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First Lady Michelle Obama participates in a Kid Reporter Gaggle in the White House Library during the annual Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn, April 21. Zack Shannon, 10, second child pictured on right of the First Lady, and Clara Tripp, second child pictured at left, live in Garrison.

Official White House Photo by Lawrence Jackson

## Garrison Kids Meet Michelle Obama

Interview First Lady for digital media

**By Alison Rooney** 

In what amounts to an amazing coincidence, two children from Garrison were invited to the White House as part of a contingent of seven "kid reporters," to visit with and interview First Lady Michelle Obama on her *Let's Move* agenda. And, neither knew the other was coming! The kids, 10-year-old Zack Shannon and 6-year-old Clara Tripp, are both bloggers — and have moms, Stacy Morrison and Suzanne Murray "in the business" — the business being online news media, and the invitation extended from an outreach by the White House Digital Media department.

The visit took place Monday, April 21, the day of the annual White House Easter Egg Roll, at the White House Library, which they reached after clearing security and then, like many a scribe before them, were issued press passes. After they visited and learned about former First Ladies in the First Ladies' Parlor, Mrs. Obama (described separately in each young reporter's blog as "nice"), joined them on the carpet for a press briefing and Q-and-A session, nearly all related to the healthy initiative on eating she began four years ago.

Here is Zack Shannon's description of the first portion of the meeting:

"I felt almost as comfortable with her as I would with my best friend.

"When she walked into the room, she told us all to go ahead sit down on the floor. 'Let's get comfortable,' she said. I had to wait a while before I could ask my question, because all the other kids were asking questions rapid-fire. My favorite (Continued on page 4)

#### McGuire's On Main to Pour its Last Beer

Historic bar closes May 31

By Michael Turton

cGuire's On Main, the gritty neighborhood pub at the corner of Main and Rock Street in Cold Spring, will serve its last beer in the wee hours of May 31. Shaun McGuire, who owns the bar along with his sister Mandy McGuire, said that their lease is not being renewed. McGuire said he was given no reason for the action. George Duncan of Nelsonville, co-owner of the building, could not be reached for comment.

The McGuires took over operation of the former Downtown on Dec. 1, 2005. McGuire is emotional about leaving behind 54 Main St., a historic building that has served as a bar for some 150 years. In a recent Facebook post he said in part, "I'm not gonna lie ... it hurts like hell ... but I can't help but feel blessed by what I've had."

While unhappy about closing, it seems likely McGuire will end up back in the bar business.

"I've already got several leads on a few locations, one in Cold Spring, several in Peekskill, and one across the river," he told *The Paper*. He said his sister is less

sure what the future holds for her.

Asked about Cold Spring's strengths as a locale for a bar, McGuire said, "It's the residents themselves. By and large, what keeps a business going (here) when tourist season is over is the regular crowd — my everyday guys and gals who are with us whether it's 72 degrees outside and sunny, or 12 degrees ... with a foot of snow."

And what about the challenges that Cold Spring presents? "Same answer," McGuire said. "The residents themselves. There is a small enclave of people ... who have a picture-perfect mind-view of what Cold Spring should be, rather than a realistic view of what (it) actually is. They act in accordance with what they want Cold Spring to be, rather than what is best overall for the village in the real world."

McGuire is clear about his best memories. "Hands down, the Wounded Warrior fundraisers (have been) some of my proudest moments. The money raised is always forefront, but knowing there are other people out there ... who support these causes ... restores my faith in humanity." Over the last several years McGuire's On Main hosted an annual party with proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior project, (Continued on page 4)



McGuire's on Main will close at the end of May.

Photo by M. Turton

#### Cold Spring ZBA Approves Stone Street Shed Variance

Supporters say shed not detrimental to neighborhood

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

old Spring's Zoning Board of Appeals Wednesday (April 23) unanimously approved a variance allowing the bitterly-contested backyard shed on Stone Street to remain in place as is, capping the latest — and many hope, last — round in an acrimonious multi-year fight that pitted residents against their neighbors and the village government.

While granting the variance the board stated that the approval depends on limiting the shed to its present use, meaning it cannot be transformed into living space. The provision reflected fears expressed by the shed's adversaries as well as the ZBA's own thinking about safeguards. (Continued on page 4)

# Haldane Staff Cuts Anticipated

Board adopts budget for May 20 vote

By Pamela Doan

t a solemn meeting on Tuesday (April 22) the Haldane Board of Education faced the fact that their budget gap will have to be closed for the first time by reducing staff positions. After months of looking for alternatives, the only way they've found to close the nearly \$200,000 difference between revenues and expenditures for the 2014-15 school year is to cut one teaching position and two teacher assistant positions. The board adopted the proposed budget with a total spending plan of \$22,405,488.

Voters will be asked to approve the school budget on May 20 and if approved, the tax levy for the district will be 1.09 percent, the amount allowed by the state tax levy rate formula. The public is invited to attend the board meeting on May 6 to review and comment on the budget prior to the vote. However, the approved budget will remain in place for the May 20 vote.

Since school districts are mandated to have a certain number of teachers in core subjects like English, mathematics and science, the affected positions will be in non-mandated subjects like art and music. At a previous meeting, Interim Superintendent John Chambers stated that cuts to any other programs, like field trips, athletics, or staff development, don't add up to the savings that are necessary.

Also, Haldane is eliminating an additional teaching position (Continued on page 3)



Earth Day: This environmentally-aware group of 4- and 5-year-olds from The Nest Child Care Center helped celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22, by picking up litter in Cold Spring. Also pictured are child care providers Tina Venezia, at left, and Larissa Aylward, right.

Photo by Michael Turton

**Mouths to Feed** 

# Fine and Dandy

By Celia Barbour

**Dandelions** 

In spring, a body needs something bitter, sharp, and cleansing — something to get the sap flowing and the buds unfurling. Even if you haven't been eating salt-pork and dried beans all winter, as your forebears might have done (or foie gras and *petits fours*, if you had those sorts of forebears), your system is likely sluggish. Dandelion greens are a perfect tonic, and 100 percent free to boot.

Free food is cool, and here in Philipstown you don't have to dumpster-dive to get it. You can just go outside. Not to your garden, no, because vegetables you grow yourself are not free; they require

great inputs of time and energy and stuff. But elsewhere, you will find hundreds of dandelions growing all by themselves, wherever they're not supposed to.

Children intuitively love dandelions — disobedient rascals that eagerly lend themselves to the making of crowns and necklaces and curly-stem creatures, and of wishes once they've gone to seed. Wise old women love them, too — for dandelions are full of antioxidants and have superlative healing powers, especially when it comes to removing toxins from the liver and kidneys, and regulating blood pressure. Indeed, it's only us middle-aged grumps, intent on impressing one another with our impeccable lawns, who see them as a nuisance.

As a tween, I was briefly conscripted into the anti-dandelion camp. Assigned the duty of removing them from our large yard, I spent many hours scooch-

ing around the grass, thrusting a gardening fork into the dirt to pull them up by the roots — roots so deep and tough they seemed to be anchored to the very mantle of the earth. I quickly grew to despise their stubbornness.

In my 20s, I became aware of their medicinal value, exposed as I was to food history, lore, and literature. So when dandelion salads started appearing on restaurant menus, I thanked heaven that harvesting them was not my responsibility, and ordered them, curious to see whether these weeds could win me back.

Which they did, since they were typically served with both bacon and bacon fat, the latter whisked into the dressing. Indeed, so often did I encounter dandelion greens prepared this way that I started to suspect that chefs were



**Dandelions on toast** 

Photos by C. Barbour

too nervous about the greens' bitterness to trust anything but the Rambo-like power of bacon to subdue it.

Now, call me a spoilsport, but it seems to me that if dandelion's special magic is that it cleanses your system and detoxifies your organs, then maybe — maybe — you should not consume a quarter-cup of pig fat with it.

After that, for nearly a decade, I nibbled dandelion greens here and there, but I did not cook with them. Then a few years ago, I met a couple of chef-farmers who were experimenting with bitter liqueurs, tonics, and herbs, and they showed me how to slow-cook dandelion greens in a pot with tomatoes, garlic, and a good dousing of olive oil, nothing more.

**Dandelions on Toast** 

3-4 cloves garlic 1/4 cup olive oil

salt and pepper to taste

them. Peel and smash the garlic.

pesticides, ever.

This makes a wonderful pre-supper snack with a glass of rose. The greens can also be the basis of a sandwich, topped with melted provolone. NB: If you forage for wild dandelion greens, be sure to take them from yards and fields where you have permission to harvest, and that are not sprayed with any

1 baguette, sliced, brushed with olive oil, and toasted or broiled

Wash the greens and cut crosswise into roughly 1-inch slices; do not dry

Warm the olive oil in the bottom of a medium, heavy pot with a well-fitting lid. Add the garlic, greens (with whatever water clings to them), tomatoes,

and salt and pepper. Do not stir. Cover and cook over very low heat for 30-40 minutes. *Do not remove the lid during this time* (unless you're sure something is burning); the dandelions and tomatoes should give off

Remove the lid. If the mixture is soupy, turn up the heat, and boil away

1 large bunch dandelion greens, about 8 ounces

1 14-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes

enough liquid to keep everything simmering nicely.

some of the liquid. Allow to cool slightly. Serve on toast.

The flavor of the resulting dish is so assertive it almost hurts. I am no masochist, but I crave it regularly, enough to bother making it only for myself, especially at this time of year, before the dandelions have blossomed, when the leaves are at their best.

Yet, as always seems to happen when I decide that a food is too weird for my kids, they've announced that they like it, too. I watch them closely as they eat it, dipping their forks right into the pot. The first few bites are an assault, and they walk away. Minutes later, they are back for more, and then still more. Watching them, I wonder if it's true that we grow to like bitter tastes with age, as nutritionists assert, or if a craving for things like dandelion greens lies dormant in all our bodies, just waiting for spring to awaken it?

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# Village Cost of Policing Motorcycle Event Questioned

Four vie for two HDRB spots

By Michael Turton

ell into the agenda at the Tuesday (April 22) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, a brief

memo from Village Accountant Ellen Mageean regarding the cost of extra policing at a Redrum Motorcycle Club event planned for Mayor's Park this summer gave rise to a lengthy discussion.

