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Spencertown Academy Arts Center Presents

“From Pencil to Brush: Looking at the Artist’s Process”

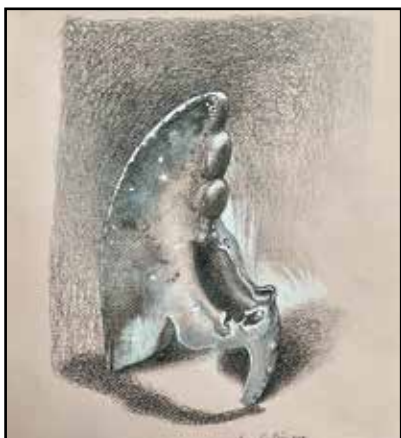
March 29 through April 20

Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents “From Pencil to Brush: Looking at the Artist’s Process,” an exhibition co-curated by Alice McGowan and David Lesako featuring drawings and paintings by Julie Love Edmonds, Shawn Fields, Kathryn Freeman, and Ann Getsinger. On Saturday, March 29 there will be an opening reception from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Academy and the show will remain on display through April 20. On Saturday, April 5 at 2:00pm, artists Ann Getsinger and Kathryn Freeman will talk about their work at the gallery. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Admission is free and the artworks are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Academy.

“The concept of this show occurred to me after visiting some of these artist’s studios



“Lobster Claw” by Ann Getsinger (oil painting, 8” x 6”)



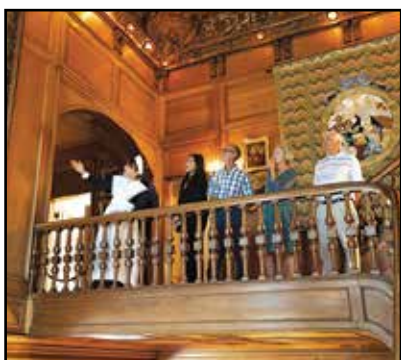
“Lobster Claw” by Ann Getsinger (pencil and charcoal on paper 8” x 6”)

last year. I pictured a show that took the viewer by the hand, allowing glimpses of the artist’s first tentative studies to their

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THEMED MANSION TOURS ON SERVANTS AND DOWNTON ABBEY AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

Explore the upstairs/downstairs world of the Gilded Age this March at Staatsburgh State Historic Site. Perhaps you align yourself with the likes of the Dowager Countess from *Downton Abbey* or Bertha Russel from HBO’s *The Gilded Age*. Or you identify more with the working-class servants downstairs in the grand Gilded Age mansions. Staatsburgh’s popular “The *REAL* Gilded Age: America’s Elite in the Downton Abbey Era” and “A Life in Service” theme tours, offered this March, will explore two separate topics of Gilded Age history. Advanced reservations for both tours are required at <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>.



A Life in Service costumed guide. Photo by Pierce Johnston

Led by a costumed guide, “The *REAL* Gilded Age” tour explores the real-life characters and themes at Staatsburgh that parallel popular shows such as *Downton Abbey* or HBO’s *The Gilded Age*. This 90-minute tour shows how servants and the Mills family conducted a busy weekend of high-society entertaining, comparing Staatsburgh to what viewers saw in the popular period dramas. The fictionalized romances of *Downton Abbey* had their historical counterparts at Staatsburgh: Downton’s American heiress, Cora, married the fictional Earl of Grantham; Staatsburgh’s Beatrice Mills married the real Earl of Granard. The tour will take place on Saturdays, March 8, 15 & 22 at 11:00am. Reservations for “The *REAL* Gilded Age” are required and can be made at <https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>. Admission is \$12.00; \$10.00 for seniors and students; children under 12 are free. “A Life in Service” will show visitors the mansion through the servants’ eyes. Led by a costumed

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“Fund Your Future” with a Dutchess County Fair Scholarship

The Dutchess County Agricultural Society announced today that their scholarship application is now available online. This renewable scholarship awards a Dutchess County high school senior, or student enrolled in college or tech school with a \$10,000 scholarship.

The qualifying student must be a Dutchess County resident and/or participate in the programs operated by the agricultural society. The recipient must seek an undergraduate degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. All applicants must submit their applications by 3pm May 9, 2025.

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.



Volunteer Fair at the Millbrook Library - Saturday, March 15

Looking for ways to give back to the community? The Millbrook Library will host its fourth annual Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 15th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Fair offers opportunities for community members to learn about the good work being done by our local non-profits and other organizations and how everyone can get involved.

Participating organizations in this year’s Volunteer Fair include: Angels of Light, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Cornell

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Mill House Brewing Company to Tap Craft Brew and Raise Funds for Anderson Center for Autism

Mill House Brewing Company announces the return of its Mr. Anderson Ale tradition, brewing a philanthropic beer to raise funds and awareness for Anderson Center for Autism

Anderson Center for Autism and Mill House Brewing Company have announced details of the 11th annual Mr. Anderson Ale event, to be held on Thursday, April 3rd from 5-7pm at Mill House Brewing Company (in the third floor loft at 289 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie). The fundraiser will once again give guests an opportunity to enjoy Mill House’s custom craft brew, which is named for Anderson Center for Autism’s founder, Dr. Victor V. Anderson.

Said Patrick Paul, CEO/ Executive Director of Anderson Center for Autism: “April is Autism Acceptance Month, and we’re thrilled to kick it off with this annual tradition, which not only honors Anderson’s history, but helps further our mission



Vance Gage and Jamie Bishop at Mr Anderson Ale Event

of optimizing the quality of life for individuals with autism. We are extremely grateful to Mill House Brewing Company for championing our cause year after year, and anticipate another fun and meaningful celebration on April 3rd.”

Added Eliza Bozenski, Chief Development Officer for Anderson Foundation for Autism: “In addition to raising funds that support Anderson’s educational, vocational, clinical, residential, and training services, Mill House is helping us cultivate a spirit of acceptance and understanding within our broader Hudson Valley region. These events

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Wallkill Resident Named 2025 Poet Laureate

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has appointed Mike Jurkovic, a published poet and music critic who lives in the Shawangunk hamlet of Wallkill, as the County’s 2025 Poet Laureate. Jurkovic succeeds poet Kate Hymes of New Paltz, the county’s first resident to hold this honorary title, created by the County Executive in 2023.

County Executive Metzger said, “Words possess the remarkable ability to bridge hearts and minds, uniting our community through the art of verse, and through his evocative poetry, Mike Jurkovic captures the essence of everyday life and invites us to explore the hidden beauty in our daily experiences. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Mike — we look forward to the inspiration and creativity you will bring to this role!”

Originally hailing from the South Bronx, Jurkovic has called Ulster County home for more than three decades. A cornerstone of the Hudson Valley poetry scene, he serves as the president and co-founder of *Calling All Poets* — a distinguished poetry organization and series that, this year, proudly celebrates 26 years of fostering poetic expression both in the Hudson Valley and on the international stage.

“With the grand family of writers and poets in the Hudson Valley, I am humbled to serve as



Mike Jurkovic

Ulster County Poet Laureate,” said Jurkovic. “In this role, it is my aim to highlight as many voices as possible.”

The Ulster County Poet Laureate program was instituted in 2023 by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. Poet Laureates serve a one-year term. Arts Mid-Hudson manages the public call for nominations, facilitates a panel composed of literary professionals and community members to select from the nominees, and provides support and promotion for the Ulster County Poet Laureate’s work during their year of service.

