Highway Dept. Inquiry Prompts Concerns About the Office

Should the supt. be elected?

By Liz Schevetchuk Armstrong

The ongoing Putnam County Sheriff’s Department investigation of Philipstown Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico leads to questions not only about Chirico’s fate but of the future of the office he has held for a dozen years. So far there have been no findings or formal charges of wrongdoing.

Already, one observer has proposed converting the job from an elective to an appointive office — a type of reform promoted statewide by the association of town governments and opposed by its counterpart, the group representing local highway superintendents.

On Monday, April 22, Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea confirmed existence of an investigation involving Chirico and revealed that he had sought it, following concerns expressed by current and former Highway Department employees. The investigation reportedly centers on whether Chirico utilized highway department personnel and facilities for work on vehicles for purposes other than repair and maintenance of town roads and raises issues of possible conduct of business unrelated to the town being undertaken on town time with town resources.

Rules of conduct

A guide written by Lori Mihen DeMaai, legal counsel for the Association of Towns of the State of New York, warns that a legal counsel for the Association of Towns Rules of conduct needs to be drafted, but is needed.

By Michael Turton

Three Candidates to Contend for Two Haldane Trustee Seats

Concerns on tax increases expressed at meeting

three residents will vie for two seats on the Haldane School Board in the May 21 election that will also see local voters decide the fate of the board’s proposed spending plan for 2013-14. Superintendent of Schools Mark Villanti announced the candidates as part of his monthly report at the Tuesday, April 23, board meeting. Petitions required of those running for trustee had to be submitted by close of business on April 22. Gillian Thorpe, who currently serves as School Board vice president, will bid for re-election, while Jennifer Daly and Julisa Rincon Tomizawa are both newcomers. Thorpe had previously indicated she would not seek another term but recently reversed her decision.

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After several months of what were often tense gatherings as trustees and administration wrestled with next year’s budget, Tuesday’s meeting was rather routine. The only contentious moments came at the end of the meeting, when local resident Joe Vitanza questioned the board regarding the proposed budget, in particular the tax levy rate that will be known until August when new property assessment data is received. “Then how can you vote?” Vitanza asked.

“Because it’s a vote on the spending plan,” Junjulas replied. When voters say “yes” or “no” on May 21, it is only regarding total proposed spending. The complete budget, including all expenditures and matching revenues, is not formulated until August. Villanti said that the current estimate of the tax levy is not actually 2 percent. “It’s a tax cap, but it’s formula-based, and it’s not 2 percent,” Thorpe said.

School Board President Michael Junjulas explained that in Haldane’s case, the cap on the tax levy is actually 3.35 percent but that the tax levy rate will not be known until August when new property assessment data is received.

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Haldane’s bell

Photo by M. Turton

Save Our Historic Dirt Roads

A sign in March on Old Albany Post Road opposes paving and promotes a dirt-road advocacy website.

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Guillaro Presents Revised Butterfield Plan

Zoning change to be introduced May 7

By Jeanne Tao

G uillaro proposes to build a complex with intergovernmental offices, a community/senior center, post office, three single-family homes, senior citizen housing, and an office-retail “square.” Because the current B4 zoning does not allow intergovernmental offices or retail, the developer has asked the Village Board to change the zoning in the local law. In order to allay fears that the development could contain elements undesired by residents, the draft local law now requires that the site plan be in substantial conformity with the concept plan, which will be included in the zoning change.

The major revision involves part of the proposed senior citizen housing — specifically Buildings 5, 6 and 6 of the concept plan. The plan now shows a one-level connector building from Building 5 to 6 that is labeled “Community Center,” which is about 5,000 square feet. In addition, the detached garages behind those buildings in the old plan were removed, as recommended by the Planning Board; the new plan instead had underground parking beneath those buildings.

Because of the underground parking change, the amount of open space increased slightly. (Continued on page 3)

TheSpring Splatt Mudder and Mini-Mudder race on April 21 | See more Spring Splatt Mudder and Mini-Mudder race on April 21

Photo by Maggie Dumore

Paul Guillaro, left, and Matt Moran of Butterfield Realty prepare to present the new concept plan for the Butterfield development, far right.

Photo by J. Tao

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April in Iowa

By Celia Barbour

One spring a few years back, I flew out to Iowa to write an article on a young woman farmer who had started an organic meat cooperative with her husband. Like many women, Wende Elliot had first become interested in food when she got pregnant, and the more she’d learned, the more alarmed she’d grown, until she felt compelled to do something substantial to create an alternative to the industrial food system. She and her husband bought a grand, tumble-down Victorian farmhouse that jutted up like a menhir from the vast, flat land, and began raising goats, chickens and sheep. Plus three kids.

The endeavor could easily have antagonized their neighbors — farmers planting 3,000- to 4,000-acre fields of corn and soybeans and running CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations, those notoriously overcrowded feedlots) — but Wende was so sweet and brave and respectful that she got herself elected to the local farm bureau board instead. It didn’t hurt that she dressed like June Cleaver’s chic kid sister.

There are times when life suddenly feels condensed, as if every hour is packed with more ideas and events than a typical month. This trip was like that. I’m still often reminded of things I saw, heard, smelled and learned during the two and a half days I spent tooling around Iowa in Wende’s car, listening to Death Cab for Cutie between stops. I interviewed dozens of people, from a nurse who treated farm kids for various pesticide-induced cancers to a farmer who’d stopped fields from eroding by planting long-rooted grasses during the off season. Everything and everyone had a story to tell, and I published none of them, not one, because later that year, Wende and her husband got divorced and her business went belly-up. None of them, not one, because later that year, Wende and her husband got divorced and her business went belly-up. None of them, not one, because later that year, Wende and her husband got divorced and her business went belly-up. None of them, not one, because later that year, Wende and her husband got divorced and her business went belly-up.

