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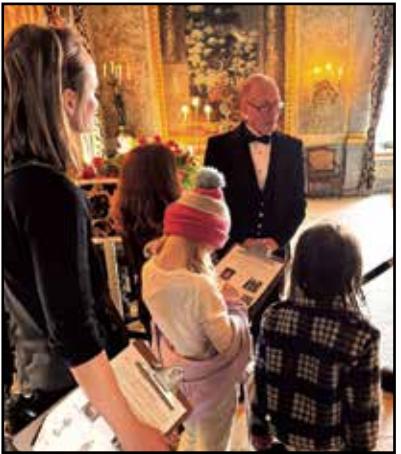
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## HOLIDAY WHODUNIT A "HISTORY MYSTERY" FOR CHILDREN AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7, 14 & 21

Staatsburgh State Historic Site will present the *Holiday Whodunit*, a mystery for children to solve on the first three Sundays in December. Children ages 6 to 11, and their family members, become detectives and solve a mystery by interviewing costumed interpreters, who portray Gilded Age houseguests of the Mills family, and their servants. Advanced registrations are required at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS). One of Staatsburgh's most popular programs, the *Holiday Whodunit* has become an annual tradition for many families, who come each December to enjoy the holiday decorations and crack another



Gilded Age case; a new "history mystery" is offered each year!

The *Holiday Whodunit* will take place on December 7, 14, and 21, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (last reserved entry time at 2:30 p.m.). Advanced registrations are required at [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS).

Parents and guardians should plan about an hour for children to make their way through the mansion. After an introduction to the mystery, young sleuths go room to room, interviewing suspects to uncover clues. In each room, they find a house guest of Mrs. Mills or one the

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## Give Your Child's Immune System a Healthy Head Start

By Joseph V. Cassarino

Every parent knows the pattern, school starts, fall arrives and the sniffles follow. With kids spending more time together indoors, sharing supplies, and juggling new routines, their immune systems work overtime. The result? More stress to their immune systems, more colds, coughs, and missed school days. *Why Kids Get Sick More Often in Fall:* During summer, children's exposure to germs is limited. Once classes begin, they're suddenly surrounded by new bacteria and viruses. Add in less sleep, more stress, and processed snacks, and it's no wonder their defenses weaken. *The Processed Food Problem:* Convenience foods are quick, but they're often stripped of vital nutrients like glutathione, zinc, and vitamin C — all crucial for keeping the immune system

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strong. Artificial additives can harm gut health, where most of our immunity begins. Over time, this can leave kids tired, distracted, and more prone to illness. *A Natural Breakthrough for Stronger Immunity:* Now there is an all-natural way to give your child's immune system the daily support it desperately needs. *ProImmune*, a scientific discovery created by a physician-scientist, Dr. Albert B. Crum, M.D., DSc.(Hon), M.S., right here in Rhinebeck, NY, helps the body naturally produce *glutathione* directly inside cells exactly as nature intended for optimal glutathione replenishment. Glutathione is a master antioxidant that protects cells and boosts immunity. However, synthetic glutathione products and IV drips do not penetrate the cell membrane effectively and only enter the bloodstream. The scientific breakthrough of *ProImmune* replicates how nature designed glutathione synthesis to occur, directly inside cells. By combining three simple amino acids in a precise ratio and in a minute particle size. Dr. Albert B. Crum spent ten years of extensive research to unravel the enigma to intracellular glutathione synthesis and improved how glutathione is replenished effectively and efficiently, directly inside cells, to reduce harmful oxidative stress and lower inflammation. Thereby, enhancing the body's natural immune system to better help

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## Kitchen Table Conversation – Red Hook Town Comprehensive Plan Update

What do we want our town to look and feel like now and in the future? Historic Red Hook invites town residents to a Kitchen Table Conversation on the Town of Red Hook's comprehensive plan update. Share your ideas about quality of life, the built environment, economic resiliency, and natural resource protection. Discussion facilitated by a member of the Community Engagement Subcommittee with findings submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Thursday, December 4

6-7:30 PM

Elmendorph Inn, 7562 N.  
Broadway, Red Hook

RSVP encouraged: [www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/kitchentable-conversation](http://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/kitchentable-conversation). Survey available for those unable to attend.

## Annual Holiday Gift Show at Tivoli Artists Gallery

The Tivoli Artists Gallery (TAG) is pleased to announce our Annual Holiday Gift Show, featuring work by gallery members and other local artisans.

This popular show will feature a wide variety of affordable products, suitable for gift-giving and holiday decorating. Locally created pieces include artwork, ceramics, jewelry, wood and leather works, soaps, fabric arts, crocheted items, wreaths, ornaments and many more unique handicrafts.

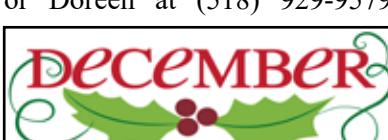
The show will be open every weekend between Friday, November 21st to Sunday, December 21st, Fridays 5-8:30, Saturdays 12-8, Sundays 11-7 and as many additional days that we have coverage at the gallery. Please join us for the opening reception on Saturday, Nov 22nd

5-7 pm

Tivoli Artists Gallery is located at 60 Broadway, Tivoli NY 12583  
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## Spencertown Academy Presents "For the Love of Me" Staged Reading of New Play by Kate McLeod December 6

Spencertown Academy presents "For the Love of Me" staged reading of a new play by Kate McLeod on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00pm. This tale, set at Olana in the late 1800s, weaves stories of the Frederic Church family with two Irish immigrants who join their household. General admission tickets (\$20 public, \$15 Academy members) are available via [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org).

"Kate has been a member of the Spencertown Academy community for nearly three decades," says Academy Administrator Eve Zatt. "We are thrilled to present her original play on our stage. Its intriguing local subject will be of special interest to our audience." "For the Love of Me" is set in 1886. A young woman packs her few belongings and her determination into a shabby bag,

boards a coffin ship in Dublin landing in the rat-infested streets of New York City. After a year with the rats, she finds work on her knees scrubbing floors in the household of the famous artist, Frederic Church—Olana—in the Hudson Valley. At Olana, life changes for Emilia. She begins to understand her desires and her gifts through the connection with the Churches and others. Her dreams expand. But with the changes, come unexpected challenges. A young man, who has made the same journey tends the barn animals. His conversations with

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**Scrooge and Tiny Tim 2024**  
encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters throughout the performance. Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, this production is a tribute to the spirit of a traditional holiday, with script written by Frank and Kristen Marquette.

"There's no better way to feel the enchantment of the holiday season than by gathering with friends and family to enjoy a performance of this holiday classic over a delicious meal," says Frank Marquette. This year he is co-directing with Kingston resident, Marisa Gorsline.

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**The January  
Edition Of The  
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Will Be In  
Area Homes On  
January 7th  
The Deadline For  
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Submission  
Is December 23rd**

# ACCORDING TO QUACKERS



## The 12th Month

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer  
December the 12th month of the year  
Brings happiness and fear.  
Fear of shorter days,  
Oh, drive the darkness away.  
But happiness is found in the Christmas lights  
Oh, how they shine and they are so bright.  
The days are getting colder but snuggle up we do  
The cuddly blanket is warm and soft too.  
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## HOLIDAY WHODUNIT from page 1

family's servants, each eager to prove their innocence and implicate someone else. At the end of the visit, children submit a ballot with their deduction of "whodunit." All ballots will be entered in a random drawing for a prize, to be awarded at the end of December. Winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate from the *Holiday Whodunit*'s sponsors, Oblong Books & Music and the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh.