“We are grateful for County
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Submission
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March Arrives
Poet: Catherine Pulsifer
March arrives, 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.



"It was one of those March days
when the sun shines hot and
the wind blows cold: when it is
summer in the light, and winter
in the shade."
— Charles Dickens, Great
Expectations

**Themed Mansion Tours
from page 1**
guide, this 90-minute tour
focuses on the lives and duties
of those servants who worked
in the mansion – the English
butler, the French chefs, and
maids and the footmen. Visitors
will be led through additional
parts of the mansion not on
standard tours, including the
unrestored servants' hall. Even
in its unrestored state, this unique
area of the house is a striking
artifact of servant life, featuring
the servants' dining room, the
footmen's bedrooms, and the
tiled kitchen with its massive
coal stove, where Staatsburgh's
French chef prepared gourmet
meals for society's elite. "A Life
in Service" will take place on
Saturday, March 29 at 11:00am.
Reservations are required and
can be made at [https://www.
Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS](https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS).
Admission is \$12.00; \$10.00
for seniors and students;
children under 12 are free.
Visitors to Staatsburgh may
also wish to stroll or picnic by
the Hudson River, follow the
site's self-guided landscape
tour, or walk the woodland trails
in adjacent Mills and Norrie
State Parks. A full list of all
Staatsburgh's programs and
events is found on the site's
reservations page: [https://www.](https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS)



**The Real Gilded Age costumed
guide. Photo by Pierce Johnston**
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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
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Dutchess Land Conservancy,
Food of Life/Comida de Vida
Pantry and Giving Garden,
Literacy Connections, Lucky
Orphans Horse Rescue, Millbrook
Fire Department, Millbrook
Historical Society, Stonewood
Farm, United Way Dutchess-
Orange Region, and more.
This event is free and open
to the public. It will take place
at the Millbrook Library, 3
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For more information, please
visit millbrooklibrary.org.

**Learn How to Support
Pollinators with the
Germantown Garden
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The Germantown Garden
Club will hold its next meeting
on Saturday, March 22, 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 Tim Kennelty,
a Master Gardener and Master
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Spencertown Academy Arts Center Presents from page 1 eventually finished work. Four remarkable artists, each with their own process, illustrate that process here with pieces of the journey,” says McGowan. “When Ann Getsinger wields a pencil, she conjures poetry based upon meticulous observation. Shawn Fields is a scientist of the visible world, which he condenses into often whimsical images that take root within our own psyches. Julie Love Edmonds composes order and geometry that sings with the colorful details of contemporary life. And Kathryn Freeman imagines pastoral interior harmonies based on her personal love of animals, both domestic and wild.”

“This show looks behind the scenes, providing viewers with a chance to learn about the materials, tools, and techniques that artists use,” adds Lesako. “This experience can either subtract from or add to the mystery of the finished work, and both outcomes are good ones.”

Based in Stockbridge,

Massachusetts, Julie Love Edmonds says, “What is seen by the eye can suggest many things, whether they are spiritual, intellectual, or emotional. The integration of these non-visual concerns with painterly ones can resonate with the viewer. This has been my goal.” Her work has appeared in many regional venues, including the Berkshire Museum, Cape Cod Art Association, Kent Art Association, and the Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, as well as Spencertown Academy. Shawn Fields received a BFA in illustration from the School of Visual Arts and an MFA in painting from New York Academy of Arts. He also studied figure drawing at the Water Street Atelier in Brooklyn and anatomy at the Arts Students League in New York City. His work has been exhibited at ArtBasel Miami, Forbes Gallery NYC, Arcadia NYC, Dowling Walsh Gallery Maine and is collected worldwide. Field lives in Mill River, Massachusetts, and prints of his work and

small plein-air studies are hanging at Bon Dimanche in Great Barrington, MA. Kathryn Freeman is a narrative painter who combines classical composition with magic realism. “My fascination with storytelling and treading the delicate balance between reality and dream is the catalyst for my work and a constant source of ideas,” she says. “I love fairy tales and mythology and exploring the subtle mysteries behind everyday existence. In doing so, I hope to illuminate the spiritual connections between humans, animals, and nature.” Freeman’s paintings and drawings have been exhibited in

New York, London, Los Angeles, Boston, and Washington DC. She recently moved to Mill River, Massachusetts. “Creating visual art is the closest I’ve ever come to having my life make any sense at all. It’s both indulgent and essential,” says Ann Getsinger. “It’s about balancing freedom and discipline in order to explore this temporary existence, to consider the meaning and sensuality of nature and my personal connection to it.” Locally, Getsinger has participated in both solo and group shows at Spencertown Academy, Berkshire Botanic Garden, Berkshire Museum, Springfield Museum, Carrie Haddad Gallery, Lauren Clark Gallery, and numerous other venues throughout the New England and Mid-Atlantic regions. She lives in New Marlborough, Massachusetts.

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 see www.spencertownacademy.org.

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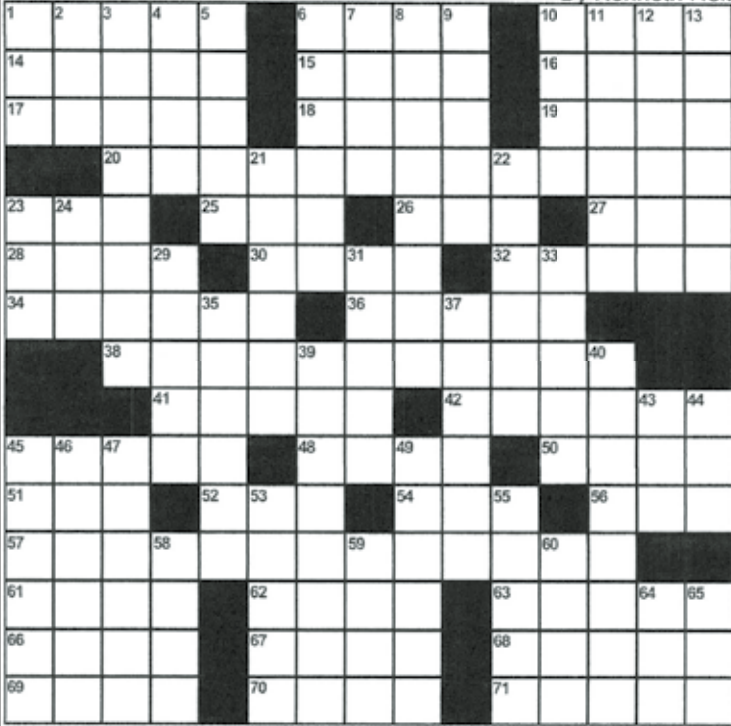
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| 6) Muscle contractions | 42) Kind of ball |
| 10) Alpine surface | 45) Wet, spongy ground |
| 14) Mark in "senor" | 48) Encourage |
| 15) "Chop-chop!" on a memo | 50) The Old Sod |
| 16) Brass band member | 51) Anger |
| 17) Color-blindness, e.g. | 52) "To the max" indicator |
| 18) Indistinct memory | 54) Lennon's wife |
| 19) Midmonth time | 56) Ring count |
| 20) Comes into money | 57) Quits smoking |
| 23) Theater sound | 61) Not docked |
| 25) Dedicated lines of poetry | 62) Certain hairstyle |
| 26) It may need a boost | 63) 12 pitch |
| 27) Everyday article | 66) Contradict |
| 28) Kind of poetic foot | 67) Island discovered by Magellan |
| 30) One ogling | 68) Tough tissue |
| 32) Kind of cake | 69) Common preposition |
| 34) Treelike cactus | 70) "What ____ can I say?" |
| 36) Like certain cutlery | 71) American bird |
| 38) Win anyway? | |

