Fire Company Seeks Firefighters
GVFC hosts Recruit NY event
By Michael Turton

Recruit NY puts an annual spotlight on local fire companies to help them attract new volunteers, and members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company (GVFC) hope they will reap the benefits of the statewide program. On Sunday, April 26, GVFC will open the doors of its Route 9 firehouse to the community from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fire company, established in 1929, actually has an open house every Sunday, but this week the emphasis will be on convincing residents of the benefits of becoming a firefighter.

Free food and refreshments may help motivate some people to stop by, but Joe Mercurio, GVFC’s public information officer, emphasizes a much more serious reason why the community should come out and consider volunteering. “Statewide, fire companies are having trouble recruiting,” Mercurio said. “In Garrison, the demographics work against us so we have to try even harder. We have an older … less dense population, and a lot of the younger families come from the city where firefighters are paid.” Nationwide, 75 percent of all firefighters are volunteers, he said.

Firehouse as family outing

Mercurio suggests that entire families consider visiting the firehouse on Sunday. “Young children can play on the fire trucks, and teenagers can learn about becoming a junior firefighter,” he said. While that may plant a seed in kids’ minds about joining the fire company in the future, Sunday’s Recruit NY event is really about attracting new members now. “Adults of all ages can find a place with us,” Mercurio said. “Some (can) train to become interior firefighters, others to go to fires and accidents and help with exterior support.” At a structure fire, only firefighters (To page 3)
**Small, Good Things**

**Food for Thought**

By Joe Dinsey

Sunday, April 10, the Highlands Coun-
try Club hosted the Fifth Annual Philipstow-
ton Highlands Land Trust Sus-
tainability Forum. The theme of this year’s f-
orum was “Food for Thought: Shopping
Cooking and Eating Sustainably.”

Following welcoming comments by HILT Director Andy Chmar, a key-
note panel led and moderated by Zanne
Stewart, former executive food editor of
Gourmet magazine (and member of the
Philipstown.info/The Paper family) ad-
dressed both the macro and micro con-
cerns of sustainable food.

Panel participants included Garrison
resident Jocelyn Apicello, co-owner/op-
erator of LongHaul Farms and organic
“micro-farm” and public health profes-
sional; and Barry Estabrook, Vermont-
based, James Beard award-winning
journalist and New York Times bestsell-
ing author whose upcoming book, Pig Tales: An Omnivore’s Quest for Sustain-
able Meat, will be published next month.

Also participating in the keynote panel
were Garrison resident Mike Finnegan,
an environmental lawyer/entrepreneur
and co-founder of Continental Organics,
the New Windsor-based sustainable ag-
culture company that produces (over 50
varieties of) organic vegetables and fish
(aquaculture system (a combination of
“ecological agriculture” is the only way to
feed 9 billion people); but that “demands
education and knowledge and is a continu-
ing dialog between ‘what the science says’
and ‘what the people want and demand.’

On a commercial market level, Stewart
cited a figure that “60 percent of our cal-
ories come from California.” Finnegan
quouted “an average 1,500-mile food-to-
toilet journey.” As consumers, neither
of these comments absolves us from
making better choices or our local su-
permarket produce managers from fail-
ing to provide us with answers to ques-
tions about less-than-optimal goods.

Stewart steered the discussion to-
ward family choices in the kitchen
where it really counts, proposing that
clean can be either “good, fast or
— pick two,” and she noted the im-
portant that parents and teenage eat-
ers can have on the menu, although
she did allow that if we involve the
younger generations in the process,
their tastes are not as etched-in-
stone as we like to think: “If they
grow those lima beans, they will eat
those lima beans.”

The education of our adult pal-
ates is also on the table, and Hall
pointed out her job as both a re-
tailer and educator in discussing
substitutions with her customers — “A
whole pig, unlike its su-
permarket counterpart, has a lim-
ited number of tenderloins — when
they’re gone, they’re gone. But there
are other things to eat and we try to
offer options and even recipes.”

The forum broke at noon for lunch
and follow-up panels in the
afternoon, with Katherine Whiteside and
myself (and Ava Bynum) moderating panels on Home Eco-
nomics for the New Age. (Take home: We
all need larger freezers.) Stewart and for-
mer Philipstown.info food columnist Celia
Barbour discussed “maximizing your food
dollar,” and Apicello was joined by Ava By-
um to moderate It’s a Family Affair: In-
volve Kids and Friends in Growing and Cooking.

Bynum, executive director of Hudson
Valley Seed, a Beacon-based nonprofit
founded on nutrition and wellness edu-
cation through gardening, particularly
seemed to me to communicate the in-
tent and focus of the forum: She spent
the day worrying over a container full
of herb and vegetable seedlings sown by
first-graders from the various schools
in Hudson Valley Seed’s purview. She
promised to return them unharmed.

Poached Eggs in Sorrel Cream Sauce

I couldn’t let this week go by without at least one quick recipe to celebrate
the changing season, and this salute to spring in Hudson Valley Seed’s pur-
view (in the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market) is just the thing. Be sure to get some
good crusty bread to mop up the sauce. Serves two.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large shallot, minced
1 large bunch sorrel, stems discarded,
leaves chopped roughly
¼ cup heavy cream
Salt and pepper
4 large egg yolks
Buttered toast for serving

Melt butter in a small skillet (with lid) over medium heat. Add shallots;
sauté until translucent. Add sorrel leaves and cook, stirring, until it
wilts and starts to turn olive-green in color (about 3 minutes). Stir in
creamed and simmer to thicken for a minute or so. Add salt and pepper
to taste and lower heat to medium-low.

Crack eggs into skillet in a single layer. Cover pan and cook about 2
minutes. Turn off heat and let rest (about 30 seconds for runny yolks,
longer if desired).

Serve eggs and sauce in bowls; don’t forget the toast.

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New Faces for Local School Boards (from page 1)

For a total of three open trustee positions, there are six candidates: Schwartz, Peggy O'Rourke, Sarah Elizabeth Carnevale, Charles Hustis III, Margaret Parr and Kory Riesterer.

Jennifer Daly and Peter Henderson are Firefighters with the Board of Education at Haldane, with their terms expiring in 2017 and 2017, respectively, ensuring some continuity of experience. Schwartz has been a trustee since 2012.

The Haldane Parent Teacher Association is hosting a “Meet the Candidates” forum on May 13 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium for the public to attend.

Garrison seats

All GHS seniors have three open trustee positions. Raymond O’Rourke, who is currently the board president, is running for re-election. Christine Foerstch and Theresa Orlandi are not seeking re-election. There are three candidates and three seats: O’Rourke, David Gelber and James Hoch.

