DEC Coal Tar Cleanup Question Looms Over Cold Spring Boat Club

By Jeannie Tao

Some residents near the Cold Spring waterfront, alarmed by the presence of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at the Boat Club property on Tuesday, April 9, attended the Village Board meeting that night to voice their concerns about the coal tar cleanup that was last discussed two years ago. Cold Spring Mayor Ralph Falloon, aware of their concerns, began the meeting by asking the board to add the cleanup to the agenda, which they did.

In order to clean up coal tar contamination resulting from a 19th-century manufactured-gas plant that operated on the site where the Boat Club now stands, the DEC originally planned to demolish the boathouse but later issued a record of decision (ROD) in February 2010 to spare it because of local opposition. Residents later turned out in public hearings to support removing the boathouse. When the DEC visited again in Spring 2011, they reiterated their willingness to revisit the ROD, advising the village to send a letter requesting the removal of the building in the cleanup. (Asked after the meeting whether such a letter had been sent, Falloon said it had not.)

During the meeting, Falloon explained that the DEC personnel were at the Boat Club that day collecting samples to determine where the ledge and soils are present, added that they would be at the site the following day. Falloon and Campbell had spoken with the DEC on Monday, to determine where the ledge and soils are present, and Falloon said that the DEC personnel were at the Boat Club property on Tuesday.

The board meeting came light when firefighters asked for a waiver of the building permit fee for a bathroom installation. Last November, the board approved the waiver. But at a January workshop with GVFC leaders, board members expressed dissatisfaction at the way they belatedly learned of the project — from the building inspector — and asked for data on the bathroom costs, which GVFC President Betty Calhoun promised to supply. Early in Thursday's meeting, responding to a question from Supervisor Richard Shea about the delay, she again agreed to pass along written details. "We're still working on it ... the bathroom," she said. "We've spent about $20,000."

However, during the later public comment period last Thursday, a GVFC firefighter, Steve Rosario, accused the board of meddling — allegations echoed by Calhoun.

"I'm glad to see the Town Board has so much time on their hands they can get involved in the minutiae of the construction of a bathroom," protested Rosario, a former Town Board member and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Putnam County Legislature. "That is disparate treatment." Pointing out that the GVFC reports to the Town Board monthly, unlike other Philipstown fire companies, he said the GVFC is "constantly having to defend" itself. And when the Town Board asserts a right to make decisions about the bathroom, "that's micromanagement," he added.

He explained that once the DEC remediation is complete, the village, which is the owner, would be responsible for any further remediation. If the building were removed, then the village would also be responsible for replacing it, but Falloon said the removal might be worthwhile. "Maybe just replacing the building now is a lot cheaper than 10, 20, 30 years from now, and we're not going to get involved in the minutiae of the construction of a bathroom," protested Rosario, a former Town Board member and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Putnam County Legislature. "That is disparate treatment." Pointing out that the GVFC reports to the Town Board monthly, unlike other Philipstown fire companies, he said the GVFC is "constantly having to defend" itself. And when the Town Board asserts a right to make decisions about the bathroom, "that's micromanagement," he added.

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“Allium” is the Latin name for the botanical family that includes onions, garlic, chives, leeks, shallots, scallions and the like. Some members of this tribe, like wild ramps, appear only in spring—like wild ramps, appear only in spring—while others are available year-round like wild ramps, appear only in spring—such as baby shallots, ramps and green garlic (you should have about 1 1/2 cups total when miniced)

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2 medium leeks, white and light green parts only

5-6 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 onion (preferably sweet, such as Vidalia), chopped

2 cups farro (or other grain)

1 1/2 cups dry white wine

• Peel away the thin outer “skin” from the alliums, chop off any wilted or tough ends, and soak in cold water, swishing occasionally to loosen dirt. Cut the leeks in half lengthwise and add to the water, fanning the layers.

• Heat the oil in a large, heavy pot over low heat. Add the leeks, alliums and chopped onion and cook until very soft, about 8 minutes. Season the former and thinly slice the latter.

• Add the white wine and cook, stirring, until it is absorbed. Add the simmering broth, a ladleful at a time, stirring it into the grain until nearly absorbed. Continue adding the broth and stirring until the farro is almost tender, about 15 minutes. Turn off the heat, stir in the butter and half the Parmesan, and cover the pilotto to allow it to blossom for a couple of minutes.

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Water issues
Earlier in the meeting, Phillips reported that Mainlining Services, Inc. (MSI) began work on Monday to continue their project to clean and cement-line the water mains, which was suspended over the winter. While MSI said they could be finished with the entire project to the end of Main Street by Memorial Day weekend, Phillips anticipates glitches that could delay work. He mentioned the difficulty of rerouting water to side streets and the water temperature causing discoloration and reduced pressure while that happens, but he said they would try to give ample notice of planned events as well as any expectations of unplanned ones. He urged those who are not yet signed up to receive email alerts from the village website, coldspringny.gov, so do so in order to keep abreast of news on the project.

At the village’s April 16 workshop, the Water Department’s engineering representatives will discuss upgrades to the water treatment plant, which could cost around $1.3 million. As to demonstrate the need for upgrades, two major failures occurred there in the past week, with one requiring the village to authorize a large purchase.

Phillips reported that a grinder unit, which shreds all material coming into the plant, broke down last week. The most efficient solution for upgrades, he said, is to purchase a grinder to the manufacturer for repair or exchange. He recommended exchanging the unit for a refurbished one, which would take the least amount of time and might not be more expensive than having it repaired. The board approved his recommendation to exchange it at the cost of $11,802.50.

Bike events
The Recreation Commission and Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce reported on planning for the May 5 Putnam Cycling Classic and the accompanying Pedaling Into Spring Festival set for that weekend. Cycling Classic organizer Ray Fusco said that because of the work on the water mains, they have decided to change the route on the cyclists’ finish line and the medal plates on Main Street.

For the festival, Chamber President Vinny Tamagna and Hudson Valley Outfitters’ Teri Barr made some requests, including one for 30 new planters donated by BOCES to be placed along Main Street, at no cost to the village and with a member’s personal garage space promised for storage during the offseason. Other requests involved sectioning off areas for educational activities run by Stonecrop Gardens and Glinskey Botanicals, as well as permission to conduct a bike decoration parade through lower Cold Spring.

Halpin was present to discuss another event for bikes, but of the motor variety. He had requested use of Dockside Park for a June 29 fundraiser for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Halpin said that a group of about 30 to 40 motorcycle enthusiasts plan to ride from the Palisades Mall to Cold Spring, where there would be music, food and motorcycle equipment for sale. Halpin assured the board that most of the bikers are just regular guys who love to ride, many of them in law enforcement, and that they would be happy to “throttle down” as they enter the village, if required.

