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The End of the Road

NYS Parks Department won't consider legal off-road access on Mount Beacon

By **Brian PJ Cronin**

As summer draws near, residents of Dutchess and Putnam counties are hitting the trails throughout the Hudson Highlands with wild abandon, soaking up the sunshine and getting back to nature. But for some residents, the good times may be coming to an end.

This summer, Scenic Hudson is scheduled to turn over stewardship of the trails they currently maintain on Fishkill Ridge and Mount Beacon to the New York State Parks Department, eliminating some of the confusion as to who is responsible for which patch of land throughout the Highlands.

"It's a bureaucratic nightmare up there," noted David Rocco, who led the volunteer efforts to restore the Mount Beacon Fire Tower. "You start at the bottom and you're in the city of Beacon. You go halfway up and suddenly you're in Fishkill. Then you start passing back and forth between Scenic Hudson land and the state's land. And Scenic Hudson doesn't have police authority."

Scenic Hudson may not have police authority, but the New York State Parks Department does. And they plan on using that authority to invoke a long-standing law that's been loosely enforced in the past: the forbiddance of Jeeps, ATVs, and other off-road vehicles on the trails that traverse Mount Beacon and Fishkill Ridge.

As *The Paper* has reported over the last few weeks, the issue of off-road vehicles on the mountain has been a thorny one for quite some time. On one hand, state laws clearly forbid the use of such vehicles on the mountain. On the other hand, off-roaders have been traveling the trails for generations, and have been instrumental in clearing the mountain of

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! Sherman Williams celebrates Yankees victory with his mom. See Little League highlights on page 16.

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Mud wallows on Mount Beacon caused by tire treads

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Accused Murderer Remains in Custody

Grand jury votes but no indictment handed down yet

By **Michael Turton**

Speculation continues to swirl around events leading up to and following the April 30 arrest of 35-year-old Angelika Graswald, charged with the second-degree murder of her fiancé, Vincent Viafore. Scant information has been made public by investigators and Viafore's body is yet to be found.

On Tuesday, May 5, some media outlets reported that a grand jury had indicted Graswald on second-degree murder, however the reports proved premature. A telephone call from *The Paper* to the Orange County Court on the afternoon of May 6 confirmed that a formal indictment has not yet been handed down.

Grand jury investigation continues

Under New York State law, a defendant charged with a felony in criminal court must be released within six days unless a preliminary hearing is held, resulting in continued incarceration. Alternatively, a defendant can be kept in custody beyond six days if the district attorney files written certification with the court that an indictment has been voted on by a grand jury. Such a submission indicates only that a vote by the 23-member grand jury has been taken, not that a final indictment has been issued.

The preliminary hearing for Graswald scheduled for May 5 in New Windsor was canceled and the case shifted to Orange County Court in Goshen. *The Paper* has learned, from a source familiar with the case but who requested anonymity, that certification indicating the grand jury has voted on a charge against Graswald has been submitted to the court, however it is not yet known if

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Await Harassment Trial Verdict

An incident at the March 2014 Cold Spring election

By **Michael Turton**

The vast majority of defendants who appear at the Cold Spring Justice Court do not see their cases go to trial; Richard Weissbrod, however, is an exception. The Cold Spring resident faced a charge of harassment in the second degree at a bench trial before Judge Anthony Costello on Thursday, April 30. Putnam County Assistant District Attorney David Bishop prosecuted the case while Poughkeepsie-based attorney Steven Patterson represented Weissbrod.

The trial was a classic case of "he said, she said," centered on Weissbrod's behavior at the Cold Spring firehouse during the March 18, 2014, village election. The firehouse served as a polling station that day. Taking such case to trial is not without considerable cost. In court that day, in addition to Judge Costello and the two attorneys, were the court clerk, a court stenographer, four witnesses and two reporters.

Calls to Bishop and Patterson to determine what factors prevented such a relatively minor charge from being settled without the expense of a trial were not returned. Harassment in the second degree is classified as a "violation," an offense considered less serious than a misdemeanor. The website newyork-defense-lawyer.com

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Bannerman's Island, near where kayak incident occurred

File photo by M. Turton

Small, Good Things

Another Green World

By Joe Dizney

There’s a palpable urgency at work in the garden as the natural world tries hard to fully extract itself from the now-gentle-but-still-lingering grip of this year’s insistent winter. It seems as if all the early spring flowers—bulbs, forsythia, fruit trees—exploded all at once, dotting the still-brown landscape with wild flashes of color and life. The trees have been a bit behind in leafing out, although I noted with consternation this week that the garlic mustard seems to be going great guns. But spring’s greens finally seem to be upon us, and nowhere is it more apparent than at the farmers market. I celebrated sorrel a couple of weeks ago, but it’s been a challenge to maintain focus while shopping when confronted with the forgotten food wonders beginning to reappear in the market.