In her memo Mageean estimated that the cost of having 10 officers on duty for the event, as requested by CSPD Officer-in-Charge George Kane, would cost approximately \$2,000. Each officer would work an eight-hour shift. Trustees agreed that

was a high price to pay, but were initially reluctant to require the motorcycle club to foot the bill since the event benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The board's understanding tone lessened somewhat when Trustee Stephanie Hawkins pointed out that last year's event raised only between \$2,500 to \$3,000 and questioned whether village taxpayers should have to subsidize the event. Trustee Cathryn Fadde also questioned the cost given the relatively small amount of money raised.

Mayor Ralph Falloon said that because there were no problems when about 150

motorcyclists attended last year's event, New York State Police, Putnam County sheriff and Metro Transit Authority police would be less likely to provide the same degree of support this year. In March last year, a violent incident involving the Old Bones Motorcycle Club on Route 9 near Route 301 prompted





Dana Bol, left, and Peter Downey are two of four candidates asking to serve on the HDRB.

Photos by M. Turton

concern among law enforcement agencies that the Mayor's Park event could be a problem. Falloon said that as a result, last year there was a great deal of police activity behind the scenes and that the Putnam County district attorney was involved. Hawkins asked why the Village Board was not made aware of that at the time; however the mayor did not elaborate. Falloon said he will speak with Kane about his request for 10 officers and will also contact other police forces regarding possible assistance. He said Kane could possibly pay for additional policing out of the CSPD budget but acknowledged that could impact police coverage at other special events later in the year.

#### Four want to serve on HDRB

Trustees interviewed a pair of candidates

— Peter Downey and Dana Bol — for two
vacancies on the Historic District Review
Board (HDRB). Residents Michael Junjulas
and Pamela Colangelo also expressed inter-

est in serving on that board but were unable to attend Tuesday's meeting and will be interviewed at a later date. Junjulas is a past president of the Haldane School Board and Colangelo has served on the HDRB. Prior to the start of the interviews Falloon said that he preferred they be held in executive session; however no one seconded Fadde's motion to do so. Downey previously served on the HDRB for eight years. "The public knows that I'm trustworthy and honest

and have the best interests of the village in mind," he said. Bol, who studied at the Parsons School of Design, said she is interested in preservation and wants to help people through the HDRB process. She stressed that her skill set suits her to working on the HDRB and that her expertise in design and the use of related software would provide assets to the board.

It was unclear when the other two candidates will be interviewed though Falloon said it was unlikely to be next week. The April 29 Village Board meeting will be devoted to the public hearing on revised zoning for the Butterfield project. Also undecided was whether the Village Board's deliberations in selecting the new members would be held in public or closed session. HDRB member Kathleen Foley asked that the selection take place as soon as possible since the five-member board is

short two members and Chairman Al Zgolinski has had to miss meetings recently due to work commitments.

#### **Budget adopted**

The Village of Cold Spring budget for 2014-15 was approved, confirming the spending plan as outlined at a public hearing a week earlier. The General Fund, which includes most village services, will total \$1,543,011, an increase of 2.89 percent over last year, which keeps spending within the state-mandated tax cap. The Sewer Fund was set at \$1,615,000 and includes a flat rate increase in user fees of \$9 per unit per quarter to help fund sewage treatment plant upgrades. The water budget will total \$676,700. The new fiscal year begins on June 1.

#### The garbage problem

Cold Spring's popularity as a weekend tourist destination has at least one drawback — overflowing garbage cans on Main Street and near the riverfront. Falloon described the situation as frustrating and said a new policy is needed. Additional weekend garbage pickup by highway department staff was identified as an option, but one that the mayor pointed out would be an additional expense to the village. Doubling the number of garbage receptacles was also suggested, especially in problem areas, which Trustee Fadde observed tend to be near take-out food establishments.

The discussion mentioned a variety of groups that might be of assistance.

A resident suggested installing a dumpster near the riverfront pumping station where weekend garbage could be centrally deposited. "That's a great idea," Falloon said, adding that it would save the village money because a small pickup truck could be used to transport the trash to the dumpster rather than the large garbage truck which requires more staff and interferes with Main Street traffic.

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for the large fourth grade class, reducing a consumer science teaching position to part-time, and opting into a program that will allow the district to save on next year's interest rates for the Teacher's Retirement System. The stable contribution option for the TRS offers school districts the option of paying over a seven-year period instead of all at once. While the board expressed reluctance at "kicking the can down the road," the TRS stable contribution option saves \$300,000 from next year's budget.

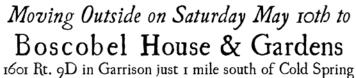
The budget presentation from Chambers and Business Manager Anne Dinio reviewed material and figures that have been reviewed at previous meetings since the process began in February. Those materials are available on the district's website and have been covered in *Philipstown.info/The Paper* articles.

At the May 6 Board of Education meeting, Chambers will present the plan for which positions will be impacted. Staff whose jobs will be eliminated will be notified by April 30. "This is obviously up-

setting," Chambers said. "We aren't sure what the impact on student offerings will be. We do hope that the reduction might be restored."

While additional aid from the state is highly unlikely, the district is still in contract negotiations with the Haldane Faculty Association, which includes compensation. "Should we be able to reach an agreement that does not include everything that is in this budget, that might be a way to restore positions, as well," Chambers continued.

Only one parent was present at the meeting to make a case for finding other areas in the budget to cut, asking the board to keep arts and music programs intact. Board President Gillian Thorpe responded: "We've managed to save them over the last several years. I value those programs so much and that's why no matter what we consider, it's going to hurt someone. We started out to save every program, but we just don't have any money. My frustration is with the state and what they've done to us."





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#### LETTERS

#### Central Hudson rate hike

April 19, 2014

To Steven V. Lant, President Central Hudson 284 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY 12601 Dear Mr. Lant,

I was astonished to receive my current electric bill and to note that the price for one kWh had more than doubled since the previous billing period. As are many of your customers, I am a single woman over 70 on a fixed yearly income. I carefully budget expenses for the entire year. For the last seven years, since I have been a customer, my yearly bills from Central Hudson have been about \$3,500. I budgeted \$4,000 for 2014. It would appear that I will exceed this amount by the next billing period. The only way I can afford the doubling of my electric bill is to give up all my charitable donations, as I have no other discretionary income.

How much does this shocking raise in rates per kWh have to do with the

acquisition of Central Hudson by Fortis in June 2013? In any event I am unable to pay the full amount and also my mortgage for this month, so I enclose my check for \$1,500 as the kWhs for this billing period were only 15 more than last.

In the interest of other customers in my situation, I am sending a copy of this letter to the editor of *Philipstown.info/The Paper*.

Yours sincerely, May Brawley Hill Garrison

#### Garrison Kids Meet Michelle Obama (from page 1)

question was, 'Do you think you will run for president after President Obama's term?' She said, 'I'd certainly like to see a woman president, but no, that's not for me. I think I will continue by being of service, continuing the work that Barack and I have started to help all children."

The First Lady provided the young reporters with information on the *Let's Move* program, discussing the recent decrease in early childhood obesity rates, with cautious optimism and a call to not sit back and relax. She spoke of family conversations about what food is eaten and what is in that food. And, as excerpted from Clara Tripp's CafeMom blogpost, she made these points:

1. "You can eat French fries and chocolate. (Yum!)

"'Splurging is the key to life,' Mrs. Obama said when asked about eating treats. 'How would you appreciate vegetables if you never had chocolate?' I think she's got a good point. The First Lady says that if kids are 'eating right 70 percent of the time then having that splurge or that

snack, it's not gonna hurt you."

2. You get to play a lot!

"The thing we want kids to know is that exercise isn't just hard work, it's play," Mrs. Obama said. "I mean, if you're running around with your dog, you're getting exercise."

3. You get to drink water — and seltzer is my favorite drink.

According to Mrs. Obama, drinking water is really important ... "The more water you drink, the less room you'll have for the junk and water is a better source of hydration for you guys," she said.

After photographs and coverage concluded, the kids were invited to participate in White House Easter egg activities: the hunt, egg dyeing and Easter Egg Roll, where the theme was "Hop Into Healthy, Swing Into Shape." These traditional activities have been joined by more active ones: obstacle courses, hula hooping and games.

As Clara's mom Suzanne Murray reported in her blog, "This was the first Kid  $Reporter\ Gaggle$  at the event, and it makes sense that Mrs. Obama would meet with

kids to talk about an initiative that's really focused on reaching them. 'That's who we're really targeting. It's hard to change habits of people when they're older, which is why we work with kids, right? Because if we help you develop your habits at a young age, then you won't have anything to fix, it will just be the way you live your life. You'll be used to eating vegetables and fruits and getting active. It will just be the way it is. It will be normal."

As for Clara, she reported: "It was exciting to meet the First Lady and talk to her in person. I learned about her *Let's Move* program and how kids should stay healthy. They should drink a lot of water, eat healthy foods, and exercise." Zack's mom Stacy Morrison noted in her entry on blogher.com, that "... he got a bit more amazed about what had just happened as the day went on. By the time we were on the train home to New York City, he was chattering on about getting to speak with the First Lady at a volume intended to be juuuuuuuust loud enough for our seat mates to overhear."

#### McGuire's On Main to Pour its Last Beer (from page 1)

an initiative that supports veterans injured while serving in the military.

Never at a loss for words, McGuire didn't hesitate when asked what has mattered to him most about running McGuire's On Main. "Don't even have to think about that one," he said. "It's the

friendships I've made ... (they) are the most valuable thing I will take away from running this bar."

The bar has been the site of numerous parties — from celebrating regular customers' birthdays, St. Patrick's Day and the annual Army-Navy football game to

Halloween costume parties and the annual "Inappropriate T-shirt Contest." The closing will be no different. "We have to vacate the 31st, so the day before, Friday, we're going to give it one last go," McGuire said. "I'm sure there will be a few beers, cheers and tears."

#### Cold Spring ZBA Approves Stone Street Shed Variance (from page 1)

The vote followed a public hearing on the suitability of the variance, requested by Stone Street homeowners Beth Sigler and Paul Henderson, who constructed the shed at Number 14 to replace a crumbling predecessor and serve gardening and related purposes. But neighbors behind them, Susan Peehl and Andrew Hall, complained strenuously about the shed, Cold Spring's building department, village officials, and the granting of a certificate of occupancy,

or formal permission to use the shed.

