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## Butterfield Development Passes First Test

*Planning Board votes for a SEQR 'neg dec'*

By Kevin E. Foley

The Butterfield development concept plan for the old hospital site on Route 9D in Cold Spring cleared the first of the regulatory hurdles last Wednesday night (Feb. 19). The Cold Spring Planning Board gave the project a clean bill of health by making a negative declaration as to its potential environmental impact in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law.

The board voted unanimously to accept developer Paul Guillaro's updated Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) at the 14<sup>th</sup> public meeting held since September to review the project's potential impact on various areas of village life.

The plan for the Butterfield development contemplates a 15,000 square foot office/retail building just off 9D, a 17,500 square foot office/retail space and 55 market rate condominium units contained within three buildings and three single family homes along Paulding Avenue. The current Lahey pavilion would remain as a location for medical services.

The board findings dealt with air, water and land quality, impact on historic buildings, endangered species, traffic and village infrastructure. The board also concluded that the development "is projected to result in a net tax benefit to the Village of Cold Spring, the Haldane School District, Town of Philipstown and Putnam County."

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## Putnam Pols Poised to Protest NY SAFE Gun Control Law

*Legislators oppose county seal use on NY State Police notices to gun owners*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County's Legislature appears poised to link a new assertion of county rights to its old opposition to gun control, moving to prevent use of the county seal on notices from the New York State Police to handgun owners reminding them to recertify their weapons every five years.

In Carmel on Tuesday night (Feb. 18), the legislature's Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee took up the question of cooperation with the state police, a year after the legislature urged repeal of the 2013 NY SAFE Act — the New (Continued on page 14)



Stuck on the ice | See more Winter Photofest images on page 16. Photo by Kevin E. Foley

## Let Fjord Trail Hug Hudson River

*Voices from multiple local jurisdictions and groups heard at planning session*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Probably as many distinctive ideas as attendees — 125 — filled the room at a Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail forum Wednesday night, but consensus on key points emerged, especially on the merits of letting the proposed path hug the river as much as possible.

On the eve of the latest major snowstorm, the event at the Chalet on the Hudson north of Cold Spring drew not only residents of the village and other parts of Philipstown, plus elsewhere in Putnam County, Beacon, and southern Dutchess County, but environmental leaders and government officials, among them the whole Philipstown Town Board, Cold Spring Trustee Stephanie Hawkins, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale, Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scucimarra, and representatives of the New York State park system.

The agenda involved overviews of the proposed bike-hike path, intended to run between the Cold Spring and Beacon Metro-North train stations, followed by swapping of views on its preferred alignment and other nitty-gritty details of "trail-blazing." A tableful of attendees living along the proposed route also injected cautionary notes about respecting private property rights in creation of the

trail, which advocates believe could become a significant visitor lure and boost the Highlands economy.

As the program got underway, Steve Rosenberg, Scenic Hudson's senior vice president, shared a bit of good news: Scenic Hudson is providing \$100,000, which he said he hopes "can be a catalyst ... leverage other support" for the trail. The organization also has devoted staff time to the trail effort.

Philipstown resident Andrew Chmar, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, similarly announced that the HHLT will continue to lend manpower and financial assistance. "Our organization is really excited about this" and committed to offering "whatever it takes ... to make this happen," he said. Chmar summarized some of the funding arrangements to date. "We've got land trust monies, plus the commitment of a major donor for this planning exercise to the tune of \$139, 000," he stated. Moreover, "we have another \$450,000 pledge for the consolidated funding application process," a state funding mechanism, "of which the state recently awarded \$100,000 for this project. So we have a \$100,000 match right now for that \$100,000 [state grant] with another \$350,000 committed if this project receives further funding from the state."

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef outlined her pursuit of financial backing through Metro-North channels as well as the likelihood of assistance from the state Department of Transportation. "Your state dollars are (Continued on page 4)



A draft map provided attendees shows the basic route of the proposed Hudson fjord trail.

Image courtesy of forum organizers

## Heroin's Damaged Lives

*Parents, an addict and an educator speak out*

By Michael Turton

This is the second article in a series on the use of heroin and other drugs in Philipstown. Last week's article provoked a strong reaction in the community regarding the need to address the drug problem openly.

Two events in the past week indicated that the use of heroin and other drugs is a serious issue in this community, one that is gaining a higher public profile. Drug World in Cold Spring joined New York State's Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP) through which pharmacies can sell up to 10 syringes at a time to anyone 18 years or older. The program reduces the risk of disease among those who inject drugs. And, Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy held a Drug Education Forum at Haldane High School Wednesday (Feb. 19).



Max Barr: "Drugs lead to misery and failure."

Photo courtesy of Teri Barr

Teri and Max

Teri Barr, long-time owner of Hudson Valley Outfitters in Cold Spring, moved to California last fall. She knows about heroin. A recovering alcoholic who has been sober for years, Barr also used heroin in the past. Her son Max, now 18, became addicted to heroin and is now in rehab, also in California. Teri said she first realized something was wrong when Max was about 14 — when money began to disappear from her home.

In an email to *The Paper* sent from the rehabilitation center, Max said taking heroin was experimental at first — and "a way to make new friends." But he said, "It didn't end up like that." He said that withdrawals have been terrible but "... trying to deal with the life I destroyed through drug use is the most challenging part of getting sober." He knows what he would tell others who are contemplating drug use. "It's not fun. It may look it ... but all drugs lead to is misery and failure." He will soon (Continued on page 3)

Small, Good Things

If Memory Serves ...

By Joe Dizney

How can the 28 days of February possibly seem so endless? My reptile brain has kicked into overtime and the promise of spring seems delusional as I watch accumulating piles of snow and lengthening icicles. Each morning it's hard to react with anything other than a reflexive, animal tug at the blankets and a desire to hibernate until the thaw comes.

Not to get emotional about it but such base instincts don't accommodate the higher mental functioning and long-term memory to support the fact that winter *will* end — someday in the foreseeable future — and a warm sun will shine on us again, birds will sing, plants will grow, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

But for now I am all in favor of forgetting this mess for a bit. I say it's time to screw around with such prehensile reactions and respond with intentional and unrepentant sensual stimulation. I'm suggesting a metaphorical trip to Spain — seafood, saffron, fennel, tomatoes, pepper, garlic, onions. Are you with me?

This meal, based on a Nancy Jenkins recipe (adapted from *The New Mediterranean Diet Cookbook*) is like all cherished memories, *layered*, calling to mind a variety of warm and pleasant associations. And although the ingredients are admittedly neither local nor particularly seasonal, they *are* generally available, and isn't this *season* just what we're trying to forget.

Here, in my cerebral Catalonia, a bed of creamy white beans — stewed with mounds of aromatic, anise-fragrant fennel — form a bed for a peppery, saffron-tomato sauce in which fresh

shrimp are poached until just done. The (optional) addition of the traditional dry pork sausage (bacon would be an acceptable substitute) is even more authentic but not at all necessary.

*“It provides an over-the-top memory jog that will help leave this frozen North behind — if only for the moment. Shades of Marseilles and bouillabaisse!*

*But that's a different fantasy ...”*

A note on ingredients and preparation: Canned cherry tomatoes are an under-utilized winter ingredient. For some reason the sweeter taste and texture of a quick sauce made from this culinary secret weapon is superior to the typical processed varieties. I've found them locally at Adams Fairacre Farms.

The beans, of course, can stand on their own (particularly if you add the sausage), but the saffron-tomato sauce is a great preparation to have around for other uses. I spooned a bit of it over grouper filets, which I baked for about 20 minutes to a VERY pleasant effect, and I can imagine using it with other firm-fleshed fish or even diver scallops with similar success. Both basic preparations will obviously freeze well for special last-minute dinners.

I also recently discovered an admittedly luxurious-but-unnecessary ingredient and possible addition: fennel pollen, available from Spice and Tease in the Grand Central Market. Lightly dusted over the final plate, it provides an over-the-top memory jog that will help leave this frozen North behind — if only for the moment. Shades of Marseilles and *bouillabaisse*!

But that's a different fantasy ...