GVFS board members Charlotte Rowe, Diana Swinhburne, James Cannon and Derek DuBois will continue in their roles.

Fire Company Seeks Firefighters (from page 1)

who have completed extensive specialized training are permitted to enter the interior of a burning building.

Mercurio points out that not everyone has to be a firefighter to support the fire company. Non-firefighting roles include fire police, directing traffic, helping operate equipment at calls, filing reports and maintaining equipment at the GVFC’s two firehouses. “And we also need people to help with administrative activities, he said.”

A junior fire corps welcomes young members as they help complete tasks at the firehouse. The GVFC Auxiliary assists the fire company by providing food and drink at fire scenes and at the firehouse during extended events. Auxiliary members also help during regional weather emergencies, assist with fundraising, help conduct fire prevention programs and work at community events.

Women almost a third of members

Active members must be 18 years of age and pass a physical exam before training to become an exterior or interior firefighter.

GVFC currently has 48 active members, including 18 interior firefighters and 30 exterior firefighters. Those totals include one new probationary member and three junior members, “Older members tend to serve as drivers, pump operators, then fall back to exterior duties and then to management,” Mercurio said.

Firefighters may have been a strictly male domain in the past, but that’s no longer the case — 30 percent of GVFC’s active members are women. Donna Corsi is the GVFC president. Duties that firefighters carry out are based solely on the level of training completed, not gender. “You advance in rank and responsibilities depending on your training,” Mercurio said.

Service, camaraderie, fitness

While the satisfaction felt by members in providing their community with a vital service at events such as fires, traffic accidents and weather emergencies is the most obvious benefit of joining a volunteer fire company, Mercurio said there are other ‘ perks’ as well. “There is a real sense of camaraderie, and you get to meet fellow community members,” he said.

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Firefighters respond to numerous traffic accidents. Photo courtesy of GVFC

This year, districts around the state were uncertain of the amount of state aid they would receive as Gov. Andrew Cuomo used it as a bargaining chip with the legislature for reforms in teacher evaluations and tenure. The numbers were released only weeks before the local budget deadline. Budgeting is further complicated by the tax levy limit. It imposes a cap on district budgets that penalizes taxpayers if it is exceeded, forcing school boards to stay within certain parameters even if that creates an undesirable situation.

Haldane’s outgoing board president, Curto, who has spent a total of seven years on the BOE and has been involved in the school in many capacities, said that at Haldane, new trustees would be responsible for implementing the strategic plan that Superintendent Diana Bowers has been leading the past year.

The strategic plan will be the guide for board decisions for years to come.

Curto said that all districts would struggle to cope with state testing and teacher evaluations. “It’s a mess, and there are interrelated politics with testing and evaluations, and I don’t think anyone understands where it’s going to end,” he said.

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I Remember Philipstown
By Cecily Hall

Senior citizens mingled with young children last Thursday (April 16) to share stories of their youth at Philipstown … I Remember, an event created by local residents Dar Williams, Nancy Montgomery, Ivy Meeropol and this writer. Montgomery kicked off the event by introducing Rowan McLaughlin, who discussed aspects of the year 1955, ranging from popular culture to how much a gallon of gas cost. McLaughlin then took the stage with Ray and Christine Bohkouir to sing "Only You," a popular hit from 1955.

Bob McCaffrey, Donald MacDonald and Anthony Mercante shared their stories, as children continued the conversation with probing questions such as “What were hairstyles like?” and “Did people ice skate on the Hudson River?” “There is something special about getting together the people who lived here in a moment where they're all remembering something and filling in the pictures for each other,” noted Williams. She added, “It's amazing when someone like Bob McCaffrey says that he had a cousin, aunt or uncle on every street in Cold Spring, or an animated daughter remembering how kids could sled on their lunch boxes and good for the neighborhood,” Cronin said. He expressed how much he appreciated the ideas for the village and the large ambitions of a few.

The Library is a public good
Dear Editor,
Michael Butterfield's report on Butterfield Library finances (April 17) is a disheartening reminder of just how far away we are from any sense of the true value of a public good. Julia Butterfield understood that, and left us with two gifts, public goods dedicated to our education and uplift, and to our health. Alas, the Butterfield Hospital has been turned into property, to be bought and sold, and to serve the wealth and ambitions of a few. The Library has yet to meet that fate, granting that it is in a reduced state only because of the dedication of citizens with an old-fashioned cachet of priorities and values that cannot be cashed in or cashed out, because they are not dollar-driven.

Still, no margin, no mission, and the library is asking residents of Cold Spring to approve a referendum, to be included with the Haldane School budget vote on May 10, for additional annual funding of $73,500. This money would be used for a number of library goods, services, programs and campaigns. It will not include benefits or a pension for Gillian Thorpe, the only library director Putnam County so lacking.

It will also provide residents of Cold Spring an opportunity to check their own values and priorities at the ballot box. Like the man said, “Follow the money.”

Sincerely,
James O’Barr

Butterfield Redevelopment Mostly Gets Support at Public Hearing
Some residents criticize ‘flat roof’ building, mass and scale
By Liz Schevchuk Armstrong

The design of the proposed Butterfield redevelopment drew more support than criticism at a Wednesday night (April 22) public hearing by the Cold Spring Historic Interest Review Board (HDRB) to blend in with the existing Lahey medical clinic on the site and with other surroundings, while the structures designed as homes — condominiums for residents aged 55 and above, and three stand-alone houses were set to be more “residential” in appearance. Building 2 is envisioned as the location of a Putnam County senior citizen center, and perhaps other governmental offices, although the county recently has backtracked on the idea of installing a range of agencies there. The plans call for demolishing the old, decaying Butterfield Hospital.

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Dear Neighbors,

Many residents believe Old Albany Post Road in Garrison should be paved, myself included.

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Creativity will make it possible to pave in a manner that maintains the historic integrity and charm of the road.

It's time to take sentiment out of the equation and put practicality first.

Please let me know your thoughts on this matter. I can be reached by emailing lisafaf@aol.com (preferred) or by calling 917-716-2488.

If enough of us agree the next step will be to present this matter to the Town Board.

Many thanks,
Lisa Martens
Old Albany Post Road
Garrison
Planet Population and Nuclear Power

Two key issues, two presentations

By Kevin E. Foley

E arth Day is meant to signify a heightened awareness of the environment we humans live in, locally as well as the planet we as a species occupy in anxious harmony with millions of other species. This year is the 45th time the day (April 22) has been marked by public events now as much by elected officials (the president in the Everglades) and corporations (buy today and we’ll plant a tree) as environmental activists. In 2015 perhaps it can be observed that public awareness is greatly heightened as to the challenges our natural world confronts.