A month ago, the ZBA revoked the certificate of occupancy but declared that the only problem it found was the shed's non-conformity with the village code, which reflects suburban-style zoning, not that of a historic, largely 19th-century village. Sigler and Henderson retained the option of seeking a variance, since the shed fails to meet the zoning law's rules on setbacks (appropriate distance from a property line). Sigler told the ZBA Wednesday that the problem involved only "minor dimensional inconsistencies" with zoning law. She and Henderson, and their supporters, also argued that during the several-year process of planning and building the shed, they dutifully complied with all the village's

instructions.

During the public hearing, neighbor after neighbor and friend after friend



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of Sigler and Henderson in the packed room endorsed the variance. Neighbors, current and previous, said they found the shed an attractive and welcome addition to the neighborhood. Shed supporters also lamented the long and vitriolic fight.

"This has been going on for some time," said Tim Hynes, who lives on Fair Street near the shed. He said that Henderson and Sigler had devoted considerable efforts to fixing up their house, even before building the shed, and urged that they be given the variance. "They deserve it," Hynes said. "You're talking about a family that works, just like me ... and are trying to be part of the community. I think it would be ludicrous for them not to get their variance."

David Birn reported surveying a threeblock area around the shed, discovering that 22 properties have similar accessory buildings. "Every single one is close in on the property line" or "within a foot or two of the property line," he said. They add to the character of the community and the Sigler-Henderson shed "really takes its place beautifully and movingly within the context of all these," he told the ZBA.

Fair Street resident Jack Myers said the shed "blends in well" with the historic neighborhood and "looks a thousand times better than [the one] before." Myer rued the effects of the conflict on a once-close neighborhood. "An entire block went from friendly to hateful almost overnight," he

said. Moreover, the treatment by their critics of Henderson and Sigler seems grossly out of proportion to mistakes anyone made, he said. "Were 11 inches or 6 inches worth the animosity generated?" he wondered aloud. "Is this about justice, or revenge?"

Peehl said she and Hall appreciate the lengths Sigler and Henderson have gone to make their case. "But all of this could have been avoided if the code had been followed from the beginning," she said. Furthermore, she said she and her husband "are worried about the new use. Will somebody try to live there?"

After the vote, Henderson said he "can't quite believe it yet" that he got the variance. "It's been so long, so prolonged" and excruciatingly difficult a process, he said, and "I really don't feel it's over." Could he be wrong about that, someone asked. "I hope I am," he responded.

# **Peoples Bicycle Promotes Cycle-Centric Community**

Beacon business rolls on with expansion

By Sommer Hixson

In a perfect world, everyone would have affordable transportation to get to work, to school, and to the store. Fresh produce could be easily transported to whoever needs it. Epic snowstorms couldn't keep you from your destination. No one would fight over parking. This is the greener, safer and happier cycle-centric world that Jon Miles envisions ... starting with Beacon.

Miles has been making moves toward this goal since landing here five years ago. In 2009, he opened a barebones bike shop in a tiny side-street storefront, where he also squatted for a while. An official name, Peoples Bicycle, followed shortly after. In 2012 he moved the business to a warehouse on the outskirts of town. He installed several new bike racks in front of the Key Food grocery store and helped local grassroots organizations with a successful effort to paint "sharrows" (shared lane bike markings) on Beacon's mile-long Main Street. Miles has otherwise kept a low profile, casually building a clientele of discerning cyclists that feels more like a club than a business.



Peoples Bicycle is represented at Spirit of Beacon
Day Parade, 2012. Photo by S. Hixson

A self-described "old-school bike shop with new-school style," its very name suggests utility and equality (the logo is a Soviet propaganda-inspired image of a worker's fist holding a wrench). Their bread and butter is affordably priced vintage, used and refurbished stock. Unwanted bikes are collected for donation to communities in need. But when the more established Beacon Cycles closed last year, Peoples Bicycle became the city's only local bike shop and Miles realized he needed to "step up his game." This summer, he will hang out his shingle on Main Street for the first time, in a former bar below a still-active Single Room Occupancy. A sign of the times.

#### New digs

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In 2012, Miles gave up his lease or



The Peoples Bicycle team gathers outside their new retail shop. From left, Bryan Richardson, Sarah Womer, Jon Miles, Aaron Hawkins and Kyle Helland Photo by S. Hixson

South Chestnut Street and moved to the 3,000-square-foot warehouse on Maple Street, where storage was ample and he could grow his burgeoning cargo bike business, Peoples Cargo. He found the new retail space around the same time but renovation proved to be a major endeavor. The roughly 700-square-foot space, which was already partially gutted, required a complete rebuild. In exchange for the work, he was given a reasonable lease for which the rent has

already been paid upfront.

Renovations have shown significant progress in the last few months. A new concrete floor was poured just last week. The eye-catching front doors were found in Brooklyn and some of the windows are also repurposed, but most of the interior will be new and customized. "We had to be very smart in a small space," said Sarah Womer, newly appointed business manager for Peoples Bicycle and Peoples Cargo, referring to the creative placement of storage and displays.

#### Growing pains

Peoples has transitioned into selling more new bikes and will have 30 to 35 in stock at its Main Street location. Currently they have 70 new bikes in stock at their Maple Street warehouse and temporary retail space. Aaron Hawkins, Kyle Helland and newbie Bryan Richardson, plus Womer, comprise the full-time staff. Gus Mustakas, formerly of Beacon Cycles, has been instrumental in the company's transition to high-end bikes and high-performance bike service. He is acting in an advisory capacity.

"Everything for us is a compromise. I wasn't happy at first about selling new bikes. We were changing people's minds about refurbishing and creating a more sustainable model," Miles said. "But it's

more competitive now that NYC and other cities on the East Coast are absorbing the same stock. Riding an old bike has become part of the sustainability lexicon. It's a statement now. Used bike wholesalers have become some of the best hustlers."

Peoples will also be sponsoring road cyclists for the first time, a group called Beacon Endurance. "They were looking for a shop that was interested in high performance but that wasn't exclusive, a community-style shop," explained Miles.

One wonders where Miles and Womer find the time for their many grassroots projects. He will be experimenting with his pedi-cab by loaning it to trained drivers to make their own cash, sort of like a taxi medallion but without the fee. The company is participating in a bike share program at the new Space Create coworking space now under construction in Newburgh. Their "Tuesday Night Ride" social circle of bikers are being recruited to help the staff at Common Ground Farm

on Second Saturdays. A tricycle and some helmets are being donated for a Bike Rodeo in Newburgh on Saturday, April 26. Womer, who also runs Zero To Go, can often be seen with the Peoples Cargo bike picking up compost or transporting recyclables to Beacon's ReCommunity plant.

#### From recreation to transportation

When Beacon was covered in three feet of snow, it was hard to imagine anything on the road but plow trucks, much less bicycles. The team at Peoples considered the extreme weather an opportunity to demonstrate that biking in this city can grow from a seasonal pastime to an every-day commuter lifestyle, from recreation to transportation, and they were out there proving it. The Peoples Cargo bike, a pedal-assisted, electric-powered vehicle that can be almost completely enclosed, keeps going when everyone else is off the road.

The first B2B client for Peoples Cargo is not a small one. The Whole Foods' Third and 3rd flagship location in Gowanus, Brooklyn, will use one of his electric-assist cargo bikes for home delivery, outfitted with a sophisticated, custom-built endothermic refrigeration system.

Peoples' core philosophy is making sure anyone who needs transportation gets it, no matter what their income. For Miles, it's an issue of quality of life and about setting an example of sustainability for other small cities. "It's important for us to keep bikes rolling. Whether it's old threespeeds or a Walmart commuter bike, we're going to focus more on what can be done with them, aesthetically and functionally, to make them safer, better and easier to ride," said Miles.

"We realize that Beacon is changing and we have to adapt," he said. "But we are not going to forget that any bike that comes in deserves the same amount of attention as any other."



#### Two Events in May!

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A Hudson Highlands home designed by Joe Chapman. Photo by Sonja & Michael Gilligan

Jessica DuLong

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# New Woodland Trail of Discovery Inspires Learning

Boscobel backdrop infuses education on self-guided hike

**By Alison Rooney** 

lthough that primeval forest feeling occurs when one is walking along Boscobel's Woodland Trail, the trees and other greenery are of far more recent stock. This particular stretch of woods was clear-cut during the Civil War, the trees taken down and used as firewood to fuel furnaces of the West Point Foundry. Later the Eastern hemlocks dotting the bluff were cut down for a different purpose, their tannin-rich bark used by 19th-century fur trade tanner-

ies. The ground below has some age on it, about 12,000 years' worth, its glacial till dating back to the melt of the great ice sheet. The 1.25-mile-long trail itself meanders up and down and around the curves of the 29-acre forest immediately south of the Federalist mansion.

Opened first in 1997, the trail was extended in 2010, in an offshoot down to

Constitution Marsh, and this year has undergone another upgrade, this time focused on orienting visitors to the history

and natural history of the site and its nearby neighbors.

Newly re-dedicated as The Frances Stevens Re-

ese Woodland Trail of
Discovery, enhancements include 36
plaques depicting local birds, plants and
wildlife, painted on
wooden lumber discs
by artist and Boscobel
board member Stacey

Farley, as well as four text displays providing context and interpretation through a number of subject areas. Trails were cleared with fresh woodchips laid down by Keegan Creamer as part of his Eagle Scout project for Troop 45 of Cortlandt Manor. This elaboration on highlighting and explaining the

landscape is part of Boscobel's renewed emphasis on education.

#### Learning landscape

Boscobel Executive Director Steven Miller explains, "While the trail is a wonderful asset for Boscobel, it is now a heightened educational component that will be used by everyone enjoying the natural setting."

To celebrate, Boscobel held a ribbon cutting ceremony April 19. Doing the honors were Farley and her fellow board member, Alexander Reese, son of the trail's namesake, Frances Reese, the environmental activist most prominent for spearheading the fight against the construction of a hydroelectric power plant on Storm King Mountain. After the ribbon was cut, a trail walk began, replete with a nature scavenger hunt for the many children in attendance. This was followed by a pre-

sentation on wolves and their relationship to the environment by the Wolf Conservation Center, and the star appearance of their ambassador wolf, "Atka."