White beans and fennel with shrimp, tomato and saffron

Photo by J. Dizney

White Beans and Fennel with Shrimp, Tomato and Saffron

Serves 6-8 as a main course

For the beans:

- 1 cup dried cannellini beans, soaked overnight, drained
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bulbs fennel, chopped coarsely
- 1-2 small links *botifarras* (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Botifarra) or *linguiça* (pork) sausage, diced (optional)
- 4 cups water or vegetable stock

For the shrimp:

- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 28 ounces canned cherry tomatoes in sauce
- 1 teaspoon raw sugar
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Pinch, saffron threads, crumbled
- 1 cup dry white wine
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1½ pounds medium shrimp, peeled

For garnish:

- ¼ cup reserved fennel fronds or chopped flat-leaf parsley
- ¼ cup thinly sliced fennel
- Zest of one lemon

- 1. The beans:** In the bottom of a heavy stockpot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. If using the sausage, just barely brown it first. Add the onion and garlic, cooking until the vegetables are tender but not colored. Add fennel and sauté until barely soft. Add drained beans along with water or stock (to cover by 1 inch). Bring to a boil, turn heat to simmer and cook until the beans are tender, about 45 minutes. (You may need to add liquid from time to time.) When the beans are tender season with salt and pepper. Remove the pot from the heat, and set aside.
- 2. The tomato sauce:** In another saucepan, prepare the tomato sauce. Sauté the onion and garlic in the additional oil. At about 5 minutes, add dried chili flakes and continue cooking until vegetables are tender but not browned — 10 to 15 minutes. Add tomatoes, and sugar, raise the heat slightly, and continue cooking for another 5 to 10 minutes until the sauce thickens a bit. Add the saffron and wine raising the heat to high. Cook, stirring frequently, about 5 to 7 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.  
*Note: The beans and tomato sauce can be prepared separately up to a day ahead of time. When ready to serve, gently reheat beans and tomato sauce in separate pots. When reheating the beans, add water or stock to loosen as necessary.*
- With the tomato sauce just barely simmering, add shrimp and cook briefly, until barely colored (@ 4-5 minutes).
- To serve, spoon the beans in shallow bowls and top with the shrimp and tomato sauce in the center of each bowl. Garnish with the fennel fronds or minced parsley, sliced fennel and a few curls of lemon zest.

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## Heroin’s Damaged Lives (from page 1)

finish his rehabilitation program and plans to attend community college in the fall. The center’s after-care program will require him to call in twice a week.

Asked if she feels responsible for her son’s addiction Teri responded, “Of course — it’s hard not to.” Attempts to get their son help cost her and her ex-husband “hundreds of thousands of dollars.” Their efforts included sending Max to a wilderness-based leadership camp in the Adirondacks and later a therapeutic boarding school in Massachusetts. Both proved ineffective. According to Max they lacked “seriousness and reality.” His rehabilitation experience in California has been much better. “His outlook is good now,” Teri said.

Teri also has advice for her peers. “Parents have to persevere. It’s important to talk about (drug use) — not just shove it under the rug ... the stigma about addiction has to change.” She said that one book helped her immensely and she strongly recommends it to other parents; *Don’t Let Your Kids Kill You: A Guide for Parents of Drug and Alcohol Addicted Children*, by Charles Rubin.

### Tough love

Barb Rifenburg-D’Alessio is a parent whose son and daughter, now in their 20s, attended Haldane. While she faced many challenges as a parent she said that heroin use was not one of them. “I know kids who have struggled with heroin ... but I’ve been very lucky,” she said. “I think people lose site of the fact that you have to be a parent. My approach was always a very tough love – but there was also mutual respect.” Rifenburg-D’Alessio believes in the “it takes a village to raise a child” philosophy. Her “tough love” extended to kids who came to hang out in her house. “Kids have to



Haldane High School Principal Brian Alm  
File photo by M. Turton

make choices. They need to understand that there’s a cause and an effect ... they have to be accountable. You’re still a child if you are 18 and in my home.”

She points to the lack of a supervised “hangout” for young people as a problem in Cold Spring. “Growing up in Tivoli, we had a coffee house, located in a church building. Students ran it but there was adult supervision.” She believes that such a facility empowers kids. “It would be really good to have something like that (in Philipstown).” Monitoring is vital she said because coffee houses and teen centers can also attract undesirables.

### Haldane’s principal weighs in

Heroin is a society-wide problem and high school students are not immune. Asked what level of concern prompts action at Haldane, Principal Brian Alm said, “We try to get involved at any level of concern, from confidential counseling up through disciplinary action.” Involvement can extend beyond traditional school boundaries. Alm said it would be easy to “turn a blind eye” to incidents outside the school but that “...we tend to reach beyond normal ... school control,

without stepping on the responsibilities of parents.” He said when substance abuse by students off campus is reported that “we try to link families up with area resources,” including sometimes hosting initial meetings between support agencies and the family.

If a student is caught using drugs on campus Alm said a 30- to 60-day suspension is imposed. A qualified counselor must provide a substance abuse evaluation before the student can return to school.

Surveys of students in grades eight through 12 regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use are conducted biennially in local school districts by the Carmel-based Putnam County Communities that Care Coalition (PCCCC). Results from 2008 through 2012 confirm the use of heroin at Haldane and other schools. Until this month Haldane did not release the survey data but Alm said the information was not ignored. “I have made it a matter of personal policy to share the results of each survey, in detail, with my class parents group each year that they come out,” he said. “We have discussed the results at length and in depth.

“Heroin is genuinely a concern at Haldane” Alm said. He said there is a perception among many students that it is a “big leap” from prescription drug use to heroin and that teenagers and adults alike envision needles and mainlining when it comes to heroin. “The fact is that users who try it for the first time snort the drug in powder form; truly a small jump from doing the same with a crushed prescription pill.”

While there is disagreement as to whether or not marijuana is a “gateway drug” that can lead to using heroin, Alm clearly sees it as a problem. He finds it troubling that students, “... believe that their parents would be more upset to find them in possession of cigarettes than marijuana,” a statement that is con-

firmed by PCCCC survey data.

Alm believes that one of the school’s most successful prevention efforts has been through students helping their fellow students. “In recent years, we have had a peer leadership program in place, and (we are) working to expand the program in the middle school,” he said. Haldane also partners with Arms Acres, a rehab facility in Carmel, hosting recovering teen addicts who speak with Haldane students. “(Based on) my informal assessment, this has had the greatest impact.”

Ironically, Alm believes that the pleasant, small-town life enjoyed by Philipstown residents may contribute to the local drug problem. “The pattern indentified by students in your first article — where ‘latch-key’ kids are most affected — is certainly true from my observations,” he said. “I think parents sometimes overly on our safe, sleepy town to manage idle time and students’ extra-curricular activities.”

Parents not wanting to hear bad news from other parents may also be a factor. Alm said that he often gets reports of parents becoming defensive when their peers exercise the “it takes a village” approach, holding young people (other than their own children) accountable for their choices. “As a community we have to move beyond this — taking the necessary risks with our adult friendships in order to help our young people. If you see something, say something,” he said, adding that if necessary, the school can help in such situations by serving as a buffer between families.

“Overall,” Alm said, “what is most effective is an open partnership with parents — and early intervention.”

*The next article in this series will deal with law enforcement and the courts as well as awareness and rehabilitation programs.*

# MATT FRANCISCO & DONALD MacDONALD

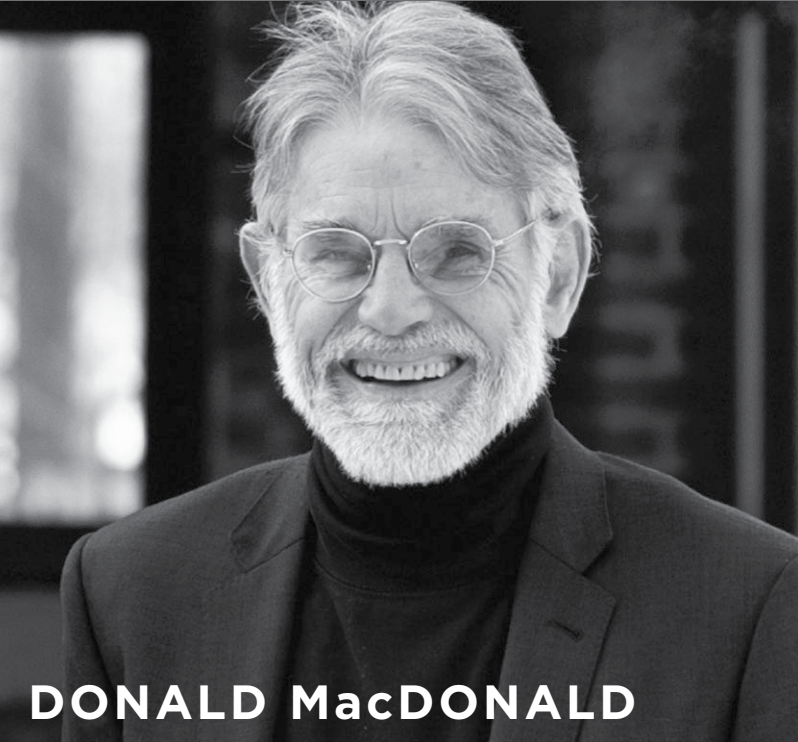
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## Butterfield Development Passes First Test *(from page 1)*

The Planning Board did not accept the originally submitted EAF after a review by the board’s professional consultant Chuck Voss found it lacking in details and justification for its claims. Voss subsequently altered his view and over the last few meetings praised the developer’s team for their cooperation and the completeness of the information subsequently supplied. He repeatedly pointed to the application binder and noted the increased number of pages as visible proof of a successful review process. Planning Board members did not disagree with that assessment.

Although the Planning Board decided not to hold a formal public hearing (SEQR does not require one) public comment was permitted at the end of most if not all of the board meetings. Little comment was made over the months other than by some senior citizens and a few present and former local officials mostly expressing appreciation of the board’s work and urging members to keep moving toward approval. While significant objection or critique of aspects of the developer’s concept plan may still exist, there was no sign of it during this round of review.

Guillaro’s lawyer, Steven Barshov, has made a point of underscoring the absence of people raising red flags on the environmental impact of the project at several meetings, no doubt to establish a clear record for any future arguments either procedural or legal.