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So my emotions get a bit cloudy when I recall that trip. Most of it, anyway. But not the ramps or the lunch they were a part of.

One day, we stopped in Ames, at a house owned by Wende’s friend Donna Prizgintas. Donna had been a chef and caterer in L.A. before moving back to Iowa, and we sat in her kitchen, whetting our appetites on pickles she’d put up the previous fall, while she cooked us a simple, astonishing meal. It starred, among other things, eggs from a neighbor’s hens, mint from her backyard, stoneground flour, and ramps she had foraged in the woods.

At that time, ramps (wild relatives of leeks and members of the allium family that I wrote about two weeks ago) had already become a culinary obsession in New York City. Every spring, foodies would rave about them in a way that was both tiresome to their friends and dangerous for the ramps, whose woodland beds were being decimated by overeager dealers who were pulling them up by the root to find their passion.
rate increase is in a range between 2.4 and 2.8 percent (not exactly 2 percent because of exemptions). Total spending proposed for 2013-14 is $22,345,120, a budget-to-budget increase of 1.9 percent over the current year. "When is enough enough? I don't have the time to pay my fair share. I'm just tired of taxes going up," Litzen said. "It's the same ev- ery year. Taxes: up for the village, the town, the county, the state, schools. It's just getting out of hand." Villani made his oft-repeated comment that Haldane has lost more than $5 mil- lion in state aid over the past five years. Litzen did give trustees and administra- tion credit for having "done a good job over the years at controlling costs." Junj- alas pointed out that a PTA-led letter-writ- ing campaign had helped Haldane receive more state aid than had been expected for the upcoming budget. "Writing letters makes a difference, Joe. You have to write those letters," Junjala said.

The spending plan is posted on the Hal- dane website. A narrative description to explain components of the spending plan will be added on April 30. PTA President Laura Darlow said that members of that organization will be "on the backlot" at Haldane from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, to urge parents to support the proposed budget.

BOCES vote, field improvements, Earth Day

Trustees voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2013-14 BOCES budget of $8,412,600. They also voted unanimously for Joan Austin of Briarcliff Manor and Tina Mackay of Putnam Valley to serve as BOCES board members.

The New York State Education Depart- ment has approved plans for improvements to the main athletic field, auditorium and locker rooms. Villani said that a request for proposals will be drafted within about two weeks. He estimated that construction would likely begin in June.

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Resolution on Indian Point

The last discussion item was the sub- mitted Resolution for Public Health and Safety Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Plant, calling for state and federal gov- ernment action to increase security for those living around the nuclear power plant near Peekskill. The board decided that they would like to see a presentation on Indian Point given by Cold Spring resident Roberto Muller, who had spoken to the board on that issue last year. They planned to invite him to the May 14 meeting.

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Barbara M. Dade

Barbara M. Dade, 88, of Cold Spring died from her battle with mold poisoning Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Dade was the former children’s librarian at the Butterfield Library.

Born in Cold Spring on Feb. 18, 1925, she was the daughter of Robert Moore and Charlotte McElvain. She grew up in Cold Spring and graduated from Cold Spring High School in 1942.

After graduating from New York University with a degree in English in 1946, Dade worked for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., where she met her husband, Burton Dade. They married on Jan. 28, 1947 and resided in Cold Spring until 1966.

She worked in the Cold Spring Public Library for 30 years, and was appointed in 1967 and elected in 1969 as a town board member. After working for 20 years in the municipal building, she retired in 1988.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois Dade-Jones and her son, Peter Dade.

Don’t limit freethinking

Dear Editor:

I would like to speak to a recent letter to The Paper, in which a local business owner stated that she would no longer be carrying the Putnam County News and Recorder, Go-Go Pops’ owner Lynn Miller claimed “because the paper ‘poisonous to her customers’ and that she makes an effort to carry only ‘wholesome and suitable’ products in her store.”

The delicious products found at Go-Go Pops, which I will happily continue to enjoy, could, in fact, be considered harmful to some people. It probably would not be wise for those on sugar-, fat- or caffeine-limited diets to consume large quantities of the delectable treats found in this shop. Admittedly, this analogy is a little ridiculous, because, for the most part, it pertains to people with medical restrictions.

Similarly, there are ideas that we have restricted. Aren’t we limiting freethinking by refusing to read or listen to others, even if we don’t agree with their points of view or if they sometimes take a position we find offensive?

More important than ever to teach, preach and live diversity and tolerance, this gesture is, in my opinion, rather ironic and hypocritical. I hope you will inform yourself as to what motivations and drives a variety of your neighbors, not just the ones with whom you agree or align yourself. Perhaps it is time to consider collective consciousness and understanding can move beyond the boundaries of our geopolitical small community. Free your minds, Philipstown.

Lori Moos

Highway Department Inquiry Prompts Concerns (from page 1)

Making the highway superintendent an appointed job instead of an elected one makes “sense,” according to the state’s Public Officer Law.

In New York, options for filling a vacancy typically include a special election or an election as part of a general election, depending on timing.

Appointive or elective office?

The New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways disagrees.

Under the banner of upholding “voters’ rights,” it claims on its website that “no monetary savings would result from such a change and the voters would lose their departmentAL oversight.”

