (Chatham Town Supervisor). Shown at the New York Association of Town Conference, Feb. 16, 2026.

upgrades, and strengthened emergency preparedness to ensure continuity of services during severe weather and power outages.

Known for her empathy and responsiveness, Adams routinely goes beyond her formal duties to personally check on residents during emergencies and foster inclusive civic engagement, the association said.

“Local government is where public service is felt most directly,” said NYAOT Executive Director Christopher A. Koetzle. “Brenda Adams and Stephen Bedetti exemplify the passion, integrity, and dedication that make towns strong. Their leadership reflects not only

a deep commitment to their communities, but a genuine belief in public service as a calling. NYAOT is proud to recognize their outstanding contributions.”

The Town of Stuyvesant was recognized as a Town of Excellence along with 12 other towns for going above and beyond the areas that matter most to strong, thriving local government, including: economic development, sustainability and sound planning, community engagement, quality of life, governance and transparency, and workforce development, the association said.

“We are incredibly proud to recognize these 13 towns that are setting the standard for

excellence in local government across New York State,” said Koetzle. “Each of these communities has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to innovation, transparency and serving their residents. The Towns of Excellence Program celebrates the extraordinary work happening in New York’s towns every day.”

The New York Association of Towns, formed in 1933, supports NYS local government by providing training and certification, research and information services, legal and technical training, insurance programs and a variety of publications to member towns. NYAOT represents town government in its advocacy efforts in Albany and Washington, D.C., tracking legislation and regulatory actions, and presenting initiatives solely on behalf of towns.

Crandell Theatre Launches First Book-to-Film Club, a Collaboration with Chatham Bookstore and the Chatham Public Library

Get your copy of Midwinter Break now, and discuss the book and its film adaptation after the March 22 screening at the Crandell!

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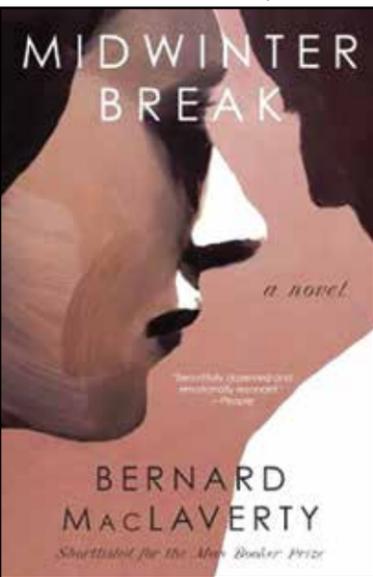
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in partnership with the Chatham Bookstore and the Chatham Public Library, announces an exciting new program, the **Crandell Book-to-Film Club**, which culminates with a community discussion about books and their film adaptations. The book club is the latest Crandell series to launch in our centennial year, and will give community members a forum to finally settle the age-old question of which is better, the book or the film.

The first club selection is **Midwinter Break**, the most recent novel by Northern Irish writer Bernard MacLaverty. and now a newly released feature film of the same name. MacLaverty's best-known works include his novels *Cal*, which he adapted into a screenplay for the award-winning film, and *Grace Notes*, shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction. He also wrote and directed the BAFTA-nominated short film *Bye-Child*.



Copies of the book are available for sale now at a 10% discount at the **Chatham Bookstore**, and are also available for loan from the **Chatham Public Library**. The novel has been praised for its engrossing story and quietly devastating reveal. Says renowned Irish writer Colm Tóibín, "*Midwinter Break* is a work of extraordinary emotional precision and sympathy, about coming to terms – to an honest reckoning – with love and the loss of love, with memory and pain...this is a novel of great ambition by an artist at the height of his powers."

The novel was shortlisted for the 2019 International Dublin Literary Award.



Like the book, the newly released **film adaptation of Midwinter Break** is a stirring meditation on faith, commitment, and the enduring power of love. Starring Oscar-nominees Lesley Manville (*Phantom Thread*) and Ciarán Hinds (*Belfast*), the film is directed by Polly Findlay in her feature debut. Findlay is known for her Olivier-winning productions at London's National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Directly following the **Sunday, March 22 4pm** screening, Crandell Board Member and Vice President of Programming, **Calliope Nicholas**, who also serves as FilmColumbia's Festival Director, will lead a discussion of the book and the film. The film runs from **March 20 - 26 at the Crandell**.