The Planning Board operated as the lead agency (representing all interested agencies local, county and state) for the SEQR review. Its deliberations so far constituted a review as required by the developer’s application and also for the upcoming Village Board consideration of the needed B4 to B4a zoning change

for the hospital site so the project conforms with Village Code. The appropriateness of using one SEQR review for both purposes was argued among Village and Planning Board members and other observers last spring. The Village Board ultimately concluded in June that the Planning Board should proceed as lead agency.

### Next hurdle

The Planning Board also neared completion of its recommendations to the Village Board regarding the language of a new zoning amendment authorizing the change from B4 to B4a (Medical and Healthcare Facility, Mixed Use District) expanding the permitted uses of the site. It will meet again on March 5 to finalize a document to pass on to the Village Board and the public. Essentially the Planning Board will ask the village trustees to give the Planning Board more latitude in negotiating detail changes with Guillaro once the actual site plan comes before the Planning Board assuming a zoning change is approved.

Planning Board Chairman Barney Molloy announced a March 11 meeting with the Village Board to publicly discuss the Planning Board’s recommendations. The date is a bit of a puzzle since the following week village voters will decide on the occupants of two of the Village Board’s five seats.

Ultimately the Village Board must hold a public hearing on the zoning change. In January of 2013 when the Village Board held a public hearing on the zoning change there was enough opposition to give the board pause. A week later Guillaro withdrew his application (for the second time) and threatened to build only single family homes on the site (a strange threat given the zoning

limitations on how many homes could be built).

Essentially the opposition argument then was that the village was taking too much of a risk in making a zoning change permitting the project to go forward without sufficient assurance that many of the proffered amenities (senior citizen center, post office, consolidated government offices) would actually exist once construction was complete. Whether many people still share this skeptical perspective remains to be seen.

In the past developer Guillaro has shied away from making any commitment about what services government or other tenants in his proposed buildings might provide in their spaces. In March 2013 he told assembled senior citizens that he was not in the business of providing services and said his contribution to a senior center would be a “plain vanilla box,” meaning just the raw space. However, he now claims that the project will see several ostensibly desirable outcomes. On a new Facebook page and in paid advertising (including in this newspaper) the developer asserts, among other things, that building Butterfield will see a new post office, a public senior citizen/community center, county offices providing new services and space devoted to consolidated court offices.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell in September wrote a letter to the county legislature expressing her intention to pursue 5,000 square feet of space in the Butterfield development to provide services, including for seniors. The legislature has not committed itself to Odell’s vision although it would be premature given construction has not begun. Odell also referenced a commitment from Roger and Beth Ailes to contribute \$500,000 toward a senior center. The Ailes family

has not said publicly where their funds will go, if anywhere. Odell is running for re-election this year.

Town Supervisor Richard Shea also said publicly and in correspondence in the past that there is great interest by town officials in consolidating services and creating a senior center at the Butterfield site.

Doubtless some people will ask anew how citizens can be assured of these results and what enterprises will be permitted in the buildings if these services do not materialize.

### Looking further ahead

If the Village Board approves the zoning change the proposed project will also have to go before the Historic District Review Board for review of the design of the buildings and other aspects in relation to the strictures of the district.

Far more complicated will be the volunteer Planning Board’s site plan review, which will involve painstaking, at times mind-numbing analysis of the myriad details involved in a project of this dimension.

Aside from Molloy, the chair, Planning Board members include Ann Impellizzeri, Arne Saari, Karn Dunn and James Pergamo.

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**Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde for Cold Spring Village Trustee**  
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# Formula Business Ban Approved

New parking committee to be formed

By Michael Turton

Formula businesses have been formally banned in Cold Spring. Trustees on the Village Board voted to approve a change to the zoning code that prohibits formula or “chain” retail businesses, restaurants and drive-throughs at their meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 18). The vote, which drew applause from the small audience, was 4-0 in favor. Mayor Ralph Falloon was away on vacation.

Final wording of the new law included a definition of a convenience store, one type of business included in the ban. The law permits small franchises that have up to nine outlets.

Trustee Matt Francisco said that the Dunkin’ Donuts now planned on the site of the former Elmesco Citgo service station on Chestnut Street was a “real wake-up call.” He said the Village Board acted quickly to prohibit other formula businesses. The new law “will help protect village character” he said. Francisco also commented that it was the only issue for which there has been complete agreement among board members.

## Street peddler permit requested

Village Attorney Michael Liguori will review a proposal submitted by village residents Dan Rayner and Angela Devine requesting that they be issued a street peddler’s permit for their business, “Dragonfly.” The request states that Dragonfly sells “a line of high-quality, contemporary tie-dyed clothing for adults, children, toddlers and infants.” If approved, the business would operate on weekends only from mid-April through mid-October, using a tent located

on Main Street. The proponents suggested two possible locations — in front of Tight-rope Interactive at 114 Main St., and at the foot of Upper Main near the Chamber of Commerce information booth.

## Two new committees planned

Trustees voted to establish a new parking subcommittee to consider issues raised in an extensive parking report completed in 2008 as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. One aspect that has been raised a number of times but never fully resolved is whether or not to install “Muni-Meters” on Main Street. The 2008 report cites the meters as a potentially lucrative new source of revenue for the village but the concept has received mixed reviews in previous discussions.

At the suggestion of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, a committee will also be established to deal with holiday lighting for Main Street. Last year Central Hudson did not allow the village to continue its long-standing tradition of cross-street lighting. The village had no

funds budgeted for a new lighting system and instead repurposed old lighting and installed wreaths atop Main Street utility polls. The chamber also added lighting to a number of trees.

## Procedural matters

At the end of the meeting, Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde, running as a team in the upcoming Village Board election, both brought up procedural issues. Fadde questioned if meetings of the two new committees would be open to the public. Liguori responded that they would, as required by the Open Meetings Law. She also asked if public notice was given for a recent Tree Advisory Committee meeting. Trustee Stephanie Hawkins, who chairs that committee, said she didn’t know if notice had been given. Bowman questioned the term “personnel matters” as justification for the board going into executive session, which it later did. Liguori said that the term “personnel” is not used in the Open Meetings Law. He said that the correct wording would be that the board enters executive session “to discuss the employment of a particular individual.”

# Nelsonville To Open Polls for Uncontested Trustee Post

Duncan seeks re-election

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong



Trustee William Duncan

File photo by Jeanne Tao

William Duncan should have an easy time campaigning for a spot on the Nelsonville Village Board. He is running unopposed, seeking

another two-year term as a village trustee.

However, despite the uncontested ballot choice, Nelsonville must open the polls as usual on election day, March 18, Village Clerk Pauline Minners confirmed on Tuesday (Feb. 18). As she observed, “anybody could win; anything can happen,” as it did in 2001. That year, Nelsonville Mayor Bill Merando announced he would not seek re-election and another candidate came forward, with no obvious opposition. Then on Election Day, a flurry of write-in votes for Merando returned him to office, his retirement plans notwithstanding.

Duncan also ran unopposed in 2012, when his present term began. Nelsonville’s board consists of a mayor and two trustees.



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# The Calendar

## Beacon's Howland Public Library

*Building community and lifelong learning foundations*

By Alison Rooney

In its earliest years Beacon's "Howland Circulating Library" as it was known at its founding in 1872, outlined stipulations now no longer in place: no member was allowed more than one vol-

ume at a time for every share owned by him (the library was then private), and gentlemen were requested to remove their hats on entering the room. A history of the library, prepared for its centennial by Patricia McGurk, describes the library in its first years as having "the aura of a classical academy of learning: culture oriented subscribers sort out the best in literature; voices were quiet and books protected behind locked doors." Its founder, General Joseph Howland, would find a much-altered, community-focused library today.

Originally located in the building created for it, what is now called the Howland Cultural Center, further east on Main Street, the library initially contained 2,184 books, and a collection of periodicals including the *Wappingers Chronicle* and the *Matteawan Enterprise*, and catered to 534 subscribers at the end of its first year. By 1911 some things had changed — a subscriber was now allowed to borrow two books per subscription provided one was nonfiction — and the library reflected a greater regional and international history, collecting book donations for soldiers in WWI, closing for weeks during the influenza epidemic of 1919, and,



Figures represent Beacon's heritage and its present, as depicted on one of the Common Clay murals, conceived by Mika Seeger, at Howland Library. Photo by Kate Vikstrom



Rick Price's mural, located on the exterior of the building, depicts a tree of knowledge growing from the foundation of the Howland Cultural Center, which was the original Howland Library. Sprouting from this foundation are books on many subjects and in many languages. Photo by Kate Vikstrom

finally, in 1929, transitioning into a free institution. Now, the library serves a population of about 25,000, including the City of Beacon School District plus pieces of Fishkill and Wappingers Falls. Having outgrown its former quarters — the collection having increased by then to more than 10,000 volumes — the library relocated to its present premises, in what had formerly been Fishman's Five and Dime, in 1976. A 1980s expansion created multiple rooms containing adult, young adult and children's collections, a homework room and a community room, along with offices. Next door is Beacon Reads, a used bookstore operated by the library's Friends group. Signature features of the library are the "Common Clay" relief

sculptures found inside the entrance doors. Conceived by Mika Seeger, and depicting hundreds of years of Beacon's history, this community art project, completed in 1992, grew out of a desire to make an enduring work of art by, for and about the people of Beacon. Along with (Continued on page 11)



Children's art — like this depiction of the South Avenue School by one of its students — enhances library walls. Photo by A. Rooney



In costume from the period drama Downton Abbey Photo courtesy of Cup and Saucer

## Scones and Champagne: Cup and Saucer Sets the Table for Downton Abbey Tea

*Guests requested to come in costume to Feb. 23 TV-inspired celebration*

By Alison Rooney

Caution: spoiler alert — if you haven't been catching up with your *Downton Abbey* viewing, you may wish to cease reading this story about a Beacon eatery. Puzzled by this connection? Wondering how Mr. Bates and Edith et al. have somehow crossed the pond and the decades? A hint: that Beacon eatery is the Cup and Saucer Restaurant and Tea Room, whose proprietor, Shirley Wenlock-Hot hails from England and arrived in the Hudson Highlands via the Bronx after crossing the Atlantic on Cunard's Queen Elizabeth.