The highway superintendents’ organization website also suggests close ties to industry suppliers. It thanks sponsors of the group’s 2012 conference, including International Truck and Engine Co., Mack Trucks, Midland Asphalt Materials, and Innovative Surface Solutions.
Charles Edward Gallagher of Cold Spring, a decorated World War II combat photographer who went on to a long career as a documentary filmmaker, died of cancer at his home Sunday, April 14. Best known as Chick Gallagher, he was 88.

As the personal U.S. Army photographer to Generals Eisenhower, Patton, Bradley and Keynes in Italy, Gallagher captured the first pictures of U.S. troops entering Rome on June 1, 1944. He was later awarded the Legion of Merit, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, a service ribbon and a Purple Heart for his photography on the front lines.

After the war, Gallagher attended Princeton University, where he founded the Princeton Photo Service with classmate Jim Lebenthal. Gallagher earned an Associate of Arts Degree in 1949 in just two and a half years of study at Princeton.

His company, Unifilms, produced award-winning documentary films for clients such as the Pennsylvania Railroad, National Safety Council, National Science Foundation, Library of Congress, CIBS News/Special Events and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), including five of the official Apollo mission films for the Goddard Space Flight Center. He was known for persuading celebrities to donate their voices to his films, Actors Richard Burton and Robert Preston narrated Gallagher’s film for NASA.

The World Beyond Zero, about the unoccupied missions leading to the Apollo space program. Gallagher's films won him Highest Honors at the Venice Film Festival (three consecutive years) and Grand Prize for work at the National Safety Council. Gallagher also was a pioneer in experimental education. He and his wife, Stephanie Harris Gallagher, formed The Oceanscience Schools in the early 1970s, to offer high school and college students a semester of work, study and travel onboard large square-rigged sailing ships in Europe, West Africa and South America. In 1992, Gallagher took his son, John, on a 15,000-mile voyage of a replica Viking longship, the Galla as, she sailed from Norway to New York and south to Rio de Janeiro, according to sources.

Since 1995, Gallagher served as vice president of World City America, an initiative to capture a share of the $40-billion-a-year foreign-dominated cruise industry for the American economy and workers (www.americancruise.org).

Gallagher was born May 10, 1924, in Philadelphia, the only son of Irish immigrants Edward and Katherine Gallagher. He attended The Episcopal Academy for 12 years, graduating in 1942. He inflated his age after being rejected in the first PCC last October. Along with Putnam County Tourism Director Libby Pataki, other event organizers and members of the press, only a few residents attended the forum at the VFW Hall. Because of an event at Our Lady of Loreto on the same afternoon as the PCC, the road had to be changed, after recently being revised to avoid roadwork for the water-main lining project. Instead of finishing on Fair Street at Cross Street, cyclists will finish on Fair Street near Mayor’s Park, making a loop on Market, North and West Streets.

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No Parking for this section of Northern Avenue from noon to 2 p.m., with no vehicles permitted. From 7 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m., a “soft” closure will be put in place on Fair Street, with traffic directors allowing only local access or during a break in cyclists. Maps shown at the forum and available for download at putnamcycling.com show those closures as well as areas of Route 9D where traffic will be stopped frequently to allow passage of cyclists. The maps also indicate where cyclists and their families will be directed to park — in addition to the Metro-North parking lot by the station and by Mayor’s Park, the lot at Butterfield Hospital will be available and served by shuttles and the trolley.

The Pedal Into Spring Festival will hold a kids’ parade on decorated bicycles as they “hop the loop” on race day, riding from the bandstand up Main Street, making a loop on Market, North and West Streets. Kids can begin gathering near the bandstand after watching the start of the PCC or between 10:45 and 11:35 a.m. The finish is at 11:45, with the loop roads closed between 11:40 and 11:55 a.m.

The sole stop in the U.S. on the UCi World Cycling Tour, Cold Spring will be host to an estimated total of 600 riders along with their families and friends. Currently, there are 227 riders registered from around the world, with 20-30 local riders signed up, including Putnam County Supervisor Richard Shea and former Cold Spring Mayor Seth Gallagher.

Traffic and Parking Restricted in Cold Spring for Cycling Classic

May 5 event to affect parking at start and finish lines

By Jeanie Tao

Putnam County Tourism held a forum on Tuesday, April 23, to inform residents of what to expect on the day of the Ridge Hill Putnam Cycling Classic (PCC), Sunday, May 5, especially how it will restrict traffic and parking.

Organizer Ray Fusco said that they wanted to hold the residential forum to increase communication about the event, especially in light of complaints during the first PCC last October. Along with Putnam County Tourism Director Libby Pataki, other event organizers and members of the press, only a few residents attended the forum at the VFW Hall.

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Earth Day Meal at Garrison Institute Raises Awareness of Urban Issues

By Kevin Foley

Earth Day has evolved from a one-day awareness event to an almost daily contemplation of the planet’s challenges and vulnerabilities. Still during this period (Earth Day was April 22) local and national groups of various kinds use the moment for an extra push for new consciousness and new policies to foster harmony between human-kind and the rest of the natural world.

Last Thursday, April 18, the Garrison Institute, together with its local district office, interns often get the opportunity to accompany Galef to the state capital, Albany. Interns gain skill that help them once they graduate school and enter careers, and many have experiences that stick with them forever.

“I attended an internship program as a high school student in the state Department of Environmental Conservation’s Eco-Commissioners program. I think it was a fantastic experience, and it really made me appreciate the importance of environmental protection,” said intern and Briarcliff High School student Ross Beroff.