Campbell said that Cold Spring Police Officer-in-Charge George Kane had reservations about requiring 10 officers for an event so close to another big one, the 4th of July. Halpin mentioned he had considered holding the event at Mayor’s Park, across from his house. That sounded more feasible to the board, because it might require fewer officers to control traffic there.

Lawyer bill goes down
Trustee Matt Francisco reported that he spoke with the law firm of Daniels, Porco and Lusardi, who agreed to lower their original bill of $14,000 to $9,000 for consulting the Historic District Review Board on the demolition of the Butterfield Hospital last year. The board voted to approve payment of the lower amount.

Mazzuca Poised to Plead to Lesser Charges, Returns in May
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month period in 2009, while employed as Philipstown supervisor, three to four years after he retired from the job of superintendent of the Taconic Correctional Facility in Fishkill, for which he was drawing a $115,513 pension. After his departure from the state prison system, he temporarily held a $90,615 job as a security lieutenant, he temporarily held a $90,615 job as a security lieutenant, and worked as deputy correctional commissioner in Westchester County for $210,000 annually. Mazzuca left his job as supervisor, which paid $25,000 yearly, at the end of 2009, after not seeking re-election. Following an investigation, the Putnam County District Attorney’s Office in January benefited from the charges — one count of insurance fraud and a second of grand larceny.

Under the terms of the pending settlement, “we’ve reduced the felonies,” Toporowski told the judge.

During the courtroom discussions with Toporowski and Burke, Campbell stated that Mazzuca, a well-known local

Jonathan F. P. Rose will talk about green urbanism, a movement that is making for healthier cities. He will feature a surprising hot spot of green resilience: the South Bronx.

AN URBAN EARTH DAY MEAL
Bronx Brewery beer / Paumanok Vineyards wine
Reuben, house-cured beef, celery root slaw, apple aioli, Batch-35 cheese
Spicy falafel, Old Chatham yogurt, lemon, garlic
Soft pretzels, mustard
Pickled mackerel, sour cream, dill, horseradish
Sorrel soup, turnips, chives
Roasted local chicken, garlic, carrots, maple syrup, pine, white wine
Radiator pasta, mushrooms, onions, ramps, chives, buckwheat
Beets, coriander seed, honey, lemon, walnut oil
Market salad & early spring herbs, carrot juice, ginger, olive oil, eggs
NYC honey-cocoa cake / Cheesecake / Rhubarb

Reservations required: www.garrisoninstitute.org/urbanearthday or 845 424 4800. $38 per person by credit cards accepted prior to the event. $40 cash or check at the door.

The Garrison Institute, 14 Mary’s Way/Route 9D, Garrison NY
Parge Sgro, Planning Superstar

Dear Editor:
The Cold Spring Planning Board has been undergoing a major change in its membership in recent years, starting with the retirement of 35-year member and former chairman Randy Taggert in 2009, followed by another board member, Jim Morilla last year, and now Parge Sgro, who had been on the board for well over 40 years, retired on March 31, concluding his last five-year term. Parge brought a working man’s common sense to the Planning Board along with a feistiness that made you think this octogenarian was really a 20-something. Most important to the board was his solid understanding of the village code, a sometimes imperfect hodgepodge of rules and regulations that zigzagged in its chapters so five people could end up with different interpretations. Parge’s interpretation was the one board members most respected since it was thoroughly researched with his handwritten notes that would make a lawyer proud. We all paid attention when he spoke, often at length since this code stuff cannot be condensed into a simple sentence. When Parge held the floor to discuss an important detail or a broader issue, the number of words he used was directly proportional to the amount of respect Planning Board members had for his thoughtful opinions.

Parge has lived his entire life in Cold Spring. The local history he witnessed not only made for great stories around the Planning Board table, but it gave the rest of us some historical perspective that made us think harder about the outcome of our decisions. Therefore you can put on that kind of knowledge and his willingness to pass it down to us younger folk. His solid defense of the needs of senior citizens was not just based on his being a senior, but on doing the right thing for people who deserve to be treated well, especially as their health declines. Planning Board members absorbed every morsel of Parge’s senior words of wisdom.

No more PCNR at Go-Go Pops

Dear Editor:
This morning I accepted our regular delivery of 10 Putnam County News and how many issues to sell in our shop. It is the fourth week in a row that I opened this “newspaper” and found not news, not factual reporting about events in our town, but articles designed to demean, deride and destroy the character of people in our community whose company I enjoy and views I respect. Gordon Stewart, publisher of The Paper, our other local news source, appears to be the primary subject of these attacks, though certainly not the only one.

Elizabeth Ailes, the PCNR’s publisher, set about to smear Gordon Stewart’s character for what she vaguely claims as attacks on her and her family, though what these alleged attacks are remain a mystery. Mrs. Ailes appears to be fond of calling people liars and any assertion, no matter how small, seems to set off her “mendacity radar” to such an extent that it necessitates public declaration. She has published articles for the past four weeks that claim in great detail that Mr. Stewart had no involvement in writing, or former President Carter’s “Crises of Confidence” speech given over 30 years ago. It’s hard for an ordinary person like me to imagine why the authorship of this speech is such an issue for her when any educated person knows that presidential speeches are collaborative efforts by numerous writers and stylists.

How does the authorship of a 34-year-old speech have any current relevance to those of us in Philipstown? What objective is Mrs. Ailes aiming to achieve by continuously calling Mr. Stewart a liar when any superficial research reveals her claims to be spurious at best? One can imagine that she is desperate to undermine her local competitor at any cost. Alternatively, she may have taken petty revenge after some disagreement, being on the receiving end of some questions and address any concerns its owners and editors may have. This will spare them the trouble of dreaming up new lines of personal attacks, me from having to demolish them, and all of us from the kind of violent rhetoric we want to see remaining here.

I can meet almost any day next week, or the week after. Of course we will have some questions of our own. But that should pose no problem. Philipstown.info and The Paper will print what will be discussed with civility and respect for others and for the facts.

Gordon Stewart, Publisher, and a Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

Parge Sgro is also a modest man who does not feel a need to be praised or thanked for his volunteerism. In fact, if he is reading this letter right now, he is probably cursing me, nicely of course. To me, his heart and his mind, being on the Planning Board is not the same as saying or doing anything else. His solid defense of the needs of senior citizens was not just based on his being a senior, but on doing the right thing for people who deserve to be treated well, especially as their health declines. Planning Board members absorbed every morsel of Parge’s senior words of wisdom.