I want desperately to celebrate each and every permutation in this column, but a biweekly schedule just can’t keep up with the available bounty. Ironwood Farms was at the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market a couple of weeks ago with *puntarelle*, a recent exotic transplant from the mid-Italian regions of Tuscany and Lazio. This had me hyperventilating! But then it only comes to market for a short couple of weeks (although there will be another chance in the fall). Already we’re moving on to beautiful early leafy greens, most of which are best served by a simple vinaigrette or quick sauté and demand rapid and regular enjoyment.

Spring onions and young garlic are in their early prime right now, too, and definitely worthy of a look. (For a take on those, do revisit last year’s April 16 “Small, Good Things” Spring Onion Pancake With Greens and Bacon recipe.)

The edible harbinger of spring that I wait for, not so patiently, made its initial appearance locally last weekend — asparagus.

I’ve celebrated its particular charms in the past (Asparagus Bread Pudding from the May 14, 2013, issue is another recommended reference) and there’s certainly nothing finer than simple steamed and buttered asparagus, but this year’s lingering cool evenings suggest something a bit more comforting, and risotto fits the bill.

For me, Alice Waters offers the ultimate version of this dish, with a “Green Risotto” of asparagus and fresh peas, bound together at the last minute by a fresh fava bean puree. While this is undeniably elegant, our late-breaking spring coupled with a self-imposed mandate to try and remain locally sourced (and keeping in mind the persistent California drought) leave both the favas and peas off limits, at least for now. But as the aforementioned spring onions also signal, it *is* ramp season, and that is something to cheer as well, so I’m suggesting we make this a joint celebration.

It should be acknowledged that ramps, or wild garlic, have become a hot ticket in the food world (last weekend Basilica Hudson in Hudson, New York, hosted its fifth annual Ramp Fest) and consequently are in danger of being overharvested. Caveats regarding responsible and sustainable consumption are in order, i.e., know your source and forage responsibly. (Glynwood Farms, presenting at the Fest, prepared a downloadable tip sheet for responsible harvesting at basilicahudson.com.)

Ramps are more-than-a-little assertive: If you’re partial to them, it’s best to consume them fast, as refrigerator storage will *strongly* impact everything else in your pantry. But thankfully, a few ramps go a long way to imparting their “charms” without dominating the proceedings entirely, particularly if you utilize the overlooked but pungent greens. (In fact, if you harvest your own, which is not really that hard, one of the best methods to do so sustainably is to harvest *only* the greens, leaving the bulbs and roots intact and in situ, guaranteeing future harvests. The Hudson Ramp Fest actually advertised itself as a “greens only” festival.)

There’s not much to be done to this recipe otherwise—it stands simply on its own. Although the *hyper*-epicurean me wants desperately to add a little tarragon



Asparagus risotto

Photo by J. Dizney

or some fresh herb, the “eat fresh, eat local” voice in my head says it’s too early. That version will just have to wait until the ramps are long gone and the local peas have hopefully made an appearance, but that’s another story. Lemon is here as

a compromise, but even it is not a necessity. This recipe is all about the season. But for argument, let’s just say I did want to do something extra special: Madura Farms’ table at the market last week displayed the first morels I’ve seen this year, and I’m hoping the patch of ground underneath a certain elm tree will be revealing the similar treasures soon. Now those would be a welcomed addition.