For more information on the internship program or to apply, contact Dana Levenberg at 914-944-1111 or levenberg@phils-assembly.state.ny.us. The application is also available on Galef’s website at assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Sandy-Galef/ in the left-hand column under “Intern application.”
Formed and Found: The Artwork of Jane Soodalter and Cindy Booth

By Alison Rooney

It’s almost part of an artist’s job description to distill the ordinary into something more. Capturing something in their line of vision and altering it through a lens or paints, or creating something altogether new; most artists feel they see with a different eye. Cindy Booth and Jane Soodalter, who are joined together in Gallery 66 NY’s Vi-

sions, Formed and Found exhibit, each have that different eye, but they come at things in almost opposing ways, and that is part of the point in pairing them.

“Our aesthetic is shared,” said Soodalter, a photographer, “and we’re able to come at it from opposite ends.”

Booth, who uses solder and patinas to produce chemical reactions on copper sheets, concurred. “We have so much more in common than we knew,” she said. Soodalter added, “We just have a totally different tool chest.”

“It was Gallery 66 NY Director Barbara Galazzo who paired the two artists up. A member gallery with about 17 artists working in different mediums, it generally showcases two artists each month and also tries to include smaller works by other members to fill out the exhibition. Booth first saw Soodalter’s work at the very first opening of the gallery. Soodalter recalled: “Barbara was looking forward to getting their work up in the gallery space. Soodalter said, “When a show has two artists using different mediums, the essence of the connection is in getting it to lay out so you can see it with clarity.” The connection between Booth and Soodalter lies in what gallery notes call their “unique yet symbiotic views of their environment.” Booth said, “I love layers and texture. Being able to see, when I look at a piece of art, what’s underneath — the depth, the surprise of the reaction of chemicals, the oxidation. I can use the same chemicals on a copper sheet and it comes out differently each time.” Humidity, temperature and other environmental factors play a role. Booth uses solder on top of copper and watches for “the movement that it creates — I love mixing it with the chemicals; they dance together.”

Gallery 66 described the results in her “abstract fabrications” as akin to “fantastic landscapes and aerial views.” Soodalter described Booth’s work as “although they’re metals, they come out very earthly; they feel of a different element.”

For Peekskill’s Booth, who grew up in a household where artistic leanings were encouraged, the route to her new pieces traveled through sculptural welding. Leftover copper from sculptures she was making led to “playing around with it; it morphed into this wonderful art form.” Declaring that she “didn’t like chemistry in high school,” she’s not sure where all this came from, 

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### Friday, April 26

#### Kids & Community

**Wine Play ‘Ree-Play’ Tag Sale**
9 A.M. – 1 P.M. **Haldane High School Art Show**
7:30 – 11:30 P.M. **Support Connection Tag Sale**

#### Art & Design

**Haldane High School Art Show**
4 – 7 P.M. **Phlupstown Recreation Center**
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-9360 | garrisonartcenter.org

**Quilt Night Benefit**
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**Ingrid Lahurd/ Tom Rainey (Jazz)**
8 P.M. **Haldane Public Library**
313 Main St, Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**The Compact**
8 P.M. **Whistling Willys’**
184 Main St, Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillys.com

**Derek Demseys**
9 P.M. **Maxx’s on Main**
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**Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel**
With The Guthrie Brothers
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### Meetings & Lectures

**Philpstown Garden Club Reception**
10:30 A.M. **Burrfield Library**
10 Moravia St., Cold Spring
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Haldane PTA Vote on School Budget
2:30 P.M. **HALDANE SCHOOL**
(PLAYGROUND)
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneppta.org

Personal Retreat Weekend (Opening)
3 P.M. **GARRISON INSTITUTE**
14 Mary’s Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

### Saturday, April 27

#### Kids & Community

**Cold Spring Farmers’ Market**
8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. **PHILPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER**
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
carmarket.org

**The Birds of Lake Alice (Hike)**
8:30 A.M. **HUDSON MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST**
20 Nazareth Way, Garrison
845-624-3569 | hmlt.org | Registration required.

**Philpstown Soccer Club Bake Sale**
9 A.M. – 1 P.M. **FOODTOWN**
49 Church St., Cold Spring | phlupstownsoccer.org

**Alpine Plant Sale**
9 A.M. – 3 P.M. **STONEWALL GARDENS**
811 Main Lane, Cold Spring
845-205-2000 | stonewallgardens.com

**Anti-Bullying Walkathon**
9 A.M. **REGISTRATION Begins**
10 A.M. **WALK BEGINS**
Over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie
845-471-7213 | dutchessmediation.org

**Birdwatching for Beginners**
9 A.M. **TACONIC OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER**
75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring
845-661-1552 | putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

### Food Pantry

9 – 10 A.M. **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILPSTOWN**
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-5220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

### Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

9 A.M. **H.H.M.**
10 A.M. – 3 P.M. **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**
**OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER**
100 Musser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

**Woo Play ‘Ree-Play’ Tag Sale**
9 A.M. – 1 P.M. **UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT PARK**
South Saugerties, Under Frick’s Hill

**Mindful Hike at Cawino Rock (Moderate)**
10 A.M. **UNIQUE AREA ON RIGHT GOING NORTH ON 9D A MILE SOUTH OF ROUTE 403**
845-216-6805 | midhudsonadk.org

### Support Connection Tag Sale

10 A.M. – 4 P.M. **YORKSTOWN GRANGE FAIRGROUNDS**
99 Museum Ave., Yorktown Heights
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Beacon Parks**
10:30 A.M. **PARADE LINE-UP AT 90 & MAIN**
10:45 A.M. **PARADE JUDGING**
11 A.M. **PARADE DOWN MAIN STREET**
NOON – 2 P.M. **DOG AEROBICS AT HUDSON BAY BEACH**