"The *Holiday Whodunit* introduces children to the historical guests, staff, and family members who once inhabited Staatsburgh. Each year, we incorporate details that are not only particular to Staatsburgh, but to a lifestyle typical in an American upper-class home during the Gilded Age." According to Museum Assistant, Deborah Coconis, "If the children pay close attention, they'll pick up the clues that will help them deduce the one right answer."

Staatsburgh will open for holiday touring, by reservation, beginning Friday, November 28. The site will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and then will be open every day from December 26 through December 30. Site admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors; children 12 and younger are free. Reservations are

strongly recommended: [www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS)

The site's giftshop will be open during all tour hours, offering a wide range of books, jewelry, apparel, toys, and other gift items. Visitors may also enjoy a stroll by the Hudson River, or a hike on woodland trails in adjacent Mills Memorial State Park. Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills Memorial State Park are located on Old Post Road in Staatsburg, off Route 9 between Rhinebeck and Hyde Park. The historic site is one of 6 sites and 15 parks administered by the Taconic Region of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. For more information, call 845-889-8851, or visit Staatsburgh's websites at <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>, [www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS](http://www.facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS), and [www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com](http://www.staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com). Staatsburgh's events are also listed at [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov)

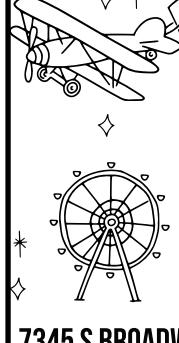
The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, and welcomes over 80 million visitors annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov), download the free [NY State Parks Explorer app](http://NYStateParksExplorer.app) or call

518.474.0456. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), the [OPRHP Blog](#) or via the [OPRHP Newsroom](#).

## Rhinebeck Chamber Kicks Off New Annual Tradition: Holiday Carol Crawl & Fireside Finale at the Beekman Arms

Bring your holiday cheer and join us for a merry good time in the heart of the Hudson Valley! The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the first annual **Holiday Carol Crawl**, a new community tradition celebrating local businesses, holiday spirit, and the joy of giving back. On **Friday, December 13th**, professional holiday carolers will fill the Village of Rhinebeck with festive music from **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, visiting shops and boutiques throughout the Village. The full Shop Crawl experience continues until **6:00 PM** (or until participating shops close). The Carol Crawl will kick off at **Foster's Coach House**, a beloved Rhinebeck landmark, before continuing to a lineup of cherished local businesses including **Land of Oz Toys**, **Rhinebeck Mercantile**, **Winter Sun**, **Summer Moon**, **Montgomery Row**, and **newcomer Twin Tides Tattoo**. Shoppers are invited to enjoy the performances, explore local stores, and check off their holiday gift lists while supporting the vibrant small business community.

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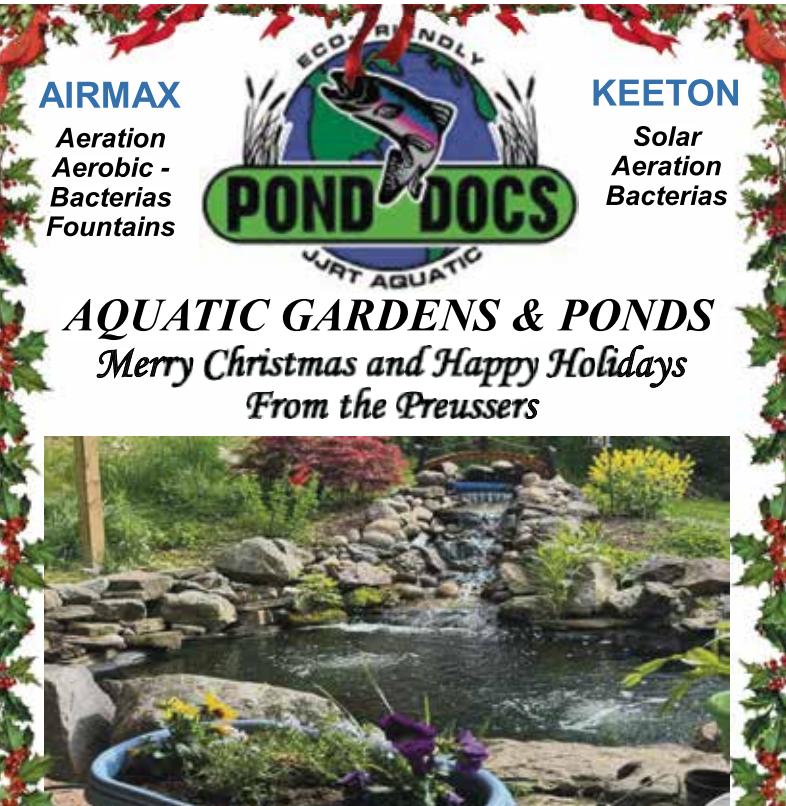
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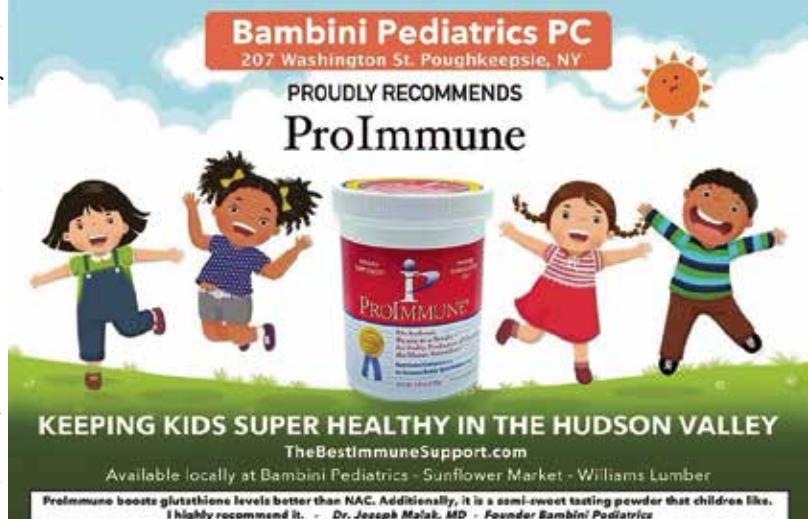
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## Give Your Child's Immune System a Healthy Start from page 1

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outdoor playtime and encourage children to play in the sunlight. Research shows sunlight provides essential vitamin D and provides cells with energy. - Limit late-night screen use and Wi-Fi exposure and turn off WiFi and routers at bedtime to reduce EMF exposure. - Have children use Blublocker glasses to reduce harmful blue light emitted from cell phones, tablets and screens, visit: Blublocker.com for a good selection.



in Hyde Park), ProImmune is a gentle, effective supplement that helps kids stay healthy year-round. Parents love how daily supplementation with ProImmune also supports energy, cognition focus, and overall wellness especially during the busy school season. *Simple Tips for Everyday Wellness:* Choose fresh fruits, veggies, eggs, nuts and seeds, berries and whole live foods over processed packaged foods. - Keep processed and sugary snacks to a minimum. - Encourage plenty of rest and

Blublocker glasses technology initially came from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory while studying the harmful properties of light in space. To combat this, they developed a lens capable of absorbing, filtering and scattering the dangerous light. Read the *our history* section of the website for additional information. (I receive no compensation by recommending them, and only do it to help improve health). - Add one scoop of ProImmune daily into childrens drinks, yogurts, applesauce, or sprinkle

on cereal to naturally strengthen immunity. *A Strong Start for a Bright Future:* Your child's health is their greatest asset. By combining good nutrition, quality rest, and natural immune support, you're setting them up for success inside and outside the classroom. Available locally at: Bambini Pediatrics, Sunflower Market, Williams Lumber, and Hempability; in Red Hook, NY at Medical Magica; and in NYC at Willner Chemists and Vital Health. View the map on the website for national locations. ProImmune is also available online at TheBestImmuneSupport.com and Amazon and Walmart online, distributed by Best Immune Support.