Synopsis: A retired Irish couple, Gerry and Stella Gilmore, fly to Amsterdam for a midwinter break. For them, it is a holiday to refresh the senses, to see the sights and to generally take stock of what remains of their lives. But amongst the wintry streets and icy canals we see their relationship fracturing beneath the surface. And when memories re-emerge of The Troubles back home, things begin to fall apart.

About the Crandell The Crandell Theatre is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit community cinema in Chatham, NY. It is one of only 54 independent, single-screen movie theaters left in the United States and one of a handful left in the Hudson Valley. The theater is supported by ticket sales and earned revenue, contributions of members and friends, and private and public grants, including the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Beginning in 2010, Crandell Theatre, Inc., raised more than \$1

million to purchase the historic theater and make needed repairs. In November 2024, the Crandell closed for a \$4.2 million dollar construction project to enhance the moviegoing experience for generations to come. The theater reopened in October 2025. For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518-392-3445.



"Let's Do It" this Spring In New Concord!

On Saturday April 11, 2026, The Society of New Concord is delighted to present an evening of American Standards performed by local celebrity Kevin Weldon in his latest show "Let's Do It...In New Concord!" at the The Society of New Concord Meeting House.



Kevin Weldon
In his newest show, "Let's Do It!" Kevin draws from the

works of "The Great American Songbook Foundation", comprised of songs from Broadway Musicals and Hollywood films from the 1920s to the 1950s by greats such as Berlin, Porter, Gershwin, Kern, and Arlen.

Kevin, who recently stepped back onto the Musical Theater Stage after a twenty-eight year hiatus has become an Audience Favorite in productions at Chatham's Mac-Haydn Theatre. And, in 2024, he received a Berkshire Theater Critics Association Award ("BERKIE") Nomination for his performance as "Lord Clapham" in Mac-Haydn's production of "Something Rotten". Prior to that, his cabaret show, "The Backdoor Boys" with partner Craig Cunningham, had a ten-year run in local venues such as Club Helsinki Hudson and The Spencertown Academy.



Proceeds of the event will help the Society of New Concord continue the restoration work on the historic New Concord Meeting House and Community Room. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.thesocietyof-newconcord.org/events>. The evening will begin at 6pm with drinks and appetizers followed by the performance at 7pm. Contribution of \$40 per person in advance, \$50 at the door.

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Just east of Rhinebeck Village, Wonderland Farm spans 60 scenic acres of meadows, woodlands, and the Landsman Kill stream. A designated Century Farm, it features a classic 1898 farmhouse, two historic barns with electric, and a working Christmas tree farm. In the RC zoning district, it offers remarkable potential for agriculture, conservation, or residential use. \$1,495,000

New Hamburg Multi Family

New Hamburg Two-Family
 Beautifully renovated two-family home in desirable New Hamburg, just steps from the Metro-North station. One unit features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, while the other offers 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Both units showcase modern kitchens, updated bathrooms, and fresh flooring throughout. Priced at \$630,000, this turnkey property is move-in ready in a charming, commuter-friendly location



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This historic 87-acre farmstead in West Pine Plains features an 1840s colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and wide-board floors. The property includes a guest cottage, classic barn, meadows, woodlands, and a pond—offering timeless character and endless potential in a tranquil rural setting. Priced at \$1,175,000.

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Build your dream home on this desirable 0.8-acre lot in the private lake community of Sepasco Village on Lake Sepasco. Enjoy a peaceful setting with lake-community amenities, potential to subdivide with town approval, and a prime location close to Rhinebeck Village golf and tennis. Offered at \$225,000.