**MINI MILE FOR performance and FUN**
11 A.M. **PHILPSTOWN GARDEN CLUB**
135 Muser Drive, Cold Spring
845-831-1134, ext. 103 | beaconlibrary.org

**Family Yoga & Meditation (ages 6 and up)**
10:30 A.M. **HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**
313 Main St, Beacon
845-831-1134, ext. 103 | beaconlibrary.org

#### The Sustainable Backyard

10:30 A.M. – 3 P.M. **MACON PUBLIC LIBRARY**
686 Route 6, Mahopac
845-278-6738 | counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam

**Children’s Gardening Workshops**
10 A.M. – 1 P.M. **CORNELL UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT PARK**
9 A.M. – 1 P.M. **FOODTOWN**
3 P.M. **THE SUSTAINABLE BACKYARD**
900 Main St., Beacon
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

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10:30 A.M. – 3 P.M. **MACON PUBLIC LIBRARY**
686 Route 6, Mahopac
845-278-6738 | counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam

#### Basic Beekeeping

2 P.M. **PUTNAM VALLEY GRANGE HALL**
128 M St., Putnam Valley
putnamvalleygrange@gmail.com

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RIVERSIDE ART AUCTION
Benefiting Hudson Valley Artists & Garrison Art Center

Wine Tasting
3 - 6 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP
See details under Friday.

Seniors’ Dinner
5:30 P.M. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
216 Main St., Cold Spring  |  capitalsprings.org

Midnight Run to NYC Homeless
10:30 P.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN | 10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220  |  presbychurchcoldspring.org

Health & Fitness
Free Body Training Systems Classes
8 A.M. GROUP STEP
9:15 A.M. GROUP POWER
10:30 A.M. GROUP CENTERGY (YOGA FUSION)
ALL SPORT HEALTH & FITNESS
17 Old Main St., Fishkill
845-890-5678  |  allsportfitnessllc.com

Medication Take-Back Day
9 A.M. - 2 P.M. PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER
670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel
845-808-1390, ext. 43164  |  putnamcountyny.com

Art & Design
Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 1601 ROUTE 5, BOSCOBEL
845-265-3638  |  boscobel.org

En Plein Air Workshop (First Session)
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960  |  garrisonartcenter.org

Halldale High School Art Show
1 - 4 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN LIBRARY
See details under Friday.

Weather or Not? Benefit
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960  |  garrisonartcenter.org

Theater & Film
StinkyKids, The Musical
3 & 7 P.M. THE BEACON THEATRE
445 Main St., Beacon
845-453-2978  |  thebeacontheatre.org

Music
Beacon Barks Music Festival
11:45 A.M. MAQUEL VIDAL AND THE MONDAY MEN
12:15 P.M. THE HOWL WOLVES
12:45 P.M. CARLA SPRINGER AND THE NOAMOS
1:15 P.M. BEACON MUSIC FACTORY
PEOPLE’S CHOIR
1:40 P.M. LONDON CALLING: A TRIBUTE TO THE CLASH
2:10 P.M. THE ROADHOUSE ROOSTERS
Main Street, Philipstown
845-440-7652  |  beaconsloopclub.org

Earth Day Concert
7 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
914-907-4928  |  beaconsloopclub.org

Gospel Cafe: Souls United
7 P.M. ROWLAND CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4968  |  rowlandculturalcenter.org

The Clear Light Ensemble
8 P.M. DOGWOOD
47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500  |  dogwoodbar.com

Nick Bukawalas
9 P.M. 5 A.M.’S ON MAIN
See details under Fridays.

Meetings & Lectures
Overeaters Anonymous
8:30 A.M. GRAYMOOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER
1350 Route 5, Garrison  |  917-716-2488  |  oa.org
Writing Workshop With Jeffrey McDaniel
11:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
907-786-5641  |  jmc@kri.org

Free Computer Help
2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY
See details under Friday.

Religious Services
Special Kiddush for PBS 10th Anniversary
9:30 A.M. BEACON JEWISH ALLIANCE
335 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-265-9101  |  phipstownreformsynagogue.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Kids & Community
Beacon Flea Market
8 A.M. - 3 P.M. HOFF STREET PARKING LOT
560 Main Street, Post Office, 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

Nature Play Area (ages 2-10)
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506  |  outdooreducation.org

Stonecrop Gardens
10 A.M. - 5 P.M. GARDEN CONSERVANCY OPEN DAY
10 A.M. - 4 P.M. TEA IN THE GARDEN
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000  |  stonecrop.org

Woc Play ‘Ree-Play’ Tag Sale
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT PARK
See details under Friday.

Beacon Farmers’ Market
10 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON RIVER CENTER
1616 Route 9, Garrison
845-424-3889  |  gfppta.org

Lag ‘O’Mere Fire & Forest Festival
12:30 - 4:30 P.M. EDEN VILLAGE CAMP
395 Denny Road, Putnam Valley
877-397-3336  |  edenillacamp.org

Live Music by Tiki Daddy
Seductive Hawaiian-inspired music of the 20s and 30s combining the swingin’ acoustic archtop sound with the sound of the tricone steel guitar, ukulele and bass.
John Harris, Al Hamberger, Art Labriola, Stecy Labriola
845-831-4988  |  howlandculturalcenter.org

French Grill Picnic by Chef Pascal Graff
Garrison Cafe, Garrison, NY & Le Bouchon, Cold Spring, NY
$20/adult  - Cash bar  $10/kids
Picnic tickets online for $17 and $8

Victor Mirabelli Easy Rising Oil on canvas 24 x 36  Value $4,000 Starting bid $400
Joanne Neirn: Storm Series Graphite and pencil on mylar 15 x 40  Value $1,600 Starting bid $250