In the last two weeks, two local residents, Nicholas Groombridge and Ivy Meeropol, offered perspectives on a pair of critical issues — world population and nuclear power — that bear witness to the necessity of having an Earth-Day-is-every-day awareness.

A film

After several years of seeking access, interviewing numerous people involved and filming in various interesting places, Meeropol premiered her documentary film Indian Point at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City last week (April 17). If you have ever wanted to better understand the stakes involved with nuclear energy as a power source and/or specifically the issues surrounding the Indian Point plant on the Hudson River, which is presently up for federal relicensing, or if you have simply wondered what actually goes on inside the nuclear power plant every day and maintain its round-the-clock operation, this film may be the one for you.

In the course of the work, Meeropol displays several virtues (among them curiosity, patience, balance, empathy) needed to explore and present a complicated issue that so often we choose to ignore to get on with our lives.

Questions abound through the film, some answered, some the need for further examination, some are for the viewer: Are you prepared for the evacuation plan should a real alert be issued? Do you know how many Hudson River fish are killed annually in the process of cooling the power plant? Is New York City really dependent on power from Indian Point as is so often stated? Does the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invoke the highest safety standards when considering the operation of nuclear power plants?

Most striking about the documentary is the filmmaker’s determination to present as much of all aspects of the role the Indian Point plant plays in the life of the Hudson Valley and New York City as she can reasonably fit into a couple of hours. That includes time spent up close and personal with the people who enter the power plant every day and maintain its round-the-clock operation.

Energy, the energy company that owns Indian Point, took a chance on getting a fair hearing in granting Meeropol wide access to the plant and the people running it. Physically the plant is seen as both an efficient, clean, well-lit place and an aging structure in need of repair and upgrade. It’s a very human face (literally warts and all) on these people, the same as she does on those who work to warn us the plant needs to be shut down or at least be subjected to a higher degree of scrutiny and safety standards.

Meeropol’s camera, which often seems restless and hungry to learn more, also accompanies the former chairman of the NRC to Japan (if you are over 45, very new in human history.) The current age of boilers and the other countries face severe challenges are most acute.

Groombridge, a New York City-based law firm partner (Paul, Weiss) specializing in patent law (and a Philipstown resident), as well as the president in the Everglades, said Japan’s birthrate was 9.5 million years old by 2050. This year appetizers came from the kitchen of Shelly Boris’ Fresh Company, a Philipstown eatery (if you are over 45, very new in human history.) The current age of boilers and the other countries face severe challenges are most acute.

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Working through some of Groombridge’s many salient points about population, we learn that there are nearly 7 billion people inhabiting the earth now with the possibility of 12 billion by 2100 — the life span of a child born today. (He warns predictions can go awry.)

The current age of boilers and the other countries face severe challenges are most acute. While many countries in Africa and Asia will have to wrestle with future growth, some countries, notably Russia, Japan and most of Europe, suffer from falling birthrates. Groombridge said Japan’s birthrate was 1.2 children per household with a population replacement rate pegged at 2.1 in Japan and the other countries face severe challenges supporting an aging population with fewer and fewer working-age people.

He said history has shown that governments have not succeeded in trying to persuade citizens to have more children when they were not otherwise inclined to do so. Instead he pointed to immigration as the solution to population decline. “Immigration should be seen as a sign of success, not failure,” he concluded.

Meeropol, center, at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City April 17. (Photo provided)

Nicholas Groombridge and Shelley Boris at Garrison Institute’s Earth Day dinner and talk. Photo by K.E. Foley

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41 Stephanie Lane, Cold Spring, New York - appointments suggested
Cold Spring singer-songwriter duo releases third CD
By Alison Rooney

On Book Book's third album title, Grateful, is straightforward — it means just that: "It encompasses how we feel about our lives; we've sifted through a lot," said Michele Gedney, the distaff half of the singer-songwriter duo (and Philipstown.info/The Paper's advertising director). Her on- and offstage partner, Rick Gedney, agreed.

The pair, who moved to Philipstown five years ago after rediscovering it, performed up and down the Hudson while coming here to play music, have five years ago after rediscovering it, and 2006 respectively, which received their on- and offstage partner, Rick Gedney, agreed.

The effort, Out of Time and The Things We Keep, released in 2002 and 2006 respectively, which received national airplay on over 100 radio stations, found them at very different emotional junctures than their current, more contented state, something reflected in their recent recording project.

Eight years later (they've been married for two), there's a deeply shared history, as well as the experiences of life's unexpected hurdles and pleasures, and Grateful sings out in that complicated but hopeful voice.

"It's a collection of songs we've been playing for a long time," said Rick, "a collection which makes sense together." Rick has only penned one song on the new CD, "because he's been so busy painting," noted Michele. Handily, Michele has made up the difference and then some. "I've written hundreds — most never make it anywhere. We have this backlog of songs which we finished, but never finessed. When we moved to Cold Spring, we started bringing some of them back, because they were new to listeners, and some are on this CD because we felt they were still very relevant."

Sometimes songs of the past and present join to express similar sentiments about very different times of life. For instance, Michele's song "Learning to Fall" was written nearly 20 years ago as she watched her daughter Lindsay skateboard down the driveway. "I was standing in the kitchen, wanting to run down, and then I realized that was crazy, thinking she's got to be able to do things I find frightening. When she went away to college, I felt those things again and started playing it again; we rearranged it. Now I've written another, more or less about the same thing. After college, Lindsay came up for the day. She and I went to the same concert, the National were playing and it just came out fast." Lindsay sings harmony on the recorded song.

Other songs have different provenances. "Butterfly," a newer song, was written about a time Michele was doing something I find frightening. When she went away to college, I felt those things again and started playing it again; we rearranged it. Now I've written another, more or less about the same thing. After college, Lindsay came up for the day. She and I went to the same concert, the National, who were playing at the Living Room, together, but separately, as she went off with friends. I realized that that was her life now. I wrote 'This Is Yours Now' that same night. I took a lot of the chords the National were playing and it just came out fast. '"Butterfly'" sings harmony on the recorded song.