Spring Risotto With Asparagus and Ramps

Serves 4 to 6 (depending on generosity)

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| 7 to 8 cups stock (vegetable or chicken) | ¾ pound asparagus, trimmed of tough ends, bias cut into 1-inch pieces (reserve tips) |
| 5 tablespoons unsalted butter | 6 to 8 ramps, greens and stalks chopped and reserved separately |
| 3 tablespoons olive oil | Juice and zest of 1 lemon |
| 1 medium shallot minced | ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving |
| 2 cups arborio rice | Freshly ground pepper to taste |
| Coarse salt | |
| 1/3 cup dry white wine | |

1. Heat the stock in a large pot and keep it at a bare simmer. Place another large, heavy pot (for risotto) over medium heat and add 3 tablespoons butter and the oil. When butter melts, add shallot and cook about 5 minutes, until translucent. Add rice and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring frequently, until the rice is also translucent (about 3 minutes).
2. Increase heat to medium-high and add wine, stirring constantly until wine is absorbed. Reduce heat and add enough stock so that the rice is just covered. Keep stirring, adding more stock by the ladleful when the previous addition has been absorbed, keeping the rice at a low simmer.
3. After around 10 minutes of cooking, add sliced asparagus stems, chopped ramp stalks and lemon zest, continuing to stir and adding stock a ladle at a time to incorporate (as above in Step 2).
4. After another 5 minutes, add asparagus tips, ramp greens, lemon juice and the remaining butter. Stir well, adding more stock if necessary to achieve the consistency of a thick sauce.
5. At about 18 minutes, add the cheese and stir to fully incorporate. Remove from heat, taste and adjust the seasoning. Serve immediately with the extra cheese as a garnish.



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or when a final indictment will be forthcoming. Grand jury investigations are confidential and can last for weeks.

Graswald, who police said holds a Latvian passport and is not a U.S. citizen, continues to be held without bail in the Orange County Jail. The Orange County Legal Aid Society is representing her.

Graswald was arrested on April 30 as she planted flowers on Bannerman's Island.

Police initially treated Viafore's apparent demise as a tragic accident. Graswald told authorities that she and her fiancé were kayaking on the Hudson River near Cornwall just across from Bannerman's Island when they encountered rough waters, causing both of them to capsize. A passing boat rescued her, however Viafore, who Graswald said was not wearing a life jacket, was not found. Water temperature in the Hudson River at the time was a frigid 47 degrees Fahrenheit.

New York State Police said that inconsistencies in Graswald's story became apparent after several interviews, leading them to believe she was directly responsible for Viafore's death.

Local resident offers support

Cold Spring resident Dorothy Carlton attempted to visit Graswald at the Orange County Jail. "She's had no support

at all, no visitors other than reporters," Carlton said. "She has no family here." Carlton said she got to know Graswald about seven years ago through the local music scene, including when Graswald worked at Whistling Willie's American Grill. "I wanted to tell her to stop talking to the press; that was doing her no good and I just wanted her to know that she has some support and help her get a message to family."

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Carlton has also been supportive of Graswald on Facebook where she referred to her as "one of the kindest sweetest most genuine people you'll ever meet. She couldn't possibly have done this ... Don't let the ignorance of the press and circumstantial evidence convict this woman before she is even tried."

Global media coverage

Carlton said she was not allowed to see

Graswald, although a number of media outlets were permitted to conduct interviews, including News 12 Westchester and *People* magazine. Carlton said she thinks Graswald's willingness to talk to the media may stem from a "naiveté that she can clear herself" by doing so. Graswald had recently agreed to be interviewed on the television program *Inside Edition* but then declined on the advice of her lawyer, although she did appear briefly on camera in the program segment dealing with her case. Media coverage has been extensive, with stories appearing in publications as far-flung as Australia and England.

Graswald, who was married previously, is known locally by the surname Lipska, including on her Facebook page. She worked at three Cold Spring restaurants in recent years. Jeff Consaga, owner of the Foundry Café, described her as a "sweetheart" and a punctual employee who "was always willing to jump in and help" with any task. "In fact, I met her at one of the (Foundry's) New Year's Eve parties," he said. "She volunteered to stay after to help clean up."

Stay at area home prompts police questioning

After the kayaking incident and before her arrest, Graswald, a Poughkeepsie res-

ident, stayed at a home just outside the village of Cold Spring for a few days. The owner of the home spoke with *The Paper* but asked not to be named and would not comment on Graswald's stay other than to confirm that on the Sunday, April 26, a few friends of Graswald gathered there for dinner. The homeowner was subsequently interviewed by New York State Police but would not comment on the nature of their questions.

Garrison resident Joel Goss was part of the small group at dinner that night. "I think she just didn't want to be alone on the one-week anniversary" of the incident, he said. Goss described Graswald as "distraught" and struggling to cope with the situation. "One minute she'd be talking about wanting a memorial (for Viafore) on Bannerman's Island," he said. "And the next minute she'd say, 'But they haven't found him so there's still hope right?'" Goss confirmed that State Police interviewed the homeowner before Graswald was arrested but said that he was not contacted by law enforcement. He was unaware if police had interviewed others who attended the gathering.