The Riverside Galleries open Tues thru Sun 10 to 5
Stephen Fox, Moon over Marsh Oil on canvas 22 x 36 Value $3,000 Starting bid $300  
Saturday May 11, 2013 5:00
Sunset Picnic & Live Music 6:30 to 8:30
Down by the Riverside on Garrison’s Landing
Viewing & refreshments 3:30 to 5:00
Live Auction 5:00 Featuring 40 HV artists
Silent Auction 3:30 to 8:00
Silent Auction runs through May 19, 5pm
Meet the Animals
Meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
6 P.M. 
germs
Sara Carbone
Traditional Irish Music
Meetings & Lectures
Robert and Johanna Titus, The Hudson Valley in the Ice Age
2 P.M. BEACON MUSEUM INSTITUTE
199 Main St, Beacon
845-838-1600 | bre.org/events
Edgar Cayce Study
4 P.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER
464 Main St, Beacon
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

MONDAY, APRIL 29
Kids & Community
Bridge Club
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St, Beacon
845-831-4998 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Yoga for Toddlers
10 A.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER
464 Main St, Beacon
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com
Indoor Tot Park
NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
See details under Friday.
Little Bookworms (Preschool)
1:30 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-205-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Garden Activity for Kids
3 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL
15 Craigslads Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org
Sponsored by Haldane Garden Committee

Health & Fitness
Red Cross Blood Drive
9 A.M. - 1 P.M. NAZARENE CHURCH
593 Main St, Fishkill
800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

Art & Design
Garrison Art Center Sessions
9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. DROP-IN DRAWING & PAINTING FROM LIFE (SHORT POSE)
NOON. MOSAICS FOR THE GARDEN (FIRST SESSION)
GARRISON ART CENTER | 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
Music
Community Chorus
7 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St, Beacon
845-631-4998 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Meetings & Lectures
Nelsonville Budget Workshop
6 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 258 Main St, Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.ny.gov
Beacon City Council Workshop
7 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.ny.gov
Butterfield Book Group: The Count of Monte Cristo
7 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Low-Tech Supports for Students With Learning Disabilities
5 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL (MERRITT BUILDING)
15 Craigslads Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org
Town & Village Planning and Zoning Forum
7 P.M. PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER
670 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel
845-228-8595 | putnamhamhtpc.org

People's Rehearsal Factory: Improv
7:30 P.M. PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER
670 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel
845-228-8595 | putnamhamhtpc.org
Philpstown Recreation Center Basketball
6:15 P.M. YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS/DRILLS (GRADES 3-8)
7:30 P.M. MEN’S BASKETBALL
107 GlancyBuys Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philpstownrecreation.com

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Kids & Community
Indoor Tot Park
9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER | See details under Friday.
Senior Day Center
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE
1350 Route 9, Garrison
800-338-2620 | graymoor.org
Supermarket Nutrition Tour
NOON. SHOP-RITE
2094 East Main St, Cortlandt Manor
914-624-3960 | hch.org/events. Registration required.

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

Theater & Film
Laurence Sansone (Poetry)
6:30 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St, Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Music
The Dream Choir
7 P.M. YOGASONG STUDIO
27 Towns Corners Road, Garrison
845-424-4340 | yogasongstudio.com
Meetings & Lectures
Knitting Club
10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St, Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Highland Garden Club
1 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring
845-205-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Protecting Your Child: Lessons Learned From Offenders
6:30 P.M. LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
112 Lakeview Drive, Mahopac
845-809-1400, ext. 44122 | putnamcountyny.gov
Board of Trustees Workshop
7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL
85 Main St, Cold Spring
845-205-3011 | villageofcoldspring.org

Philpstown Recreation Commission
7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 GlancyBuys Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philpstownrecreation.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
Kids & Community
Indoor Tot Park
9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER | See details under Friday.
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Cheese Club With Moning Lin
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. HOLLOW CULTURAL CENTER
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4086 | hfoodnetwork.com

Mah Jongg Open Play
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. FLY HALL
34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring
845-424-4616 | philipstownrecreation.com

Kids' Activities at Desmond-Fish Library
10:15 A.M. - MOVEMENT FOR TODDLERS
1:30 P.M. PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3023 | dflibrary.org

Senior Spring Luncheon
NOON, PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
107 Glenhyrst Drive, Garrison
845-424-4616 | philipstownrecreation.com

Dance With Suzi Tortora (ages 6 to 3)
12-3 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

move + play (ages 5-7)
4 P.M. HOLLOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Guided Garden Tour - Alpines
5:30 P.M. STONECROP GARDENS
81 Stonecrop Road, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Health & Fitness
Adult Pick-Up Soccer
6 - 9 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN PARK
1235 Route 50, Garrison
845-424-4616 | philipstownrecreation.com

Theater & Film
International Film Series: Argos (U.S.)
1 P.M. HOLLOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
See details under Friday.

Music
Open Mic: Night
8 P.M. WHITESTONE WILLIE'S | Details under Friday

Monday Men
8 P.M. DOGWOOD | See details under Saturday.

Meetings & Lectures
Town Board Workshop
7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN TOWN HALL
238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Kids & Community
Indoor Tot Park
9 A.M. - 12 P.M. A. MOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER | See details under Friday.

Senior's Computer Class Registration
9:30 - 11:30 A.M. KOCHLER SENIOR CENTER
180 Route 116, Mahopac
10 A.M. - NOON, PUTNAM VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley
845-629-6423 | putnamrsvp.com/cr

Brain Games for Adults
10 A.M. HOLLOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Nature Strollers
10 A.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER
100 Musier Drive, Cornwall-on-Hudson
845-534-5506 | hnhamburzamuseum.org

Senior Day Center
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURKA HOUSE
See details under Tuesday.