This Sunday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m., the Cup and Saucer will host its second "Epic Downton Abbey Tea", at which, according to the invitation, the "Dowager Duchess of Grantham invites



Shirley Wenlock-Hot behind a counter laden with British goodies. Photo by A. Rooney

you to celebrate the upcoming finale of season four with a champagne toast followed by a four-course afternoon tea consisting of soup, savouries and sandwiches, scones and a dessert of course." Guests are encouraged (but not

required) to come in period costume (Edwardian to Jazz Age), and a prize for the best is promised. The celebration includes wait staff in period uniforms and a Downton trivia contest to exercise the mind before (Continued on page 13)



Theater & Film

**The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**  
Noon. Downing Film Center  
19 Front St., Newburgh  
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
12:30 & 5 & 9:20 p.m. *Shanghai Triad* (1995)  
2:45 & 7:45 p.m. *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1955)  
See details under Friday.

**Afternoon of a Faun: Tanaquil Le Clercq (Documentary, 2013) with Q&A**  
6 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center  
See details under Friday.

**Winter Film Series: Badlands (1973)**  
8 p.m. The Living Room  
103 Main St., Cold Spring | coldspringfilm.org

**Love Letters**  
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre  
See details under Friday.

**The Miracle Worker**  
8 p.m. County Players | See details under Friday.

**100th Night Show: An Unexpected Journeyline**  
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
See details under Friday.

Music

**Concert and Potluck Supper to Honor Pete Seeger**  
5:30 – 10 p.m. The Falcon | 1348 Route W, Marlboro | 845-236-7970 | liveatthefalcon.com

**Zappa Plays Zappa**  
8 p.m. Bardavon  
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

**Donna Singer & the Doug Richards Trio**  
8 p.m. Bean Runner Café  
See details under Friday.

**Painted Betty**  
8 p.m. Whistling Willie's  
See details under Friday.

**Luther “Guitar Jr.” Johnson & The Magic Rockers**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
See details under Friday.

**T. Jay**  
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | Details under Friday

**Greg McCullough & Friends (Blues)**  
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
8:30 a.m. Graymoor  
1350 Route 9, Garrison | 917-716-2488 | oa.org

**Beacon Hebrew Alliance**  
2 p.m. Mincha (afternoon prayers)  
3 p.m. Teaching on Disagreement for the Sake of Heaven  
3:30 p.m. Listen for Peace (ages 6-13)  
3:30 p.m. Listen for Peace (adults)  
5:30 p.m. Snacks  
6 p.m. Havdalah  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

**Freedom’s Gardener: James F. Brown (Lecture)**  
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Kids & Community

**Project FeederWatch**  
8 - 10 a.m. Croton Point Nature Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Big Al’s Gun & Premier Knife Show**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Beacon Farmers’ Market**  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center  
Long Dock Drive, Beacon  
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

**International Gem and Jewelry Show**  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Westchester County Center  
See details under Friday.

**Meet the Animals**  
1 & 2:30 p.m. Wildlife Education Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Soccer Skills & Drills: Futsal**  
1:30 p.m. Ages 7-8 | 2:30 p.m. Ages 9-10  
3:30 p.m. Ages 11-12 | Philipstown Recreation Center | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

**Drop-In Art Sessions**  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Life Drawing and Painting (Long Pose)

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Printmaking Club  
Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

**Free Admission for Beacon Residents**  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
See details under Saturday.

Theater & Film

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
2:30 p.m. *Paris, Texas* (1984)  
4 p.m. *Wonder Boys* (2000)  
5:30 p.m. *Rain Over Santiago* (1975)  
7:15 p.m. *Heathers* (1988) plus Q&A  
See details under Friday.

**Merrily We Roll Along (2013)**  
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

**Love Letters**  
3 p.m. The Beacon Theatre  
See details under Friday.

**Return to Downton Abbey Season 4 Finale Celebration**  
4 p.m. Cup and Saucer Tea Room  
165 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-6287  
**The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**  
7 p.m. Downing Film Center  
See details under Saturday.

Music

**Piano Festival: Gilles Vonsattel**  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-297-9243 | howlandmusic.org

**Open Mic Jam**  
5 - 9 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café  
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon  
meetup.com/Sunset-Sundays-Open-Mic-Jam

**Unplugged Sunday**  
5:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | See details under Friday.

**Irish Music Night**  
7 - 10 p.m. Silver Spoon Café  
124 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2525 | silverspooncoldspring.com

**Cherish the Ladies**  
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
See details under Friday.

**Kathleen Pemble**  
8 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Meetings & Lectures

**Angel Power Class**  
10 a.m. Notions-n-Potions | 175 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-2410 | notions-n-potions.com

**Hudson Valley Garden Association**  
11 a.m. Your Cutting Garden  
2 p.m. Perfect Peonies  
Shawangunk Town Hall | 14 Central Ave., Wallkill  
845-418-3640 | hvga.org

**Hudson Valley Modern Quilting Guild**  
1 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | hvmodernquiltguild.com

**Free Computer Help**  
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
See details under Friday.

**Edgar Cayce Study Group**  
4 p.m. Beacon Yoga Center  
464 Main St., Beacon  
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

Religious Services

**See philipstown.info/churches for Sunday listings**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Kids & Community

**Bridge Club**  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low-Income  
3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in Homework Center (grades 1-8)  
See details under Friday.

**Indoor Tot Lot**  
Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Magic Tree House Book Club: Civil War on a Sunday**  
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

**Meditation for Women with Cancer**  
6 p.m. Mahopac Public Library | 668 Route 6, Mahopac | 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Basketball at Philipstown Rec**  
6:15 p.m. Youth Skills/Drills (grades 3-8)  
7:30 p.m. Adult Men's Pickup  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Sports

**Haldane vs. Hamilton (Boys’ Basketball Sectional)**  
3 p.m. Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave., White Plains  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Art & Design

**Garrison Art Center**  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing & Painting (Short Pose)  
5 - 7 p.m. Open Studio Drawing  
See details under Sunday.

**Muse Monday Open Paint**  
3 - 8 p.m. Eat. Paint. Love.  
331 Main St., Beacon | eat-paint-love.com

Theater & Film

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
1 & 5:25 p.m. *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1955)  
3 & 7:45 p.m. *To Live and Die in L.A.* (1985)  
7:30 p.m. *The Act of Killing* (Documentary)  
See details under Friday.

**A Place at the Table (Documentary) plus Discussion**  
6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church  
1040 Main St., Peekskill | pastorsofpeekskill.org  
Rescheduled from Feb. 13

**The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**  
7 p.m. Downing Film Center  
See details under Friday.

Music

**Acoustic Music Jam**  
7 p.m. Arts on the Lake | 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes | 845-228-2685 | hvbluegrass.org

**Community Chorus**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Slaid Cleaves**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
See details under Friday.

**Kenny Wessel Trio (Jazz)**  
8 p.m. Quinn's  
330 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-8065

Meetings & Lectures

**Cold Spring Lions Club**  
6:30 p.m. (Call for location)  
914-456-9698 | coldspringlions.com

**Vet2Vet Support Group**  
6:30 p.m. Field Library | 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill  
914-872-5269 | fsw.org

**Beacon School Board**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaconcitcityK12.org

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Justice Court**  
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Kids & Community

**Philipstown Recreation Center**  
9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Indoor Tot Lot  
6:30 p.m. Foot in Mouth Players (ages 12-19)  
See details under Monday.