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On Golden Pond Opens at the Depot Theatre
By Alison Rooney

The Depot Theatre's creative director, Nancy Swann, stumbled upon a 1970s production of Ernest Thompson's On Golden Pond while attending the 48th time. The couple's daughter, Lindsay, was playing in the film. "The film was able to take you outside of eight years, returns, bringing her boyfriend's young son along with her and dropping him off. There is much intergenerational pushing and pulling, some of it relating to aging and concerns about dying, some involving the stresses between adult children and their parents. For those who have seen the film, featuring screen icons Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn, the play has its similarities and differences, Swann said. "The film was able to take you outside of the Thayers' cabin and give you a feel of living on a Maine vacation lake. The thrill of being 13 and taking the controls of a motorboat, gassing up the boat and running into a few locals and diving and swimming in the lake. Of course you are limited to the interior of the cabin cottage, but the relationships and the testy exchanges." Swann thinks that working with a married couple adds quite a bit to the play. "The relationship and time spent together is already there. ... Nancy and Joe bring their whole life together as a married couple to this play. Their humor and their familiar bickering that a couple develops over time does not have to be rehearsed. It has added a depth to the production and has made my job much easier."

The play consists of five scenes, each with a time lapse of a month between them, and each almost a little play in and of itself. The play begins with the Thayers opening up the lakeside cabin for the 48th time. The couple's daughter, whom they have not seen in eight years, returns, bringing her boyfriend's young son along with her and dropping him off. There is much intergenerational pushing and pulling, some of it relating to aging and concerns about dying, some involving the stresses between adult children and their parents. For those who have seen the film, featuring screen icons Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn, the play has its similarities and differences, Swann said. "The film was able to take you outside of the Thayers' cabin and give you a feel of living on a Maine vacation lake. The thrill of being 13 and taking the controls of a motorboat, gassing up the boat and running into a few locals and diving and swimming in the lake. Of course you are limited to the interior of the cabin cottage, but the relationships and

Open Book: Gratitude, Expressed in Song
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FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Arbor Day
Kids & Community
Beacon Arbor Day Celebration
4 – 6:30 p.m. Henry at Chestnut
PARP Movie Night: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)
5:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

FollowUp Supper
6 p.m. St. Mary's Church | 7 Chestnut St, Cold Spring
845-265-2530 | stmaryscoldspring.org

High School Talent Show
7 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Film & Theater
Dazzled to Death (Comedy Dinner Theater)
7 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn
55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls
845-786-2731 | visitemanitou.com

International Film Night: El Analfabeto (Mexico, 1962)
7 p.m. Howard Public Library
313 Main St, Beacon
845-831-1144 | beaconlibrary.org

The Fantasicks
8 p.m. Culinary Institute of America (Marriott Pavilion)
1046 Campus Drive, Hyde Park
845-235-9885 | halloweentheatre.org

Music
Ukulele Invitational Extravaganza
7 p.m. Lake Cornwall Arts Center
640 Route 52, Kent Lines
845-228-2685 | artsontelake.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St, Cold Spring | coldspringfarmersmarket.org

Bird Walk to the Boardwalk (Moderate/Difficult)
8:30 a.m. Parking Lot, Constitution Marsh
845-424-3358, ext. 7 | hfr.org

Alpine Plant Sale
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Outdoor Discovery Center
9:30 a.m. Hawk Hollow | 15 a.m. Earth Day Celebration | 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-634-5606 | hfrnaturemuseum.org

Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies
10 a.m. Shov Stratton, West Point
specialolympics-ny.org/hudsonvalley

Garrison School Forest Hike
10 a.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 90, Garrison
917-685-2020 | terrarattlesnake@gmail.com

Revolutionary War Day
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. New Windsor Court
374 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor
845-561-1765 | nwparks.com

7-Mile Storm King Hike (Strenuous)
10 a.m. Parking lot at 215 and Blueberry Avenue, Cornwall
845-226-8855 | mhhtouequiv.org

Walk & Talk with Herbalist Sara Elisabeth
10 a.m. CEJ | 199 Denvens Ave., Beacon
845-766-2721 | free.org

4th Annual Beacon Beaks
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Main Street, Beacon
beacoonbeaks.net | Parade lineup at 10:30 a.m.

Earth Day Celebration
10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tuscola Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidekids.org

Easter Egg Hunt / Spring Fling
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Memorial Park, Beacon
cityofbeacon.org

Summer Camp Open House
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. All Sport Health & Fitness
17 Old Main St., Firkell
845-896-5678 | allsportfitness.com

Coda Clinic for Teachers & Home Schoolers
11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Desmond Flan Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-244-3000 | glamymp@gmail.com

Arbor Day Tree Planting
Noon, Main at Church, Cold Spring
845-205-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Open House
Noon – 2 p.m. Manhant School
1657 Route 50, Cold Spring
845-226-7349 | ManhantSchool.org

A Taste of the Village (Fundraiser)
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Glywood Farm
362 Glywood Road, Cold Spring
highlandschoofofoundation.org

Health & Fitness
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845-265-4444 | stubbyyoga.com

**Women’s Ritual Circle Dance**  
3 p.m. Center for Creative Education  
464 Main St., Beacon | radkaholdina.com

**Art & Design**  
*Made in Philipstown Plate-Making Workshop*  
10 a.m. Noon: Families | 12:30-2:30 p.m. Ages 5+  
Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison  
| Register at madeinphilipstown.com

**Sports**  
Haldane High School  
11 a.m. Lacrosse vs. Peekskill  
11 a.m. Baseball vs. Coleman Catholic  
15 Crospatide Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Music**  
*Thrown Together*  
9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main  
See details under Friday.

**Beacon**  
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

**Film & Theater**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**Kids & Community**  
Inter-service Academy Parachute Big-Way Jump  
7:30 a.m. West Point | usma.edu

**Bruce Molsky**  
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe  
See details under Friday.

**Meetings & Lectures**  
**Bullying Prevention Summit**  
9:30 a.m. Newburgh Free Academy  
845-569-1209 | seannatoney.house.gov

**Kids & Community**  
8 p.m. Quinns  
See details under Friday.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
**Meeting & Lectures**  
**NT Live: Behind the Beautiful Tomorrows**  
7 p.m. Downing Film Center  
19 Front St., Newburgh  
845-561-3866 | downingfilmcenter.com

**Future Shorts Film Festival**  
8 p.m. Dogwood  
47 E. Main St., Beacon  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

**Music**  
*Alexander String Quartet*  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandmusic.org

**Beacon**  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Howland Public Library**  
10 a.m. Knitting Club  
10:30 a.m. Baby & Me (ages 0-2)  
4 p.m. Crazy 8s Math Club (grades 3-5)  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-631-1134

**College Admissions Night**  
7 p.m. Haldane School  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Health & Fitness**  
*Zumba Gold for Seniors (First Session)*  
11 a.m. Crospatide Drive, Cold Spring  
See details under Monday.
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Acupuncture With Melissa Meyers
7 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Beginning Yoga for Men (First Session)
8:15 a.m. Living Yoga Studios
383 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

Meetings & Lectures
Welcome to the Adolescent Brain (Talk)
7 p.m. Putnam Valley Middle School
142 Peckskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
putnamvalleymiddle.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Kids & Community
Nature Strollers
9:30 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall | 845-534-5506 | nhnutrionalax.com

Howland Public Library
9:45 a.m. Come and Play (ages 0–3)
3 p.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2–3)
See details under Tuesday.