## The 26th Annual Interactive Dinner Theater from page 1

To purchase tickets, visit the home page of [www.murdercafe.net](http://www.murdercafe.net); for information call 845-475-7973.

The cast features Marisa

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## ACROSS

- Shower alternative
- Identify a caller
- "Clueless" catchphrase
- Largest continent
- Refute with evidence
- Nevada gambling mecca
- Kit and caboodle
- Keyboard neighbors
- Jersey reply
- Dada artist Jean
- Had a conference
- Main arteries
- Fledgling's place
- Make legislation
- Maria (coffee liqueur)
- Volcanic emission
- To the full extent
- They may let out some steam

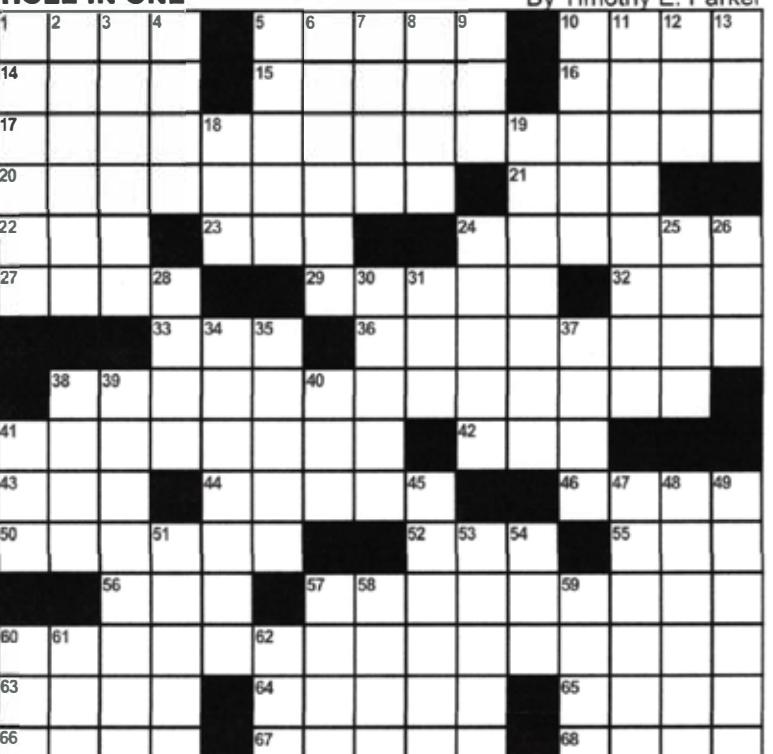
- Became overcast
- Color that makes one stop
- Yodeler's perch
- Slightest amount
- Big event for baby
- Way to be jealous or interested
- Org. for attorneys
- Dir. opposite WSW
- step further
- It's blank for a bluff
- Reason to watch what one eats
- Hodgepodge
- Not yet used, as a match
- "I'd be happy to!"
- Beam with pride
- Lima and green
- Drove 90 instead of 55

## DOWN

- The Caped Crusader
- On terra firma
- Traffic jams
- Hems' partners
- Overused theme
- Make a meaningful connection
- Slumbering
- Utter a few choice words
- Ordinal suffix
- Shady retreat
- Abalone eater
- Hotel relative
- Poor visibility cause
- Skirt bottom
- Expressive
- Person in a cast
- Is sick
- Make a statement
- Fish holder
- Requirements
- Nelson Mandela's org.
- Thin varnish
- Treat for a bear
- Wines for beef
- Masculine one
- Pianist's challenge
- Place for sheep
- North or South state abbr.
- Provide lodging for
- Rip to shreds
- Concert hall cry
- Deprived of coats?
- Opposite of "in every way"
- Surpasses
- Museum display
- Type of cornbread
- Highly spiced stew
- Come clean (with "up")
- Take the lion's share
- Beastie Boys album "Communication"
- Wheel center

## HOLE IN ONE

By Timothy E. Parker



Solution on page 4

Gorsline, Griffin Stanger, Lara Acevedo, Courtney Constantino, Georgie Berman, Charleigh Gorsline, Mac Freeman, Bob Greffrath and Jeremy Ratel.

Founded in Las Vegas in 1998, Murder Café is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette, along with wife and producing partner, Kristen Marquette. Since returning to their native New York in 2009, they have been serving quality entertainment for both public and private events. Primarily known for comedies, musicals and murder mysteries, Murder Café provides entertainment for company parties,

fundraising events, schools and colleges, historic sites and dozens of public venues.

## ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION RETURNS TO PHILIPSE MANOR HALL

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site is pleased to welcome back St. Nicholas—also known as Sinterklaas—this holiday season for our annual St. Nicholas Day Celebration. The event will be on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 12:00:

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**SPENCERTOWN  
ACADEMY PRESENTS  
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the horses give him an idea: write a book—"Parables From the Barn." A Catholic priest, intent on saving souls, pays particular attention to the Irish servants residing in Protestant households. The Church is a weapon against faithlessness and he is the savior—a maniacal one obsessed with Emilia. What happens when these three souls cross paths? What happens to the dreams and deep-seated beliefs when confronted with the realities of class, ambition, and vulnerable human drive

Kate McLeod is a playwright, lyricist, librettist, author, and former journalist. Most of her 20 plays have received productions and readings throughout the northeast, in London, and Alaska at Edward Albee's Last Frontier Theatre Conference. Recent recognition for her work includes being a finalist at The Secret Theatre's One Act Festival and receiving Best Storyteller at

United Solo in 2022 for her solo play, "By the Light." Her play, "For the Love of Me" received readings at Julia's Reading Room and American Irish Historical Society. McLeod was commissioned to write a play for the anniversary of the Lincoln Funeral Train. She conceived and produced The First and Possibly Only Bacon Theatre Festival in NYC in 2013. She is lyricist, book writer, and conceiver of a musical titled "I Heart My Car, The Musical," which she is developing with composer Megan Cavallari.

McLeod is a member of the Kennedy Center Playwriting Intensive, The League of Professional Theatre Women, where she serves on the membership committee, and The Dramatists Guild. She is indebted to Arthur Giron, Mac Wellman, Jeffrey Sweet, Austin Pendleton, and many other teachers and received an MFA from Catholic University.

Founded in 1972, Spencertown Academy Arts Center is a cultural center and community resource

serving Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital region. Housed in a landmark 1847 Greek Revival schoolhouse, the Academy is located at 790 State Route 203 in Spencertown, New York. For more information, please contact [info@spencertownacademy.org](mailto:info@spencertownacademy.org).