DOWN

- Mel of baseball fame
- Yule tree choice
- Group behind a public stunt
- Cut and rearrange
- Old-fashioned, in a fashionable way
- Q's neighbor
- Archipelago constituent
- Informal talk
- Bit of holly
- Make a slight move
- Reason for parental discretion
- Tree used especially for veneering
- Plumber's item
- Engage in brainstorming
- "Holy" city?
- Dog command
- "I told you so!"
- "God ____ America"
- Air, to a poet
- Confuse
- Machine shop tools
- Nine-day devotion
- Honest
- Making the cut?
- Before, in verse
- It's made in Japan
- Operetta title character
- Ready for the day
- Happening lately
- Return to one's dwelling
- Phase
- Having a lot to lose?
- Send to the canvas
- Historical times
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By Kenneth Holt



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Mill House Brewing Company from page 1

bring Anderson team members, families, donors, and community members together - reminding all of us that it really ‘takes a village’ to enrich life for autistic and neurodivergent people.”

Jamie Bishop, Brewmaster and Partner of Mill House Brewing Company in Poughkeepsie and is preparing to open their second restaurant in Highland called The

Ridge - which boasts views of the Shawangunk Mountains and will also serve as a venue for special events, said, “Our entire team really looks forward to hosting this event every year. Anderson Center for Autism is the first non-profit with whom we got involved when I started this business many years ago, and their work is incredibly impactful in our region and beyond. The annual Mr. Anderson Ale event allows us to bring community members

together for a great cause. We’ve had guests come for the beer and then decide to get involved with Anderson’s work; it’s very rewarding. And it’s an honor to share the experience with Vance Gage, the grandson of Anderson Center for Autism’s founder and someone who’s become near and dear to my heart over the years since we brewed our first edition of Mr. Anderson Ale.”

Gage was the honorary brewmaster when the first batch of Mr. Anderson Ale was created, and remains involved with Anderson, having served for many years as a trustee and continuing as a subcommittee volunteer. He is expected to attend on April 3rd. Proceeds of the Mr. Anderson Ale event will directly benefit programs and services provided by Anderson Center for Autism. Tickets are \$35 per person; advance purchase (by Monday, March 24th) is required - no tickets will be sold at the door.

Note that New York State law requires that attendees must be 21 years or older to consume alcohol.

Each ticket will include cocktail party appetizers, select beer, and wine. There will also be raffles throughout the evening.

Following the launch event on April 3rd, \$1 of every pint sold by Mill House Brewing Company during Autism Acceptance Month will be donated to Anderson Center for Autism. Mill House will also be offering a select amount of sixtel kegs to help spread awareness and raise additional funds. Restaurants and bars who are interested in joining Mill House’s efforts to support Anderson Center for Autism through sixtel donations or by adding the Mr. Anderson Ale signature brew to their respective menus can contact Bishop by email: beer@millhousebrewing.com. To purchase tickets or learn more, visit andersoncenterforautism.org/mranderson.

About Anderson Center for Autism

Our mission at Anderson Center for Autism is to optimize 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.

Wallkill Resident from page 1


Executive Metzger’s commitment to the arts community in Ulster County, and we can all celebrate the appointment of Mike Jurkovic as our Poet Laureate for 2025,” said Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas, Executive Director of Arts Mid-Hudson. “Promoting poetry across Ulster County enriches residents of all ages and backgrounds, and we commend County Executive Metzger for her ongoing support of the arts.”

Information about the Ulster County Poet Laureate and the upcoming programs can be found at <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/uc-poetlaureate>

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Glaucoma in Dogs and Cats

By Julianne Porter, DVM

Last month's article discussed a common ocular issue in dogs and cats – ulcers, or scratches, on the surface of the eye. Another condition that affects our pets' eyes is glaucoma. Glaucoma is a disease in which the pressure inside of the eye, known as the intraocular pressure, is increased. This can happen quickly or gradually over time and can lead to blindness and pain, which can be extreme.

Glaucoma is divided into primary and secondary glaucoma. Primary glaucoma is considered inherited and often affects pure-bred dogs. It is rare in cats. Secondary glaucoma is caused by an underlying disease, either within the eye itself, or systemically from issues in other parts of the body. There can be many reasons for secondary glaucoma. When a pet has glaucoma, it can occur acutely or develop slowly over weeks to months. Common signs can include blinking, holding the eye closed, redness in the sclera (the white part of the eye), discharge from the eye, or a blue tint associated with the cornea. Blindness is often a consequence, but it doesn't always occur right away. If only one eye is affected, vision deficits might not be noticed immediately as the other eye is compensating. Glaucoma can also be painful and cause headaches, which often manifests as the pet acting lethargic or sleepy. The eye with glaucoma can also be noticeably bigger than the other eye, but that often occurs when the glaucoma has been occurring for a long time.

If glaucoma is suspected, your pet will typically receive a full physical exam as well as an ophthalmic exam. Diagnosis is often made via the use of

tonometry. This will measure the intraocular pressure (IOP) to determine if the pressure within one or both eyes are elevated. If glaucoma is suspected, your veterinarian may advise on further diagnostics or even a referral to an ophthalmologist to try to determine the underlying cause and therefore the most effective treatment. Treatment is often initiated right away to try to save the pet's vision and relieve the pressure and pain they are feeling.

Treatment is often divided into 4 categories: treatment of acute, severe elevation of pressure; medical management of chronic glaucoma; surgical therapy for eyes that still have vision (or potential to regain vision); and surgical therapy of chronic glaucoma in eyes that are blind. Sometimes, surgery and medical therapy must be combined when medical management alone is unsuccessful. Medical management typically involves eye drops, because systemic medications (oral or injection) will not reach the eye. There are various surgical techniques, most of which are performed by a veterinary ophthalmologist. If the pet's glaucoma is unable to be controlled with medical management and the eye is no longer visual, enucleation (removal of the eye) is often considered to relieve the pain associated with glaucoma. Treatment also needs to consider the underlying cause, if one can be identified.

Prognosis varies, but the prognosis for primary glaucoma is unfortunately guarded. Most treatments can only stabilize, not cure, and the eyes eventually lose their vision. Sometimes treating the unaffected eye prophylactically can significantly delay or even prevent the onset of glaucoma in that eye. The prognosis for secondary

glaucoma depends on the underlying cause and whether it can be effectively treated or managed. Glaucoma can develop and change quickly and can lead to permanent damage. If your dog or cat exhibits the symptoms mentioned above, the safest thing to do is to check with your veterinarian.