Farley, who holds a B.A. from Brown University and a MFA from the University of Illinois in Chicago, both in art, also spent a year at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Largely working in the medium of ceramic tile, her usual "fun, dusty work," utilizes photographic transfers, three-dimensional bas relief and silkscreen as well as hand-painting. Farley describes her work as reflective of the "environment, community, history and architecture of the site where the art is installed." Her work, often transportation-themed, she writes, "about humanity ... about work, change, progress, technology and invention" and has been installed by entities such as the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Palisades Park Commission, at train stations, museums, gardens and now, in a different, but connected vein, in a forest.

#### **Artistic interpretation**

For this project, which was originally funded by a grant from the Malcolm Gordon Charitable Fund to support interpretive signage, the goal was to create a self-guided hike with which to inspire families and individuals to return to repeatedly. For her contribution, which began with a thought of making a dozen signs and grew from there — "I kind of got really into it," she says — Farley began by walking the trail identifying trees and birds with *(Continued on page 14)* 



Retired Army Col. James Johnson, dressed in period costume, and Stacey Farley after the ribbon cutting.

Photos by A. Rooney

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# The Calendar

# Donald Alter: Linear Continuum Exhibit Opens at Gallery 66 NY

What is a painting? I try to push at that all the time.'

**By Alison Rooney** 

onald Alter is 84 and still asks himself the question: "What is a painting?" Painting being an art form he has practiced for well over a half century in one form or another: literal, abstract, landscapes, portraits and now, on a Mac computer, something he learned just last year.

Ten of Alter's more recent works will be shown in a new exhibit, Linear Continuum, which opens on First Friday, May 2, at Gallery 66 NY, with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Also shown will be two other exhibits, Obscure Spirits, works by Galelyn Williams, and In the

> Moment, works by Rosalind Shaffer.

As Gallery 66 director Barbara Galazzo notes: "Don is still working on his art. He's working on a new series at his studio in Newburgh, a social commentary, and cataloguing all of the rest of his earlier work. He does everything he has a wide range and he has learned and tried it



**Donald Alter** 

all, and he always has a good sense of color. In this work there are very fine lines, which look as if they were done

on a computer, but they are actually painted.

Alter calls the work in this show, done eight or nine years ago, "pivotal, because I'm always searching for new stuff. There are times when I discover things which lead me into new series - I work in series. This is work I keep reverting back to, since it's the means of what I've been putting together since. What is a painting? I try to push at that all the time. What that embodies is always being investigated. This group of paintings is rather cosmic and deals with two dimensionality - what can be depicted on a twodimensional surface." In these works Alter is using medium acrylics on canvas and board.

In reference to the included work, Galazzo notes: "Painted over the past 15 years, the series is remarkably varied in both its subjects and execution. In Black Mountain #14, fastidiously executed geometric shapes form an unusual but pleasing alliance with sudden, bright splashes of color. Crosshatch Totem features a purple triangular rendering - a rigid mathematical form - crowned by a maze-like totemic swirl. The whole is framed within a finely drawn pattern of crosshatching."

#### **Yellow + red = orange**

Alter spent his youthful years as an artist at the famed Black Mountain College, the experimental, highly influential liberal arts college and artistic community located near Asheville, N.C.; he studied there from 1948 to 1950. Galazzo's program notes provide a description of Black Mountain College: "The new school operated on the premise that the study and practice of art were indispensable aspects of a truly liberal arts education, and it attracted and created maverick spirits. Although Black Mountain College lasted only 24 years, it quickly became legendary in the art world. The heady atmosphere spawned such future luminaries as Willem de Kooning, Robert Rauschenberg, Ben Shahn, Cy Twombly, Merce



Female figure and transparent screen by Donald Alter

Image courtesy of Gallery 66 NY

Cunningham, Robert Motherwell, Arthur Penn, John Cage, Kenneth Noland and Donald Alter ... Alter studied under the noted German artist Josef Albers. As Alter recalls, 'It was all primarily painting, but I did everything that I could touch. I did sculpture, weaving, all kinds of crazy stuff.' After he left Black Mountain in 1950, he never felt the urge to return to school, and believes to this day that 'once you learn yellow and red make orange, you're off and running."

After his time at Black Mountain, Alter was drafted into the Army and upon his return to civilian life began a successful career as a textile designer. He applied the Bauhaus influence to his graphic designs and textile printing.

"It was an important influence," he says, "paying attention to a very broad patronage and the response of many people to your work." He also taught textile design at Syracuse University: "They'd fly me up once a week for a couple of days then back I'd go to New York and the textile market," he recalls. His work in textile design lasted from the mid-1950s through 1980, when

# COLD SPRING ARTS

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First Friday strikes early in the merry month of May this year, possibly as a mayday alert to rescue us all from the very long winter we just endured here. On Friday, May 2, an increasing number of Cold Spring Main Street merchants, galleries and restaurants are banding together under the First Friday banner, celebrating exhibit openings and offering discounts to patrons who ask at any participating establishment for the monthly password, which will provide the reduced prices to them.

Galleries staying open late, some with opening receptions for new exhibitions, are: Buster Levi Gallery; Gallery 66 NY; Marina Gallery and Terence

For drinking and dining, it's a "Buy One, Get One Free" deal at McGuires and 10 percent off at Cathryn's Tuscan Grill.

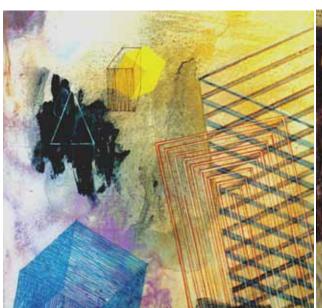
Several of the newest shops on Main Street will stay open late, among them The General Store, Old Souls and Swing, joined by veterans Archipelago and Country Goose, which is offering a 10 percent discount to those buying anything that evening.

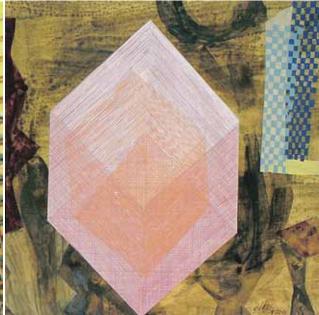
Craig Muraszewski, owner of Cold Spring General Store, is promoting First Fridays in collaboration with local merchants.

"We're extremely excited and looking forward to First Fridays in Cold Spring being lively and exciting," Muraszewski said. "Anything that helps bring the community a little closer together is wonderful. We'll be serving complimentary beer, charcuterie, and cheese for every First Friday event. We're hoping all the Cold Spring merchants will become involved."

turned to fine art painting again — "That's where my heart was," says Alter. "During all the textile years I painted every single day — never put a brush down all that time."

Alter's latest output differs. "My new work is dealing directly from the computer," he says, "imaging developed — painted — using the computer like it is a box of crayons. That's another arena. These don't exist unless they're printed out ... I came to use the computer because I was driven to it - I have to use it," he says, "and as I use it, it opens up all kinds of avenues for visual expression. I'm aware that more and more art is generated on it (Continued on page 16)





Black Mountain #14, left, and Homage to Brancusi, right, both by Donald Alter

Images courtesy of Gallery 66 N\

# The Calendar

Looking for things to do in and around Philipstown? Grab The Calendar and go. For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@ philipstown.info. See you around town!

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

#### Arbor Day

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Indoor Tot Lot**

9-11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

#### **Navigating Healthcare Options**

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 800-453-4666 misn-ny.org | Appointment required.

#### **Wine Tasting**

4 - 7 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop 180 Main St., Beacon

## 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com Clearwater Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

4 p.m. Riverfront Park | Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 845-265-8080 | clearwater.org

#### **Grand Opening**

4 p.m. Get Frosted Cupcakery 323 Main St., Beacon

845-765-1002 | getfrostedcupcakery.com

#### **Community Arbor Day Celebration**

4 - 6:30 p.m. Beacon Dog Park Memorial Park, Route 52, Beacon

#### Intro to Homebrewing (Class)

6 p.m. Beacon Bread Company 193 Main St., Beacon 858-838-2337 | beaconhomebrew.com

#### Minecraft Mania Night (grades 5 and up)

6:30 - 8 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

#### **PTA Anything Goes**

7 p.m. Garrison School 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

#### **Talent Show**

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

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Blood Drive**

3:30 - 8 p.m. J.V. Forrestal Elementary 125 Liberty St., Beacon 800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

#### **Art & Design**

#### **Coulter Young (Opening)**

5 - 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill 914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

#### Film & Theater

#### In the Heights (Musical)

7 p.m. Beacon High School | 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconplayers.com

## International Film Night: *Tillsammans* (*Together*) (Sweden)

7 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

#### Live?Die?Kill?

8 p.m. Beacon Yoga 464 Main St., Beacon

347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

#### Farragut North

8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | 445 Main St., Beacon | 845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org

#### Music

#### **Tribute to Pete Seeger**

8 p.m. Bean Runner Café | 201 S. Division, Peekskill | 914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

#### Dead on Live: Best of the Grateful Dead

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill

914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

#### Thrown Together

8 p.m. Whistling Willie's | 184 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

#### Live Music

8 p.m. Cold Spring Depot | 1 Depot Square, Cold Spring | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

#### Back to the Garden 1969

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café 379 Main St., Beacon 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

#### **Meetings & Lectures**

#### Free Computer Help

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

#### Dan Siegel: Soul and Synapse (Opens)

3 p.m. Garrison Institute | 14 Mary's Way, Garrison 845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **3rd Annual Anti-Bullying Walkathon**

7 a.m. - Noon. Walkway Over the Hudson 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie 845-834-2867 | walkway.org

#### **Beginning Bird Walk**

8 a.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2880 Route 9, Cold Spring putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

#### Boy Scout Scrap Metal Fundraiser

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church 2103 Route 6, Brewster | 845-661-8817

#### **Cold Spring Farmers' Market**

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | csfarmmarket.org

#### **Alpine Plant Sale**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens 81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring 845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

#### Work Party in Children's Garden

9 a.m. - Noon. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

#### **Food Pantry**

9 - 10 a.m. First Presbyterian Church 10 Academy St., Cold Spring 845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

#### **Outdoor Discovery Center Events**

9 a.m. Hike-a-Thon 2014

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Earth Day Celebration 11:30 a.m. *The Lorax* (Youth Players) 11:50 a.m. Preschool Anniversary Cake 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

#### **Town Recycling Center Open**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 59 Lane Gate Road, Cold Spring philipstown.com/recyclingcenter.pdf