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# Garrison Art Center

## MENTOR SHOW 2014

February 28 – March 9

Opening Reception

Friday, Feb. 28, 5:30 – 7pm

**2014 STUDENTS**

Alyssa Baron  
Max Beachak  
Lauren Burke  
Micaela Croniser  
Jessica Daneshvar  
Kristina Daniels  
Anthony DiBattista  
Amy Dunaief  
Alice Flanagan  
Ruby Gauchman  
Jessica Martin  
Trevor McGee  
Carina Meng  
Fiona Mueller  
Mariana Silva  
Maria Scrudato  
Wylie Thornquist  
Hope Waterfield

**2014 MENTORS**

Sheryl Levine  
Lavinia Wiggins  
Marilyn Heberling  
Thomas Huber  
Kathy Curto  
Hiro Ichikawa  
Maria Pia Marrella  
Coulter Young  
Grace Kennedy  
Lisa Knaus  
Nicole Ashey  
Lisa Knaus  
Beth Tango  
Irene Karlen  
Elana Goren  
Bill Kooistra  
Ada Pilar Cruz  
Liz Wisler



student work by Lauren Burke

In celebration of our 50th anniversary Garrison Art Center would also like to thank the following artists for sharing their talent and time by consistently serving as mentors to a long list of students over the past several decades.

**Included in 2014 Show**

Christina DiMarco  
Cali Gorevic  
Thomas Huber  
Grace Knowlton  
Cecile Lindstedt  
Martee Levi  
Sheryl Levine  
Jane Marcy  
Irene O’Garden  
Jaanika Peerna  
Herman Roggeman  
Barbara Smith Gioia  
Lisa Steffens  
Tracy Strong  
Maryann Syrek  
Robin Tauss  
Julie Tooth  
Lucille Tortora

John Allen  
Susan Allen  
Emil Alzamora  
Scott Barrow  
Jean Brennan  
Lynn Carano  
Laurie Clark  
Michele Clifton  
Daisy DePuthod  
Arlyn Fishkin  
Joanne Giganti  
Charlotte Guernsey  
Andre Grasso  
Barney Hodes

Dmitri Kasterine  
Germaine Keller  
Rosaland Kennedy  
Christina Labrie  
Mark Lacko  
Gabe Levinson  
Larry Lyons  
Susan Obrant  
Jean Marzollo  
Brian McConnachie  
Don Nice  
Nancy Oliver  
Anne Osborn  
John Pielmeier

Toni Putnam  
Karen Rattazzi-Stein  
Kate Rogovin  
Siglinda Scarpa  
Marjorie Shaner  
Todd Spire  
Meg Staley  
Carinda Swann  
Karen Thomas  
Rick Thurston  
Carlos Uribe  
Anne Warren  
Christine Zakalak  
Grey Zeien

Tues–Sun, 10–5 garrisonartcenter.org 845.424.3960

The Calendar *(from page 9)*

**Mommy & Me (First Session)**  
9:15 a.m. St. Philips Nursery School  
1101 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-4209 | stphilipsnursery.org

**Senior Day Center**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House  
166 Old West Point Road East, Garrison  
845-424-3184 | graymoorcenter.org

**Howland Public Library**  
10:30 a.m. Baby & Me (ages 0-2)  
3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in Homework Center (grades 1-8)  
See details under Friday.

**Kids Craft Hour**  
4 p.m. Kids Craft Hour  
Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**How to Cook Fish (Class)**  
7 p.m. Ella's Bellas | 418 Main St., Beacon  
917-803-6857 | homecookingny.com

Health & Fitness

**Hudson Valley Hospital**  
2 p.m. Nourishing Loved Ones Undergoing Cancer Treatment  
4 p.m. Grandparenting 101  
6 p.m. Weight-Loss Surgery Seminar  
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor  
914-734-3896 | hvhc.org/events

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
7 p.m. Support Connection  
40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights  
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Sports

**Haldane vs. Hamilton/ (Girls' Basketball Sectional)**  
4:45 p.m. Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave., White Plains  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Theater & Film

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
2:30 p.m. *To Live and Die in L.A.* (1985) with Q&A  
5:10 p.m. *The Battle of Algiers* (1966)  
7:45 p.m. *Possession* (1981) plus Q&A  
See details under Friday.

**The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**  
7 p.m. Downing Film Center  
See details under Friday.

**Exposed (Documentary) with Q&A**  
7:30 p.m. Dogwood  
47 East Main St., Beacon | beaconfilmsociety.org

Meetings & Lectures

**Knitting Club**  
10 a.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Haldane Fine Arts Committee**  
1 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Emergency Planning Info & KI Distribution**  
2 - 7 p.m. Town Hall | 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley | putnamcountyny.com/pcbcs

**Financial Fitness Workshop**  
5 - 8 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-454-9288 | beaconlibrary.org | Free to Dutchess County residents. | Registration required.

**Conservation Advisory Commission**  
7 p.m. Police Training Room,  
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon  
845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

**Haldane School Board Workshop**  
7:30 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**A Bright Future for the Electric Car (Lecture)**  
7:30 p.m. Cornwall Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
222 Hudson St., Cornwall  
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Board of Trustees Workshop**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Philipstown Recreation Commission (Scheduled)**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Philipstown Tech Group**  
7:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Kids & Community

**Howland Public Library**  
9:45 a.m. Come & Play (ages 0-3)  
10:30 a.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)  
3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in Homework Center (grades 1-8)  
4 p.m. Snapology Lego Robotics  
See details under Friday.

**Mahjong Open Play**  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring | 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Desmond-Fish Library**  
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers  
1:30 p.m. Pre-School Story Hour (ages 3-5)  
See details under Tuesday.

**Free Music Class (ages 0-5)**  
11 a.m. Fishkill Recreation Center  
793 Route 52, Fishkill | 347-589-3225  
facebook.com/emilymusic4kids  
Registration required.

**Indoor Tot Lot**  
Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
See details under Monday.

**New Year! New T-Shirt (grades 6-8)**  
3 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org  
Rescheduled from Feb. 5

**Young Naturalist Preschool Open House**  
3:30 - 6 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall  
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Rivertown Kids Chorus (ages 9-13)**  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-264-3393 | rivertownkids.org

Health & Fitness

**Marge's Knitting Circle for Women with Cancer**  
6:30 p.m. Support Connection  
See details under Tuesday.

**“Wing It” Support Night**  
7 p.m. Murphy's Restaurant  
355 Kear St., Yorktown Heights  
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org  
For men who have a loved one with breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer

Sports

**Army vs. Boston University (Men's Basketball)**  
7 p.m. Christl Arena, West Point  
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

Theater & Film

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
1 & 5:30 p.m. *Shanghai Triad* (1995)  
3:15 p.m. *Rain Over Santiago* (1975)  
7:45 p.m. *Cutie and the Boxer* (Documentary, 2013)  
See details under Friday.

Music

**Open-Mic Night**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
See details under Friday.

**The People's Choir with Cat Guthrie**  
7 p.m. Beacon Music Factory  
12 Hanna Lane, Beacon  
845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.com

**Open-Mic Night**  
7:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

**Meetings & Lectures**  
**Middle School Improvement Team**  
7:40 a.m. Haldane Elementary (Library)  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

**Budget Workshop**  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

**Life Support Group**  
7:30 p.m. St. Philip's Church  
1100 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

**Zoning Board of Appeals Workshop**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Cold Spring Recreation Commission (Scheduled)**  
8:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Kids & Community

**Indoor Tot Lot**  
9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. | Philipstown Community Center | See details under Monday.

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. Brain Games for Adults  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low Income  
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5)  
3:45 - 5 p.m. Lego Club and Block Party  
4 p.m. Crafty Kids | See details under Tuesday.

**Senior Day Center**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House  
See details under Tuesday.

**Meat & Egg Store Open**  
3 - 6 p.m. Glynwood Farm (Dairy)  
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

**Sloop Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner**  
5 p.m. Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon  
914-907-4928 | beaconsloopclub.org

**Chess Club**  
5 - 7:45 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**2014 Beacon Arts Awards Honoring Linda T. Hubbard**  
5:30 p.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St., Beacon  
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

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PRESENTS

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THREE Weekends ONLY!



Fri, Mar 7 @ 8 pm

Sat, Mar 8 @ 8 pm

Sun, Mar 9 @ 3 pm

Fri, Mar 14 @ 8 pm

Sat, Mar 15 @ 2 pm

Sun, Mar 16 @ 5 pm

Fri, Mar 21 @ 8 pm

Sat, Mar 22 @ 8 pm

Sun, Mar 23 @ 7 pm

With

*Sterling Swann*  
*Trevor Swann*  
*Nat Prentice*  
*Vanessa Freeman*  
*Laura Danilov*  
*Linda Speziale*  
*Paul Kassel*  
*Jenn Lee*  
*Molly Heily Werner*  
*Sione Owen*  
*Bryce Edwards*  
*Diana Hird*  
*Michael McKee*  
*Laura Bach*  
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# The Calendar *(from page 10)*

**Dinner Lecture: Backyard Tree Health**  
6 p.m. Perrin Learning Center  
33 Clearpool Road, Carmel  
845-225-8226 | clearpool.greenchimneys.org

**Bear Mountain Wine Dinner**  
6:30 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn  
55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls  
845-786-2731 | visitbearmountain.com

**8th Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game**  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D,  
Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

## Health & Fitness

**Qi Gong/Tai Chi**  
8:30 a.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave.,  
Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Women’s Prenatal/Postpartum Discussion Group**  
7 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital  
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor  
914-736-7700 | northeastdoulas.com

**Adult Co-Ed Volleyball**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center  
See details under Monday.

## Theater & Film

**Jacob Burns Film Center**  
2 p.m. NT Live presents *War Horse*  
5 p.m. *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1955)  
7 p.m. *Paris, Texas* (1984) | Details under Friday

## Art & Design

**Introduction to Nature Photography**  
7 p.m. Croton Free Library | 171 Cleveland Drive,  
Croton | sawmillriverauidubon.org  
Rescheduled from Feb. 13

## Music

**Piano Bar Night**  
7 - 11 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn  
55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls  
845-786-2731 | visitbearmountain.com

**Ray and Jay (Acoustic)**  
7 p.m. Cup and Saucer  
165 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-6287

**The Trapps**  
8 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

**Karaoke Night**  
9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main | Details under Friday

**Brabble Presents Neon**  
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center  
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie  
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org  
Rescheduled from Feb. 13

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

## Kids & Community

**Indoor Tot Lot**  
9- 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. | Philipstown  
Community Center | See details under Monday.