There is a simple way forward for all. Since the Ailes paper has so far refused to ask for or print their subject’s view, we will gladly come to the Ailespaper’s premises to answer on the record any questions and address any concerns its owners and editors may have. This will spare them the trouble of dreaming up new lines of personal attacks, me from having to demolish them, and all of us from the kind of violent rhetoric we want to see remaining here.

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Local Bar Offers Safe Ride Home
No fee charged to customers

By Michael Turton

A local restaurant and bar has taken proactive steps to ensure that its patrons return home safely and do no harm to others, if they have had "too many" alcoholic drinks. Cold Spring's Whistling Willie's American Grill has leased a car that is now used to drive patrons home if they may have over indulged. The program has been in effect for about two weeks. The Safe Ride car is also available to customers at other local bars. There is no fee for the service. The driver is paid by Whistling Willie's and receives tips from customers.

"We want people to enjoy our craft beers and other beverages, but we thought it was the responsible thing to do, if anyone over-consumes," said Whistling Willie's owner Frank Ciarfar- dini. "And if someone at any of the other (local) bars needs a ride we don't have a problem swinging by that establish- ment."

The Safe Ride car is a Subaru Impreza, an all-wheel-drive vehicle that Ciarfar- dini said was a good choice for difficult winter driving conditions in this area. A number of patrons have already taken advantage of the free ride home. "We've given rides to about 25 people" since the program was initiated, he said. "The buzz is that it's great; customers think it's fan- tastic." Ciarfar-dini said that customers have been driven to locales in Philip- stown, other parts of Putnam County as well as well southern Dutchess County and Northern Westchester County.

Town Board, Garrison Fire Company Clash Over Firehouse Bathroom Construction

Shea and Town Board Member John Van Tassel, a veteran firefighter in the North Highlands Fire Department, re- plied that the GVFC began reporting monthly to the board to promote aware- ness of its activities and that the three other Philipstown departments have dif- ferent jurisdictional obligations.

"It's not as if Garrison has been singled out," Shea said. Moreover, he contended, the request for details on the bathroom spending "is a simple request. I don't think it's micromanaging just to be good stewards of taxpayer money. We do need to know when there's going to be a large expenditure. And it's my responsibility as chief financial officer for the town to see where money is being spent."

"You have one money stream. It's the Town of Philipstown," Van Tassel told Rosario. "And we are responsible for overseeing its budget." He said that in January, when the GVFC said it needed to spend $25,000 on an urgent basis for radios, "we supported it 100 percent. We agreed it definitely was a necessity. Then we find out tonight that we spent about $20,000 on a bathroom we knew nothing about."

A construction moratorium?

Audience member Joe Regele, a long- time critic of GVFC spending practices, said the $20,000 showed up in a 2009 expenditure. "This is a time of needs, not wants," he said. "It's a waste of time, a waste of money, and it's insulting." Town Board members asked him to send the details and copies of his photos to them and the Highway Department for follow-up.

Despicable' discussion

Calhoun objected to both Regele and the Town Board. "I think it is utterly de- spicable to continue this conversation," she said. "It's a waste of time, a waste of money, and it's insulting." Town Board questioning "has just been intolerable" and the fire company is "sick and tired of being tortured about the stupid bath- room. I'm not going to tell you how much it cost. I don't even know how much it cost -- so there!"

Shea and Van Tassel termed her re- sponse unacceptable.

"This is a time of needs, not wants," Van Tassel said. "Maybe a fifth bathroom is a need. We didn't have an opportunity to decide that."

"We're just asking for a budget for an expenditure," Shea said. "We will get it; there's no doubt about that." He likewise suggested the GVFC stance raises con- tract concerns. Financial reporting "is in the contract. It's a legal matter," the supervisor said.

"As a Town Board we are trying des- perately to hold onto this service for our community," said Board Member Nancy Montgomery, who also has a long record with emergency service activity. "We will do whatever we can to support you in fighting fires and protecting our com- munity. But we need to know what your money is being spent on."

Garrison station canopy

Shena announced that Metro-North Railroad plans to demolish the decorat- tive canopy over the entrance to the pedestrian tunnel beneath the railroad tracks at Garrison's station. He read a message from Terrence McCauley, man- ager of government and community rela- tions for MTA Metro-North. In it, McCau- ley referred to "the dilapidated condition of the canopy at the underpass north of Garrison station." Because the pas- senger platform now is located south of the old station, "this canopy serves little purpose for our riders and residents of Garrison," McCauley wrote. Also, Metro- North does not have the resources to restore the structure to its former state. Noting that the railroad intends to contact the New York State Historic Pres- ervation Office (SHPO) for permission to demolish the canopy, McCauley likewise invited input from town officials. Black- and-white copies of photos he sent Shea show peeling paint and apparently rot- ting wood.

"It's directly across the tracks from the Depot Theatre," Shea said of the canopy. "It does appear to be in rough shape, but these are pretty historic structures." He said Metro-North would need a town demolition permit as well as approval from SHPO. The canopy "is all part of the original structure," Shea observed. "If anyone of the public has concerns, please feel free to offer your comments to the town and we will forward them to Metro-North."

East Mountain Road South drainage

Resident Robert Juby addressed the board about storm-water problems along East Mountain Road South, bey- ond Trout Brook Road, near his home. He attributed the problems to the metal grates used with culverts. When covered with debris, the grates do not admit wa- ter and so rain runoff detours around them and churns down the road, caus- ing damage, he explained. Juby said he has personally been clearing one clogged grate and that Philipstown Highway De- partment crews regularly clean others, but that the enormity of the problem de- lies repeated efforts. Photos he showed bore witness to his words.

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The preliminary draft of the Village of Nelsonville's 2013-14 budget showed murky numbers, but the amount to be raised by taxes was estimated at $329,696, which is about 57 percent more than the previous year's amount of $240,840. The tax rate would therefore be 8.57, compared to last year's 5.50, but these will likely change when more information becomes known.

The first round of the budget, as presented in the first workshop on Monday, April 8, was not near a finished state, shown in a different format due to new accounting software that was adopted a few months ago. This left the discussion clouded with questions surrounding what numbers would keep the tax rate increase within the state-mandated 2 percent cap as well as what amounts would be needed for major expenses.

The board will hold further budget workshops on April 22 and 29, starting at 6 p.m., in order to finalize the budget in time for adoption before May 1.

According to Mayor Tom Corless, the village has not been raising taxes much in the past few years, usually offsetting expenditures for that project — which they plan to do soon — before pinning down exact numbers for the cost of the repairs.