**RHINEBECK**

**CHAMBER from page 2**

that makes Rhinebeck so special. The event will culminate in a **Fireside Finale** at the historic **Beekman Arms**, the flagship stop of the Carol Crawl. Beginning at approximately **4:30 PM**, guests can gather in the Beekman's charming lobby — complete with a real crackling fireplace — for a 30-minute caroling performance to close out the afternoon in true holiday style. This festive finale will include **hot cocoa** and special offers from the award-winning **Tavern at the Beekman Arms**. In the spirit of giving, the Chamber will host both a **Toys for Tots drive** and a **canned food drive**, encouraging attendees

to bring new, unwrapped toys or non-perishable food items to help support families in need during the holiday season. "At its heart, this event is what the Chamber strives for every day: bringing people together, uplifting the businesses that make Rhinebeck special, and giving back to the community we serve," said Liana Galardi, Executive Director of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're thrilled to begin what we hope becomes an annual tradition — one that supports our local shops, celebrates the season, contributes to important local causes, and offers a festive shared experience for all." For details and participating locations, visit [@rhinebeckchamber](http://rhinebeckchamber) or [www.rhinebeckchamber.com](http://www.rhinebeckchamber.com)

**This event is free for attendees. The Chamber encourages anyone planning on coming to register on their website to receive updates, and electronic maps and timelines. These will also be available at select locations throughout the village.**

Day Celebration is based on the Catholic feast day of Turkish bishop St. Nicholas of Myrna, which became a popular Dutch holiday in the 17th century. Join us for a visit from St. Nicholas himself, historical games, ornament crafts, gingerbread decorating, live music, and more! Featuring live music and stories with storyteller April Armstrong, accompanied by Mario Sprouse on piano. Award winning storyteller April Armstrong weaves melodies and words for a refreshing and compelling style of storytelling. Her story programs are fun and interactive. She tells stories for schools, colleges, libraries, museums and festivals. She tells multi-cultural folktales, including African-American and Latino stories. April's stories delight, inform and inspire audiences of all ages. See the full schedule at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/st-nicholas-day-celebration-2025>. All crafts, gingerbread decorating, and admission are free!

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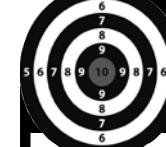
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# God's Corner

## What are your expectations?

By Naomi Fata  
A baby.  
Born in a manger.  
Wrapped in cloth.  
The angels sang.  
The shepherds knelt.  
A king.  
In a dark crowded church.  
The candles are lit.  
The voices rise.

*Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine, O night when  
Christ was born  
O night divine, O night, O night  
divine*

A tingle of goosebumps moves up the spine, as we are caught up in the holy moments of the season. It is wonderful to remember the birth of our Savior.

Yet if we were to strip away all the holiday cheer, the nostalgia of the familiar story, and the beauty of the Christmas hymns, could you be honest about your feelings concerning the babe in the manger? Has He disappointed you this year? Has He fallen short of your expectations?

Perhaps we have all experienced moments during the year when we've been disappointed in the outcome. Maybe prayer wasn't answered the way we wanted, or family tragedy, or a broken relationship.

All around me I hear the words edged with bitterness, "I didn't expect ...." What if the problem isn't that the unexpected happened, but that our expectations of that baby in the manger are a bit misguided?

Is it that our expectation revolves around the verses of Scripture that promise 'a future and a hope' such as Jeremiah 29:11? Naturally this can cause expectation to be fixated on the circumstances around us as we see them. While this verse is an amazing promise – that we do indeed have a future and a hope, we must remind ourselves that the future and hope have to do with the kingdom of God.

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amid the winter's snow), John Tavener (God is with us), and Gustav Holst (Lullay my liking).

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to sing favorite Christmas carols in the candlelit church, accompanied by the magnificent E.M. Skinner organ. Congregational carols include "Once in Royal David's City," "Joy to the World," and "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." Both the church and its 1921 organ have recently emerged from a three-year restoration effort.

In what way would our expectations of Jesus change if our expectation is that He is drawing all people to eternal life? In a world so focused on instant gratification, sometimes we forget the big picture of God's plan. If your expectations of Him have been disappointed this year, may He comfort you, fill you with His peace, and reveal to you an expectation that extends into eternity.

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## OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

If you are like most of us, when cold weather comes and your flowers stop blooming and turn brown, you trim them back. Stop! Don't do it. You can use these materials for amazing seasonal decorations. That is what Old Dutch Village Garden members learned from Claverack artist and "plant person" Triona Frisch at the November meeting of the club.

Swag arrangements start with large pieces for background. Arbor vitae or some other evergreen can be a good choice. Then layer on consecutively smaller materials, adding a spot of color here and there. Her trick for wreathmaking is to create small swags and incorporate them into a wreath frame or a grapevine wreath. This keeps fragile materials from damage as they are attached. ODVGC members left Triona's



presentation inspired to pick up their clippers and get out into their gardens to gather materials for arrangements.

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club meets at 12:30 pm the second Thursday of most months at St Johns Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. For more information, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ODVGC](https://facebook.com/ODVGC). The January meeting will be an open meeting and the club's annual soup luncheon.

## December's Balance

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer  
The days are full, a bustling scene,  
Holidays wrapped in red and green.

Shopping lists and festive cheer,  
The busiest time of the year.  
But as the evening softly glows,  
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**St. Nicholas Day**

**Celebration from page 4**  
and open to everyone, sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Pre-registration is not required, but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

**About Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site**

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, located at 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY, 10701, is open for tours Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dating back to the 1680s, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site sits near the confluence of the Nepperhan (Saw Mill) and Hudson Rivers, the site of a Munsee Lunaape village. Used by four generations of the Philipse family and worked by the people they enslaved as well as European tenant farmers, the Philipse Manor was once over 200,000 acres and helped make the Philipse family the richest in New York. Loyalists during the American Revolution, they fled to England and the Hall was owned by several individuals before becoming the Yonkers

Village Hall and later Yonkers City Hall. When a new City Hall was built in the early 20th century, the house was preserved through the generosity of Eva Smith Cochran and donated to New York State to serve as a historic site. Today, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site provides visitors with a balanced approach to interpreting the lives of Indigenous, European, and African people to understand the complex relationships that took place at the Manor from the earliest days of the Dutch Colony of New Netherland to the American Revolution and beyond. Learn more at Philipse Manor Hall's Virtual Wing at [www.philipsemanorhall.com](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com).

**About the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall**

The Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, Inc. is dedicated to supporting and enhancing Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. Friends of Philipse Manor Hall offers a variety of events and activities throughout the year, from family-friendly festivals to lectures, concerts, and

movie nights. The organization's goal is to foster public interest in and support for Philipse Manor Hall, to make PMH more accessible and inviting to the local community, and to provide funds and volunteers for programs and activities offered by the site staff. Learn more at [www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org](http://www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org). The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, and welcomes over 88 million visitors annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov), download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518.474.0456. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, the OPRHP Blog or via the OPRHP Newsroom.