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Tax Assistance for Seniors  
and Low Income | See details under Feb. 21.  
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Navigating Healthcare Options  
800-453-4666 | misn-ny.org. Appointment  
required. | See details under Feb. 21.

## Health & Fitness

**Free Level 2 Yoga Class**  
9:30 a.m. Living Yoga  
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring  
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

## Meetings & Lectures

**Kirtan with Krishna Das**  
8 a.m. Garrison Institute  
14 Mary’s Way, Garrison  
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

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## Meetings & Lectures

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# Beacon’s Howland Public Library *(from page 7)*

large collections of books, DVDs, computer programs and other software, the library extends its reach throughout the community with a variety of programming for all ages, babies to seniors. Ginny Figlia, head of youth services, says, “It feels like libraries have really morphed into being the community centers of the areas they serve. I find it great that we’re often one of the first places people come into to meet, connect with each other, either when they’ve just moved here, or had their first baby.” Figlia, who has been at Howland for almost 25 years, enjoys seeing the toddlers once brought there by parents in her first years now returning with babies of their own. “It’s satisfying seeing lifelong library users,” she says.

Teenagers are well-served by the library, and use it frequently, often coming in groups to every fourth Friday’s Anime Club and every third Friday’s Gaming Club. They can serve on the Youth Advisory Committee, advising on their wants and needs and hosting their own activities. A drop-in homework center runs each Monday through Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. following the Beacon school district calendar, and assistance is given to students in grades one through eight by seniors from the Beacon High School Honor Society. Figlia, who notes she has a “wide teenage base,” attributes this, in part, to the library’s Main Street location, walkable from a number of schools.

Elementary-age children can choose from Tail Waggin’ Tutors, in which they are able to read to a therapy dog (who never criticizes); or attend a Crafty Kid workshop, offered once a month to all ages. Preschoolers have dedicated story time/craft activities on Thursdays and enjoy unstructured play on the Imagination Playground blocks at the library’s “Block Party” afternoons on Thursdays through the end of March or construct with Legos at the same time. Toddler Tales are just that, designed for two- and three-year-olds, Wednesday mornings.

For those even younger, Come and Play Wednesdays are meant for babies, toddlers and young children with parents or caregivers. These take place year round on a come-and-go-as-you-please basis. The littlest are catered to at Baby & Me Story and Play, where those from “birth” to 24 months enjoy rhymes, lap games, songs and simple board books.

## Community of active parents

Some programs require pre-registration; check with the library for details. Several programs are co-



Sunshine and books fill a corner of the children’s room at Howland Public Library.  
*Photo by A. Rooney*

sponsored by weeplayproject.org, a group whose mission includes promoting excellence in children’s and youth programming building an organized coalition of community parents. They support the library and vice versa, for instance providing personnel to run events, while the library provides space and publicity. Figlia calls this an example of positive change through the years: “I feel a difference in community involvement. Beacon is a tight community of active parents and they’re involved and supportive of the district and the library — there’s been a real swing in that direction.”

Figlia is particularly proud of a relatively new program, Young Adult Connections, which is a social support club for young adults (teenagers and beyond) with Asperger’s Syndrome and/or other social challenges. Along with certain “ice-breaking” exercises and games the group does yoga to provide coping mechanisms for anxiety issues and de-stressing.

Alison Herrero, Head of Adult Services and Digital Literacy has many offerings of her own. Along with a monthly daytime book club — new members always welcome — meeting every second Tuesday, there is a knitting club for novices to experts; one-on-one computer lessons Wednesday mornings, and Brain Games, sponsored by the Dutchess County Division of Aging Services, in which “the group plays mind-stimulating games and puzzles while adding a dash of friendship and laughs.” One Friday per month is devoted to International Film Night, on which each film is shown in its original language with English subtitles, and a culturally-matching dessert is served, made by library assistant Ai-Ping Ma.

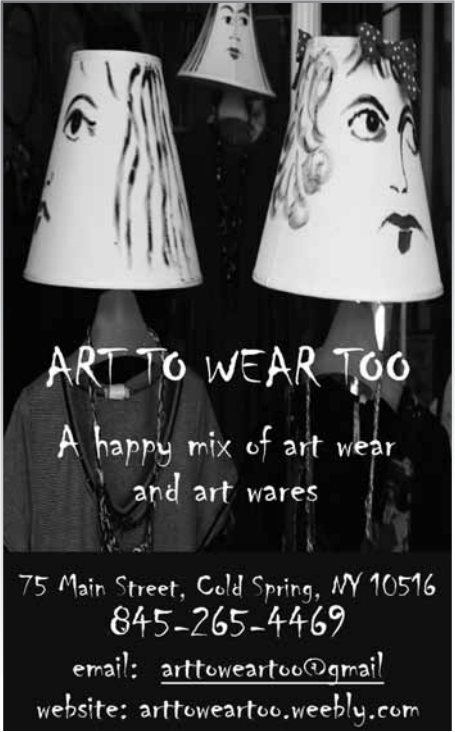
There are also many special events: Jane Austen’s birthday was celebrated with tea and cake; authors of more recent vintage have presented talks on

their books; musicians, historical society presentations, cooking programs, induction of Beacon’s poet laureate and writing workshops are just a few events which have dotted the calendar recently. Upcoming is a Feb. 19, 1 p.m. talk by Sue Adams, of Adams Fairacre Farms, on the history of the meanings of different flowers, and a Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m. presentation on the Galapagos Islands by Bill Fiero, photographer and naturalist. Herrero says some people attend nearly every program, while others pick and choose.

In addition, there is scheduled tax help from the AARP for seniors, GED review for those taking that exam, and multiple appointment slots for assistance from the Maternal-Infant Services Network (MISN) on educating people of all ages on “navigating healthcare options” and helping them “wade through the often confusing application process.”

Reference Librarian Peter McGivney, another longstanding staff member, is on hand to assist with research, something much changed through the years. “Once upon a time it was all homework. Now they can just go online and get all the wrong information there! Google really isn’t helping; I spend a lot of time finding stuff.” McGivney also assists with adults researching local history and/or their families. “Apparently everyone and their Uncle Bob has passed through Beacon,” he quips, adding that they possess city directories from 1924 through 1978; a genealogy index for the *Beacon Evening News* from 1940 to 1962 and the A-Z Database.

A calendar on the library’s home page, beaonlibrary.org, includes details on recurring programs and special events. All programs are open to residents of the five counties (Putnam included), which join together under the Mid-Hudson Libraries banner. Howland Library is located at 313 Main St., and the phone is 845-831-1134.



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Myra Young Armstead

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A Place at the Table  
Documentary Screening  
Rescheduled for Feb. 24

The planned Feb. 13 screening and discussion of the documentary about hunger in the United States, *A Place at the Table*, has been rescheduled. The film and discussion will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the United Methodist Church in Peekskill.

Fifty million people in the U.S. — one in four children — don't know where their next meal is coming from. The film's directors Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush examine the issue of hunger in America through the lens of three people struggling with food insecurity. *A Place at the Table* shows how hunger poses economic, social and cultural questions, and suggests these could be resolved once and for all, if the American public decides that making healthy food available and affordable is in the nation's best interest.



Detail from film poster



From left, Dominic Maglio, Connor O'Reilly, Madison Chiera and Dillon Kelly competed Feb. 14 in free throw competition. Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

There will be dessert and a post-film discussion with representatives from the Peekskill Area Pastors Association (PAPA), Fred's Pantry and County Harvest. The event is free and open to the public.

The United Methodist Church is located at 1040 Main St., Peekskill. PAPA represents a wide variety of houses of worship in the Putnam and Northern Westchester area.

Contact Rev. John Keane, SA, Franciscan Friar of the Atonement at 845-424-3671, ext. 3549 or email Rabbi Lee Pas-kind at [rabbi@firsthebrew.org](mailto:rabbi@firsthebrew.org).

Visit [www.philipstown.info](http://www.philipstown.info) for news updates and latest information.

Free Throw Winners  
Advance to Regional  
Competition

The Knights of Columbus Loretto Council No. 536 sent six boys and girls to the District 54 Free Throw Competition Feb. 14, at the St. Columba School Gym in Hopewell Junction, and four of them came home winners.