**Nelsonville Mayor Tom Corless and Trustee Will Duncan speak with Trustee Ande Merante (not pictured) at their meeting, April 8. Photo by J. Tao**

By Jeanne Tao

**Purple Heart Service Receives Special Recognition**

Putnam County declared itself the first Purple Heart county in New York state last week at its regularly scheduled legislative meeting on Wednesday, April 5. MaryEllen Odell, county executive, asked and the Legislature obliged with a proclamation before an enthusiastic audience of veteran's groups for all the support and employment.

**Putnam County Historian Dennis Castelli and Maryanne Curtin**

"I am proud to be in the company of greatness," declared Odell as she reminded listeners that last week commemorated the 40th anniversary of the presentation of both his legs below the knee. Maryanne thanked the legislature and the veteran's groups for all the support for her son and asked that he and others not be forgotten. She said John was looking forward to additional rehabilitation and employment.

By Kevin E. Foley
By Alison Rooney

Charlie Plummer is that rare 13-year-old who was actually excited over spending more time with his parents. Charlie has an excuse for this unseemly teenage behavior: He’s a professional actor, and he and his parents, Maia Guest and John Plummer, are currently enjoying a rare moment of show-business trinity, as the three are all connected with the same project, a new eight-part television series, Granite Flats. Plummer is one of three co-writers, and Guest and Charlie act — though they don’t portray mother and son. The Plummer-Guests, who live in Cold Spring as often as their now-itinerant lifestyle allows them to, didn’t plan this out, or even lobby for it; rather this change in their lives has been unscripted, fortuitous, welcome, but not without its challenges.

Plummer came on board the project first. A writer for television and a playwright, as well as co-founder of World’s End Theater here, he initially was brought in to consult on a draft of a pilot generated and developed by BYUtv (Brigham Young University Television). After rewriting most of the pilot and mapping out the second episode, he was hired to co-write the eight-episode series, which BYUtv was developing as their first scripted drama. It’s a way of attracting more notice to the network, whose motto is “See the good in the world.” Plummer said that the mandate was to create something family-friendly but challenging.

After casting had begun last summer, there were difficulties finding an actor for the role of Timmy, an overeager science geek who befriends an actor for the role of Timmy, an eager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who befriends an overeager science Buff who 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Although I'm a public figure, my readers know that I dislike the culture of celebrity in which fans are allowed a glimpse of the private lives of their idols. That's not for me. But there are occasions when I break my own rules in the belief that my admirers may be amused. Such was the case last month, when I was on a home tour and four visitors, part of the family of the boss and my chauffeur. In came their son, Rob, now out of the British army and training to be a teacher. In came his wife, Cathrine and their children, Eliza and Betsy. Although Rob grew up in America, he and his family prefer to live in London. "More tolerant, no guilt," he says. And, of course, they enjoy the benefits of a national health service.

For Cathrine and the children this was their first visit to America and Rob was eager to show them Highland Falls, where he went to school and West Point where, with his twin, David, he learned to swim in the Olympic size pool. Of course, they wanted to visit Woodbury Common because it seems that everybody from abroad wants to visit Woodbury Common. They didn't take me on that outing which was good because they got lost on their way home. Rob complained that while following Bu 6 he came to a fork and the 6 and 5 sign pointed both left and right. He chose the wrong fork. They found themselves heading into West Point until they reached Bear Mountain Bridge by way of Highland Falls.

They found Highland Falls to be charming but thought it would be nice to have a larger shopping center and tourist information center. They offered to set up a "Meet the Country Goose," which will be available in a month or so. She's already getting orders which is nice although I'm not sure that she mentions me. Perhaps I'll be on the cover. What is certain is that at the Goose you will find some great birthday cards designed by Eliza.

Looking for things to do in and around Philipstown? Grab The Calendar for more. And go online and check out our events page, visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info. See you around town!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Kids & Community
Preschool on the Farm (ages 2-3)
Earthworms
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. COMMON GROUND FARM
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 (commongroundfarmland)

Indoor Tot Park
NOON - 2 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 Glennyve Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 (philipstownrecreationcenter.com)

Drop Everything and Read
3:30 p.m. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-205-3040 (butterfieldlibrary.org)

Wine Tasting
4 - 7 p.m. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
180 Main St, Beacon
845-440-6023 (artisanwinesshop.com)

Carrie’s Croassade Safety Workshop
6:30 p.m. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-265-3040 (butterfieldlibrary.org)

Family Bonfire Night
6:30 p.m. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
100 Musser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5560 (hbtnatureumuseum.org)
Rescheduled from March 22

Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr. (Youth Players)
7:30 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 Glennyve Drive, Garrison
coldspringmariott.com

Haldane PTA Dance Party Fundraiser
9 p.m. THE LIVING ROOM
103 Main St, Cold Spring (halpanoptix.org)

Art & Design
Haldane High School Art Show (Opening)
6 - 8 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN.INFO
69 Main St, Cold Spring
845-809-5584 (philipstown.info)

Theater & Film
Ariane One-Act Play Festival
8 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN DEPOT THEATRE
10 Gann’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 (phillipstowndepottheatre.org)

Music
Charlie Sabin
9 p.m. MAY’S ON MAIN
246 Main St, Beacon
845-838-6297 (maysonmain.com)

Meetings & Lectures
Free Computer Help
2 p.m. DESCEND-FISH LIBRARY
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 (descendinfo.library.org)

LGBT Mindfulness Meditation Retreat (Opening)
3 p.m. GARRISON INSTITUTE
14 Mary’s Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 (garrisoninstitute.org)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Beacon Second Saturday
Kids & Community
Bird Walk and Talk
8 a.m. BEACHON INSTITUTE
150 Main St, Beacon
845-838-1600 (beacon.org/events)

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
107 Glennyve Drive, Garrison
coldspringfarmmarket.org

Work Party: Put In Dock
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. COLD SPRING BOAT CLUB
5 New St, Cold Spring
845-265-2465 (coldspringboatclub.com)

Stonecrop Gardens
8:45 a.m. The ART & PRACTICE OF VEGETABLE GARDENING, PART 1
9 a.m. TROUGH-MAKING WORKSHOP (Day 1 of 2)
51 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 (stonecropgarden.org)
Registration required.