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states: "Violations are not considered crimes. Although a violation carries a potential 15-day jail sentence, in almost all cases the punishment will be that of a fine and/or community service."

Weissbrod is accused of having harassed Nelsonville resident Bridget Villetto and her grandmother Joan Villetto at the firehouse polling station. The defendant was working as a poll watcher on behalf of Donald McDonald and Matt Francisco, who were both seeking election to the Village Board. Bridget Villetto, the principal victim of the alleged harassment, had taken her 85-year-old grandmother to the firehouse to vote but was not there to vote herself since she lives in Nelsonville. Joan Villetto recently passed away.

Harassment or freedom of speech?

In his opening remarks Bishop said that Weissbrod confronted the two women as they were about to leave the polling station, yelling at Bridget Villetto and refusing to stop when asked to do so. He said Weissbrod then followed the two women outside where he continued to yell at them as they walked down Church Street on the way to their car.

Patterson, on the other hand, contended in his opening statement that there was no proof "beyond a reasonable doubt" of anything that constituted harassment and that were two different versions regarding what happened that day. He acknowledged that a conversation had taken place between Weissbrod and Bridget Villetto but asserted that in America, while a conversation "can be annoying and upsetting, it doesn't make it illegal." He added that Weissbrod "didn't curse ... raise his voice ... (or) intentionally harass anyone."

The prosecution's case

Cold Spring resident Lillian Moser, who was working as a poll watcher on



Richard Weissbrod, pictured at a 2013 Cold Spring Planning Board meeting.

File photo by Jeanne Tao

behalf of Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde, who were also seeking election to the Village Board, was the first witness for the prosecution. She testified that Weissbrod interrupted a conversation between herself and Bridget Villetto as she and her grandmother were preparing to

leave the building. Moser said that Weissbrod approached Bridget Villetto and asked her, "Could you see Cold Spring from your porch in Nelsonville?" She described Weissbrod's demeanor as "rather harsh" and "rather blatant" and that he continued in what she described as "almost a rant" for close to five minutes, even after Bridget Villetto had asked him to stop. Moser said that in contrast, Bridget Villetto remained calm, telling Weissbrod that it "wasn't the time or the place" for such a conversation. She further described Weissbrod's tone as "loud, almost berating." Moser said that Joan Villetto "seemed taken aback, almost shocked" by Weissbrod's behavior. She testi-

fied that the conversation ended when an election worker intervened.

Bridget Villetto also testified, saying that she didn't know Weissbrod and had never met him before the incident. She said that she did nothing to provoke the

exchange with him but that he had approached her and asked if she was the Bridget Villetto who writes letters to the Putnam County News and Recorder. She said that he was agitated, yelled at her and described his body language as "aggressive," and that the exchange left her grandmother "upset and shaking." The incident, she said, had taken from 30 seconds to a minute. Bridget Villetto went on to say that she and her grandmother then left the firehouse and started walking to her car, which was parked down the block on Church Street. At that point she said Weissbrod "came storming out of the firehouse," approached her and "started yelling in my face" and that he was "visibly angry and agitated." She said he continued to follow them down the sidewalk for about four minutes, yelling at her in the process. She said Weissbrod told her she had no right to say the things she had written in the *PCNR* and also asked her if she had been charged with drinking while intoxicated. When she asked him how he could know that, she said Weissbrod responded, "I have my ways," a comment she described as "creepy."

The defendant's side of the story

Cross-examined by Patterson, Villetto repeated her story, saying that Weissbrod had called her a liar, screamed at

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Breakneck Ridge being ‘loved to death’

Dear Editor,

I commend and support the hard work and wonderful collaborations going on with the Fiord Trail project. It is a bold and large vision. As I sat in the meeting room last week at the Chalet, however, I could not help but to think that there was a big pink elephant in the room which no one seemed to be addressing, or at least during the parts of the meeting I attended. That elephant is that there are simply too many people using Breakneck Ridge — a situation where the mountain and Route 9D are being loved to death. And the obvious fallout is the creation of a public nuisance in terms of traffic, safety and trail hygiene. There are close to 2,000 people using this very small area during a busy weekend — clearly a situation demonstrating that the state has failed for years to exercise wise management and get this sorted out and under control.