Moving onto the Regional Competition on Saturday March 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, will be Madison Chiera, who shot 12 for 25 in the 9-year-old girls bracket, Dillon Kelly who took the 10-year-old boys bracket by shooting 18 for 25, Connor O'Reilly who shot 21 for 25 in the 11-year-old boys bracket, and Dominic Maglio with 12 for 25 in the 12-year-old boy's bracket. District Deputy Nick Longo presented a medal to each winner in the district competition.

Winners of the Regional Competition

will advance to the Downstate Regional Tournament to be held in March.

10<sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley  
Restaurant Week  
Participants Announced

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week (HVRW) announced the list of 183 participating restaurants for the upcoming event, which takes place March 10 through 23. HVRW celebrates the region's outstanding dining scene with a focus on farm-to-table, sustainable seasonal products, and buying local. As the region's ultimate culinary experience where locals and visitors can savor the diverse flavors of New York State, HVRW features prix fixe, three-course dinners for \$29.95 and lunches for \$20.95. HVRW is presented by *The Valley Table*, devoted to regional farms, food and cuisine.



The participating restaurants are located throughout seven counties including Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Columbia and Ulster. See the full list at [hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com](http://hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com).

Recycling Center  
Closed Feb. 22

The Town of Philipstown has announced that the Recycling Center will be closed Saturday Feb. 22.

Desmond-Fish Library  
Hosts West Point  
Foundry Book Event

Local authors Trudie Grace and Mark Forlow present their book, *West Point Foundry*, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. The event will be held in the (to next page)

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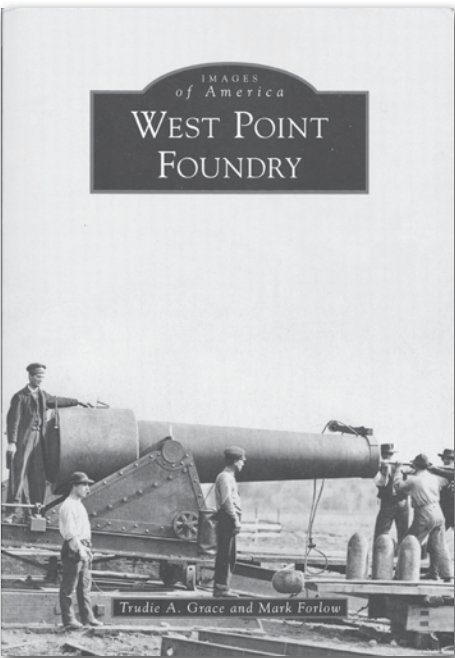
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West Point Foundry book cover File photo

(from previous page) program room at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and includes a presentation of Foundry images featured in the book.

*West Point Foundry* (2014) from Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, takes up the subject of one of the first major industrial sites in the United States. At its peak during the Civil War, the foundry manufactured cannons of several types and most prolifically Parrott rifled cannons, which were widely employed and crucial to the Union victory. Among other products were the first American steam locomotives, marine engines and boilers for early steamships and warships, sugar mills, aqueduct pipes, dynamite and disappearing guns, architectural columns, and industrial machinery. The book traces the foundry's story from its early years through the period of the Civil War to its eventual status as a site of archaeological excavations. Over 225 images are shown in photographs, artworks, illustrations, and maps.

The event is free and open to all. Visit [desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org).

## Garrison School Requests Notice for Private or Parochial Transportation

Parents/guardians living in the Garrison Union Free School District whose children are planning to attend a private or parochial school for the 2014-2015 school year and are seeking transportation for these children must submit written notice of their intent no later than April 1, 2014.

Forms for this purpose are available on the Garrison Union Free School District website, [gufs.org](http://gufs.org), or at the Garrison School Administrative Office, 1100 Route 9D, Garrison.

Inquiries regarding transportation may be directed to Dick Timmons at 424-3689, ext. 225.

## Beacon

### Common Ground Farm Offers Pioneer Living Program for Children

Common Ground Farm will offer a Pioneer Living Program for children to learn about and experience life as it was in the late 1800s frontier America: long before the days of television, refrigerators, cars and supermarkets.

Drawing inspiration from the beloved *Little House* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, children imagine and recreate scenes from the series. Knowledge of the books is not required for participation. Snacks provided.

## Sugar Snow

Learn how maple trees are tapped and syrup is made. Make fresh butter from cream and end the class feasting on homemade Johnny Cakes, butter and maple syrup. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday March 16, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday March 18.

## Trade and the General Store

Learn all about "The General Store" during pioneer days. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday April 8.

## Little House

Imagine sharing a one-room house with your whole family. Participants will build a one-room house model and make furniture and supplies needed to survive life on the prairie. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday May 4, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday May 6.

## Ma's Prairie Garden

Ma planted onions, carrots, peas, beans, turnips, cabbages and sweet potatoes to feed her family. Children will make seedling gardens to transplant in backyards. Participants should come to class with a cardboard shoebox. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday June 1, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday June 3.

Cost: \$80 for the series, members \$75. Cost for 2 children: \$140 for the series, members \$130. For more information or to pre-register, contact Education Director Sember Weinman at [education@commongroundfarm.org](mailto:education@commongroundfarm.org).

## Guitarist Kenny Wessel Leads Trio at Quinn's Feb. 24

Guitarist Kenny Wessel leads a trio for the next Monday jazz session at Quinn's. Perhaps best known for his work in Ornette Coleman's pioneering electric jazz ensemble, Prime Time, Wessel has distinguished himself as a musician, composer and educator. The list of artists with whom Wessel has worked with ranges from Lou Reed to Kurt Masur, Donald Fagen to Debashish Bhattacharya, Johnny Hartman to past Quinn's jazz session artist Karl Berger, among hundreds of others. For this Monday jazz session, Wessel will be joined by Matt Pavolka on bass and Russ Meissner on drums.

The Kenny Wessel Trio will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24. Quinn's is located at 330 Main St., Beacon. As with every Monday jazz session at Quinn's, there is no cover charge at the door but donations for the musicians will be requested and gratefully accepted.

Visit [www.philipstown.info](http://www.philipstown.info) for news updates and latest information.

## Scones and Champagne: Cup and Saucer Sets the Table for Downton Abbey Tea

(from page 7)

consumption of all the food.

As proprietor of Cup and Saucer, Wenlock-Hot wears all the hats, mixing in a bit of Mrs. Patmore (she cooks), Mrs. Hughes (she trains the staff), Carter (she's the brains behind the operation) and Lord Grantham (she owns the place.) Although the Cup and Saucer has been open in Beacon for about 13 years — "the longest existing business on the east end of Main Street" says Wenlock-Hot — she is not the original owner. Opened by a woman in her mid-70s as a retirement project, according to Wenlock-Hot, her lack of restaurant experience, and the limitations of what was then a "just tea" menu proved to be "too much for her" and Wenlock-Hot, who was working as a server there, bought it from her about seven years ago.

With a background in restaurant work, having "watched the chefs" during long stints at Fishkill's Cornerstone Restaurant and the Inn at Osborne Hill, she set about transforming Cup and Saucer, adding a much broader range of "international comfort food." With an Austrian mother and a Hungarian father who emigrated to the UK, goulash, bratwurst and spaetzle join traditional British dishes such as cottage pie and bangers and mash on a diverse menu which also includes lighter fare, with a variety of sandwiches, wraps and salads along with crepes and quiches. A British tea, for one or two, is always the lead item on the menu, and a small selection of British goods, including teapots and biscuits are available for sale at the front of the large tin-ceilinged room. Wenlock-Hot says there isn't one single "most popular item" but rather it "depends what they smell when they come in!" although when pressed, she mentions the butternut squash ravioli with maple bacon cream and the salmon burger as best sellers.

The Cup and Saucer is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Tuesday with a full lunch menu available throughout, and stays open for dinner on Thursdays until 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays until 8 p.m. In addition, the first and third Mondays of each month are designated "Board Game Nights" and attract 20 or more players most sessions. For a charge of \$7 people can come in and play a variety of board games, from Scrabble and Boggle to the 'Euro-games' like Carcassonne, while enjoying a light buffet and beverages. Thursdays are music nights, with acoustic selections from local musicians. The walls of the restaurant function as an art gallery of kinds, with solo exhibitions up for months-long stretches. The Cup and Saucer has hosted special

celebratory events before, one being Queen Elizabeth's jubilee in 2012.

Right now the Cup and Saucer's clientele is more tourist than local, something which perplexes Wenlock-Hot, who says she is "very community minded" and is involved with the Beacon Chamber of Commerce, supports mid-Hudson Animal Aid and participates in many local events such as Windows on Main. "We don't get the hipsters, and I'm not sure why," she says. "I wish they'd come in and give us a try — we're now serving wine and beer, just got our license — and I think our menu is diverse and reasonably priced."



Arriving first at the Bronx as a young teenage émigré, marriage brought Wenlock-Hot to Putnam County and then to Fishkill, and she felt more at home in the Hudson Highlands.

"This area reminds me so much of the Midlands in England," she says. "It's much the same, with the river and the mountains." Home was the small (but musically-inclined, producing Rod Stewart, who went to school there and Ray and Dave Davies, who founded The Kinks there) village of Muswell Hill, north of London, a place she calls "quite unchanged through the years; the names of the storefronts are different, but that's all."