Senior Bus Trip to Upstate New York
10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstowncreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library
10:15 a.m. Music & Motion for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
See details under Tuesday.

Farm Skill Workshop: Art & Practice of Seed Saving
1:30 p.m. Gardening Farm | 362 Glynnwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynnwood.org

Adult Pick-up Soccer
6 p.m. Philipstown Park | Route 90, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstowncreation.com

Health & Fitness
Blood Drive
8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Beacon High School
10 Education Drive, Beacon
800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

Chair Yoga for Seniors (First Session)
9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse
845-265-4618 | philipstowncreation.com

Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

Film & Theater
NT Live: Behind the Beautiful Tomorrows
1:30 p.m. Downing Film Center
See details under Sunday.

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.

Meetings & Lectures
Garrison Institute Retreats
9 a.m. Compassion & Wisdom: The Twin Pillars of Buddhism (Ongoing) | 3 p.m. Toke Kyudjo:
Working with the Breath | 14 Myer’s Way, Garrison
845-424-4600 | garrisoninstitute.org

Hudson Highlands Fjord Public Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chalet on the Hudson
3250 Route 9D, Cold Spring | hudsonfjord.org

Recreation Commission
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3011 | coldspringny.gov

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Poem in Your Pocket Day

Kids & Community
Butterfield Library
9 a.m. Beginning Computer Class
10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies | Details under Tuesday.

Howland Public Library
10 a.m. Brain Games for Seniors
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3–5)
3:30 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4+)
See details under Tuesday.

New Moms & Infants Group
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
Email whiteside.ks@gmail.com

Winter Meat and Vegetable Store
3–6 p.m. Glynnwood Farm | 362 Glynnwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynnwood.org

Poet Molly McGlenen
6 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Health & Fitness
Zumba Gold for Seniors (First Session)
9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse
See details under Wednesday.

Caregiver Support Group for Grandparents,
Aunts & Uncles
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison
908-230-8131 | pampetkanas.com

Sports
Beacon vs. Haldane (Softball, Doubleheader)
4 p.m. Beacon High School | 101 Mattawan Road, Beacon
845-838-6900 | beaconcityk12.org

Film & Theater
Taproot (Documentary, 2009)
6 p.m. J6MediaWorks
20 W. Main St., Beacon | rethinklocal.org

Music
Bosco & The Storm
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe | Details under Friday

Sat, May 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
The Gift Hut invites you to meet
singer and writer, Anita Rose Merando as she presents her CD of stories and songs.

The two-CD set, The Coffee Stories: Musical Memoir from Cold Spring and Beyond, blends the spoken word and song, accompanied by the jazz guitar interpretations of Steve Raleigh. The stories, written and read by Anita, evoke memories of growing up in the village of Cold Spring, New York in the mid-1950s through 1970s from a child’s perspective.

The Coffee Stories is a memorable Mother’s Day gift.

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Open Book: Gratitude, Expressed in Song

Lives within a half hour of here,” Michele explained. “Our intent was to deconstruct the production. The sound on this record is very simple, just our acoustic guitars and vocals, bass and drums, with added violin and lap steel guitar on a few songs … This showcases more the two-vocals, two-guitars harmonies that we do, which is kind of our thing. There are a lot of male-female duos — one’s playing guitar, one’s singing or they’re in unison. We’re never both playing or singing the same thing. We’re always singing harmonies, playing different parts.”

Rick continued, “We play inversions of the same chords, but in different forms, and this gives it a lush sound.”

The two do not actually sit down and write together. “We each have our own process, and then we come together to arrange, but I do think we inform each other’s writing organically.”

On Golden Pond Opens at the Depot Theatre

Theatrical history between them. Carlisle is also a playwright, Larsen has long theatrical history between them. Larsen noted: “We’re friends, so you try to keep on your side of the fence and not give input if you’re the actor. Nancy (Swann) can read us, and she’s sensitive. Larsen agreed: “James Earl Jones did it.”

Rick and Michele are indeed grateful to be living in Philipstown. Rick said, “This is the little town I’ve always dreamed of living in.” Michele agreed. “Our move here was prompted by the love of the area, friends, Rick’s wanting to paint, it’s been amazing.”

Rick’s painting, his other creative field, has occupied much of his time over the past few years. An art major in college, he put it aside for decades before returning, painting realistic yet also expressionistic Hudson River landscapes, some of which are exhibited at Riverwinds Gallery in Beacon. He shifts, sometimes uneasily, between the two artistic pursuits. “You can do both, but maintaining the energy level is tough. I always have a guitar nearby when I paint, take a break sometimes, jot song ideas down.”

Open Book is celebrating the release of Grateful with a party at 69 Main St. on First Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Copies of their CDs will be available for signing, and Grateful will be sold at a special, prerelease discounted price of $10. Grateful is available on CD Baby and Itunes. There will be an exhibit of Rick’s paintings, along with those of Philipstown.info/The Paper’s layout editor, Kate Vikstrom, who also did the graphic design for the album cover of Grateful.

For more information, visit Open Book’s Facebook page and openbookmusic.com.
Terry O'Brien Writes and Performs in Man: Solo
Former HVSF director onstage in NYC's Bedlam
Former Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival Artistic Director Terry O'Brien is taking to the stage again, this time as a writer and actor, performing his own one-act work, *Man: Solo*.

*Popular Mechanics* description reads: “Mannequins, mushroom clouds, Hiroshima, the upper Midwest, probability, infinity, the bikini, playing with nuclear fire, how an H-Bomb works, and what it’s like to check in at the Hilbert Hotel. Take a surreal tour of the Cold War and beyond in this memoir/speculation.”

Man: Solo also features pieces by HVSF favorite Jason O'Connell, performing his *The Don't Night*, along with Alan Alschul and Stephan Wolfert. The series, which has already opened, will run through May 17 at the Access Theater (580 Broadway, Fourth Floor, New York).

Bedlam is a company committed to the immediacy of the relationship between the actor and the audience. Tickets for each production are $20. Tickets and performance schedule are available at theatrebedlam.org.