Help Us Help Them-

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) is asking the public for their help. The shelter's food bank, which provides nearly 50,000 pounds of free food to the public each year, is running very low on dry cat and dog food. The CGHS/SPCA food bank is an essential tool in helping families who are experiencing financial hardship to feed their pets and, by doing so, avoiding the need to surrender them to the shelter. Anyone can donate by either bringing dry food to the shelter, having food delivered to the shelter, or sending a donation to the main food bank location at CGHS/SPCA Food Bank, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson, NY, 12534 and allowing us to purchase food. The food bank is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please remember that all donations are tax-deductible, and all donations are appreciated. For more information, please call (518) 828-6044 ext. 100 or email info@cghs.org.

WHAT: "The Blessing of the Animals"

WHERE: Third Evangelical Lutheran Church, 31 Livingston St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. 12572

WHEN: Saturday, May 17th, Noon to 4pm with a Rain Date of Sunday, May 18th, 1pm to 5pm

WHY: To strengthen the human-animal bond by celebrating the 110th anniversary of "Be Kind to Animals Week"

HOW: This is a free, outdoors, family fun event. Bring your pet for an individual hands-on blessing from Pastor James Miller and meet the Ambassador Animals who are exhibiting with their caregivers. This is an afternoon meant to educate and build compassion for all living creatures. On Saturday, May 17th at noon, the Third Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck will be hosting their annual, "The Blessing of the Animals". This celebration corresponds with "Be Kind to Animals Week", a 110-year-old American tradition. It is the oldest commemorative week in United States history, started by AMERICAN*HUMANE. This organization was founded in 1877 and is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and well-being of animals.

Our 6-foot community "Pet Remembrance Tree" is dedicated to the California wildfire victims. People are invited to adorn the tree with loving tributes to their pets who have passed. Items such as pet toys, leashes, photos, notes, paw prints, cards and other

tributes may be placed on the tree in memory of loving companions.

This year's "The Blessing of the Animals" honors the LA firefighters and animal rescue groups whose heroic efforts helped save the lives of many dogs, cats, horses, peacocks, pigs, chickens and assorted wildlife. Our 2025 "Pet Remembrance Tree" is dedicated to those animals who met an untimely "Journey's End" because of the historic California wildfires. Many animal rescue groups have stepped forward to provide shelter, medical attention and other ongoing disaster responses. Their work continues and donations are urgently needed. For this reason, the BISSELL Pet Foundation (BPF) is this year's charity of choice. BPF maintains open communications with over 7,000 shelter partners and responds swiftly to emergencies. To raise much needed funds BISSELL Inc. has generously donated four top-of-the-line vacuums from their Pet Pro Carpet Cleaning

line to be used as raffle prizes. There thus are four chances to win one of the vacuums with the tickets being \$5.00 each. Direct donations are greatly appreciated and can be made through their Venmo account, @bissellpets or website, <https://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/donate>. All donations are tax deductible.

"The Blessing" is a hands-on, individual experience administered by Pastor James Miller. All furred, finned, feathered and scaled friends are invited to attend with their companion humans. All animal guests must be properly escorted, leashed, kenneled, harnessed, etc. This is an outdoor event.

In addition to "The Blessing" the church's great lawn will be filled with community-based rescue services and shelter organizations. Visitors, with or without pet escorts, can meet and interact with Ambassador Animals and learn more about pet and wildlife care. Countryside Animal Hospital is sponsoring a

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Learn How to Support Pollinators from page 2

Naturalist volunteer through the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties.

Tim will give a presentation on “Creating a Native Pollinator Garden.” Want to support pollinators and other critters by replacing some of your lawn with native perennial gardens? This talk will focus on how to simply and easily eliminate turf, and naturally create and maintain beautiful new beds, or expand existing planting areas. It will also cover how to select hardy perennial (in many cases deer-resistant) plants for multiple seasons of bloom.

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.

IN FLIGHT, INC. CELEBRATES THE SUCCESS OF SWEETHEART AUCTION, RAISING OVER \$1,500

In Flight, Inc. is thrilled to announce the success of its annual Sweetheart Auction and Give a Carnation initiative, which together raised over \$1,500 to support programs empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the event not only raised critical funds but also spread joy and connection just in time for Valentine’s Day.

The Sweetheart Auction featured a variety of exciting packages and experiences, generously donated by local businesses and community members. We extend our deepest gratitude to Janelli Security, Petals and Moss, Bella Fiori Floral Co., Wing’s Castle, Cavallo Fine Jewelry, Haven Spa, Kingston Fine Jewelry, Massage Heights in Kingston, Beekman



Individuals Supported by In Flight’s Day Programming Smiling After Receiving Their Carnations Thanks to Generous Donors



Individuals in In Flight’s Red Hook I-SAIL Program Smiling After Receiving Their Carnations Thanks to Generous Donors

Arms & Delamater Inn, Karen’s Flower Shop, Gentle Mountain Massage, Mirror Lake Retreat, Woodstock Farm Sanctuary, and the Catskill Carver for their incredible contributions that made this auction possible.

The Give a Carnation initiative, made possible by the kindness of Petals and Moss and Bella Fiori Floral Co., brought heartfelt smiles

to the individuals we support. Through the generosity of our supporters, beautiful carnations were delivered to programs across In Flight, Inc., ensuring that everyone felt love and appreciation this Valentine’s Day.

“Our Sweetheart Auction and Give a Carnation campaign truly captured the spirit of the season,” said Jill Rodriquez, Director of Philanthropy & External Affairs at In Flight, Inc. “The love and support from our community allow us to continue providing life-changing programs that empower individuals with I/DD to reach for their hopes and dreams.”

The success of this campaign reaffirms the power of community and kindness in making a difference. In Flight, Inc. looks forward to continuing its mission of providing individuals with the skills and support they need to live independent, fulfilling lives. The success of the Sweetheart Auction and Give a Carnation initiative is a testament to the power of community support in making a difference.

For more information about In Flight, Inc. and how to get involved, please visit inflightinc.org or follow us on social media.

About In Flight, Inc.

In Flight, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, 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.

Day of Puppetry 2025

The Arts Mid-Hudson [Folk Arts Program](#) and [Paper Heart Puppets](#) second Hudson Valley Puppetry Festival to the Mid-Hudson region, starting with a Day of Puppetry on March 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Academy 33 Academy St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (plenty of free parking across the street).

This family-friendly event features puppet theaters from around the region sharing puppets, explaining puppet mechanics, and make-and-take activities for all. This event is part of the celebrations for the International Day of Puppetry. Puppetry theaters for the Day of Puppetry include Paper Heart Puppets, Artistree, Up in Arms, Cactus Head Puppets, Arm of the Sea, Robert Rogers, Redwing Blackbird, Wonderspark Puppets, The Chrysalis Puppet Theater Workshop, and the Peekskill Middle School Shadow Puppets.

There are a number of restaurants within walking distance of the Academy, so plan to make a day of it.

The Day of Puppetry is the opening event for the 2025 Hudson Valley Puppetry Festival which runs from March 22nd (World Puppetry Day) to April 26th (National Puppetry Day). For information about other festival events: artsmidhudson.org/hvpf

The Hudson Valley Puppet Festival 2025 is partially funded

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free “Ask the Vet” table to answer questions about medical issues, general care and grooming. Current List of Exhibitors

ANIMAL FARM FOUNDATION - a 501c3 charity, AFF was founded in 1985 and built on the principle that “all dogs are individuals”. Promoting animal and human welfare their focus is to help people and pets in their communities by supporting local shelter programs, rescuing and placing at risk breeds, esp. pit bulls. Their “Old Friend” program focuses on senior shelter dogs. Their Ambassador Animal will be an adoptable “Old Friend”.