#### **Volunteer Landscape Day**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org

#### Trail Maintenance Workshop

9:30 a.m. Set-up and registration 10 a.m. Indoor workshop | 11:30 a.m. Lunch Noon - 2 p.m. Light trail work | Stony Kill Farm 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 518-668-4447 | midhudsonadk.org

#### Hudson Valley Region Spring Special Olympics

10 a.m. Shea Stadium, West Point 845-765-2497 | nyso.org

#### **Army Spring Open Regatta**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donahue Memorial Park Cornwall-on-Hudson | 845-674-7591

#### **Brigade of the American Revolution Encampment**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open hours 2 p.m. Military drills and demonstration New Windsor Cantonment 374 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor 845-561-1765 | nysparks.com

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11:10 a.m. Parade down Main 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Live music

Noon - 3 p.m. Canine entertainment, demonstrations 845-440-7652 | beaconbarks.org

#### Walk & Talk with Herbalist Sarah Elisabeth

10 a.m. CEIE | 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon 845-765-2721 | bire.org

#### **Earth Day Celebration**

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo 3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain 845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.org

#### Children's Expo & Public Safety Day

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Donald B. Smith Campus 112 Old Route 6, Carmel | 845-808-1400 x44122 putnamcountyny.gov/publicsafetyday

#### **Open Barn**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stony Kill Farm 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

#### **Soup Kitchen**

11 a.m. Presbyterian Church | 50 Liberty St., Beacon 845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

#### **Soft Cheese-Making Workshop**

1 p.m. Fishkill Farms

9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction 845-897-4377 | fishkillfarms.com

#### The Mouse and the Meadow (Book Signing)

1 p.m. The Gift Hut 86 Main St., Cold Spring

845-297-3786 | thegifthut.com

#### **Backyard Farming Workshop: Seed Starting**

2 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange 128 Mill St., Putnam Valley

845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

#### **Cooking Class: Homemade Pizza**

2 p.m. Dempsev House | 1992 Crompond Road. Cortlandt Manor | 914-734-3896

#### Wine Tasting

3-6 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop See details under Friday.

#### Project Code Spring (ages 5-14)

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | codespringers.org

#### **Clearwater Public Sail**

4 p.m. Cold Spring waterfront 845-265-8080 | clearwater.org

#### **Haldane School Foundation Fundraiser**

6:30 p.m. Glynwood Farm 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring haldaneschoolfoundation.org

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Medication Take-Back Day**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel

845-808-1390 x43164 | putnamcountyny.com

#### Tai Chai

9 a.m. St. Philip's Parish House | 1101 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

#### Tai-Chi Chuan

9:30 a.m. Arts on the Lake | 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes | 845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org

#### **Brain Injury Support Group**

12:30 p.m. Galleria (Community Room) 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie 845-225-5650 x114 | putnamarc.org

#### Flow Into Sound Energy Healing

4 p.m. Living Yoga Studios 3182 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-809-5539 | livingyogastudios.com

#### **Art & Design**

#### Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

#### Arts in the Wild (Opening)

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

#### **Dia:Beacon Events**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission for Beacon residents 1 p.m. Public tour

2 p.m. Kirsten Swenson on Sol LeWitt 3 Beekman St., Beacon

845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

#### **Summer Sculpture Biennial (Opening)**

5:30 - 7 p.m. Boscobel (Rose Garden) 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

#### Theater & Film

#### Sukkah City (Documentary) with Q&A

11:30 a.m. Downing Film Center 19 Front St., Newburgh 845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

#### Acting Out: Hand-Me-Downs / A Pile of Rags

7 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art 1701 Main St., Peekskill 914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

#### In the Heights (Musical)

7 p.m. Beacon High School | Details under Friday.

#### Farragut North

8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | Details under Friday

#### Live?Die?Kill?

8 p.m. Beacon Yoga | See details under Friday.

#### Music

#### **Marist Harmony on the Hudson**

7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

#### **Gospel Cafe with Regina Gordon**

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon

845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

#### **Gibson Brothers Band (Bluegrass)**

7:30 p.m. Christ Church

20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie | hvbluegrass.org

#### **Mary Joe Frederich and Frank Corrado**

8 p.m. Embark | 925 South St., Peekskill 914-671-7772 | embarkpeekskill.com

#### **Last Minute Soulmates**

8 p.m. Whistling Willie's | Details under Friday

#### **Chris Trapper / The Trapps** 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café

See details under Friday. **Jonah Smith and Andy Stack** 

8:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon 845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

#### **Live Jazz**

9 p.m. Chill Wine Bar | 173 Main St., Beacon 845-765-0885 | facebook.com/chillwinebar

#### **Meetings & Lectures**

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

8:30 a.m. Graymoor

1350 Route 9, Garrison | 917-716-2488 | oa.org

#### **U.S. Passport Applications/Renewals**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam County Clerk 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel 845-808-1142 X49301 | putnamcountyny.gov

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Antique Show & Flea Market**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stormville Airport 428 Route 216, Stormville 845-221-6561 | stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

#### **Beacon Flea Market**

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Lot, Beacon 845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

#### **Birds of Storm King Walk**

8 a.m. Storm King Art Center 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

#### **Songbird Field Identification Class**

8:30 a.m. Hubbard Lodge 2880 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

#### **Army Spring Open Regatta**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donahue Memorial Park See details under Saturday.

#### **Autism Walk & Expo**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds 6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck 845-331-2626 | autismwalkhv.org



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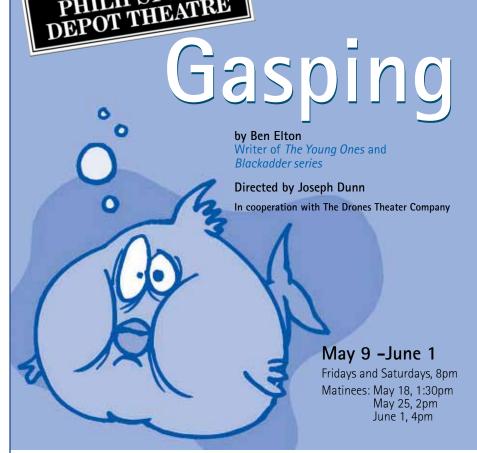


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#### The Calendar (from page 9)

9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Surprise Lake Camp 382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring RSVP to jordan@surpriselake.org

#### **Kayak Excursion in Constitution Marsh**

9:30 a.m. Foundry Park, Cold Spring 845-457-4552 | midhudsonadk.org Registration required.

#### **Brigade of the American Revolution Encampment**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open hours | 2 p.m. Military drills and demonstration | New Windsor Cantonment See details under Saturday.

#### **Stonecrop Gardens Events**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Garden Conservancy Open Day Noon - 4 p.m. Tea in the Garden 81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring

#### **Bazaar-on-Hudson Indoor Market**

845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Living Room 103 Main St., Cold Spring | bazaaronhudson.com

#### **Beacon Farmers' Market**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center Long Dock Drive, Beacon 845-234-9325 | beaconfarmersmarket.org

#### Health & Beauty Expo

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie 845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

#### **Loyalty Day Jamboree**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open hours 11:45 a.m. Parade and ceremony Noon. Picnic lunch | Veterans Memorial Park, Carmel Sponsored by Putnam County Council VFW

#### **Open Barn**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stony Kill Farm See details under Saturday.

#### **Annual Parkinson's Awareness Walk**

1 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson | 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie | 845-834-2867 | walkway.org

#### **Friends of Butterfield Wine Tasting**

3 - 5 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org | Registration required.

#### **Eleanor Roosevelt Awards**

5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon | beacondemocrats.com

#### **Kids' Open-Mic Night**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill | 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Sacred Circle Dance**

2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

#### **Art & Design**

#### **Garrison Art Center**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing & Painting (Long Pose)

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

#### **Free Admission for Beacon Residents**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dia:Beacon See details under Saturday.

#### **Feast of the Arts Biennial Art Auction**

2-4 p.m. Newburgh Heritage Center 123 Grand St., Newburgh 845-561-2585 | newburghhistoricalsociety.com

#### **Theater & Film**

#### In the Heights (Musical)

2 p.m. Beacon High School | Details under Friday

#### Farragut North 3 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | Details under Friday

#### Live?Die?Kill?

3 p.m. Beacon Yoga | See details under Friday.

#### Acting Out: Hand-Me-Downs / A Pile of Rags

5 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art See details under Saturday.

#### WPDH Comedy All Stars (Fundraiser)

5 p.m. Dutchess Golf Club | 2628 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-838-0094 | pitchforkids.org

#### Alva Nelson (Jazz)

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

#### Joanie Madden Band

3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley | 1008 Brown St., Peekskill | 845-230-8228 | graymoorcenter.org To benefit the Sisters at Graymoor

#### **Marist Harmony on the Hudson**

3 p.m. Bardavon | See details under Saturday.

#### The Ten Tenors

3 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre | 655 Ruger Road, West Point | 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

#### **Sunday Sounds**

6-9 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café | 469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon | 845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com

#### John McCutcheon

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café | Details under Friday

#### **KJ Denhert**

8 p.m. Dogwood | See details under Saturday.

#### Meetings

#### **Community Forum on Energy Conservation**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Highlands Country Club 955 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3358 | hhlt.org

#### **Hudson Valley Modern Quilting Guild**

1 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | hvmodernquiltguild.com

#### In Search of Mandalas: An Artist Journey **Through the Indian Himalayas**

2 p.m. Chuang-Yen Monastery (Library) | 2020 Route 301, Carmel | 845-225-1819 | baus.org

#### **Free Computer Help**

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | Details under Friday

#### **History of Bear Mountain Bridge**

2 p.m. Peekskill Museum | 124 Union Ave., Peekskill 914-736-0473 | peekskillmuseum.com

#### **Chris DiCesare: School Spirits**

4:30 p.m. Notions-n-Potions 175 Main St., Beacon

meetup.com/Kindred-Spirits-of-the-Hudson-Valley

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 28**

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Bridge Club**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon

#### 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

#### **Indoor Tot Lot**

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

#### Magic Tree House Book Club: Moonlight on the Magic Flute

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

#### **Project Code Spring for Girls**

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Blood Drive**

1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Church of the Nazarene 953 Main St., Fishkill 800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

#### **Meditation for Women with Cancer**

6 p.m. Mahopac Public Library | 668 Route 6, Mahopac | 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

#### **Basketball at Philipstown Rec**

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

#### **Art & Design**

#### **Garrison Art Center**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing &Painting (Short Pose) | 5 - 7 p.m. Open Studio Drawing | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

#### **Muse Monday Open Paint**

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

#### Theater & Film

#### Sukkah City (Documentary) with Q&A

7 p.m. Downing Film Center | Details under Saturday

#### Resident Jazz Ensemble Open Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Arts on the Lake 640 Route 52. Kent Lakes 845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org





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## The Calendar (from page 10)

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

#### **Community Chorus**

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

#### **Open-Mic Night**

7 p.m. Towne Crier Café See details under Friday.