**Constitution Marsh to Hold Benefit on May 3**

Spring fundraiser focuses on commitment to education

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary's Annual Spring Benefit will be held on Sunday, May 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. They will be honoring David and Jeannette Redden for their commitment to education and conservation in the Hudson Valley, and celebrating the value of nature education and the promise it holds for the future of the Hudson River.

Stephanie Impellittiere, the principal of the Garrison Union Free School, will be providing comments, and the center will recognize Sandra Nice for her contribution to early childhood education about the natural world.

The benefit will be held at Ananouri, the home of Anne Sidamon-Eristoff in Highland Falls. It provides much needed funds in support of Constitution Marsh's education and stewardship programs that protect this essential wildlife habitat. Call 845-265-2601 for more information.

**Molly McGlennen to Read at Butterfield Library April 30 reading celebrates National Poetry Month**

Poet Molly McGlennen will read her poetry at the Julia Butterfield Memo- rial Library on Thursday, April 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Main Reading Room. Her work has appeared in *Sentence*, Yel- low Medicine Review, Studies in Ameri- can Indian Literatures, Frontiere, A Jour- nal of Women's Studies, to name a few. Her poetry collection, *Like Fried Fish and Flour Biscuits*, is available from Salt Pub- lishing. Currently McGlennen is associate professor of English at Vassar College.

Registration is required; call 845-265- 2040 or access the online calendar at butterfieldlibrary.org and click on this event and follow the prompts.

The library is located at 10 Morris Ave. in Cold Spring. This event is made possible, in part, through the Putnam Arts Council's arts link grant program with public funds from Putnam County.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Putnam residents can dispose of toxics May 2

Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day for Putnam County residents on Saturday, May 2. The Putnam County Department of Health and New York State Department of Envi- ronmental Conservation (DEC) are co-sponsoring the free event, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon (rain or shine) at the Ca- nopus Beach parking area, Pahanstock State Park, Route 301, in Kent.

Improper storage or disposal of haz- ardous waste poses a health risk to resi- dents and their families.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell maintains HHW Collection Day in the budget as an opportunity for Putnam County resi- dents to safely dispose of toxic materials such as household cleaners, pesti- cides, herbicides, oil-based paint (not latex), au-

tomotive solvents, thinners, mothballs, rodent poisons, gasoline, kerosene, small propane tanks (up to 20-pound size), etc. Household hazardous items will only be accepted if they are labeled and identifiable. Items that will not be accepted are water-based paints (latex), used oil, lead-acid batter- ies, plastic bags, batteries, tires, electron- ical waste or any materials from commer- cial establishments. For a complete list of items being accepted, visit the Health Department website at putnamcounty. ny.gov/green-putnam/- HHW.

Registration is required. Call early to reserve a spot. Call the Putnam Coun- ty Department of Health at 845-808-1390, ext. 43150, with questions about the event or to preregister.

**Local Artist Exhibits in Solo Show in Chelsea**

Suehans English's New Works opens April 30

Chelsea's Littlejohn Contemporary will present *New Work*, an exhibition of paintings by local artist Suehans En-

ghish. The exhibition will run from April 30 through June 6.

English's most recent works are paint- ed panels of color assembled into wide horizontal sequences. The surface is cre- ated by pouring multiple layers of tinted polymer, often upwards of 30 to 15 lay- ers, giving the works a deep luminosity and visceral presence. English refers to these works as “Vertical Landscapes”, the duality implied in the title refers to the horizontal orientation, which refers to the landscape, and the fact that this horizontal strip is made with multiple vertical sections. English is interested in how ends can be abrupt or fade; how beginnings can be startling or slow, and, perhaps most particularly, in the vast- ness of the middle.

Also on view will be large-scale works on paper. English’s ideas from the poured works translated into watercolor have re- sulted in vast transparent spaces struc- tured by vertical bleeding lines.

English received an MFA in painting at Hunter College. She currently lives and works in the Hudson Valley. This is the artist's first exhibition at Littlejohn Contemporary.

Littlejohn Contemporary is located at 547 W. 27th St. in New York. For more infor- mation, visit littlejohncontemporary.com.

Kathy Curto’s Essay Included in Anthology

Authors read in NYC on May 8

Cold Spring's Kathy Curto, who teach- es writing at Montclair State Univer- sity and the Writing Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, has just published an essay included in the new collection *Listen to Your Mother: What She Said Then, What We’re Saying Now*. The antho-plished in Cold Spring earlier this month by G.P. Putnam’s sons, stems from what be- gan as a live-staged reading event, bring- ing together mothers and non-mothers alike, to share their personal stories and speak honestly about motherhood, fam- ily, childhood and parenthood. The one event grew into a national performance series, with nearly 40 nationwide events sched- uled for May 2015.

**Kathy Curto**

*Photo provided*

The book brings to the page what was brought to the stage: a collection of 56 essays that explore how the biolog- ical nature of motherhood transforms and so reshapes their stories, ranging from hilarious to heartbreaking, showcasing the experiences of ordinary people from a broad spectrum of racial, gender and age backgrounds. *Listen to Your Mother* reflects the diverse contemporary life- styles and rapidly changing definitions of motherhood.

Curto, whose work has been published in *Talking Writing, Junk, The Inquisi-
tive Eater* and many others, has shared her stories with audiences across the New York metropolitan area and in Washington, D.C., and has also been featured as a guest essayist on NPR. In 2012 she was selected as one of the cast mem- bers of the first New York City *Listen to Your Mother* show.

On Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m., Curto will join several other included writers and read from her work as well as speak about her path to motherhood, at the Barnes & Noble on 82 Street and Broadway in NYC as part of the lineup of events celebrating *The Art of Motherhood*. Visit kathycurto.com for more details.

**Art Auction, Exhibition at Garrison Art Center**

Live auction May 9, silent auction and show through May 17

Benefiting more than 80 Hudson Valley artists, Garrison Art Center is hosting its 34th Riverside Art Auction May 9. Ev- eryone is invited to participate in an af- termoon of art and fun that will include a live auction, a silent auction and an exhi- bition of work by artist Barbara Korman. Viewing of the work for live auc- tion begins at 3:30 p.m. in the

(To next page)
The Alexander String Quartet, this time augmented by an additional violist and cellist to perform the two string sextets by Johannes Brahms.

Having celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2011, the Alexander Quartet is widely admired for its interpretation of Beethoven, Mozart and Shostakovich.