BLIND DOG RESCUE ALLIANCE - one of their missions is to place blind canines in loving homes. Being visually challenged does not inhibit a dog’s ability to live rewarding lives and be loving companions. Their Ambassador Animal is Hazel.

COUNTRYSIDE ANIMAL HOSPITAL - Free “Ask the Vet” table. A mainstay of the community, providing quality care throughout the life of your dog, cat or pocket pet. They will be waiting to answer questions so bring your list!

DR. LAURA JAWORSKI AND LAZARUS - Dr. Laura is a veterinarian, wildlife rehabilitator, educator and falconer. At her table folks can meet and greet Raptor Ambassador Lazarus, an eight-year-old Eurasian eagle owl.

HOLLY MENTZER - is a board-certified music therapist

working for Hudson Valley Hospice. Uniquely trained, Holly knows the power of music. It enhances the lives of homebound patients and calms anxious pets. She will be playing her portable harp at “The Blessing”.

HOPE FARM ANIMAL RESCUE, INC - a 501c3, their mission is to rescue farm animals and provide them with a safe place to heal and thrive. Their van is always filled with amazing residents that children can play with and learn about. Their Ambassador Animal is Rosie, a 200 plus pound pot belly pig ... her favorite treats are lollipops.

HOPE FOR DOGS PR - a 501c3, their mission is to rescue and rehabilitate homeless and at-risk dogs from Puerto Rico. Once in the US, they have a second chance for a nurturing home and stress-free life. They will have several Ambassador Puppies for adoption.

P.A.N.T. - a 501c3, “Partnership for Animal Needing Transition” is an all-volunteer community group working to reduce feral and abandoned cat populations. They support early neuter and spay while maintaining an ongoing TNR (trap, neuter and return) program. They will have several Ambassador Felines looking for loving homes

PET DIVISION of 4-H - a 501c3, the 4-H Small Animal Project allows youth to learn about the life history, management and care of a pet of their choice: birds, guinea pigs, rabbits dogs and even bugs! The project covers all aspects of pet care: selection,

feeding, health, etc. Raising these pets in the 4-H Pet Division helps kids develop important life skills for future success. Come meet the members and learn more about their Ambassador Animals.

STATE POLICE CANINE UNIT - The New York State department’s participation is always a very exciting addition. From the moment the transport vehicle arrives everyone is eager to meet the team, 2 and 4-legged officers. Working members of the canine unit, these partners provide a great opportunity to answer questions about their important role in keeping the community safe.

THE SOUTHLANDS FOUNDATION - a 501c3, this focal point of the Rhinebeck equestrian community will be highlighting many of their interactive programs. One of special note is “Mommy & Me”. Starting at 3 years of age children, accompanied by a parent learn how to approach, care for, respect and share their lives with horses. The Foundation has many programs to accommodate all age groups and all levels of riders. Their Equine Ambassador is Casey.

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by a grant from the Robert R. Chapman Fund of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley, a grant from the Ann and Abe Efron Fund of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley, and a Cook/Marks Fund Grant.

Brad Shur is the founder and lead artist of Paper Heart Puppets, based in Poughkeepsie, New York. For over twenty years, Brad has been creating and touring original puppetry productions that combine ancient traditions with innovative ways of connecting with audiences using puppets of all sizes, materials, and disciplines. The Academy is a premiere event space in Poughkeepsie.

RHINEBECK GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY MEETING 2025

Wednesday, March 26, 10am-noon. Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 E. Market Street. Program: “Biodiversity in Your Backyard: The Hudson Valley Pollinator Action Guide”. Presenter: Avalon Bunge,

Partners in Climate Action. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome. For information about this meeting, or to become a member call Sue at (845) 797-3226

The Germantown Garden Club

Held its first meeting on the year on February 25 at the Germantown library. Members reviewed the 2025 budget and yearbook. Two new members were welcomed to the group - Bel Casivant and Robin Raskin. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the library. For more information, contact President Irene Clum at 518-567-2191.



Bel Casivant, President Clum, Robin Raskin

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What’s a Testimony?

By Naomi Fata

Have you ever been in a church or a meeting where there was a time of “testimony”? Or in faith circles, felt uncomfortable with the encouragement to share your “testimony”?

Maybe it feels like you have to have all the right words to impress those in the crowd, or you are afraid of saying the wrong thing. In a court of law, the witnesses give testimony to what they know and observe about a case. Perhaps they are an eyewitness giving testimony about what they saw. Or maybe they are a forensic analyzer called to give testimony about their observations and conclusions of the evidence. How does this have anything to do with giving testimony of our faith? Perhaps we overcomplicate it. To be a witness for Christ, simply means that we tell the story or testimony of what He has done, like the words of Psalms 66:16 “Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.”

Last month’s article briefly discussed the narrative perspective we use. Often, we forget God has a much bigger story. He is writing more than just the events of our lives. Frequently, I think of the Israelites who were in slavery in Egypt for 400 years. The sheer length of time puts a pit in my stomach. Generation after generation, they wondered when God would show up. I wonder how those generations who lived during that 400-year period of slavery spoke about the goodness of God. Finding answers to the questions of suffering—the pain of our stories—it’s hard! Yet the words of Psalm 46:10 soothe my soul, “Be still and know that I am God.” To still the wandering mind from speculation about the past or the future. To still the thoughts long enough to sit silently before a Holy God, allowing His goodness and faithfulness to fill the empty places of pain in my own soul; as God Himself heals and restores in a way that only He can. Isn’t this the testimony?

That He is good. That He showed up, filling my heart with His peace. Sometimes it takes years to see the circumstance change, but as I wrote in Stitching Your Story Piece by Peace, “Focusing on the faithfulness of God is a choice that will ultimately have power

over our doubts. We must settle the belief in our own minds—do we doubt, or do we believe God?”

As we hold our own perspective lightly, may we pray like the apostle Paul, that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

He opens the eyes of our hearts and stills us with His peace. This is our testimony! March 8th, 2025, from 1-3PM, the Red Hook Thrift Store will be hosting a book signing for Naomi’s new book *Stitching Your Story Piece by Peace*. All are welcome. 7423 S. Broadway, Red Hook.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

“I Am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8).

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: PERFECT GOD-PERFECT MAN

Four places in the Book of Revelation the Lord Jesus Christ is called the Alpha and the Omega (Revelation 1:8, 1:11, 21:6, and 22:13). Alpha is the first letter in the Greek Alphabet and Omega is the last letter. It is clearly stated in God’s Word that the Lord Jesus Christ is the beginning and the ending and He is everything in between. The Book of Isaiah called Jehovah the first and the last. “Hearken unto me, Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I am also the last” (Isaiah 48:12). Comparing Revelation 1:11 to Isaiah 48:12 we can see that the first and the last is mentioned of both Jehovah and the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that from John 1:1 that Jesus Christ is God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). The Word is Jesus Christ. He became a man when Mary conceived in her womb Jesus. He was conceived not of man, but when the Holy Spirit came upon Mary (Luke 1:35). As a result of this miracle the Word was made flesh (John 1:14). Jesus Christ is Perfect God-Perfect Man. The Deity Jesus Christ is a Biblical truth that is essential to the foundation of Christianity.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST LIVED A PERFECT LIFE!