Bouncing Babies
10:30 A.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Bingo Night
6 P.M. DOGWOOD OPEN 7:15 P.M. FIRST CALL
OUR LADY OF LORETTO | 24 Fair St, Cold Spring
860-429-1012 | ourladyofloretto.com

After the audition notices were posted on the AEA website and sent out to the theatrical trade papers, Fidanque was flooded with responses. Reading the many resumes, he felt he should take a chance on showcasing unusual things like foreign language proficiencies — hence there are six languages showcased in the show. Some of the material is in the vein of personal reminiscence, while other portions are more lyrical and political in nature. Fidanque hopes that “no one is portrayed negatively, but sometimes the idea is to expose hurt others. Makino says, ‘if you disagree with something and want to make a point, use humor.’ That’s the spirit with which these scenes were created, expect laughter.”

The reminiscences draw upon Fidanque’s early childhood, growing up in the 1950s on Long Island and later in a Connecticut boarding school. “I was never an academic,” he related. “I had the ability to mimic, so I spent a lot of time in the hallway. Boarding school was a horrible experience, but I’m making it funny. Then no college wanted me, but it turned out that one school in the Midwest was desperate for an East Coaster. I didn’t do well there until I was given the lead in a play. That was the beginning of my theater work.”

Theatre and those who are theater professionals have a life beyond its first run. “It would be great to bring it to the next level. It’s being done now because it’s a worthy project, and right now what it’s doing is cooperation he has received from the Fish Library, praised the great “It’s so based on one young boy’s journey through America, navigating all the snags.” Wachtel interjected, “interlaced with some political commentary.” Makino offered, “It’s a quirky comedy with a hint of political satire, and it has a very American theme: diversity, the melting pot, how the American landscape is changing. Plus it’s great to have so many female roles, as theater is still so male-dominated.”

Fidanque, who has long been involved with Friends of the Desmond-Fish Library, praised the great cooperation he has received from the library. He hopes that the show will have a life beyond its first run. “It would be great to bring it to the next level. It’s being done now because it’s a worthy project, and right now what it’s doing is bringing more theater to Philipstown and the many residents here who love theater and those who are theater professionals.”

For more information, visit comedyintheafternoon.com. Tickets cost $28 for general admission and $22 for seniors and students, and can be purchased at the door or through brownpapertickets.com/event/279418.
Audubon Offers Session for Beginners & Annual Birdathon

Join Audubon naturalist Pete Salamanzohn for a session on becoming a birdwatcher on April 27 at 9 a.m. The program will begin indoors at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center at Fahnestock State Park, and participants will learn the basics of bird identification. Salamanzohn will also introduce some local bird vocalizations and calls and discuss local birding strategy and migration, and review the proper use of binoculars before going outside for a "bird walk."

Children 8 and over are welcome in the company of an adult. Binoculars and a field guide are recommended, if available. There will be a few extra binoculars for those who need them. For more information, contact Salamanzohn at 845-661-1552 or visit the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society’s website at putnamhighlandsaudubon.org.

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society is gearing up for its annual Birdathon, which takes place Saturday, May 11. When expert birders will take to the field for about three hours that morning on a classic tale of the bond between an enslaved Nubian princess (AnnChris Warren) and an Egyptian soldier (Jarek Zabczyński). As forbidden love blossoms between them, the young lovers are forced to face death or part forever. Together, they set a shining example of devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of peace and prosperity.

Kevin Barnes directs, with musical direction by Joel Flowers and choreography by MaryBeth Rojyan.

Subsequent performances will be May 4, 10, 11, and 17 at 8 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $17 for seniors/children under 12. Call the box office at 845-298-1491 for reservations or online tickets offered through countyplayers.org. County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2691 W. Main in Wappingers Falls.

Fishkill All Sport Holds Open House for Classes

The Group Exercise department at All Sport Health and Fitness in Fishkill has been celebrating the spring launch of new Body Training Systems routines all week long. An open house is planned for Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Putnam Hospital Center’s Wagner Cancer Pavilion, 670 Stonestyle Ave. Carmel. The program provides a safe place to dispose of old or unused medications to protect New York’s waterways and youth. Individuals may bring prescription and over-the-counter and pet medication, preferably in original packaging, if possible, with no personal information removed. Syringes will not be accepted. For more information, contact Mary Rice of the DOH at 845-808-1890, ext. 4356, or visit putnamcounty.org/health or www.putnamcaddc.org/ctc.html.

Haldane PTA Presents Workshop on Support for Reading and Writing

The Haldane School PTA’s Learning Differences Committee is sponsoring a new workshop, Low-Tech Supports for Students With Learning Difficulties. Director of Special Education Jennifer Wilson will lead a discussion and writing difficulties on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the Mabel Merritt Building at Haldane.

Attendees will leave with a “kit” of low-tech ideas and items to try at home with students. The workshop is geared toward parents of elementary and middle school students; all Haldane and Garrison School parents are welcome. Childcare may be provided during the meeting and requested while making reservations. For more information or to RSVP, contact Wilson at 845-265-9254, ext. 142, or email jwilson@haldane-eschool.org.