The quartet will be joined by violist David Requiro, winner of the 2008 Naumburg Violoncello Competition. For their performance at the Howland Center, the ensemble will play the two String Sextets, No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 18, and No. 2 in G major, Op. 36, by Johannes Brahms.

The concert will take place on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon, and will be followed by a reception sponsored by Cold Spring.

For more information, call 845-809-5838 or go to gallery66ny.com.

Beacon Alexander String Quartet Plus Two at Howland April 26 program of Brahms string sextets

The Howland Chamber Music Circle announces a return performance by the Alexander String Quartet, this time augmented by an additional violinist and cellist to perform the two string sextets by Johannes Brahms.

Having celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2011, the Alexander Quartet is widely admired for its interpretation of Beethoven, Mozart and Shostakovich.

The quartet is a major artistic presence in its home base of San Francisco, serving since 1989 as ensemble-in-residence and as directors of the Morrison Chamber Music Center in the College of Liberal and Creative Arts at San Francisco State University.

The quartet will be joined by violist Toby Appel, who is a frequent guest with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and many festivals, and cellist David Requiro, winner of the 2008 Naumburg Violoncello Competition. For their performance at the Howland Center, the ensemble will play the two String Sextets, No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 18, and No. 2 in G major, Op. 36, by Johannes Brahms.

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Fundraising Party for Beacon Riverfest May 1 Party to get the party started

A fundraiser party for Beacon Riverfest V will take place on Friday, May 1, with live music, a DJ dance party, prizes and more. The live music lineup includes Bad Mother Factory, Decora and the Black Keys-White Stripes reBOOt rock camp. Following the bands will be a DJ dance party with Vick the Bruiser and Meatball Jack. The party will be held at Southern Dutchess Bowl, 629 Rt. 52 in Beacon, with tickets available at the door for $20.

Beacon Music Factory and Beacon-Arts will present the fifth Beacon Riverfest outdoor music concert in the city’s Riverfront Park beginning at noon on Sunday, June 28. Beacon Riverfest is an annual rain-or-shine rock, world music and food festival held on the banks of the Hudson River in Beacon’s Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park. In addition to being a music and food festival, this year’s Riverfest is partnering with Zero to Go and its zero-waste goal for all of the vendors involved, as well as pledgeing a portion of the proceeds to Riverkeeper and their work. The festival includes attractions such as the family tent, which includes high-energy, family-friendly performers, music, games, bula hoops and big-time bubble-making. For more information, visit beaconriverfest.org.

Gallery 66 NY Announces May Exhibitions In My Life and That’s Rubbish open May 1

On May 1, Cold Spring’s monthly First Friday, Gallery 66 NY will premiere a three-artist show titled In My Life.

The exhibit celebrates and honors the origins, paths and way stations a life can take. The works chosen by the artists for In My Life, many created specifically for this event, establish a rhythm and pattern common to all human experiences. The works celebrate the aspirations and fears, failures and the triumphs that reflect a rich and meaningful life.

Bob Madden will show a series of stone sculptures that provide snapshots into his life’s passions, ranging from astronomy to Greek mythology.

Karen Madden is preparing a set of exhibits of works formed from found or recycled objects. Included are works by artist Jaynie Crimmins in Shreds. Her household mail in the form of catalogs, letters, financial statements and solicitations arrives with its own narrative about why it is being mailed.

These exhibits will run from May 1 through May 31, with an artist’s reception on Friday, May 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY is located at 66 Main St. in Cold Spring.

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Cold Spring Pet Supply Opens

Kittens, all from shelters, will no doubt draw passersby to the window

By Alison Rooney

After moving from Atlanta to Cold Spring about a year ago, Ray and Jamie Martinez found themselves enjoying not only the convenience of purchasing dog and cat food super locally at Reigning Dogs and Cats Too, but also being able to obtain a specialized brand needed for one cat’s medical condition. Disappointed at the news the store needed for one cat’s medical condition, Reigning Dogs and Cats Too, but also enjoying not only the convenience of purchasing raw food, something Jamie said custom-made the store offered previously is still here, “food, bedding, kitty litter and the like. They hope to eventually get a freezer for raw food, something Jamie said customers have inquired about already. For a different kind of feeding, there is a Treat Bar, such as those in health food stores, replete with scoops and paper bags to stash the goodies.

For many of the more specialized items, the Martinezes are trying to focus on items made in the U.S., including some made in the Hudson Valley. Examples are the collection of leather leashes and collars, made for them exclusively by Outlast Goods, a Hudson Valley business, and Coast to Coast dog treats, made in Wornallville. A smaller room off to the side of the front space has lots of clothing for dogs; much of this is winter wear and on sale now that winter is (hopefully) behind us at last. There is also a large collection of leashes and collars in this room.

For now, aside from a small supply of rabbit food and bird food, everything in the store is geared solely toward dogs and cats. “We’re figuring out the space to see what our limits are — we’ll find out what we can do,” Jamie explained, noting that they can definitely do special orders. Ask us, and if we can get it, we will do it.”

One space that is about to be occupied is the window area, which is soon to welcome some very special guests: kittens, all affiliated with local animal rescue organizations. They hope that the anticipated delight factor in their antics will translate into some adoptions (all handled through the rescue organizations), and it is sure to draw visitors and locals alike all the way up the hill to the new store.

Cold Spring Pet Supply is currently open from noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week; look for expanded weekend hours in the future. They are at 1760 South Route 9 and their phone number is 845-265-3239. Check out their Facebook page and website, coldspringpetsupply.com, for more details. After a soft opening, they plan on having an official ribbon-cutting opening on First Friday, June 5.
Roots and Shoots: A Little Milkweed Goes a Long Way

By Pamela Doan

Monarchs at their winter habitat in Mexico

Photo by Carly Knight/The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

It's easy to take the natural landscape for granted and forget the role that each of us plays in either contributing to its decline or conservation. It's hard to imagine that monarch butterflies would go extinct and we wouldn't see another. They're iconic and beautiful and at one time, probably prolific enough that we forgot to stop and take a close look.

As our climate has warmed and changed, as agriculture has increasingly sprayed herbicides and pesticides and fertilizers, as land was developed and forests became more scarce, among other things, the conditions that supported monarchs' migration across continents have been destroyed or altered too drastically to support their continued well-being.

As with many problems that seem too big to influence on an individual level, it's easy to hope that someone else will do something and not take action oneself. The government that should pass regulations, the agri-business corporations that should stop dumping poisons on the land and in water, the nonprofit environmentalists that we give money to — surely someone will do something.

In their efforts, the Garden Club and the master gardeners want to spread the word that each of us can do something fairly simple. We can plant different kinds of plants in our yards.