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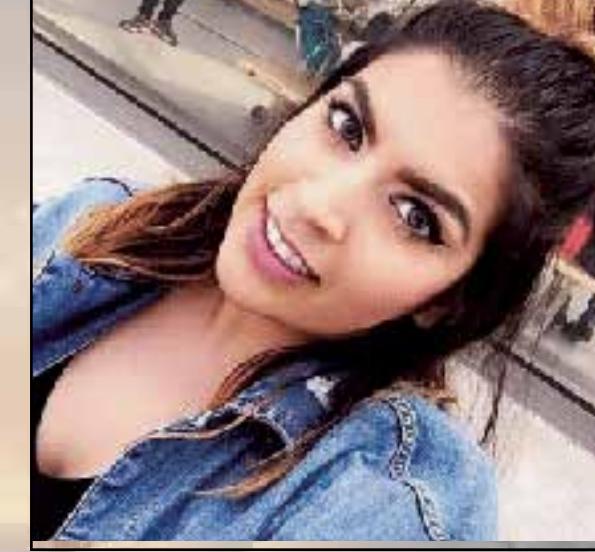
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## The Holiday Season

By Julianne Porter

We all know that the holidays are equal parts chaos and joy, and we can't forget to include our pets in that mayhem. From foods to plants to travel plans, this upcoming time of year can be a haphazard time for our four-legged family members. Food – There tends to be a lot of treats and cooking that occurs around this time, and many of our pets are quick to try to catch a bite. Be sure to keep uncooked dough, bones, fat trimmings, chocolates, and other candies out of reach. Don't forget that foods containing raisins and macadamia nuts can be deadly. If you are unsure if what your pet just ate is toxic or not, call your veterinarian or one of the poison control numbers listed below. You may be instructed to induce vomiting or bring your pet straight to a hospital for immediate care.

Plants/trees – Holly and mistletoe are poisonous when eaten. Poinsettias can cause gastric distress if chewed. While not a common flower around this time of year, it is always important to remember that lilies are deadly to cats. While pine needles can be toxic and cause massive gastrointestinal irritation if ingested, the tree itself can also be problematic if a pet tries to climb it or knocks it over with their tail. Pets can also electrocute themselves or start fires if they chew the cords. Keep them away from the tree and make sure your tree is anchored to your wall. If you have a real tree, don't allow them to drink

the water and avoid putting any sugar or aspirin in the water.

Ornaments/string – Ornaments, tinsel and ribbon are enticing to our pets and eating them is one of their first thoughts when they encounter them. These can cause intestinal obstructions, which can be life threatening and require surgery. Broken ornaments can also cause injuries if chewed or stepped on. Lastly, some homemade ornaments can contain toxic levels of salt and would be very dangerous if ingested.

Company/Travel – Whether you're traveling or having guests over, this can be a stressful time for your pet. Be sure they have a calm space to hang out if they prefer to be away from people, and be sure that they cannot accidentally sneak out of the house in all the commotion. If you are traveling with your pet, be sure you have all of their medications and medical information if needed. If your pet gets particularly anxious during this time of year, be sure you have the appropriate calming supplements or medications at home to help them get through it. Update their collars with your contact information in case they do manage to escape and always know your closest emergency veterinarian.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!

Here are some helpful resources during this time:  
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## December Weekends at Kaatsbaan from page 6

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**KAATSBAAN BALLET INTENSIVE 2026 AUDITIONS**  
 Kaatsbaan Ballet Intensive is holding auditions in January

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Launches 2025 "Cultivating Resilience" Campaign

Appeal highlights the importance of strengthening the foundation that sustains local programs and community impact

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) has announced the launch of its 2025 Year-End Appeal, themed "Cultivating Resilience," calling on

community members to invest in the foundation that supports more than a century of education, sustainability, and service across Dutchess County.

The campaign aims to raise \$10,000 by December 31, 2025, to strengthen CCEDC's operational infrastructure; funding essential technology upgrades, staff development, and modernization that keep its long-standing programs thriving. "For 112 years, CCEDC has stood beside our neighbors, helping Dutchess County grow stronger through education, collaboration,

and care," said Mary Lou Carolan, Executive Director of CCEDC. "True resilience isn't just about surviving challenges. It's about maintaining the tools, training, and teamwork that allow our community to adapt, respond, and keep thriving." This year, CCEDC programs have:

- Guided youth through 4-H and Green Teen initiatives to build leadership, job readiness, and community engagement.
- Supported families through nutrition, parenting, kinship family support, and financial literacy programs that empower self-sufficiency and wellbeing.
- Helped local growers and gardeners through Agriculture and Horticulture programs, including the Master Gardener network.
- Expanded local food access and small-business growth through Taste NY at Todd Hill, showcasing products from Dutchess County farms and artisans while strengthening the regional food economy.
- Advanced clean energy and environmental stewardship efforts to promote sustainability across the county.

The Cultivating Resilience campaign underscores the essential role of operational support in delivering these community outcomes. While grants often fund programs, unrestricted donations allow CCEDC to invest in the behind-the-scenes resources that keep those programs running smoothly.

Community members are invited to give online at [www.ccedutchess.org/](http://www.ccedutchess.org/) or by mail through the year-end appeal. All gifts made by December 31, 2025, are tax-deductible and directly contribute to the longevity and stability of CCEDC's services.

"Every contribution- large or small- helps strengthen the foundation that supports the programs people in Dutchess County rely on," added Carolan. "With community support, we can ensure CCEDC remains a trusted resource for the next generation."

CCEDC delivers research-based programs in agriculture, youth development, environmental sustainability, nutrition, and more. Key initiatives include Green Teen, Master Gardeners, Dutchess County 4-H, Taste NY at Todd Hill, Family and Consumer Education and the Mid-Hudson Clean Energy Hub.

Rooted in Connection. Growing through Collaboration. Thriving as a Resilient Community! For more information on CCEDC's programs and services, visit [www.ccedutchess.org/donate](http://www.ccedutchess.org/donate) or call 845-677-8223.

### Arts Mid-Hudson Awarded \$236,511 by the New York State Council on the Arts

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MID-HUDSON VALLEY, NY: Arts Mid-Hudson announced today grant awards totaling \$236,511 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

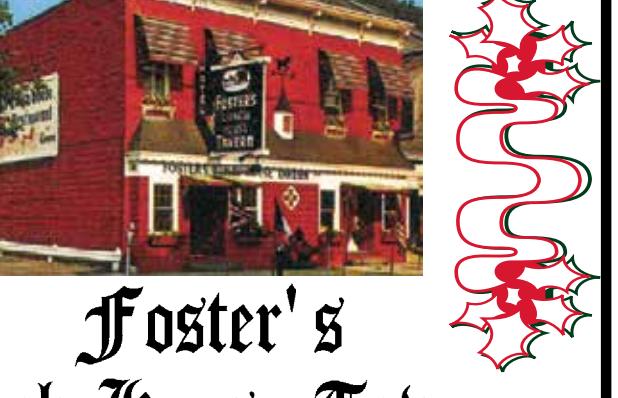
and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future. Congratulations to Arts Mid-Hudson and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State.

"New York's arts and culture sector is a cornerstone of the state's identity, and we're making bold investments to ensure it remains strong," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will lift up artists and organizations in every region, fueling local economies and expanding access to the arts. Congratulations to all the grantees - your talent and dedication help power New York's future." New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "During these challenging times, the New York State Council on the Arts has been a stalwart and innovative funder. These grants will serve artists

and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future. Arts Mid-Hudson and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State."

Arts Mid-Hudson's Executive

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1 cup chicken broth or apple cider

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Preheat the Oven: Set the oven to 300°F (150°C).