Food Pantry
9 - 10 a.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN
10 Academy St, Cold Spring
845-265-3220 (presbychurchcoldspring.org)

Philipstown Little League Opening Day
9 a.m. CEREMONY
10 a.m. FIRST GAME
NORTH HIGHLANDS BASEBALL FIELDS
396 East Road at Route 9, Cold Spring
philipstownlittleleague.com

Volunteer Cleanup of Northgate Farm
9 a.m. LITTLE STRONY POINT
Route 9D, Cold Spring
fth.org. RSVP to thompsonjohnson@verizon.net

Bake Sale for Baby Falls
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ZODA DOBA PALETAINA
201 Main St, Beacon
cottafielde.com

Bluebirds Program
10 a.m. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
100 Musser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5560 (hbtnatureumuseum.org)

Family Farm Sing-Along
10 a.m. COMMON GROUND FARM
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 (commongroundfarmland)

School Forest Cleanup
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. SNAKE HILL ROAD ENTRANCE, GARRISON
RSVP at darbie martinelli@gmail.com

Growing Your Own Food (First Session)
10 a.m. GROWN AND WINTER
STUDIO
504 Main St, Beacon
845-510-8081 | grownandwinter@gmail.com

Volunteer Restoration Workday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. SCIENCE HUSON’S RIVER CENTER
Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-318-0134 (scienctificsociety.org)

Protecting the Highlands From Alien Invaders
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB
955 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3358, ext. 4 | HRFC.org

Family Yoga & Meditation (ages 6 up and up)
10:30 a.m. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St, Beacon
845-467-1514 ( HOWLANDlibrary.org)

Square Foot Gardening
11 a.m. COMMON GROUND FARM
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 (commongroundfarmland)

Meet the Animals
2:30 - 4:30 PHILIPSTOWN EDUCATION CENTER
25 Boulevard, Cornwall
845-534-7711 (hbtnatureumuseum.org)

Wine Tasting
3 - 6 p.m. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
See details under Friday.

Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr. (Youth Players)
7:30 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
See details under Friday.

Let’s Dance, Beacon
8 p.m. HOWLUN DHUL CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St, Beacon
845-831-4988 (howldculuralcenter.org)

Health & Fitness
Childbirth Class
9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. MUNSON HOSPITAL CENTER
1900 Old Poughkeepsie Road, Cold Spring
914-734-3806 | hwhc.org/events

Introduction to the Way of the Heron, Part 2
11 a.m. BEACHON YOGA CENTER
464 Main St, Beacon
347-884-8406 | beachonyogacenter.com

Sacred Circle Ritual Dance
3 p.m. BEACHON YOGA CENTER
464 Main St, Beacon
347-884-8406 | beachonyogacenter.com

Art & Design
Free Admission to Biscoeol
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1601 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON
845-265-3638 | biscoeol.org

Garrison Art Center
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. OPEN HOUSE
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. CLAY CREATIONS, SILKSCREEN PRINTING
12:30 p.m. PAPER MARBLING, MONOTYPE PRINTING, EXPERIMENTAL DRAWING
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 (garrisonartcenter.org)

Dia:Beacon
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. FREE FOR BEACON RESIDENTS
1 p.m. TOUR | 2 p.m. MOLLEN THEODORE ON WALTER DE MARIA | 3 BOOKMAN ST, BEACON
845-440-0010 | dia beacon.org

Of Time and Place: Celebrating Scenic Hudson’s 50 Years
NOON - 6 p.m. SCENIC HUSON’S RIVER CENTER
Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440, ext. 273 | scenic Hudson.org

Highland High School Art Show
1 - 4 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN.INFO
See details under Friday.

Spring Singing, Photography by Lori Adams
APRIL 13 - MAY 5
172 MAIN STREET BEACON NY
WWW.RIVERWINDS.GALLERY
OPEN WED - SAT 12-6:00, SUN 12-9:00

WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY GOOSE
155 MAIN STREET • COLD SPRING NY
845-265-2222 • | www.highlandbaskets.com
SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Kids & Community
Beacon Flax Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Parking Lot Behind Main Street Post Office, Beacon 845-202-0094 | beaconfila.bkостьюр.com

Nature Play Area (ages 2-10) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ochrone Scenic Hudson Center 106 Ochrone Rd, Cold Spring 845-437-0100 | scenicus.org

Invasive Plants: The Great American Mustard Pull 10 a.m. Ochrone Scenic Hudson Center 106 Ochrone Rd, Cold Spring 845-534-5506 | hnhscenichudson.org

Beacon Farmers’ Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Main Street, Beacon 845-534-5506 | hnhscenichudson.org

Pioneer Living Series: Toys and Games 2 p.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Fairmount Lane, Wappingers Falls, Beacon 845-233-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

Some Like It Hot: Chili Peppers Gardening 2 p.m. 637-345-345 | 637-345-345

Meet the Animals 2:30 p.m. WILDFIRE Education Center See details under Saturday.

Disney’s The Little Mermaid Jr. (Opening) 3 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER 101 Main St, Garrison 845-426-4001 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Music
Music Night 7 p.m. PHILOSOPHY & THE LINES DESCRIBE 580 Main St, Beacon 845-534-5505 | hnhscenichudson.org

Music: Selections from Don Giovanni 4 p.m. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-426-4669 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures
AARP Tax Assistance 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-431-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Linguistics: The Invisible War 7:30 p.m. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-431-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Inn of the Six Garrets 7 P.M. 629 Main St., Beacon 845-534-5506 | hnhscenichudson.org

November 9 - 12:30 a.m. GARRISON ART CENTER See details under Sunday.

Kids’ Open Mic Night 5:30 - 10 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER See details under Friday.

The Klubnik Band 9 P.M. MAIN ST. On MAIN See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures
Overeaters Anonymous 8:30 A.M. GRAYMOOD SPiritual LIfE CENTER 1350 Route 9, Garrison 917-718-0488 | ca.org

Introduction to Buddhism 10 A.M. GRAYMOOD SPiritual LIfE CENTER 1350 Route 9, Garrison 917-522-9044 | marved.grloatonlinemt.net

Jeanette Commins, The Crooked Branch (Lecture) 1 p.m. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Computer Help 2 p.m. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

Historical Figures in Fiction With Deb Locke 3 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER 101 Main St, Garrison 845-265-4001 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

May 22 - 1:45 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER See details under Friday.

Attracting Birds to Your Garden 7 P.M. MANHATTAN PUBLIC LIBRARY 466 Route B, Mahopac 845-270-3677 | counties.co.cornell.edu/putnam

Health & Fitness
PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER See details under Friday.