Jesus lived a perfect life. He never

sinned. He is the only one that lived on the Earth that never sinned. As you read through the four Gospels you will note how Jesus spoke with authority, did many miracles and many mighty works. He reached out with compassion to those in need. He stood up against the false teaching of the religious leaders. He lived a humble life, but a very powerful life of purpose. He is the Alpha and the Omega. **WHY CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD!**

The Apostle Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15). Like Paul I am sure we all can say that we are chief sinners. God’s Word says, “For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God” (Romans 3:23). We are in need of salvation. The only way a person can be saved (becoming a genuine Christian) is by believing on and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and Lord. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). **A WONDERFUL CHANGE OCCURS IN THE BELIEVER’S LIFE!**

When a person comes to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and Lord they are Born Again. “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again” (John 3:7). Things immediately change in a person’s life. A wonderful change occurs in a person’s life when they come to know Christ. “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). **JESUS CHRIST IS WITH THE BELIEVER FOREVER!**

When a person knows the Lord Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior and Lord they receive the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus

said, “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because he seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him: for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” (John 14:17). As a result of the Holy Spirit living in the Believer, He enables the Believer to live a life of victory life. A life that obeys and pleases God. The Spirit of God will abide with the Believer forever. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine! **NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!**

“For he saith, I have heard thee in time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). The Lord Jesus Christ paid the price in full for our sins on the Cross and Rose in Victory over death and the grave. Jesus is Alive! Salvation is a gift of God’s grace offered to all that believe on Him and receive Him into their life as Personal Savior and Lord (Ephesians 2:8,9). I trust that you will come to the Lord Jesus Christ today. If you would like to know more about the Alpha and the Omega and what it means to be a Christian, please contact us. We are here to help and support you. We have excellent Christian material for all ages. If you would like to know more about the Ministries at GBFC, please contact us by Email at fdcirone@aol.com or by telephone at (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923. Grace Bible Fellowship Church is a Local Independent Bible Church located at the intersection of Route 9 & Route 9G, 1/4 mile north on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, NY. Frank L. Cirone, Pastor.

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March 5 - In the Archives of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation - Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Christy and Erin of Relics in Situ will join us again to present a lecture on the Archives. They will take into the Bruton Heights Education Center to view rarely seen treasures from an embroiderer’s point of view. 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/SkyllkillEGA or email EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

PHILIPSE MANOR HALL HOSTS RUSSELL SHORTO ON NEW BOOK “TAKING MANHATTAN”

[Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site](#) and the [Friends of Philipse Manor Hall](#) are excited to host Russell Shorto, author of the best-selling *Island at the Center of the World*, on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. for an evening celebrating the release of his new book *Taking Manhattan: The Extraordinary Events that Created New York and Shaped America* (out March 4, 2025). Shorto will talk about his book, highlighting the experiences of women for International Women’s Day, then stay afterwards for a book signing. Optional wine & cheese event with Russell Shorto to follow. The talk will also be broadcast virtually via WebEx.

In 1664, the English wrested control of New Netherland from the Dutch, completing a burgeoning colonial empire that stretched from New England to Virginia. Locals like the Philipse family went from Dutch to English with the stroke of a pen. But while politics can change in an instant, cultural change takes much longer. Join us for a talk with Russell Shorto on his new book. Bristling with vibrant characters, *Taking Manhattan* reveals the founding of New York to be an invention, the result of creative negotiations that would blend the multiethnic, capitalistic society of New Amsterdam with the power of the rising English empire. The book draws from newly translated materials and illuminates neglected histories — of religious refugees, Indigenous tribes, and free and enslaved Africans.

In honor of International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month, Shorto will also highlight the impact of this change on the colony’s free women, like Philipse family matriarch Margaret Hardenbroeck, as they went from Dutch citizens and business owners with numerous legal rights, to the virtual property of their now-English husbands and fathers.

Taking Manhattan tells the riveting story of the birth of New York City as a center of capitalism and pluralism, a foundation from which America would rise. It also shows how the paradox of New York’s origins — boundless opportunity coupled with subjugation

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and displacement—reflects America’s promise and failure to this day. Russell Shorto, author of the bestsellers *Smalltime*, *Revolution Song*, *Amsterdam*, and *The Island at the Center of the World*, is the director of the New Amsterdam Project at The New York Historical. He lives in Maryland. You can learn more at www.russellshorto.com.

Following the talk Shorto will be available for a book signing and copies of *Taking Manhattan* and *Island at the Center of the World* will be available for sale in the Philipse Manor Hall gift shop. Copies of *Taking Manhattan* may also be pre-ordered through the museum.

Tickets for the in-person talk are \$30 for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall members and \$40 for non-members and include museum admission and access to the book signing. Tickets including the wine and cheese event with Russell Shorto are \$35 for Friends members and \$55 for

non-members. Tickets for virtual access are free for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall members, \$30 for non-members, and \$10 for students and educators. The full schedule as well as in-person tickets and virtual registration are available at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/taking-manhattan-book-talk-and-signing-with-russell-shorto>

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.

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The Acclaimed Naghash Ensemble of Armenia Celebrates Ten Years of International Performances with New Album and Tour Stop in Saugerties

Tickets on Sale Now for Concert at The Local, March 19. “A moment of grace and meditation” — Rolling Stone “East meets West and antiquity meets modernity” (NPR) “An enchanting elixir of sounds based on new Armenian folk and centuries-old poetry” — KEXP

Celebrating ten years of worldwide performances, Armenia’s internationally acclaimed Naghash Ensemble will embark on a North American tour in March 2025, performing in eight cities across the U.S. and Canada, with a stop in Saugerties, NY at **The Local on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 pm.**

Fifteen years ago and more than 5,000 miles away, in the little-known ancient country of Armenia, Saugerties-based Armenian-American composer John Hodian was exploring his ancestral homeland. Inspired by the powerful and timeless medieval Armenian poetry he discovered, he began to write music that brought together the earthy spirituality of Armenian folk song, new classical music, contemporary post-minimalism, and the energy of jazz and rock. Fast forward fifteen years, and Hodian’s Naghash Ensemble is now one of the premiere “world music” acts in Europe, touring extensively across the continent. Featuring three exceptional female vocalists

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and some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists on duduk, oud, dhol, and piano, the ensemble will be making a very rare appearance in North America for a series of concerts in the U.S. and Canada. Thanks to Hodian's Hudson Valley roots, The Naghash Ensemble will perform at the wonderfully intimate venue, The Local in Saugerties. **Sacred Sounds Inspire Some of Armenia's Most Intriguing New Music: The Story of The Naghash Ensemble**

The Naghash Ensemble's music is both ancient and modern, a synthesis of sacred tradition and contemporary innovation that draws deep from Armenia's storied past while pushing forward into new uncharted terrain. Written by Armenian-American composer John Hodian, the ensemble's latest work, *Songs of Wisdom*, expands on a project that began nearly two decades ago with a serendipitous encounter at Garni temple in Armenia. Hodian heard soprano Hasmik Baghdasaryan's ethereal voice reverberating through the ancient ruins, which he recalls as "the most beautiful sound I've

ever heard." His determination to use Hasmik's voice in a new way would lead to the creation of a musical language that deftly marries Armenian folk traditions, classical music, and the minimalism of contemporary Western composition. The result is music that feels timeless—suffused with the soul-stirring spirituality of Armenian liturgical music but framed by a sense of modernity.