Prepare the Rub: In a bowl, mix olive oil, garlic, brown sugar, smoked paprika, salt, pepper, onion powder, and cumin.

Season the Pork: Rub the mixture all over the pork shoulder, ensuring it's well coated.

Sear the Meat: In a large skillet, sear the pork on all sides over medium-high heat until browned (about 3-4 minutes per side).

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## You're Invited to Germantown Garden Club's Annual

### Holiday Marketplace

The Germantown Garden Club will hold its Annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday, December 5, from 4 to 8 pm, and on Saturday, December 6, from 10 am to 3 pm, at the Kellner Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd, Germantown. Start your holiday shopping early! The show will feature hand-decorated, one-of-a-kind, fresh wreaths and table arrangements made by garden club members, a bake sale of delicious homemade treats, raffles of specialty baskets, a boutique sale, and member-donated houseplants with information about how to grow and take care of them.



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benefit the club's local high school scholarship fund and other community donations and projects.

Other holiday events that the club will be doing include the Annual Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9, at noon, at the Kellner Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd, Germantown. At this meeting, the installation of club officers will take place. Members are asked to bring a gift for one of the residents at the Livingston Hills Nursing Center. Before the meeting, the annual Adorn-A-Door contest will take place. The club sponsors this holiday decorating competition for the senior residents at Palatine Manor in Germantown each year. Members will be judging this event, and prizes will be awarded. The seniors are very enthusiastic about this and do a fabulous job decorating the doors to their apartments. For more information about these events, please call Linda Levitt at 860-729-3486.

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## NDSO Celebrates the Holidays with "A Christmas Carol" and Festive Favorites

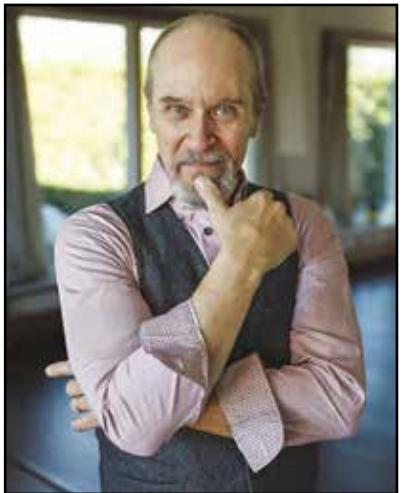
Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO), invites you to celebrate the holiday season with a special USA Premiere performance of *A Christmas Carol* and other festive favorites.

Conducted by guest conductor, William Stevens, the concert will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Rhinebeck High School, 45 N Park Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

Featuring *Sinfonietta: A Christmas Carol* for narrator and orchestra, this piece—based on Charles Dickens' timeless tale—has previously been performed only in England. Now, it will make its U.S. premiere right here in Rhinebeck, NY. Local voice-over actor Jason Dempsey will narrate this beloved story, accompanied by familiar carols, original music, and cherished American and English holiday favorites. As a special treat,



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Formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley, the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra is now celebrating its 20th season. Recognized as the Arts Mid-Hudson 2025 Art Organization Awardee, the orchestra continues its mission of offering outstanding live performances of classical and popular music at family-affordable prices. Since its founding, NDSO has been under the dedicated leadership of Kathleen Beckmann, who serves as both conductor and artistic director.

## FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS AT FDR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

Holiday Open Houses with Decorations, Holiday Book Fair, Fala Impersonator "Dickens," Music, Holiday Cards for Sailors on the USS ROOSEVELT, Photos with Santa

On Saturday, December 13, 2025, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will host a full day of free holiday events. The Museum will be open to visitors free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Home of FDR (Springwood) will have self-guided tours available from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be holiday decorations, refreshments and special activities -- including the Holiday Book Fair, Fala Impersonator "Dickens" and free photo time with Santa -- beginning at Noon in the Henry A. Wallace Center. Holiday Book Fair, Photos with Santa, and Holiday Cards for Sailors

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and meet with Dickens, a little black Scottie dog who loves to impersonate President Roosevelt's famous dog, Fala. There will be holiday music and free photo time with Santa from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

The Holiday Book Fair -- presented by the Roosevelt Library and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District -- will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Authors of children's books and family-friendly titles will visit with attendees and sign copies of their books. This year's authors will include Della Ferreri, Jonathan Hollingsworth, Barbara Ann Mojica, and A.J. Schenkman. Featured books will be available for purchase in the New Deal Store in the Wallace Center. **Holiday Open House - December 13, 2025 - Roosevelt Library and Home**

Holiday Open House on December 13 is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Home of FDR National Historic Site and at the Roosevelt Library. Both the Home and the Roosevelt Library study will be decorated for the holidays as they were during the Roosevelt presidency. Admission is free to the Home and Library throughout the day.

For more information please call: Cliff Laube, Roosevelt Library, (845) 486-7745; or Franceska Macsali Urbin, National Park

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## Arts Mid-Hudson Announces 2025 Empowered Artist Award Recipients

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**MID-HUDSON VALLEY, NY:** Arts Mid-Hudson proudly announces the recipients of the 2025 Empowered Artist Award, honoring three exceptional artists from Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties: Carlton Lee Brown, Shari Diamond, and Georgi Jean. The Empowered Artist Award is an annual fund that provides three unrestricted awards of \$3,000 each to three artists. One of the most critical needs for artists is access to unrestricted funds, which allow them to continue their practice, advance their careers, and increase their visibility within their communities. These funds enable artists to create new work, purchase necessary equipment, access educational opportunities, and pay for living expenses.

### About the Empowered Artist Award

The *Empowered Artist Award* was established in 2022 by Linda Marston-Reid, former Executive Director of Arts Mid-Hudson, who used her retirement after ten years of service to the arts community to create a fund that provides unrestricted support for local artists. In 2025, the Ruth and Harold Chenven Foundation transferred its assets to Arts Mid-Hudson in support of the *Empowered Artist Award*. The mission of the Chenven Foundation is to support the work of artists living and working in the United States and to foster a greater public appreciation for the arts. Over the past 40 years, the Chenven Foundation has awarded unrestricted grants to 231 individual artists. Many of the Chenven Foundation's grantees have gone on to receive increased public recognition and appreciation. The Chenven Foundation follows on the lifelong commitment to the arts by both Ruth and Harold.

As a silversmith and jewelry designer, Ruth was acutely aware of the challenges artists face. Her vision, to provide support to individual artists and craftspersons, was realized by her husband, Harold, following her death. The commitment to Ruth Chenven's vision, as realized by Harold Chenven, is inspiring and an example of what happens when artists are trusted and supported. At Arts Mid-Hudson, we believe it is imperative to trust and support working artists at any stage in their career, and we are delighted to carry forth the Chenven Foundation's legacy with the *Empowered Artist Award*.

### 2025 Empowered Artist Award Recipients

*Carlton Lee Brown, Dutchess County*

"The Award helps me to continue to publish my writing and gives me a real sense of support from the arts community. The award inspires and encourages me to push forward into my next project."

*Shari Diamond, Orange County*

"Through photography and related processes, I explore

questions of identity, mortality, and human connection. Working across digital and analog processes—from cyanotypes and tintypes to drawing and bookmaking—my work layers image and process to mirror the complexity of lived experience.

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Arts Mid-Hudson congratulates Carlton Lee Brown, Shari Diamond, and Georgi Jean on their remarkable achievements and looks forward to witnessing the continued growth and impact of their artistic journeys.