Doodletown – The Vanishing Hamlet (Hike) 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. HARRISON CIVIC CENTER 914-734-3896 | hvhc.org/events

The Invisible War (Documentary) 7:30 p.m. DOUGING FILM CENTER 220 West Main St., Beacon 845-838-1999 | DowningFilmCenter.org

John Plummer: All Murder Is Local (Reading) 8 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN CIVIC CENTER 69 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5584 | philipstown.info

Music
Community Chorus 7 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

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AARP Tax Assistance 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-631-1134 | howlandlibrary.org

Grandparenting 101 4 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN HOSPITAL CENTER 1900 Compond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-734-3896 | hvhc.org/events

Constellation Circle 6:30 p.m. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-431-4984 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Beacon City Council 7 P.M. MUNICIPAL COURTROOM 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon 845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

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Third Thursdays at CEIE | Dialogue Bald Eagles: Rising from the Brink of Extinction Peter Nye Retired Leader of New York State Endangered Species Unit, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Andrew Revkin “Dot Earth” Blogger for The New York Times Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. Center for Environmental Innovation & Education (CEIE) 199 Denning Avenue, Beacon, NY

Yoga for Toddlers 10 A.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER 464 Main St., Beacon 347-489-8460 | beaconyogacenters.com

Indoor Tot Park NOON - 2 p.m. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER See details under Friday.

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**The Calendar**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

**Kids & Community**

**Indoor Tot Park**
9 - 11 A.M. & Noon - 2 P.M.
Phlipstown Recreation Center
See details under Friday.

**Block Party (0-3) & Lego Club (4+)**
4 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Kids Craft Hour**
4 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Health & Fitness**

**Hudson Valley Hospital Programs**
1 P.M. BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
4 P.M. LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER (WOMEN WITH CANCER)
1980 Comron Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-666-4228 | hvhcc.org/events

**Art & Design**

**David Ostro Pontoons**
9:30 - 8 P.M. OPENING
6:30 P.M. ARTIST’S TALK
WCC Center for Digital Arts [27 N. Division St., Peekskill] (914-788-0100) | hvcca.org

**Theater & Film**

**Alien Connection**
**Theater & Film**
Peekskill | 914-788-0100 | hvcca.org
6:30 P.M. artist’s talk
5:30 - 7 P.M. opening

**Penteracts**
David Ostro:
Health & Fitness
4 P.M. desMond - Fish library
Kids Craft Hour
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Lawn and Leaf Pickup**
845-831-1134 | beaconyogacenter.com

**ThurSDAY, APRIL 18**

**Pentacles**
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845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
6:30 P.M. KIDS WITH FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS
5:30 P.M. ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-9390 | garrisonartcenter.com

**Rock & Jam Band Showcase**
8:30 P.M. 12 GRAPES
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

**Historic District Review Board**
7 P.M. howland public library
477 Main St., Beacon
845-225-1700, ext. 136 | pfcsinc.org

**Zoning Board of Appeals**
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477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Religious Services**
Visit philipstown.info/services for listings.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Visit philipstown.info/aa for listings.

**Chess Club With Moning Lin**
See details under Friday.

**Philipstown Recreation Center**
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
6:30 P.M. NORTH HIGHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
605 Fairhill Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**7 P.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER**
464 Main St., Beacon
347-489-8400 | beaconyogacenter.com

**Move + Play (ages 5-7)**
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Poem in Your Pocket Day**
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

**Figure-Drawing Session**
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38 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster
5:30 P.M. starr ridge banquet center
PFCS Adult Team Spelling Bee
845-265-9254 | butterfieldlibrary.org

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**Dance * Drum * Sing * Hum**
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**Garrison Children’s Library**
8 P.M. MASONIC LODGE
18 Secor St., Nelsonville
845-265-2244 | philipstown236fam.org

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477 Main St., Beacon
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**Ongoing**

Kate Vikstrom, The Paper layout editor, visiting friends in her old town Ketchikan, Alaska. Pictured here with a crew member and a serious crab from the Alaskan Ballad, a ship featured in the cable television program, Deadliest Catch.

Kate forgot photo credit
Chasing Ice documents National Geo-
graphic photographer James Balog’s Ex-
treme Ice Survey, a multiyear project us-
ing innovative photographic techniques
to document changes in the Earth’s gla-
ciers. Battling untested technology in
subzero conditions, Balog created videos
that compress years into seconds and
capture ancient mountains of ice in mo-
tion as they disappear at a breathtaking
rate.

All proceeds from the screening go
to the current restoration of the Bea-
coon Sloop’s sloop Woody Guthrie.
“I have been working with a number of
like-minded persons to organize events
that support the preservation and im-
provement of public space in Beacon and
beyond,” said J.C. Calderón, founder of
the year-old Beacon Public Space Proj-
ject. “When I learned about Chasing Ice, it
occurred to me that we may be able to
get Jeff Orlowski to visit Beacon, as we
have many mutual friends. For 43 years,
the Beacon Sloop Club has been working
to improve the Hudson River and defend
the public’s access to it, and Chasing Ice
clearly demonstrates how our livelihoods
are being threatened by climate change at
an astonishingly rapid pace.”

The documentary will screen at The
Beacon Theatre, 445 Main St., at 1 p.m.
on Saturday, April 13. Tickets are $20
in advance at chasingicebeacon.bpt.me
and $30 at the door. Seating is limited,
so advanced purchases are strongly en-
couraged.

Gallery openings
“Tino Ganz Studio, 349 Main St., pres-
ents Archives From Villa de García to
Beacon, a solo exhibition by Kirsten Kuc-
er of drawings inspired by photographic
archives from when she was living in
Mexico as a way to begin drawing.

Villa de García, Nuevo León, Mexico.
She wrote: “When I returned to the U.S.
and moved to Beacon in 2005, I began
working in an intimate 90-square-foot
studio and concentrated on drawing.
I started pulling from memory and my
photographic archives of my time spent
in Mexico as a way to begin drawing. I
thought my primary concern in this
work was about space and chance, but
as I continued drawing it was clear that
it was equally as much about my expe-
riences in Villa de García.” Opening re-
ception Saturday, April 13, 6 - 8 p.m. The
show runs through May 5.

Photo by James Balog for Exposure Productions
Putnam Holds Events for Child Abuse Prevention

In the U.S., every six minutes a child is sexually abused; by the age of 18, one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys will suffer some form of sexual abuse. In 2010 an estimated 1,560 children died from abuse and neglect. During April, National Child Abuse Awareness Month, the Putnam County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is joining National Children's Alliance and thousands of its members and supporters across the country to bring attention to the issues of child abuse prevention and intervention. The CAC is launching a "Blue Ribbon Campaign — Their Future, Our Responsibility."

"Everyone has the ability and responsibility to prevent child abuse," said Marla Behler, program coordinator of the CAC. "We need to become more educated about how to recognize signs of abuse."