#### Alan "Juice" Glover Quartet (Jazz)

8 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon 845-831-8065 | facebook.com/quinnsbeacon

#### **Meetings & Lectures**

#### **Cold Spring Lions Club**

6 p.m. Cathryn's Tuscan Grill | 91 Main St., Cold Spring | 914-456-9698 | coldspringlions.com

#### Vet2Vet Support Group

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

#### **Yom Hashoah Commemoration**

6:30 - 9 p.m. Dutchess Community College (Hall Theater) | 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie 845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

#### **Book Group: Sailing Alone Around the Room**

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

#### **Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

#### **Tree Advisory Committee**

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

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals (Scheduled)**

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Philipstown Recreation Center**

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

#### **Senior Day Center**

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

#### Baby & Me (ages 0-2)

10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

#### Craft Hour for Kids

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

#### Teen Employment Workshop (ages 14-18)

6 p.m. Go-Go Pops | 64 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5600 | lynn@go-gopops.com

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### How to Get Started Kayaking

7 p.m. East Fishkill Community Library 348 New York 376, Hopewell Junction 845-457-4552 | midhusonADK.org

#### **Theater & Film**

#### Llyn Foulkes One Man Band

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7:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon RSVP to info@beaconfilmsociety.org

#### **Meetings & Lectures**

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

9:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church 50 Liberty St., Beacon | 845-838-0581 | oa.org

#### **Knitting Club**

 $10 \ a.m. \ Howland \ Public \ Library \mid 313 \ Main \ St.,$   $Beacon \mid 845\text{-}831\text{-}1134 \mid beaconlibrary.org$ 

#### **Highland Garden Club**

Noon. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

#### **Community Drug Forum**

6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3674 | walterhovinghome.com

#### **Preserving Family Heirlooms**

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

#### Parent Workshop on Math Core Curriculum

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

#### Board of Trustees Public Hearing (Butterfield)

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

#### **Philipstown Recreation Commission (Scheduled)**

845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Rescheduled from April 22

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Howland Public Library**

9:45 a.m. Come & Play (ages 0-3)  $\mid$  10:30 a.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)  $\mid$  Details under Friday

#### **Mahjong Open Play**

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

#### Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill

10 a.m. Pickup at Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation

#### **Desmond-Fish Library**

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

#### Indoor Tot Lot

Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Community Center See details under Monday.

#### Open House

12:30 p.m. Community Nursery School 10 Academy St., Cold Spring 845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

#### Rivertown Kids Chorus (ages 9-13)

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-264-3393 | rivertownkids.org

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### Adult Co-Ed Soccer

6 p.m. Philipstown Park | Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

#### Music

#### Open Mic Night

7 - 10 p.m. Towne Crier Café | Details under Friday

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#### The People's Choir with Cat Guthrie

7 p.m. Beacon Music Factory 12 Hanna Lane, Beacon 845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.cor

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#### **Meetings & Lectures**

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9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marist College (Goletti Theater) 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie RSVP to pr@childrenshome.us

#### **Hudson Valley Green Drinks**

5 - 8 p.m. The Roundhouse at Beacon Falls2 E. Main St., Beaconcomixhvgreendrinksapril2014.eventbrite.com

#### BeaconArts Membership Meetup

7 - 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass 162 Main St., Beacon | beaconarts.org

#### **Life Support Group**

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

#### **Town Board Workshop**

7:30 p.m. Town Hall 238 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

#### Historic District Review Board

8 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring

### 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov Cold Spring Recreation Commission (Scheduled)

8:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1

#### **Kids & Community**

#### Indoor Tot Lot

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

#### **Senior Day Center**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House See details under Tuesday.

#### **Howland Public Library**

10 a.m. Brain Games for Adults 10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5) 3:45 - 5 p.m. Lego Club and Block Party 4 p.m. OWLS Book Club (grades 2-3) See details under Tuesday.

#### **Butterfield Library**

10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies (ages 0-2) 12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (Preschool) 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

#### Meat & Egg Store Open

3-6 p.m. Glynwood | Farm (Dairy) | 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

## Aakwaaba, Hu Jambo, Africa Hurrah! (grades K-5) (First Session)

4 p.m. Beacon Music Factory | 12 Hanna Lane, Beacon | 845-202-3555 | beaconmusic factory.com

#### 6th Annual College Fair

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Beacon High School 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon 845-838-6900 | beaconcityK12.org

#### **Health & Fitness**

#### Qi Gong/Tai Chi

8:30 a.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

#### **Blood Drive**

12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Dutchess Community College 31 Marshall Road, Wappingers Falls 800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

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www.downingfilmcenter.com

#### Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center See details under Monday.

#### Film & Theater

Inequality for All (Documentary)
7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

#### Music

#### **Chris Raabe**

7 p.m. Cup and Saucer 165 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-6287

#### **Carlo Aonzo and Rene Izquierdo**

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

#### **Meetings & Lectures**

#### **Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election**

Noon - 8 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon

#### 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Haldane PTA**7 p.m. Haldane School (Band Room)
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

#### Town Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

#### **Kids & Community**

#### **Beacon Girls Softball Day of Golf (Benefit)**

8:30 a.m. Registration | 10 a.m. Shotgun start Casperkill Golf Club | 2320 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-831-1844 | cityofbeacon.org

#### Indoor Tot Lot

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

Wee Play Community Project Ree-Play Sale

#### 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. University Settlement Park 724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | weeplayproject.org

PTA Meeting - Thank You Brunch 9:15 a.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

#### Fridays at the Farm (ages 2-4):

#### **Eating the Rainbow**

10 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

#### Rhyme Time By The Hudson (ages 1-5)

**(First Session)**10:30 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845.265.3638 x140 | boscobel.org

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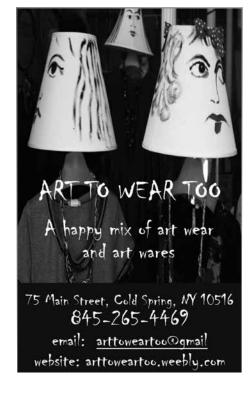
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#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS









Cat Guthrie, upper left (Image courgesy of Cat Guthrie), Tom Carrigan, upper right (Image courtesy of Tom Carrigan), Alison Duncan, lower left (Photo by Alison Rooney), and Christine Wright, lower right (Image courtesy of Christine Wright) will appear in Circle, Mirror, Transformation on May 3 at 69 Main St., in Cold Spring.

#### Circle, Mirror, Transformation in May 3 Reading at 69 Main

World's End Theater presents free reading of Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Baker's comedy-drama

As the May entry in their once-a-month free play reading series, World's End Theater (WET) presents Annie Baker's comedy-drama *Circle, Mirror, Transformation*, which *The New York Times*, in a 2009 review, called "absorbing, unblinking and sharply funny."

Just last week Baker was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for drama for another of her plays, *The Flick*. The reading will take place at 8 p.m. on May 3 at the *Philipstown.info/The Paper* space at 69 Main St., Cold Spring.

Set in a small town (perhaps a bit like this one), in Vermont, in a community center drama class, the play, with scenes transpiring over the course of six successive weeks, examines the interplay between five characters, through the seemingly silly theater games they play which eventually draw out some very real truth-telling.

In a Washington Post review Peter Marks said, "The games people play to open themselves up in acting class can sure look idiotic. Practicing greeting rituals, chanting nonsense words, embodying inanimate objects, the participants often seem engaged in delusional navel-gazing ... Ah, but this is where the imaginative intervention of a cunning dramatist can work wonders, as with the eminently satisfying outcome in Circle Mirror Transformation, Annie Baker's comically insightful merging of brittle epiphanies and adult education."

The reading promises to be, according to director Alison Rooney, "conversational, truthful and smile-inducing, all in non hammered-home' ways." The cast consists of Tom Carrigan, Malachy Cleary, Alison Duncan, Cat Guthrie and Christine Wright.

Tickets for WET readings are free, and space is on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit worldsendtheater.org for more information.

#### Putnam Sheriff's Deputy Johnathon Cihanek Honored for Heroism

Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith reported that Deputy Sheriff Johnathon Cihanek was recently honored by the Southern Dutchess Exchange Club for acts of heroism which occurred at a Putnam Valley home Dec. 18, 2013.

Deputy Cihanek was on patrol when he was dispatched to a private residence to check the welfare of an elderly female.

Cihanek knocked on the front door and got no response. He entered the residence through the unlocked front door and noticed two dead dogs on the living room floor. Believing the animals suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning, the deputy left the building for fresh air.

A short while later, Cihanek reentered the residence and found the unconscious homeowner on the floor of her bedroom. He dragged the woman out of the residence and administered oxygen. The resident regained consciousness and was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital.

Further investigation revealed that carbon monoxide was not present. Apparently the homeowner euthanized the dogs and attempted suicide by drug overdose.

In presenting a plaque to Deputy Cihanek, Andrew Trivero, president of the Southern Dutchess Exchange Club, praised him saying that the deputy displayed exemplary courage and determination in searching a residence that he believed to be filled with carbon monoxide in order to save the life of the homeowner.

Each year, the Southern Dutchess Exchange Club honors first responders for the work they do day to day.

#### Cold Spring Chamber Plans May 9 Ribbon Cutting

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host the First Annual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, May 9, to honor the grand opening and re-opening of several Cold Spring Area Chamber businesses.

The event will be held outside of Old Souls retail store, 63 Main St., Cold Spring, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments at various locations to follow.

Everyone is invited.

"After a long and difficult winter, dwellers and visitors alike will see new life in Cold Spring as eight local entrepreneurs put their boots down in the village. This unique happening is a reason to celebrate," said Tara Caroll, chair of the ribbon cutting committee. "We will make the ribbon cutting an annual event for newly established businesses that become Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members."