Native plants, particularly those that sustain butterflies and bees, are getting renewed interest because of their role in creating habitat. Elise LaRocco, a Garden Club member, said: "We're focusing on a lot of milkweed. Asclepias tuberosa or butterfly weed and Asclepias curassavica. That had a tremendous impact, but the wrong kind.

Tropical milkweed caused new problems. Although the monarchs would lay eggs on it, the plant didn't die off in winter in warmer climates along the monarchs' migration in the southern U.S. and in water, the nonprofit environmentalists that we give money to — surely someone will do something.

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Monarchs started overwintering before they got to their grounds in Mexico. It made them weaker, and the plant harbored a parasite that would cover the larvae when they emerged. This contributed to monarch declines, too. It was a hard lesson in the value of native plants. LaRocco said that the Garden Club Plant Sale on May 9, at North Highlands Fire Department, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., would include dozens of native plants that are useful for both bees and butterflies. Declines in populations of pollinators have been severe, and at least part of the solution is to create better habitats for them.

Bees also have specific needs for food and shelter that we can create in the landscape. Native bees, honeybees and other types each have certain plants that they seek out, and they need pollen sources throughout the season. Think of creating a bloom schedule for plants that are available in the yard for bees during each season — spring, summer and fall.

The Master Gardener Plant Sale on May 16 in Brewster will have its first "Beauty and the Bees" booth to educate and promote native plants and their important role in the landscape. Janis Butler said: "We're hoping to offer several hundred different types of native plants. They'll be cordoned off with tags. Suppliers are hard to find, sadly. Tracking down some of these plants is very difficult."

Butterflies will be very reasonable, too. LaRocco said that they were offering one milkweed for $3 or three plants for $8. My best advice for shopping at either plant sale — get there early.
A Glorious Opening Day

Little League gets underway

By Michael Turton

Opening Day for the Philipstown Little League 2015 season was idyllic, with blue skies, puffy white clouds and temperatures in the 70s as happy players, coaches, parents and fans gathered at the North Highlands baseball diamonds on Saturday, April 18.

This year will see 139 players take the field. The major division features six teams including three from Fishkill — with both communities contributing 34 players ages 11 and 12. Four teams, whose lineups count 43 Philipstown players ages 7 to 10, will compete in the minor division. The junior minors division is comprised of five teams — a total of 39 players ages 6 and 7. Fifteen girls ages 10 and older will compete in the softball major divisions. The softball minor division includes 15 girls — seven from Philipstown and eight from Fishkill.

Teams in the major and minor divisions will play a 12-game schedule, culminating with playoffs on June 9 and championships on June 13. Teams will then be selected for the all-star travel season.

In opening day action in the major division, the Yankees got off to a fast start defeating the Dodgers 3-1. The Dodgers then defeated the Giants 7-2. In the minor division, the Giants edged the Yankees 5-2, while the Mets snuck past the Nationals 14-3. Scores are not kept in the junior minor division.

There was a heartfelt moment at this year’s Opening Day as Cold Spring resident Mike Santos was on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Santos and his family have been actively involved in Little League for many years. Tragically, his wife Helen was killed in an automobile accident last May, and he continues to recover from serious injuries he sustained that day.

This year marks a changing of the guard for the Philipstown Little League leadership as Dave McCarthy transitions into president, taking over from long-serving Eddie Barry, who is stepping down. Other members of the executive include Tom Virgadamo, Russell Silverman, John Frouts, Kristin Van Tassel, Doug Donahy, Amber Stickle, Mark Fisk and Adam Hotaling. Virgadamo serves as vice president and also coaches Haldane’s varsity baseball team. Blue Devils’ players are helping out as assistant coaches with each Little League in 2015.

Philipstown Travel Soccer Scores

Girls U14 - Philipstown Eagles 3, Liberty Lady Devils 0
Girls U11 - Philipstown Raphs 1, Eastern Pipe Strikers 3
Boys U16 - Philipstown Daggers 3, East Fishkill Raphs, 0
Boys U13 - Philipstown Chargers 1, Dover Terminators 3
Boys U13 - Philipstown Chargers 1, Highland Attack 2
Boys U11 - Philipstown Warriors 0, Greenwood Lake Hurricanes 1
Boys U10 - Philipstown Arsenal 2, East Fishkill Chargers 2
Boys U10 - Philipstown Arsenal 5, Town of Cortlandt Stars and Strikers 0

Haldane Golf Beats Beacon

Haldane 272 - Beacon 288

Road Warriors

Philpstown major softball dominates Fishkill 14-4 in season opener

By Kevin Barry

Decked out in their brand new dazzling purple uniforms courtesy of their sponsor Angelina’s Pizza, the Philipstown major softball team put on an impressive display of control, patience, reflexes and speed in their season-opening 14-4 road victory over Fishkill. Quick jumped up to 5-0 lead in the first inning. The lead, however, was short-lived when Philipstown began dominating in the second inning, Philipstown’s starting pitcher Mario Barry tossed three strong innings, and Mary Mikolaj closed out the fourth and final inning with three squeezing strikeouts. Barry notched two strikeouts and was supported by a stellar defense. Barry and Mikolaj give up no walks.

Haldane Lacrosse Recaps

Game 1: Haldane 16, Peekskill 3
Tucker Hine had 3 goals, 2 assists; Peter Hoffman 4 goals, 1 assist; Devin Gross 2 goals; Ryan McColman, Matt Balducci, Nick Allen and Hudson Gell all had a goal; and Aidan Draper 2 goals, 3 assists.

Game 2: Haldane 18, North Salem 7
Hine had 4 goals, 3 assists; Hoffman 5 goals, 1 assist; Tyler Giachinta 1 goal; McColman 2 goals; and Draper 2 goals, 1 assist. Good defense and goalie play (Allen, Balducci, Zach Markley, Matt Koval, Brandon Twoguns, Tanner Frouts and Dillon Aut) kept Haldane in the game.

Game 3: Haldane 17, Pawling 4
Hine had 8 goals, 4 assists; Hoffman 4 goals, 1 assist; Steven Markley 1 goal; McColman 1 goal; Draper 1 goal, 4 assists; Allen 1 goal; and Anthony Perciavalle 1 goal.

Game 4: Haldane 19, Keio 8
Hine had 7 goals, 1 assist; Hoffman 6 goals, 4 assists; Giachinta 1 goal; McColman 3 goals; Sean Gannan 1 goal; Draper 1 goal, 1 assist; Allen 3 assists; 6 ground balls; and Aut 8 saves in the goal.