The following events are planned for Child Abuse Awareness Month, culminating with the Eighth Annual Children's Expo and Public Safety Fair on May 4:

- Protecting Your Child: Lessons Learned From Offenders" (free and open to the general public) Hope Forum VII hosted by Mahopac School District at Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac, April 29
- Child Abuse Prevention Exhibit: April 1-5 Putnam Hospital; April 8-12 Mahopac Library, April 15-19 Patterson Library; April 22-30 Putnam Health Department
- April 16: Brewster Girl Scouts' In a strong voice: "We Need to Know More About Statistics Regarding Child Abuse," at the Flexin and Family Program at the Flexin and Family Program at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, will perform with friends in a concert version of W.A. Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Howland Cultural Center on Sunday, April 14, beginning at 4 p.m. The concert is in anticipation of his performance in the title role of the opera at the Pinner Theater in downtown Reno with the Nevada Opera Company on May 17 and 19. The cast includes soprano Lori Phillips and tenor Adam C.J. Klein, both current-ML#3307782

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Junior Firefighters 2012

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The afternoon session, Plant This, Not That — A How-to Guide for Managing Invasives on Your Own Property, will focus on the difference you can make in your own backyard, offering tips for safe removal of invasives and providing suggestions for native plants. There will also be time for questions and comments from the audience. Panelists include Matt Decker, HHLT; Kim Eierman, the Native Plant Center; and Westchester Community College; Rita Jo Riehle, horticulturist; Jennifer Stengle, Cornell Cooperative Extension; and moderator Katherine Whiteside, contributing garden editor, Architectural Digest.

The forum is open to the general public and free of charge, but registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the event on a space-available basis. Contact HHLT at 845-424-3258 or info@hhlt.org for more information or to make a reservation.

Desmond-Fish Library Presents Some Like It Hot

On Sunday, April 14, at Desmond-Fish Library, from 2 to 3 p.m. Linda Magnusson-Rosario will present Some Like It Hot, a program about gardening. Magnusson-Rosario, a Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardener of Putnam County, will demonstrate how easy it is to grow chile peppers and tomatoes and how to infuse them into cooking.

The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403 in Garrison. For more information, visit DesmondFishLibrary.org or call 845-424-3020.

Downing Film Center to Screen The Invisible War

As part of a Social Justice Film Series, The Invisible War — a multiagency collaboration of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley, the Rape Crisis Program at Mental Health Association in Orange County Inc., Safe Homes of Orange County, and YWCA Orange County Inc., Safe Homes of Orange County — are hosting a screening of the award-winning film The Invisible War at the Downing Film Center, located at 19 Front St., on the Newburgh waterfront. Shot by filmmaker Kirby Dick, this investigative documentary is an exposé on sexual assault in the U.S. military.

The special feature is being shown on Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed. For those interested, a talk will follow the screening.

The Downing Film Center has limited seating; so reservations are strongly suggested. To reserve a place, contact Danielle Marce-Kapir, gender equity coordinator of the YWCA Orange County, at 845-561-8050, ext. 17.

Rothenberg to Sign and Read From Bug Music

Theo Ganz Studio will host a book signing and reading by Cold Spring’s David Rothenberg to celebrate his latest book, Bug Music: How Insects Gave Us Rhythm and Noise. The reading will take place at the gallery at 149 Main St. in Beacon on Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. A reception will follow the reading.

Rothenberg investigates the beats of cicadas, katydids, leafhoppers and water bugs in his third foray into music made in the animal world. Bug Music completes Rothenberg’s trilogy, including Why Birds Sing and Thousand Mile Song, and continues to explore the relationship between the natural world and music. Why Birds Sing has been published in six languages and was the inspiration for the eponymous BBC documentary.

Celebrate Earth Day at Newburgh Brewery

Common Ground Farm will celebrate Earth Day in the Newburgh Brewing Company’s taproom on Sunday, April 21, 2-4 p.m. Common Ground Farm volunteers will be guest bartenders for the afternoon. All tips will be donated to support their Fair Food and Education initiatives.

There will also be a Recycle/Reuse Penny Social. Among items offered include 50 pounds of well-rutted horse manure, a Viking professional 7-quart black stand mixer, 850 of local maple syrup and honey, a vintage Krups espresso coffee maker, an electric bass guitar and amplifier, and more.

Children are welcome. The Newburgh Brewing Company is located at 88 South Golden St. in Newburgh. For more information, visit newburghbrewing.com.

4-H Puppetteer Players Perform in Putnam Valley

The Puppeteer Players, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, is comprised of a group of teens and pre-teens ages 9-16 (grades 4-11) who are members of the 4-H program in Putnam County. They entertain a young audience with a theme that is relatable for their age group. Each interactive performance often has a message dealing with issues such as bullying, stranger danger, recycling and responsibility. After the show there is an opportunity for the audience to meet and ask questions of the puppeteers.

The performances are free, open to the public, and suitable for children of all ages. Preregistration is not required. An upcoming one-hour program will be held April 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Putnam Valley Library, Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley. For additional information, call 845-276-6738.

Shakespeare Festival Holds Gala Celebration

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival announces their Swing Into Summer Gala Celebration. The event will celebrate the professional theater company in your own backyard, offering tips for in-}
Haldane Garden Matures, Diversifies, Educates

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helping to raise monies for this year's biggest project, the construction of a "green education shed." Currently there is a small plastic one, which is inefficient as the extreme weather makes it expand, contract and pop open. The HSF has provided an initial grant, and the committee is seeking to match those funds. Hopes are to start building over the summer with the grant in hand and to have the work done by the end of the year. The shed will hold more tools and supplies, allow for a potting table and classroom cubbies, and showcase a living green roof.

Haldane Director of Facilities Mike Twardy and his staff "have graciously offered to help us," said Riesterer.

Another project for this year is the restoration of the greenhouse located on the north side of the elementary building. This endeavor is being facilitated by the Philipstown Garden Club with funding from the HSF.

The Haldane Garden Committee is always in need of more volunteers. One need not have expertise in gardening to lend a hand, although there is always a call to come on over to shovel compost and rake leaves. The "technically adroit" are always welcome, said Riesterer, as are those with fundraising experience, grant-writing knowledge, the ability to teach children about any aspect of gardening, etc.

In-kind donations are equally welcomed, and the garden has received support from many community organizations and lots of local businesses.

As for the Raise the Roof party, tickets are $15 (bought at the door) to attend, intended for adults only, and goes from 9 p.m. until midnight. Admission includes one glass of wine, and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for purchase or BYOB. For more information, visit www.growinghaldane.com.

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Solar Flats Is a Family Affair for Guest and Plummer ‘Times 2’

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that we are following an organic story and not trying to control it. You set things in motion and see what happens. That’s the great thing about TV — it’s serial and you can make changes. The idea is as you watch the show, certain tropes are identified, but as the show unfolds, so do the characters, and you see much greater complexity.”