The ribbon cutting will celebrate: Buster Levi Gallery, Cold Spring General Store, Dancing Dialogue, Garden Cafe, Hudson River Expeditions, Old Souls, Silver Spoon Restaurant & Bar and Swing.

Questions? Contact tara@oldsouls.com.

#### Schreiber and Shearwood Join in Library Stories at Arts on the Lake

Stalwarts of Arts on the Lake, artist Mary Schreiber and director James Shearwood, are both contributing acts to "Library Stories," to be presented at the Lake Carmel Arts Center May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

Schreiber who teaches art at the center has created a puppet play based on Robert Burns' *Tam O'Shanter* with a cast of 11 puppets operated by nine actors.

Shearwood has created sketches, interviewed original founders of the Kent Library and will bring his character "Ralph" to the proceedings.

Called a modern vaudeville, "Library Stories" is part of the series of events scheduled at different sites this spring to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Kent Public Library. Tickets may be purchased at artsonthelake.org or 845-228-2685. Admission is \$12 with a \$2 discount for Arts on the Lake members.

The Arts on the Lake member discount has been extended to members of the Friends of the Kent Public Library. One may join either organization at the time of the performance.

#### Design a Bookmark for Butterfield Library

The Butterfield Library will hold its Annual Bookmark Contest for children of all ages throughout the month of May.

Children are invited to create an original design to be used as a bookmark. Participants are free to use their imagination: Draw a favorite book or character, something you like to do at the library, or something you like about the library.

Using the entry form (available at butterfieldlibrary.org and at the library), children are invited to draw designs with crayons, markers, pens or pencils. Submit the form by Saturday, May 31. All entries will be displayed at Big Truck Day on Sunday, June 1. Attendees will be asked to choose their favorites from each age category. Winners from each category will be announced during Big Truck Day and will be printed as the Butterfield Library's official bookmarks.

For more information about the contest or the Butterfield Library, visit butterfieldlibrary.org or call 845-265-3040.

#### National Endowment for the Arts Invests in Hudson Valley Organizations

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney announced that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will invest in four Hudson Valley organizations including \$65,000 for the Storm King Art Center, \$30,000

for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, \$15,000 for the Aquila Theatre Company and \$20,000 for the Katonah Museum of Art. These investments will help support the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, expand performances and art education in Katonah and support the world-renowned Storm King Art Center.

"These are strategic investments in jobs and the Hudson Valley economy, helping to revitalize our cities and towns by attracting tens of thousands of tourists to the region every year," Maloney said.

"We are very excited to build on our success in engaging millennials, and we are very grateful to the NEA for supporting this important work," said Maggie Whitlum, HVSF executive director.

In total, the NEA is supporting more than 900 organizations in 47 states. Organizations interested in applying for a NEA grant are encouraged to visit arts.gov.

#### Registration Required for Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Putnam County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day for Putnam County residents on Saturday, May 3. The Putnam County Department of Health and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are co-sponsoring the free event which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon (rain or shine) at the Canopus Beach parking area, Fahnestock State Park.

Improper storage or disposal of hazardous waste poses a health risk to residents and families.

County residents may safely dispose of toxic materials such as: household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, oil based paint (not latex), automotive solvents, thinners, mothballs, rodent poisons, gasoline, kerosene, small propane tanks (up to 20-pound size), etc. Disposal items will only be accepted if they are labeled and identifiable. Items which will not be accepted are water-based paints (latex), used oil, lead-acid batteries, plastic bags, batteries, tires, electronic waste or any materials from commercial establishments. For a complete list of items being accepted, visit putnamcountyny.com/ green-putnam/.

Pre-registration required. Call 845-808-1390, ext. 43150. Call your local town for information regarding electronic waste disposal. Please note: Household hazardous waste items will not be accepted at any of the town electronic waste drop-off locations.

#### Local Author Jean Marzollo to Judge Award for Children's Literature

The Children's Literature Independently Published Principals' Award, CLIPPA, has announced the judging committee for the 2014 prizes for independently published children's books. The committee includes Jean Marzollo of Cold Spring, educator and award-winning author of the *I SPY* children's series.

"We are thrilled to have a panel of highcaliber judges like Jean assessing the entries for the first-ever CLIPPA awards," said Lisa Hayes, of Kabuki Helps, sponsor of the awards. "This roster of leading educators from across the U.S. will ensure we honor authors who are meeting the highest standards of originality, learning quality and language in their children's literature."

Awards will be presented in two categories: children's books for grades K-2 and grades 3-4. (Continued on next page)

#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) Entries will be accepted through July 31, 2014. Visit clippaward.com.

Marzollo is author of more than 100 books, including the award-winning ISPY series for children, Pierre the Penguin, The Little Plant Doctor, Mama Mama/ Papa Papa, the Shanna Show books and more. She has been a high school English teacher, assistant director of Harvard's Project Upward Bound, Director of Publications for the National Commission on Resources for Youth, and editor of Scholastic's Let's Find Out Magazine.

#### **County Players presents** Monty Python's Spamalot

Nounty Players closes its 56th season with Monty Python's Spamalot at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Spamalot retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people.

Kevin Barnes directs this musical comedy and is thrilled to be working with a talented cast and crew.

Subsequent performances will be May 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., and May 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$19 for seniors/children under 12. Call 845-298-1491 for reservations or order tickets at countyplayers.org. County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls.



Michele George (Lady of the Lake), Michael Britt (Patsy) and David J. Ringwood (King Arthur)

Photo courtesy of County Players

#### African Journeys: Photos by Clemson Smith Muñiz on View at Cathryn's

n exhibit of photographs by Garrison's An exhibit of photographs 2. Clemson Smith Muñiz will be on display at Cathryn's Tuscan Grill, 91 Main St., Cold Spring, now through June 15. Muñiz describes his multiple journeys to Africa:

"When I started exploring Africa in 1997 and moved to Garrison in 1999, I expanded my horizons and evolved in rewarding ways. I learned photography, discovered the Hudson Valley and embraced a thriving art community. While I'm Puerto Rican by birth and a sports broadcaster by profession, the voice of los Knicks y los Jets en español, I'm defined by many other passions: cycling and Team Highlands Xtreme, succulent foods and savory wines, and scholarships for Latino undergraduates at my alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania.

I'm drawn to Africa because of its size and history, its diversity and cultures, and its wildlife and landscape. Life is so vibrant and fragile at the same time.



Photo courtesy of the artist

I've heard the lion roar 50 yards from the tent in the middle of the night, rafted the Zambezi River below Victoria Falls, trekked for mountain gorillas, and hiked through the bush unarmed, protected only by the senses.

I've taken six trips in all, including to Uganda and Rwanda last summer. Maybe I can sum it up with 'My Hat.' My inseparable companion, this hat has been with me to Botswana and South Africa five times. I confess that I bought it for its rakish look, but you do spend hours in open jeeps under the bright African sun. One day I was walking at dusk through acacia thorns in Phinda, KwaZulu-Natal, when it snagged on a branch. My first instinct was to reach for it, but fortunately I stopped, captivated by the soft glow of the golden light reflecting off the brim. Photography is about capturing the moment. And Africa is about finding your soul."

#### Beacon

#### Reduce Childhood Hunger

For Goodness Bake sale to take place May 10

Those with a sweet tooth are invited L to Beacon on Saturday, May 10, for a bake sale to raise funds and awareness for the Kids R Kids Feeding Program. The For Goodness Bake sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park on the corner of Main and Cross Street, across from Hudson Beach Glass.

Kids R Kids is a Beacon-based, volunteerrun program that works to reduce childhood hunger by providing free, nourishing summer lunches to children in need. Bake sale proceeds will benefit the program and their efforts to have the widest reach possible within the community.

Some of the Hudson Valley's most celebrated amateur and professional bakers and confectioners are donating time and talents.

The sale will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside Zora Dora Paletaria, 201 Main St., Beacon. Sales are cash only.

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#### Inequality\_for All Screens May 1 in Beacon

The Beacon Independent Film Festival and the Beacon Hebrew Alliance are co-sponsoring a film

screening of *Inequality for All*. This film does for income disparity what An Inconvenient Truth did for climate change. Inequality for All is produced by Robert Reich, the Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, and a widely read author on economics.

The film will be shown from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on May 1, at Beacon Hebrew Alliance, 331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon. Suggested donation is \$5.

#### Yale Conservator to Speak at Howland Library April 29

Toin Christine McCarthy, chief conser-**J** vator at the Yale University Library, as she discusses how to best preserve and protect family documents, manuscripts, books and photographs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, at Howland Public Library. Learn how to keep family treasures safe. McCarthy is a member of the American Institute for Conservation.

This event is free; no reservations required. Light refreshments will be served. Preservation Week, the American Library Association's national initiative, is April 27 through May 3. Call 845-831-1134. Visit beaconlibrary.org.

#### Spanish Language for Kids Begins May 5 at **Howland Library**

new program for children ages 5 to A7 called "Introduction to the Spanish Language for Kids" will be held at Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon. Five sessions will be held every other week, 4:30 to 5:10 p.m., beginning Monday, May 5 (continuing sessions: May 19, June 2, 16, 30).

Native Argentinean and local, published poet Judith Filc, will present an educational and fun language program. The course aims at offering children a landmusic.org

first contact with the Spanish language and exposure to Latin American culture. Filc received a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Pennsylvania. She is also the mother of an elementary school age child.

Children will learn basic Spanish vocabulary and information about culture and customs. They will sing songs ... and maybe dance, too.

Register for this free class by contacting Ginny Figlia at youth@beaconlibrary.org or 845-831-1134, ext.103 (class limit: 12). Visit beaconlibrary.org.

#### Beacon Institute/ **Clarkson University Presents Author Series** with Scott Keller

eacon Institute/ Clarkson University **D**presents its Author Series with *Trail* Guide contributor Scott Keller. For casual sightseers, serious kayakers, canoers or sailors, the series promises to enrich Hudson River boating experiences. The event will be held at 2 p.m. on May 4, at Beacon Institute Gallery, 199 Main St., Beacon. Limited space available. Preregister at bire.org/events. Phone 845-838-1600, ext. 10, or email Jo Merchant at jmerchant@bire.org.

#### Shanghai String Quartet **Closes Howland Chamber Music Season**

The Howland Chamber Music Circle's ■ successful 21st season ends on May 4, with a performance by the Shanghai String Quartet, Weigang Li and Yi-wen Jiang, violin, Honggang Li, viola and Nicholas Tzavaras, cello.