These artists exemplify the spirit of creativity and innovation that enriches our communities and inspires us all.

### Celebrate the Awardees

Join us for the *Empowered Artist Award Reception* on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 5:00–7:00 PM

at *The Inn at Bellefield*, 25 Old Vineyard Place, Hyde Park, NY.

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/webLink/WebLink.aspx?name=E231621&id=546>

For more information about the *Empowered Artist Award*, including current and past awardees and updates on the 2026 application deadline, please visit [www.artsmidhudson.org/empowered-artist-award](http://www.artsmidhudson.org/empowered-artist-award).

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## Spencertown Academy Presents Laura Anglade and the Ben Rosemblum Trio Vintage Jazz Concert on Saturday, December 13

Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series presents Laura Anglade and the Ben Rosemblum Trio—charming fresh takes on the vintage sound of classic jazz in both French and English—on Saturday, December 13, 7:30pm at the Academy's Blanche Grubin Auditorium. General admission tickets (\$30 public, \$25 Academy members) are available via [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org).

"We are so pleased that audience favorite Laura Anglade is returning! We've watched Laura achieve national acclaim with her recent performance on the "Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and are delighted to have her 'come home' and grace our stage once again," says Wayne Greene, who co-chairs the Academy Music Committee with Michele Quigley. "Laura will

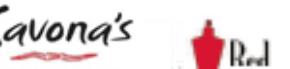
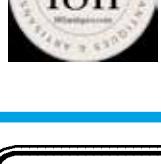
be joined by her usual group of stellar musicians, including Ben Rosenblum on piano and accordion, Marty Jaffe on bass, and drummer Ben Zweig. I'm especially looking forward to hearing selections from her new album, 'Get Out of Town.'"

Brooklyn-based jazz chanteuse Laura Anglade is originally from the village of Brousse-le-Château in the south of France, though she grew up in the United States and spent several years living in Canada. Her performances are a reflection of her roots: rich in simplicity, an appreciation for the past, and finding wonder in ordinary moments. Drawn from the legacy of Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley Horn, Carmen McRae, Michel Legrand, and Barbra Streisand, she brings grace and nuance to

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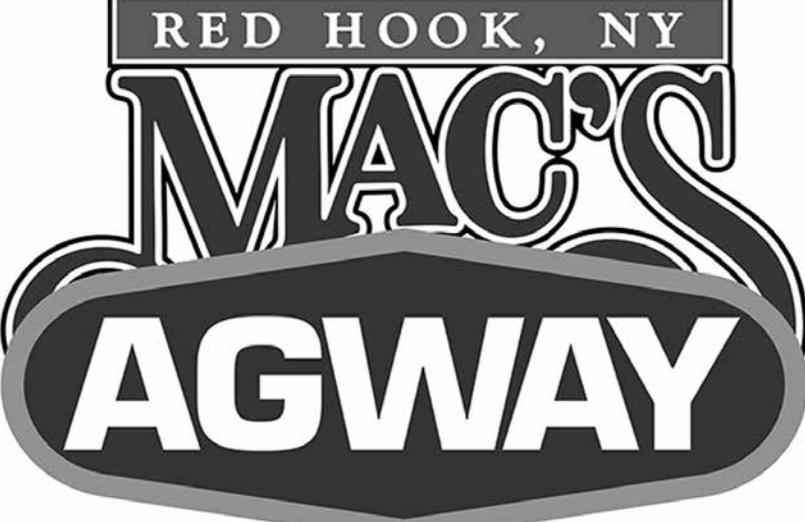
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**Spencertown Academy  
Present Laura Anglade  
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every phrase. Yet, it is her own refined sensibility and quietly compelling presence that give her interpretations a singular charm.

Anglade's 2022 release "Venez Donc Chez Moi" earned a Juno nomination and in 2023 she was awarded the Prix Opus for Jazz Concert of the Year. An international touring artist, she has headlined jazz festivals across the US, Canada, Mexico, UK, and Europe, captivating audiences through her innate storytelling. Her conversational style bridges the gap between singer and listener, making each performance intimate and personal. She has performed at renowned stages including Paris' Olympia, London's Royal Festival Hall, New York's Town Hall, and she is a regular at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal. She has also toured in support of acclaimed artists like Melody Gardot and Gregory Porter.

Award-winning New York City jazz musician Ben Rosenblum has been described as "mature beyond his years" (Sea of Tranquility) and an "impressive talent" (All About Jazz) who "caresses [the music] with the reverence it merits" (Downbeat Magazine). Since the release of his debut trio album, "Instead" (4 stars, Downbeat), he has toured extensively throughout the United States and has appeared at prestigious venues throughout the world. Rosenblum's musical interests also extend beyond jazz to include work in numerous world music scenes, including musical styles from Brazil, Peru,

Croatia, Bulgaria, India, Ireland, Jewish traditions, and more. Roots & Shoots Concerts is an ongoing Academy series that showcases artists who reach back to earlier traditions in music (Americana, jazz, blues, rock, and world music) for inspiration while incorporating more recent forms and influences of the present.

This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Founded in 1972, Spencertown Academy Arts Center is a cultural center and community resource serving Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital region. Housed in a landmark 1847 Greek Revival schoolhouse, the Academy is located at 790 State Route 203 in Spencertown, New York. For more information, please contact [info@spencertownacademy.org](mailto:info@spencertownacademy.org).

## PHILIPSE MANOR HALL TALK ON THE OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT IN MANHATTAN

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to present "The Thirst for Development: Building the Original Croton Aqueduct in Manhattan," the second of two talks on the building of the Old Croton Aqueduct and its impact on landowners, labor, and the landscape. The talk will take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. It is accessible in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY)

and online via YouTube Live.

By the 1820s, Manhattan had literally been dying for a dependable, plentiful supply of fresh water for nearly a century. The construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and its successors solved this problem, but also displaced large numbers of people, destroyed preexisting structures, and dramatically impacted the original topography—as well as today's cityscape—in a variety of ways. Historically, it represents the bridge between the largely rural Manhattan of the Colonial Era and the ever more urbanized Manhattan of the late 1800s. Join us as we explore the impact of the aqueduct—good and bad—on Manhattan residents from wealthy estate owners on the Upper West Side to the humble farmers of Seneca Village in today's Central Park and everyone in between.

**J. Keith Doherty** is a Westchester County native who grew up along the Old Croton Aqueduct. Currently serving as a researcher at Philipse Manor Hall, he was a Professor of Art History for twelve years at Boston University and has in recent years been researching the infrastructure and early history of Westchester. He has lectured extensively on the original Croton Aqueduct and has an article

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in publication on the subject.