At the heart of the Naghash Ensemble's appeal is the unique combination of instrumentation and vocal prowess. The ensemble's three extraordinary female vocalists—Hasmik Baghdasaryan, Tatevik Movsesyan, and Shahane Zalyan—alongside some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists on duduk, oud, dhol, and piano, create a mesmerizing atmosphere that feels at once rooted in the past and strikingly fresh. In Hodian's compositions, ancient Armenian sacred texts, such as the evocative poems of exiled medieval priest Mkrtych Naghash, are woven into a fabric of sound that draws on a diverse set of influences. As Armenia's most celebrated composer, Tigran Mansurian, aptly put it, the music of the Naghash Ensemble is "the sound of ancient Armenia reinvented for the 21st century."

The group's upcoming *Songs of Wisdom* draws inspiration from another Armenian medieval poet, Kostandin Erznkatsi, whose writings, filled with admonitions and sorrow, pushed Hodian to explore new musical terrain. These new compositions are more rhythmic, intense, and emotionally charged but retain the haunting melancholy that defines so much of Armenian sacred and folk music. This shift in style comes not only from the text but from a decade of creative evolution, during which the ensemble has honed its distinctive voice on stages across Europe and the world. The Naghash Ensemble's

performances will showcase these new works in North America in March 2025, inviting listeners to experience the deep resonance of Armenia's ancient past through a modern lens. For those fortunate enough to witness it, this is music that demands to be felt as much as it is heard—a powerful meditation on the continuity of tradition and the vitality of artistic reinvention. **The Naghash Ensemble is** Hasmik Baghdasaryan (soprano), Tatevik Movsesyan (soprano), Shahane Zalyan (alto), Harutyun Chkolyan (duduk), Aramayis Nikoghosyan (oud),

Tigran Hovhannisyan (dhol), John Hodian (piano/composer). **Additional Material:** The Naghash Ensemble of Armenia Live in Ghent (Video): <https://youtu.be/AzTHm2ORJec> The Naghash Ensemble of Armenia at KEXP (Video): <https://youtu.be/zpic6YLpNeY> High-res photos: <https://www.naghashensemble.com/press-photos> The Naghash Ensemble's website: www.naghashensemble.com Direct link: [TICKETS](#) **General Admission and Reserved Seating** **Continued on page 12**



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Step 2 Add potatoes and carrots and bring back up to a boil. Cook for 15 minutes, then add cabbage and boil 5 minutes more.
Step 3 Remove meat and drain vegetables. Let meat rest 10 minutes before slicing against the grain.

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tickets are available at TheLocalSaugerties.com.

Interviews and press passes are available upon request. The Local opened for its first season in September 2023, under the guidance of Isabel Soffer and Danny Melnick. The two insatiably curious Saugerties-based music producers have each devoted more than 30 years to producing festivals, concerts, conferences, recordings, and curated arts experiences. They invite you to experience all kinds of music in a beautiful, friendly space with great sound, great vibes, great wine, beer, and bites. *Artist housing is provided by our sponsor Diamond Mills Hotel. Funding is made possible in part by a grant from NYSCA, plus support from Stewart's,*

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Saturday March 15th at 10:30 AM Spring is coming and hibernation is ending! Come help these fuzzy friends wake back up just in time for the new season. CCL is hosting a make your own stuffed animal program to welcome Spring. Animal choice is first come first serve. If you need to cancel your registration please call or email the library, we cannot hold kits. Supplies are very limited. Ages 5-11. There will be no extra kits available.

Registration is required to participate.

ONE KIT PER CHILD.

Crafts & Coffee (in person)

Monday March 10 at 1:30 PM Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the second Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more. Note: You must register for each individual who is attending and would like to participate. Materials are limited and there will not be extra!

Volunteer Interest Meeting for Garden Tour (in person)

Saturday March 22 at 10:30 AM The Friends of the Clinton Community Library are planning a new fundraiser this year: Clinton Country Gardens "Enchantment & Inspiration, 2025" We are thrilled to partner with our gracious community members to tour a variety of gardens on Saturday, June 28th. We need

YOUR help to make it a success! During this informational meeting, we will tell you more about the garden tour and discuss areas where we need help, including Parking Attendants (help with the flow), Docents (no, you don't have to be a Master Gardener), Email Promotions and Advertising (contacting from our list) Flyer/Poster Distribution. We hope you will join us -- refreshments will be provided! Sponsored by Friends of the Clinton Community Library. **Lunch & Learn: Belle Da Costa Greene: Black Female Excellence Surmounting the Limits of Early 20th-Century America**

Thursday March 27 at 12:30 PM At just 26 years old, Belle da Costa Greene became librarian for one of the most powerful men in the world, J.P. Morgan... while hiding her true identity. Guiding the creation of Morgan's renowned private collection of rare books and manuscripts, Greene spent the next 43 years negotiating purchases for the collection (now known as The Morgan Library) while competing against other collectors worldwide. Her position opened countless doors to befriend the elite of America and Europe and to attend the most exclusive parties and cultural events. Besides her extraordinary professional gifts and acumen, another key to Greene's success: she hid her African American heritage from Morgan and everyone else. --- Presented by Pamela Malcom from the Staatsburgh State Historic Site Lunch typically consists of a

sandwich, chips, and a cookie. CCL cannot accommodate specific dietary requirements or allergies. If this is a concern, you are welcome to bring your own bagged lunch. Clinton registration opens February 27th. Please call the library to register. All online registration opens March 13th.

Looking Ahead (April):

Groove & Grow (in person)

Thursday April 17th at 10:15 AM Join licensed music therapist Terry Watson for a morning of music, movement, dancing, puppets & instruments! This class fosters child development, and will be so much fun. Let's groove and grow! All babies, toddlers & caregivers are welcome (ages 0-4) Registration is required

Keeping Children Safe Workshop (in person)

Thursday April 17th at 1:00-2:00 PM April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Clinton Community Library and The Town of Clinton Recreation Department are co-sponsoring this free one-hour workshop in support of our community. In the "Keeping Children Safe Workshop" presented by the CPCA (The Center for Prevention of Child Abuse Prevention) you will learn:

- The types of child abuse and neglect
- To recognize the warning signs of child abuse and neglect
- How to respond when a child discloses to you, or if you notice warning signs.

This CPCA workshop is open to all community members including parents, caregivers & community organizations. Registration is required

About Clinton Community Library

Clinton Community Library was established in 1965. It is located at 1215 Centre Rd. in Rhinebeck, NY, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall. The library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9AM-5PM, Fridays from 10:30AM-6:30PM,

and Saturdays from 9AM-1PM. The Clinton Community is the recipient of the Joseph F. Shubert Award for Library Excellence. The Library is the cornerstone of our community, enriching lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity. For more information, call (845) 495-0655 or visit www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

Since 1987, our nation has been celebrating March as Women's History Month; since 2005, the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce has been celebrating Women in our community with the annual Women's Luncheon! Growing every year in popularity and attendance, you're invited to join us Friday, March 7, 2025, at The Greenport (185

Union Turnpike, Hudson, NY 12534), check-in will start at 11:45 a.m. A delicious lunch from Georgia Ray's is included and entertainment will be inspiring, business-driven stories, provided by Women.