The Shanghai Quartet is renowned for its passionate musicality, impressive technique, and multicultural innovations.

Formed at the Shanghai Conservatory in 1983, the Shanghai Quartet has worked with the world's most distinguished artists and regularly tours the major music centers of Europe, North America and Asia.

For their concert at the Howland Center, the members of the quartet have chosen to play Joseph Haydn's String Quartet in D Minor, Op.76, No.2, the String Quartet No. 3 (Leaves from an Unwritten Diaru) by Krzysztof Penderecki, Song of the Ch'in by Zhou Long and the String Quartet in E Minor by Giuseppe Verdi.

The concert takes place at 4 p.m. on Sunday May 4, at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon, followed by a reception to meet the artists.

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#### New Woodland Trail of Discovery Inspires Learning (from page 6)



Tired of Ridiculous Utility Bills?

Twelve of the nature plaques created by Stacey Farley.

Image courtesy of the artist

Eric Lind, center director for Audubon's Constitution Marsh, an expert on ornithology and regional ecology. Together they struck a balance between what Farley calls her penchant for "really colorful" birds and Lind's preference for spotlighting some of the many "small brown birds" which he felt were most significant to this area. "Eric was really helpful he's just so knowledgeable." Farley said.

Beginning with a locust tree log, which was then, according to Farley, "sliced like a loaf of bread" by Garrison master furniture designer Tom Ptacek, 36 discs with bark intact were cut, upon which the paintings, made from acrylic paint and many layers of varnish, were made. "In theory the locust is so dense it shouldn't rot. It's a very rich, textured surface" upon which to paint, Farley said. These log "plaques" were then screwed into the appropriate tree or habitat, at differing levels relating to the subject matter depicted. "The genesis of the project is that not every kid belongs in the mansion; we needed another place," says Farley.

Experts in three fields were brought in to write text for the four informational

Retired Army Col. James M. Johnson, a Professor of Hudson River Valley history at Marist College, describes the view of West Point, and offers a slice of Revolutionary War history specific to this site.

Lind details topography, wildlife and natural life, which populate the area. His text notes the ecological threats which constantly threaten this environment.

The words of Edward Lenik, a regional archaeologist, and author of a number of books on Native American rock art, are found on two related panels. In one he writes of the history of the Native Americans of the Wappinger Confederacy, and in the other, titled 'A Sacred Place,' he speaks of their daily, seasonally-oriented lives and of Manitou, described as "the force, power and spiritual energy present in all things." Lenik walked the trail in preparation, and, coming to a spot down by the Hudson, halted, stating: "This is the sacred spot."

#### Into the woods

These new additions are joined by Boscobel's newly-designed map and trail guide and an audio tour of recent vintage, which "puts the woods into a local and regional context of nature and conservation preservation," Miller said. Added to the mix is the second season of lunches and refresh-

ments provided by Cold Spring restaurant Hudson Hil's Café, after a successful launch last year. "We want people to come for a walk, pick up a picnic lunch and enjoy the view ... and we're committed to making sure the outcomes are of the quality you expect from Boscobel," Miller said.

On top of these enhancements, Boscobel has stepped up its children's education programming, both on and offsite, beginning with the hiring of Lisa DiMarzo, formerly of the Children's Museum of Poughkeepsie, as education director. DiMarzo, working first on historic

topics and now moving into natural history-oriented themes, has developed a series of workshops tailored to required school curricula, one invoking mock loyalists versus patriots strategizing as soldiers and townspeople, and another which asks "What happens when the war is over?" addressing the Federalist period. Another, called "My Five Senses" compares life then to now using the senses. Visiting school groups can do a modified mansion tour augmented by rotation stations featuring quill pen writing, games of the early 1800s and Hudson River School landscape drawing. DiMarzo will offer preschool playgroups and a preschool program, Rhymes by the River, utilizing Hudson River-related rhymes this summer, as well as a "day at Boscobel" for visiting summer camps.

"What Boscobel wants to be is more than a mansion - much, much more and we want to give visitors a reason to come back again and again," says Miller. "We're doing this through all of our new educational programs, our Boscobel Style lectures and of course the Farmers' Market."

"We'd really like people to become members," adds Farley. "All of these things are reasons to come back. It's such a treasure, known across the country and now we want to make it more known throughout the community."

Boscobel is open daily except Tuesdays. Visit Boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.



One of four new panels with historic and environmental information relating to what surrounds it. This one covers West Point, the American Revolution and the U.S. Military Academy. Photo by A. Rooney

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#### **Roots and Shoots**

# Things That Go BZZZZ in the Garden

#### By Pamela Doan

t's going on a decade now that the news about bees has been grim. About a third of the population is dying off on average every year, according to recent statistics. Beekeepers and researchers have been looking for causes of what's been termed colony collapse disorder and a few factors have been identified as contributing to these stunning losses.

Insecticides, a new class specifically called neonicotinoids, are one of the main suspects, along with parasites and viruses. Insecticides that are absorbed by the plant or tree also are found in pollen and nectar and kill bees and butterflies, too. The Xerces Society, a non-profit based in Oregon that does research, education and advocacy work, has a helpful list of brand name insecticides that contain neonicxerces.org/wings-magazine/ otinoids. neonicotinoids-in-your-garden/.

For native bees, the loss of supportive habitat underlies their problems. As more land is developed, bees lose access to the plants they depend on for food.

The good news is that two of these

things can be directly impacted by the efforts of gardeners. Consider reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides in the home landscape. Whether it's chemicals that are applied to lawns, flowers or vegetables, each one has an impact on the ecosystem that's far reaching.

Take care to read labels and be as specific as possible in targeting the actual nuisance or threat. Learning to tolerate a bit of imperfection in plants is also necessary. The grass might be lush and green, but at what cost? Finally, seek out alternatives to insecticides. A great local resource, the Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Putnam County, has a hotline and diagnostic lab that can identify pests and offer advice on ways to manage it. Unlike the staff at a landscape center or big box store, the CCE doesn't have an interest in selling products and comes from a research-tested perspective when they suggest strategies.

Kim Eierman, an environmental horticulturist, has a special focus on bees and native plants. When planting for bees, she emphasizes that diversity is the key.

length also determine what plants a given bee can use for nectar and/or pollen," Eierman said. "Shorter-tongued bees will not be able to access long tubu-

lar flowers, which are easy for longertongued bees to utilize. Large bumblebees are quite strong and can force open flowers on plants such as Turtlehead to obtain a nectar reward. Small sweat bees will gravitate to smaller, more open flowers on plants such as Wild Quinine."

Gardeners who are planting for bees need to consider what's available in the spring, summer and fall. Eierman provided a list of native plants that she recommends. All of the selections are plants that will grow in our area. Eierman supplied the names of plants and I added comments about it.

Spring flowering natives (Note that many early flowering trees and shrubs are important for native bees and honey bees).

Anemone (Anemone species) - this group is diverse and includes both bulbs and perennials. They're also called windflowers.

Beard Tongue (Penstemon species) this perennial can be found in many colors and is also called foxglove beardtongue.

Wild Geranium (Geranium maculatum) - this one will grow in shade and is long blooming for several months with pink, white or lavender flowers.

#### **Summer flowering natives**

Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum) - this lovely herb/flowering perennial is 2 to 4 feet tall with profuse purple flowers.

Blazing Stars (Liatris species) - another perennial with showy purple flowers that are also good in vases.

Joe-Pye Weeds (Eutrochium, Eupatoriadelphus species) - this native perennial can grow up to 6 feet tall and flowers at the top of the stalk with a head comprised



Kim Eierman is a local environmenta horticulturist who specializes in creating healthy ecosystems in the landscape. Photo by Ronald Meyerson

of several branches with tiny flowers.

#### Fall flowering natives

Asters (Symphyotrichum, Eurybia species) - these are fragrant pink or lavender-blue flowering perennials.

Goldenrods (Solidago species) - there are more than 30 different goldenrods that are native here and these perennials can have blue, white or yellow flowers. Take your pick!

Sunflowers (Helianthus species) sunflowers are easy to grow from seed and come in many shapes and sizes.

Hear more from Kim Eierman at a talk sponsored by the Putnam County Master Gardeners, EcoBeneficial Gardening 101: Boosting the Ecosystem in Your Own Yard, from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3, at the Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah. For more information and tickets, call Dan Feeser at 845-278-6738.



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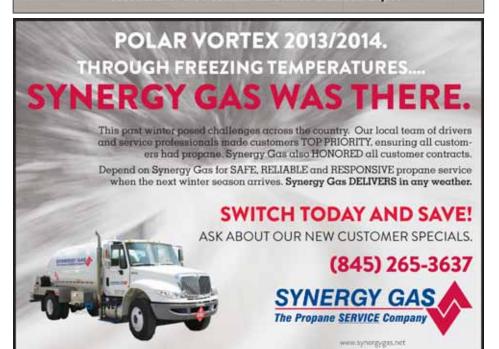
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#### Donald Alter: Linear Continuum Exhibit (from page 7)

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and I've come to question whether or not paint is important. You work very much alone and it challenges me ... But you know, painters paint for each other and my world is being surrounded by younger people all the time and I respect their contributions."

Of the two other artists on exhibition, a press release notes:

"Williams' work, a mix of found object sculpture and paintings done on old photographs, is executed in miniature and often with a darker palette. It depicts the interior landscape of dreams and emotions. Williams attended the San Francisco Academy of Art and studied under renowned sculptor David Ireland at the Capp Street Project, America's first artist residency dedicated solely to installation art ... In addition to her

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found object assemblage sculptures, Williams also takes old photographs and paints or draws fanciful and sometimes dark imagery over them, imagining a dream life or a different identity for the people in the pictures.

"Rosalind Shaffer creates sculpture with a meditative spirit, seeking balance and harmony in these turbulent times. Each ceramic figure in this exhibit is captured expressing an emotion in a moment in time. Her work is designed to be symbolic of that internal journey, quietly impacting the space around it engaging the viewer who comes very close."

Gallery 66 NY is located at 66 Main St., Cold Spring. The exhibition runs through June 1. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Call 845-809-5838 or visit gallery66ny.com.

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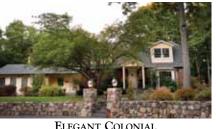
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