Wenlock-Hot began working at Cup and Saucer after scoping it out while she was doing an off-site catering business called Time For Tea. "I came to see how it was working," she recalls, "and wound up working here. Buying the business was a big decision, but it's all about perseverance — if it's something you want to do, stick with it. I could see that the 'just tea and tea sandwiches' wasn't working; the menu wasn't diverse enough. Now we can have someone in who wants a traditional tea, but the person who comes with her can have a Reuben. Above all we're not a froufrou place; we try to make it warm and inviting — you can come in in jeans or dress up a bit, it's entirely up to you."

And would Downton's kitchen staff, Daisy and Ivy, be welcomed to work at Cup and Saucer? "I would hire Daisy in a heartbeat," says Wenlock-Hot, adding, "but Ivy — I'm not sure. She's extremely naïve."

Tickets for the *Downton Abbey* tea cost \$39 per person, with reduced costs for whole tables booked and can be reserved at [eventbrite.com/e/return-to-downton-abbey-afternoon-tea-and-season-4-finale-celebration-tickets-8645913159](http://eventbrite.com/e/return-to-downton-abbey-afternoon-tea-and-season-4-finale-celebration-tickets-8645913159). For more information visit the Cup and Saucer's Facebook page. Cup and Saucer is located at 165 Main St., Beacon. Call 845-831-6287.



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## Putnam Pols Poised to Protest NY SAFE Gun Control Law *(from page 1)*

York State Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act, passed by the state legislature after the December 2012 massacre of children in Newtown, Conn., and murder of two firefighters responding to a blaze in a rural New York community.

The three-person Rules Committee unanimously approved a draft resolution prohibiting unauthorized use of Putnam County's seal, clearing the measure for adoption by the entire nine-member legislature at an upcoming session.

### SAFE Act objections

Although the draft resolution does not mention the gun-control law by name, "this is in response to the NY SAFE Act. So we have to keep it in that context," said Legislator Dini LoBue, who chairs the Rules Committee. "I am not in favor" of the state police using the seal. "I think this is just further evidence that they want to try to aggravate the people, the gun-holders that have legal permits. We already went through this last year," when objecting to the SAFE Act, she observed.

Several counties have already adopted resolutions forbidding use of their seals by the state police, who, under the NY SAFE Act handle the license recertification of pistols and revolvers. According to the state penal law, which incorporates SAFE Act provisions, "all licensees shall be recertified to the Division of State Police every five years" and must undertake

recertification by Jan. 31, 2018. "Failure to recertify shall act as a revocation of such a license," the law warns. It directs that "not less than one year prior to such date, the state police shall send a notice to all license-holders who have not recertified by such time."

Hence the state police interest in help from counties — or at least county seals.

In a Feb. 18 memo, County Clerk Dennis Sant objected to "the unauthorized use of the official county seal," pointing out that "it has recently come to our attention that the New York State Police" in implementing the SAFE Act "was considering the dissemination of correspondence to Putnam County pistol licensees with our official county seal." Sant said that he gave no permission to the state police, or Gov. Andrew Cuomo, to use the seal "on any of their correspondence for any of their endeavors under the NY SAFE Act." He added that he had informed the county attorney.

Then the legislators got involved too.

The draft resolution declares the legislature "denies any entity, including another governmental entity, permission to use the name and or official seal" as well as "the letterhead of any county department or agency ... without written consent" of both the legislature and the county clerk. The draft resolution points to "situations where private and other governmental entities indicated a desire to utilize the name and/or official seal

of the County of Putnam for purposes not involving an official function of the county, in order to misleadingly suggest the county's involvement in or support of such matters."

*"It strikes me that the SAFE Act stuff is over the top, but I don't know why anyone outside the Putnam County government would think they have the legitimacy to adopt our seal. ... It's raw politics and it's wrong."*

Legislators — committee members, joined by a handful of colleagues watching from the side — enthusiastically supported the draft. "I think especially in Putnam, where we took such a strong stand against the SAFE Act, to have our seal on future correspondence relating to this is really a slap in the face," said Legislator Louis Tartaro, a Rules Committee member.

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LoBue said that if the state moves ahead, the legislature will send a message to state officials. "All the surrounding counties are moving toward the same memorialization" or resolution, "so we're all on the same page," she said. "And we have power by numbers."

### Sheriffs' Association qualms

In New York State, with a few metropolitan exceptions, counties issue pistol licenses, while county clerks keep gun ownership records. The New York State Sheriffs' Association dislikes the recerti-

fication process because it, and related regulations, "conflict with sheriffs' duties regarding issuance of pistol permits." Last May, the sheriffs' group and individual sheriffs, including Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith, wrote a friend-of-the-court brief in a challenge to the NY SAFE Act by the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA), the National Rifle Association state affiliate. The Rifle and Pistol Association promotes bans on use of county seals in conjunction with the SAFE Act.

Controversy notwithstanding, a state police press spokesperson, Darcy Wells, told *Philipstown.info/The Paper* on Tuesday that "the recertification process is being developed. However, our primary concern is ensuring that all permit holders recertify properly. If they do not they will lose their permits." Wells said that while the NYSP is setting up the recertification mechanism, "counties have and will continue to be involved in the process as they have a vested interest" in only providing handgun permits to legally qualified people.



### Upcoming: county seal use in campaigns

If legislators don't want the state police borrowing the county seal, they also seem reluctant to allow fellow Putnam County politicians to put the seal on re-election materials. The Rules Committee called for discussion next month on proscribing that practice as well.

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Roots and Shoots

Extend the Growing Season with Cold Frames and Hoop Beds

By Pamela Doan

Impatient for the homegrown flavor of vegetables? I am. This winter seems to be lasting forever. Summer's harvest can't come soon enough. I've been looking into projects to extend the growing season. I've found creative approaches to reusing materials that are mostly laying around the garage that don't require a carpenter's skill level or special tools to assemble and can get fresh veggies onto the table sooner this spring with a little luck.

Years ago before she went to prison, I watched an episode of *Martha Stewart Living* where Martha built a cold frame. Since it's Martha Stewart, of course she

claimed it was easy, but I was put off by the labor involved. Her method had some poor guy digging a double-coffin size hole several feet deep in the ground to serve as the frame.

Cold frames can actually be any size and can sit on top of the ground; they don't have to be set in. The main characteristics are that it has four sides and a transparent cover or lid that latches. The rest is up to the builder or designer. Angled sides make it easier to lift. Use wood that is untreated as treated wood may leach chemicals into the soil.

The cold frame can be set into the ground enough that it's securely in place. If it's going to be filled with organic matter to plant in, make sure it's deep enough to

hold the soil and give sufficient space for the tallest plants to reach their full height. If you're fortunate enough to have good soil, then plant directly in the ground. The cover and protection of the box will keep the plants toasty through winter.

I read about a few tricks to trap solar heat on *MotherEarthNews* that I'll share here. Make a solar heater by filling containers that are painted black with water. Plastic water jugs, freezer bags, or just about any decent size vessel that will hold water will do as long as it is painted black. It will retain and project heat. Fresh manure placed in a hole in the dirt will give off heat as it decomposes, as will hay or straw. Use a thermometer to track the temperature inside and if the plants are in danger of freezing, place blankets over the cover as an extra layer of insulation. Snow works remarkably well as an insulator, too, and chances are that will be available.

Plants in cold frames are in more danger of overheating than freezing, however. Set up the cover so that it can be propped open for ventilation or hinged up to allow it to cool. Old windows, shower doors or a sheet of Plexiglas can serve as the cover. Check the resale shops for materials. Try to find something that is shatter resistant, though. Thinner single-pane windows can crack or be smashed by debris and then you're cleaning glass shards out of the broccoli.

Hoop frames or hoop beds are another option for extending the growing season, or dare I say it, creating a four-season harvest. As with cold frames, there are a few options for designing these. The basic concept is to use flexible piping like PVC to create a u-shaped frame that semi-transparent cloth or transparent thick plastic can be attached to. Like a greenhouse or cold frame, it will trap heat inside during the cooler months.



A tiny shoot coming up under the snow. Get a jump on spring with a cold frame or hoop bed. Photo by P. Doan

Garrison Art Center Keeps Winter's Creative Energy Flowing with Cabin Fever Workshops



Garrison Art Center was abuzz with activity last weekend, with several of their winter one-day "Cabin Fever" workshops taking place alongside preparations for their annual Member Exhibition, which opened Feb. 16.

Artist Martee Levi, top, helped hang works in the Anita Hart Balter Gallery, as classes, including one on still life digital photography taught by Lori Adams (facing camera in lower photo), went on all around her.

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Ice Time: Garrison School eighth grader Alex Mancuso, No. 84 for the Junior Black Knights bantam hockey team, battles for the puck against Trinity-Pawling Feb. 15 at Tate Rink. The JBK team tied with Trinity-Pawling 4-4. Mancuso led his team with two goals to a 4-2 victory over Trinity-Pawling Feb. 16 at Pawling.

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Cold Spring station

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Winter picnic

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Left and above, a friend at the window

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