In-person tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Tickets available at the door — museum opens at 6:30 PM. To reserve your spot call 914-965-4027 or email [philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov](mailto:philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov). Virtual access is free and open to everyone. Visit <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events>

### About Philipse Manor Hall

#### State Historic Site

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, located at 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY, 10701, is open for tours Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dating back to the 1680s, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site sits near the confluence of the Nepperhan (Saw Mill) and Hudson Rivers, the site of a Munsee Lunaape village. Used by four generations

of the Philipse family and worked by the people they enslaved as well as European tenant farmers, the Philipse Manor was once over 200,000 acres and helped make the Philipse family the richest in New York. Loyalists during the American Revolution, they fled to England and the Hall was owned by several individuals before becoming the Yonkers Village Hall and later Yonkers City Hall. When a new City Hall was built in the early 20th century, the house was preserved through the generosity of Eva Smith Cochran and donated to New York State to serve as a historic site. Today, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site provides visitors with a balanced approach to interpreting the lives of Indigenous, European, and African people to understand the complex relationships that took place at the Manor from the earliest days of the Dutch Colony of New Netherland to the American Revolution and

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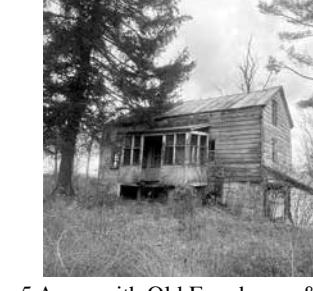
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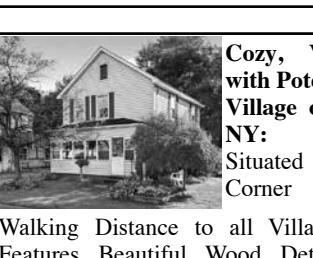
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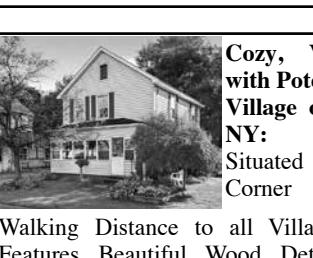
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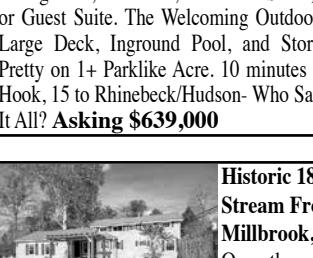
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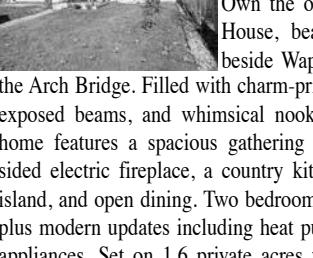
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beyond. Learn more at Philipse Manor Hall's Virtual Wing at [www.philipsemanorhall.com](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com).

### About the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall

The Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, Inc. is dedicated to supporting and enhancing Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. Friends of Philipse Manor Hall offers a variety of events and activities throughout the year, from family-friendly festivals to lectures, concerts, and movie nights. The organization's goal is to foster public interest in and support for Philipse Manor Hall, to make PMH more accessible and inviting to the local community, and to provide funds and volunteers for programs and activities offered by the site staff. Learn more at [www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org](http://www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org).

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#### Wrecked and

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#### Forgotten Vessels of the Rondout Creek and Hudson River

#### Lecture

Contact: Emma Cariello / Museum Educator / [ecariello@hrmm.org](mailto:ecariello@hrmm.org)

**Program Title:** Wrecked and Abandoned: Forgotten Vessels of the Rondout Creek and Hudson River

**Date & Time:** Wednesday

December 3, 2025 - 7pm  
**Location:** Hudson River Maritime Museum - 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY

**Pricing:** \$10/non member - \$5/HRMM members

**Presentation Topic:** In the 19th century, Rondout Creek was a center of transportation and industry. The entrance to the over 100-mile-long Delaware and Hudson (D&H) Canal was accessed through Rondout Creek, here in Kingston, allowing barges carrying thousands of tons of Pennsylvania coal, Hudson Valley bricks, and other resources between the two ends of the canal. The Mary Powell, one of the "floating palaces", as these large passenger steamboats were called, had its home port in Kingston and brought thousands of passengers across the Hudson River to New York City and back every year. Hundreds of sloops and schooners sailed the Hudson River, many travelling back and forth in Rondout Creek. Over the years, many boats and barges have been neglected, left to rot on the creek. Accidents were unfortunately inevitable, and the Rondout Creek and Hudson River is home to a plethora of forgotten, wrecked and abandoned vessels. Join museum educator Emma Cariello as she discusses these vessels.

**The Follow the River Lecture Series is sponsored by Rondout Savings Bank.**

**Bio of Speaker:** Emma is an educator at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. She holds a journalism degree from SUNY New Paltz. She has previously worked as a historic interpreter at the Senate House State Historic Site and as a tour guide at the Reher Center.

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## ART OMI NOW ON VIEW

### YATTA: Iron + Palm Wine

Art Omi presents *Iron + Palm Wine*, a solo exhibition from artist and musician **YATTA** on view from November 15, 2025 through February 1, 2026. An immersive installation comprising video, sound, digital collage, and a series of original interviews, the exhibition will reimagine the pastoral as a site of reckoning, rather than escape. The show is framed by the music of renowned Sierra Leonean guitarist S. E. Rogie, a pioneer of palm wine music and YATTA's great uncle. Palm wine—a form of finger picking guitar music created by merchant sailors in coastal West African cities at the turn of the century—was an early foundational style of West African guitar music and a historically significant antecedent to globally popular genres such as highlife and soukous. In addition to influencing these genres, palm wine music was popular among 2000s-era indie-folk musicians in the US. Positioning these histories as a backdrop, *Iron + Palm Wine* uses music as a lens through which to examine a romantic, colonial notion of nature exploration and leisure that YATTA names "the white wander." For YATTA, the white wander is "unburdened, meadow, Walden, Thoreau. White wander scores earth music. Earth music is Fleet Foxes, Vampire Weekend, and Iron & Wine—music that reaches towards a rootedness that, I think, can only be found in a real, real way, on the continent of Africa." Inspired by their research into the connections between these sounds and their reflections on nature culture, YATTA seeks to posit West African guitar music and Black wandering as "a balm for the psychic wounds"

of the transatlantic slave trade and the fraught relationship that Black people have had to land in the United States as a result of forced migration and labor. By presenting interviews with scholar and NTS radio host **Jamal Khadar** and **Mississippi Records** director **Cyrus Moussavi**, as well as a newly commissioned performance film made in collaboration with **Seeking Mavis Beacon** filmmakers **Jazmin Jones** and **Yeelen Cohen**, *Iron + Palm Wine* seeks to engage in a form of scholarly inquiry based in YATTA's practice as a musician, operating with the understanding that the musics with which the exhibition engages are active, alive, and moving into the future. By acknowledging the possibility of this futurity, YATTA creates an expanded framework for those historically excluded from access to an unburdened relationship to the earth full of ease, leisure, and the right to wander. **YATTA: Iron + Palm Wine** is

curated by Guy Weltchek, Curatorial Assistant. **ABOUT YATTA** **YATTA** is a Sierra Leonean-American artist and composer whose work spans experimental music, performance, installation, sculpture, and sound art. Their music blends textural electronic elements, looped vocals, and rich storytelling, rooted in improvisation, humor, and surprise. They have performed at MoMA PS1, The Kitchen, Sonic Acts Festival, and New Forms Festival, and have shared stages with artists such as Beverly Glenn-Copeland, Cardi B, Laraaji, L'Rain, and, The Sun Ra Arkestra. A recent MFA graduate from Bard College and a former artist-in-residence at Pioneer Works and Flux Factory, they continue to explore sound as a medium for storytelling, identity, and transformation. Their work has been featured in *Pitchfork*, *The Quietus*, *Nylon*, *Fact*, **Continued on page 16**



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