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Historic 1800's with Stream Frontage. Millbrook, NY: Own the original 1890 Toll House,

beautifully restored beside Wappingers Creek at the Arch Bridge. Filled with charm—pristine hardwoods, exposed beams, and whimsical nooks—this light-filled home features a spacious gathering room with dual-sided electric fireplace, a country kitchen with center island, and open dining. Two bedrooms, two full baths, plus modern updates including heat pump/AC and new appliances. Set on 1.6 private acres with trout-stream frontage, lush grounds, and an easy stroll to Millbrook Village. Truly one-of-a-kind. Asking **\$545,000**



Classic 1960's Mid-Century Modern Red Hook, NY:
 Meticulously cared for, this

light-filled gem offers easy one-level living with a fully finished basement. A sun-drenched breezeway with Vermont stone & walls of windows welcomes you. The country KIT features large windows, & a convenient Powder Rm, flowing seamlessly to the open formal dining rm. Spacious LR with bay windows, wood-burning FP, & custom built-ins. Four BR's & FB line the hall, with pristine original HW floors throughout. The resort-style backyard is fenced & beautifully manicured, featuring a Belgian block patio, custom grill, Gunite pool, & tucked-away Florida room—perfect for summer entertaining. Ideally located just minutes to the Village, Rec Park, and Bard College. A true treasure, ready for its next chapter. Asking **\$499,000**



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Surrounded By Nature & Bliss Red Hook, NY: Set on 6+ private acres in a quiet cul-de-sac, this elegant

yet inviting colonial blends style and comfort. A dramatic 20-ft entry opens to a light-filled living room with stone fireplace, flowing into a chef's kitchen with custom island, stainless appliances, and dining space. Enjoy indoor-outdoor living with a new Trex deck. Upstairs, the primary suite offers a walk-in closet, spa bath with soaking tub, and two guest bedrooms plus flex room. Finished lower level with walk-out, bath, and heated garage adds versatile space. Backup generator, attic storage, and room for pool or gardens complete the property. Minutes to Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and the TSP. Asking **\$795,000**



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Arts Mid-Hudson Presents Leading with Artivism Featuring Poet Gold and Rock Wilk

Arts Mid-Hudson presents *Leading with Artivism*: an interview with Rock Wilk, lead by Poet Gold. This live stream and in-person event will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at our AMH Poughkeepsie Gallery and will also be live streamed on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#). This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the streaming link. All who register are invited to submit questions that will be asked during the Q&A session of the event.

Register: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/webink/webink.aspx?name=E231621&id=557>

Leading with Artivism is a live quarterly interview series, created and curated by [Poet Gold](#) in collaboration with [Arts Mid-Hudson](#), featuring a diverse mix of Artivists (Artist Activists) who have taken up the charge through their art to highlight social issues. Each episode gives viewers an inside look at the hearts and minds of these courageous creatives.

To watch all previous episodes of *Leading with Artivism*: <https://www.youtube.com/@ArtsMidHudson>

Poet Gold is a rare talent who

grabs you by the heart and says "Recognize" – Poet, author, performer, songwriter, community "Artist" and speaker, Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson is pushing the boundaries of poetry and the spoken word. Living with a chronic illness since childhood, Poet Gold, or as she is affectionately known as "Gold", brings a soul-searching insight about the human existence, love, dreams, challenges, and triumph.

Rock Wilk is an actor, playwright, and filmmaker whose work spans theater, film, and music. His acclaimed solo show *Broke Wide Open* began as a self-produced album before evolving into a celebrated theatrical production, with performances in New York City, London, and an extended Off-Broadway run at The New Theatre at 45th Street. Rock's work has been presented at venues and festivals including PS 122, United Solo Theatre Festival, The Passage Theatre, and Camden Fringe Festival. He is the recipient of a 2016 BRIO Award for Acting from the Bronx Council on the Arts. His second play, *Brooklyn Quartet*, directed by reg e gaines, has been staged in New York and internationally, and later adapted into a four-part episodic film series. Rock's film work includes acting in *Jamesy Boy* and directing award-winning films, most recently *This Is the End for Me*, which received Best Coming of Age Feature Film

at the 2024 Manhattan Film Festival. As an artist, Wilk strives to "make art that disrupts things." *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.*

HRMM Announces The Youth Endeavor Scholarship Fund - YES!