Although Granite Flats is produced by BYUtv, Plummer said emphatically that it’s “not a Mormon show. It’s written by a Buddhist, a Jew and a Catholic, to start, and it’s not about labels. We’re depicting people who have choices. There is plenty of bad behavior underpinnings, and this is no exception. Charlie usually has to be at work by 6:30 a.m. and works 10 to 12 hours a day. Schoolwork takes up one to three hours of that day, and it’s hard to keep up. (Charlie attends the Professional Children’s School in New York City, but he’s only been there for a grand total of three weeks this school year.) Living in a two-bedroom hotel room for months on end has its perks but also its downsides.

Things are helped by a great family vibe on the set though, and an overall sense of adventure about the whole endeavor. If the series is picked up for a second season, the family, which is now back in Cold Spring, will pack up again in August, returning to Salt Lake for about four months.

Despite the proximity, the threesome hasn’t actually worked much together. "It’s kind of nice to be back in a small town — but I like traveling a lot." It’s kind of nice to be back in a small town, but I like traveling a lot."

Grusite Flats can be seen on BYUtv on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. BYUtv is channel 374 on DirecTV and channel 9403 on Dish Network. It is also streamed on BYUtv.org, where the previous aired episodes (beginning on April 7) can be found as well.

Hair and makeup helped with the transformation. Granite Flats is set in 1962, that Cold War-dominated period of transition from the homey values of the 1950s into the upheaval of the mid-to-late 1960s. There is a spoonful of transition from the homey values of the 1950s into the upheaval of the mid-to-late 1960s. There is a spoonful of transition from the homey values.

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Lemon or Lime Soil?

By Pamela Dean

For Christmas this year, I gave my friends and family soil test kits. (Note: Doing this will get you labeled as a “garden nerd.”) When I checked in on them recently, no one had used their kits yet, which I can’t understand at all, because it’s just a really cool and fun thing to do, now that high school chemistry is a thing of the past. I’ll give them until the end of the month before I start suggesting they don’t really care about their plants if they haven’t tested their soil yet.

Getting to know the balance of your soil is like solving a crossword puzzle with a chemistry set. The first clue is to observe what’s currently growing in the area that you test and how healthy it looks. Yellow leaves on your plants? Maybe the soil is too alkaline. Lots of moss? Could be acidic. Those are your first clues, but you need to fill in the blanks to get the full picture.

If you’re lucky enough to have a garden nerd friend who has given you a soil test kit, you’re ready to create the right environment for your plant to get lots to eat. Every plant has its own unique requirements for vitality. If you want blueberries, make sure the site where you plant the bushes is acidic. Azaleas and rhododendrons also thrive in moderately acidic soil, around 4.5-5.5. A vegetable garden generally produces best in a range of 6.0-7.0, and this is true for most plants. This range is neutral and allows your plants to get the most nutrients from the soil. The pH scale is 0-14 with 0-6 roughly in the acidic range, 6-7 being neutral, and 7-14 in the alkaline range. As the numbers get bigger from 0-6, the soil becomes more neutral, then gets more alkaline from 7.5 and up. I can’t ever remember which is acidic and which is alkaline since I never took chemistry in high school, so I think of lemons on the acidic side and lime (as in limestone) on the alkaline site. All the rest of you liberal arts students can feel free to use that system, as well.

Climate, geography, topography and construction are a few of the factors that affect the pH balance of the soil. I’ve tested soil all around my yard because as I mentioned, it’s fun, and I’ve discovered that each site is different. The pH can vary widely. Don’t assume that just because the soil next to your house comes in at 4.8 that the site you choose for your garden 30 feet away will be the same; check both spots and save yourself a lot of time and energy in maintenance and growth. For example, there’s a slope on the west side of my house where the soil is 5.4, and we’ll call that lemony, yet 30 feet away where the vegetable garden grows the soil pH is a perfectly neutral 6.8 (not limey or lemony).

If your soil is too acidic or alkaline, there are lots of things you can do to balance it again. Acidic soil can be amended with lime, wood ash and organic matter, like shredded leaves and compost. Follow the instructions carefully on the kit. Alkaline soil can be adjusted with sulfur: Know that soil always reverts to its parent material eventually and you’ll need to monitor your soil, testing every two to three years and adjusting accordingly. Making it a regular practice to add organic matter annually keeps your soil in good shape, too.

Soil test kits can be found at landscape centers. Make sure that your kit has two reactive agents for best results. Take the sample from a depth of 6 inches, not the surface, and clean out any debris like pebbles or twigs. The Cornell Cooperative Extension in Putnam County offers pH soil tests for home gardeners for a very reasonable $10. Check out the form online for instructions about how to take a sample at countiestests.cce.cornell.edu/putnam, under “Hort Forms to Download.”

On Saturday, May 18, the Master Gardeners of Putnam County hold their annual plant sale and will be doing free soil pH testing. I can’t imagine a better way to start building your own reputation as a garden nerd — spending Saturday morning at a plant sale getting your soil tested. See you there, fellow nerds.
Local Audubon Chapter Celebrates Spring at Fundraiser

Membership or attending events a way to learn about and enjoy nature

By Kevin E. Foley

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society (PHAS) held a fundraising dinner last Saturday, April 6, at the Taconic Education Center. Amid silent and live auction bidding and plenty of good cheer about the coming of spring, the group underscored the local chapter’s mission and some upcoming events that offer residents an opportunity to learn more about the natural world around them, especially about birds.

The highlight of the evening was a photographic presentation by retired research scientist and nature photographer Douglas Goodell on the flora and fauna of Costa Rica. Goodell took his audience through a pictorial tour of the four distinct regions of the Central American country indicating significant differences in topography, rainfall, and other factors while displaying colorful photos of a variety of bird species as well as other wildlife. Goodell also signed copies of his book, *Costa Rica: Nature’s Paradise.*

Upcoming events for the PHAS include April 27 at the Hubbard Lodge, off Route 9 just north of 301. Audubon naturalist Pete Salmansohn will host a presentation on basics of bird watching. See page 13 for more information.

May 11 is the date for the organization’s annual bird-a-thon, wherein teams working in areas of Putnam, Westchester and Dutchess, as well as Long Island, scan the region’s habitats, competing for the highest number of species sightings. People interested in early rising and a long day with the binoculars can contact the chapter. Another way to participate is to sponsor a team, as this is the chapter’s main fundraising vehicle. For more information on all PHAS activities go to putnamhighlandsaudubon.org.

The nature photographs on this page are the winners of the recent PHAS contest.