This year's Keynote Speaker, Jené Luciani Sena, joins us to share her experience from being a local Hudson City School District graduate to successfully launching her own patented collection, The GemBra. Over the course of her 25-year career, Luciani Sena has become a renowned best-selling author, "The Bra Book", has achieved national notoriety as "the Bra Guru" and has been a personal crusader making a difference for several women and children's issues that touch her

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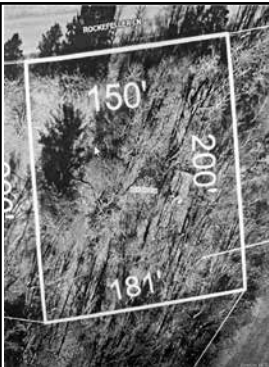
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Bindlestick Bill

A Child and Family Program at Staatsburgh State Historic Site March 22, 2025 at 3:00p.m.

On Saturday, March 22 at 3:00p.m., Hudson Valley's favorite traveling troubadour, Bindlestick Bill, will be making a stop at Staatsburgh State Historic Site to share some of his favorite local stories and music. Bindlestick Bill has been making music and people laugh for over twenty years. He has performed with Pete Seeger, and with Tom Chapin during two Earth Day celebrations. Bill's song about the wisdom of the Atlantic Sturgeon, called Benthic Beauties, has been featured on National Broadcast Radio. Audiences from four to ninety-four will delight in his interactive performances, while he sings tunes and banters with his sock monkey pal about the rich ecology and history of the Hudson River. To purchase tickets, go to <http://StaatsburghBindlestickBill.Eventbrite.com>.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is open for guided mansion tours Thursdays through Saturdays. 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 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, and www.StaatsburghStateHistoricSite.com.

staatsburghstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com.

Staatsburgh's events are also listed at 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, download the free [NY State Parks Explorer](http://NYStateParksExplorer.com) app or call 518.474.0456. Connect with us on [Facebook](http://Facebook.com/StaatsburghSHS), [Instagram](http://Instagram.com/StaatsburghSHS), [X](http://X.com/StaatsburghSHS) (formerly Twitter), the [OPRHP Blog](http://OPRHPBlog.com) or via the [OPRHP Newsroom](http://OPRHPNewsroom.com).

Spencertown Academy Presents Diego Mongue Band Featuring Vocalist Chantell

Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series, in association with the Capital Region Blues Network (CRBN), presents the Diego Mongue Band on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30pm at the Academy's Blanche Grubin Auditorium. Featuring Mongue on drums, vocalist Chantell, Chase Bradshaw on bass, and Cam Bencivenga on guitar, the band's sound is a mix of blues, jazz fusion, and rock. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 Academy and CRBN members) are available via www.spencertownacademy.org.

“Having known Diego since he was a teenager, I am delighted to see the success he's achieving with his band. Given his own musical prowess—he is an accomplished drummer, bass player, and guitarist and plays all instruments—Diego is a true talent. **Continued on page `15**



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three instruments in his mother Gina Coleman's acclaimed band, Misty Blues, it's wonderful to see him team up with Cam, Chase, and Chantell, who are all outstanding musicians in their own right," says Richard Green, member of the Academy Music Committee and President of the Capital Region Blues Network. "Chantell possesses the kind of voice that frequently invokes shivers down the spine and the band provides the perfect platform for



her soul-drenched expression."

Based out of Berkshire County, MA, the Diego Mongue Band captivated the audience and judges at the 2023 and 2024 Capitol Region Blues Network's regional competition, leading to two trips to Memphis, TN, to compete in the International Blues Challenge (IBC). Their debut blues album, "While You Were Gone," reached a height of #10 on the Roots Music Report on the Contemporary Blues Album Chart. Bandleader Mongue has collaborated with and/or recorded with blues artists Eric Gales, Justin Johnson, and Joe Louis Walker

Originally from Chicago, Chantell is a classically trained vocalist. In her early career, she performed on studio albums for PBS Kids and Sesame Street. In 2021, she performed in a concert of encouragement and hope for essential workers featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the pianist Emanuel Ax. In 2023, she was accepted into the Recording Academy.

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.

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heart. A wife, and mother of 4, Luciani Sena's mission is to help others like herself, make it through life with humor, heart, and a proper-fitting bra.

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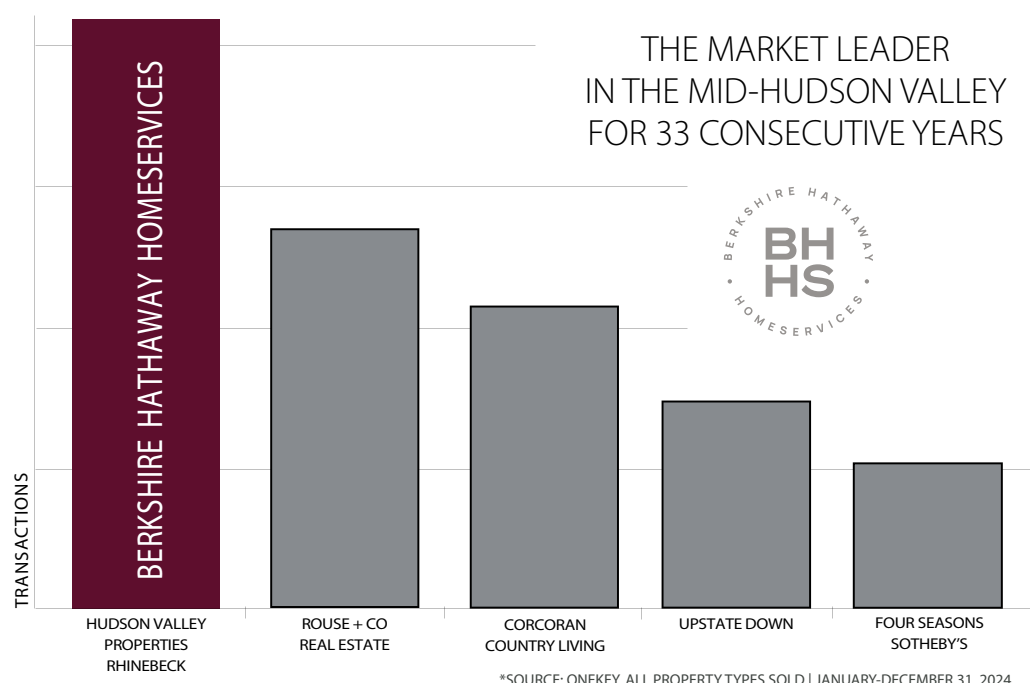
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A Bronx Tale (MHT debut) Music by Alan Menken, Book by Chazz Palminteri, Lyrics by Glenn Slater This streetwise musical will take you to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s—where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. July 24–August 3

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Book, Music and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown Wednesday, July 30, 7:30pm Friday, August 1, 3:00pm From Jason Robert Brown, this modern musical ingeniously chronicles the five-year life of a marriage, from meeting to break-up and from break-up to meeting. Showstoppers Wednesday, August 27, 7:30pm Friday, August 29, 3:00pm An experience you won't want to miss—a celebration of the magic, the passion, and the sheer joy of musical theater. Single ticket sales and 7 and 4-show subscriptions are now open. For more information on the 2025 season, showtimes,

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Friday, March 7, 2025

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