As part of The Hudson River Maritime Museum's commitment to Community Access, Education, History & Preservation and Sustainability, HRMM has announced **The Youth Endeavor Scholarship Fund (YES!)**. This new program is designed to help remove potential financial barriers for youth looking to experience and learn on-the-water and traditional woodworking skills while building confidence, knowledge and fostering community.

With a financial goal of \$20,000 to double the HRMM youth scholarship awards of 2025, YES! aims to welcome even more young people from our community and greater Hudson Valley to HRMM's Voyager Summer Camp, Girl's Spring Break Boat Building, After School Youth Woodworking classes, and Youth Sailing courses.

HRMM would like to thank Central Hudson for its partnership and incredibly generous donation of \$10,000 to help launch the YES! initiative. HRMM is deeply grateful for Central Hudson's partnership, showing a commitment to Community Access, Education, History & Preservation and Sustainability, the cornerstones of HRMM's mission.

"HRMM is experiencing increasing interest in our youth programming and as a result, an increased need for scholarships. In seeing this, we knew we needed to do more to create greater access." said Jen Bousliman, HRMM Development Manager.

"We extend our sincere thanks to Linda Selcanin, Jerry Nappi, and the entire Central Hudson team for their belief in our vision to help all youth in the community have access to the Hudson River and the HRMM Campus." continued Bousliman.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the maritime history of the Hudson River, its tributaries and related industries. In addition to extensive collections documenting maritime transportation, industry, recreation, and natural science, the museum offers classes and programs at its Woodworking

School, Sailing and Rowing School, and aboard *Solaris*, the 100% solar powered tour boat and floating classroom. Now in its 46th year, HRMM is located along the historic Rondout waterfront in downtown Kingston.

For more information on HRMM's youth programming, information on scholarships and to donate to the fund, please visit hrmm.org/ways-to-give or email Jen Bousliman at jbousliman@hrmm.org.

For more information about the Hudson River Maritime Museum, please visit hrmm.org, find [HRMM on Facebook](#), or call 845.338.0071.

Just in Time for March Madness: Crandell Theatre 100th Anniversary Series to Screen *Hoop Dreams*, the Iconic Basketball Documentary, on March 15 at 4pm

Executive Director *Mirissa Neff* will talk with the film's stars via Zoom following the screening

The Crandell Theatre's new 100th Anniversary Series returns on March 15 at 4pm with a screening of *Hoop Dreams*, the groundbreaking 1994 documentary that offers a powerful look at race, class, education and the American dream through two Chicago teens chasing basketball stardom. The anniversary series, presented by industry luminaries, highlights important films from the past 100 years that continue to inspire the presenter. Crandell Executive Director and filmmaker *Mirissa Neff* will present *Hoop Dreams* and talk

via Zoom with stars **Arthur Agee and William Gates**.

"*Hoop Dreams* had a profound effect on me, long before I became a documentary filmmaker," says Neff. "It's imbued with raw honesty about American life, as well as thrilling turns on the basketball court. I rewatch the film on an almost yearly basis, and can't wait to screen it at the Crandell, just in time for March Madness."

Synopsis: Arthur Agee and William Gates, two 14-year-old Black students from inner-city Chicago, have dreams of playing for the NBA. Both show great potential and are actively recruited by top private schools as they enter high school. They start off at the same school, but their lives take divergent paths from that point on. The groundbreaking film follows the pair through four years of trials and tribulations: injuries, slumps, family issues and the never-ending battle to maintain their grades. Through it all, their hoop dreams continue.

Said film critic Roger Ebert when he first saw the film, "*Hoop Dreams*... is not only a documentary. It is also poetry and prose, muckraking and expose, journalism and polemic. It is one of the great moviegoing experiences of my lifetime."

View the trailer here: [Hoop Dreams \(1994\) Trailer | Documentary | William Gates | Arthur Agee](#)

Mirissa Neff is the executive director of the Crandell Theatre, and a documentary filmmaker and television and radio journalist. Her feature-length documentary *This Is National Wake* premiered in competition at Sheffield DocFest and has won awards at film festivals around the world. **To reserve tickets, visit <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/hoop-dreams/>**

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