Nature Museum Celebrates Earth Day

Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. Until 3 p.m, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is celebrating Earth Day with a host of activities at the Museum’s Outdoor Discovery Center, on Musser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall. In the "Green Zone," volunteers will lead earth-friendly family activities. Children who get their free Planet Protector Passport stamped at each booth will win a prize. Children will also enjoy hayrides and meet live (continued on next page)
Celebrate Spring at Stonecrop Gardens

Stonecrop Gardens presents its seventh annual Alpine Plant Sale on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vendors include Wrightman Alpine Gardens, Garden Vision Emissary, Jay’s Natives (conifer nursery), House Leeks (succulents), William Per- ron (Cyclamen), Don Dembowski (spring ephemera), Pope’s Pots and, of course, Conifer. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is $5 per person.

Garden Conservancy Open Day will be held Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., featuring tea in the garden from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is $5; there is no charge for members.

For more information, visit stonecrop.org.

Putnam County Museum Comes to Fahnestock With Toads

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, an affiliate of Fahnestock State Park, is bringing its educational programs to Fahnestock State Park this summer, beginning with its ninth annual Ree-Play Sale, selling gently used children’s clothing, toys, equipment, etc., is set to be held on Fri- day, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the University Settlement Park Theater, 724 Wolcott Ave., in Bea- con. Proceeds of the sale will benefit con- tinued maintenance of the playgrounds in Beacon as well as support other kid-friendly organizations in the area.

“The Ree-Play Sale is a group of creative and interested par- ents, grandparents and other caregivers who want to recycle the things they no longer need and do something positive for the community; the people who come to the sale get great stuff for a quarter or a dollar or two and we have a lot of fun doing it.,” said Cloherty.

For more information, visit stonecrop.org.
Many Sampled ‘A Taste of the Valley’

Sold-out fundraiser for Haldane School Foundation featured regional food and drink

By Alison Rooney

Taste of the Valley, as the Haldane School Foundation’s (HSF) spring fundraising party at Glynwood was dubbed, could be a metaphor for Arbor Day.

“Trees are amazing. Just think about some of the things that trees can do. Last spring, did you notice that there were tons of maple seedlings everywhere and this spring there aren’t? That’s because maples drop mass quantities of seeds every two to three years to outsmart anything that feeds on their seedlings. The large number means that more trees survive. Smart. I read that an acre of maple trees can put out as much as 20,000 gallons of water into the air every day through transpiration, the process that brings water from the roots up the tree’s vascular system and then releases the water through the leaves into the air. I don’t have any useful talents that can compare with that.”

I got carried away when I saw the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District’s seedling sale list. Ten seedlings for $25 seemed like a dream come true.

Then, last Thursday, I got worried that I couldn’t fit them all in the car. All 50 of them. I called and was reassured that the order was in a grocery bag. Then I started worrying about how small and vulnerable the seedlings must be to fit in a grocery bag. Looking at the deer bit, the barberry-dominated landscape around my house, I decided it wasn’t ideal nursery for baby trees.

Last Friday, I indeed picked up my 50 seedlings in a brown paper bag, which of course fit in the back seat. On Sunday, they started going in the ground. It took more figuring out where to plant 50 trees than the actual planting so far, but an afternoon of work still only got 17 in, which leaves 33 to go. That’s a lot of holes in the yard, I realize now.

I don’t have a lot of experience planting trees, so I read the instructions provided with the seedlings, and then for good measure I referred to the Arbor Day Foundation website. Basically, for bare-root seedlings that don’t have a root ball and aren’t wrapped in burlap, dig a hole deep enough to fit the entire length of the roots and give it some room. Do not worry about making perfect circles for the planting. Move around and get established.

And don’t plan to stake the seedlings. Movement from wind helps the roots grow stronger. Mulching is the next step, and here’s something to remember — no volcanic mulch! This is not mulch made from volcanic ash but rather refers to the shape of the mulch around the tree. If the tree looks like it’s rising from a mountain of wood chips or sitting in the middle of a volcano mouth, that’s bad. If I see this in your yard, I might stop by and free the tree from its mulch. Mulching too thickly and deeply around a tree or right up to its trunk prevents the roots from getting water and air, and the roots grow into the mulch instead of into the ground. You know who loves volcano mulch, though? Voles do. They tunnel right up to your tree and next thing you know, it’s laying in the yard.

The Arbor Day Foundation has a post-er on its website that you can download listing 10 reasons to plant a tree, but really, when you think about how amazing trees are, it doesn’t take a lot to be convinced. Kids learn about trees in science class early on, and it’s easy to forget about how cool they are and take them for granted.

But get this — photosynthesis? It’s the magical way that trees convert the pollution our lifestyles add to the atmosphere, otherwise known as carbon dioxide or CO2, into food for growth. For example, they take my carbon emissions and turn it into sugar and cellulose and other carbohydrates that the tree uses to become beautiful and vital, drawing pollution out of the air and making Metro-North happy. Here’s a huge thank-you to the trees for not letting the planet burst into flames from all the heat and for keeping our area economically healthy. Without the trees, it wouldn’t be the same planet, and it might not actually be here at all.

Arbor Day is like a mass birthday celebration for all the trees, so do something nice for a tree today.
I found that the closer I got, everything taking pictures of flowers, plants. Slowly, creative vision. “When I look close up, my macro lens a few years ago led to a leap in tiny bits of skin.” Soodalter’s purchase of a croscope. You could put a finger in and see some point I started wanting to see things she’s been a photographer all her life. “At “150 years” as an occupational therapist, to 15 abstract works of varying sizes. and expects to display something like 12 work, she debuted these pieces last year to do with art.” Still new to exhibiting her graphic design. She calls herself lucky to cabinetry and walls, along with some a career painting decorative finishes on but she always loved art and has enjoyed

The Artwork of Jane Soodalter and Cindy Booth (from page 7)
Join the Paper’s Spring Photofest
Contribute your best shots of the town in its spring splendor

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