Mohonk Preserve had a similar problem for years along Routes 44-55 with endless rows of cars being parked alongside the edge of the highway and hikers and climbers walking on the dangerous roadside. The preserve solved the problem by building a few key parking lots with definite capacities, along with a flyer showing a variety of other nearby places from which to access the preserve. The roadsides were no longer available for parking, and those rules were enforced by the police.

We need to do precisely the same thing along Route 9D — limit the parking to large, designated and safe areas, and provide readily available information about other trails and parking spots along the ridge should those lots fill up. Block all the parking along the east side of 9D north of the Breakneck tunnel with concrete barriers so that there is very limited pedestrian crossing of the road, and much less chance of accidents.

The Fiord Trail project is a great one! But we also have to address the sheer numbers of people coming here, and

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become wise managers of our natural resource. That means understanding that there is a “carrying capacity” to all resources, and the present situation, especially at Breakneck Ridge, is out of control and needs to be reined in, for everyone’s good. Can New York State Parks and the State Department of Transportation please do their duties and exercise some very long overdue management? It may not be popular at first, but in the long run, it is our only option.

Pete Salmansohn
Cold Spring

Peggy Clements for Haldane School Board

Dear Editor,

The job of a Board of Education member has always been challenging. Today’s board members face more complex issues than ever before. Soon we will go to the polls to vote for three new members for the Haldane School Board, and we feel that you should support Peggy Clements. Here is why.

When considering a candidate for any position, you want someone who is intelligent, committed and has the ability to work with diverse groups with a variety of opinions. This description is the essence of the person that Peggy is. She holds a Ph.D. in psychology and is a senior research scientist at an education research center. This most certainly puts Peggy in a position of being highly qualified. Peggy has served on the College, Career and Citizenship Readiness Committee at Haldane, showing her commitment to the students of our community. Along with this, Peggy has also served on the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeal. Peggy has the unique ability to synthesize diverse opinions and come up with workable solutions to complex problems. As an added bonus, Peggy also works with budgets and knows the importance of effective use of resources. Plainly put, she’s smart, respectful and to top it all off, one of the nicest people we know.

We are confident that Peggy will be an outstanding addition to the Haldane

School Board. She will seek to advance the good work that has been done by past members and continue to strengthen an environment where Haldane students have the opportunity to thrive in school and succeed in the world. Please join us in voting for Peggy Clements for the Haldane School Board of Education.

Sincerely,
Karen and Richard Shea

Dear Editor:

That we have Peggy Clements stepping up and running for the Haldane Board of Education is a glimpse of bright light and a nod toward public service being carried out for all the right reasons. I’m thrilled to know she has a desire to serve the public and is willing to offer her time and expertise in this capacity.

I was first introduced to Peggy in 2003. We met where most parents of school-age children meet: on the blacktop at Haldane. Since that time I’ve had several encounters with her — some back at the school, some on the train platform and some in various community or school-related meetings. Each time, no matter what the subject, I’ve felt refreshed, understood and as if I had learned something new. Peggy listens closely — very closely — and thinks deeply about what is being said and discussed around her. She brings to the table a spectrum of educational knowledge that is rare, necessary and valued. Peggy also offers a unique combination of passion for and fierce dedication to the public education system, especially around topics that can be riddled with all sorts of systemic roadblocks and sensitivities.

I know she has given this decision a good deal of thought and definitely does not take it lightly. She is a very hard worker, pays close attention to the whole picture of an issue at hand and embodies a particular brand of grace that is refreshing, especially in public service settings today.

Please vote for Peggy on May 19!

Sincerely,
Kathy Curto
Cold Spring

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES — ELECTION MAY 19

Bill to End Workplace Sexual Harassment Passes

Will extend protections to smaller settings

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef hailed the successful passage of her legislation today in the Assembly (A.5360/S.2), which is crucial for ending sexual harassment in smaller businesses and work environments.

At present, individuals working for an employer or company with fewer than four employees cannot file a sexual harassment complaint to the state. Under current state law, the definition of “employer” does not include any businesses with fewer than four persons in their employ. Now that A.5360 is set to become law in New York, the term “employer” will be revised to refer to any employer within the state regardless of the number of individuals working there. This will not change the existing law for companies with more than four employees.

“Currently, more than 60 percent of private employers in New York have fewer than four employees. These workers do not have the right to file a sexual harassment complaint,” said Galef. “Unfortunately, this disproportionately affects women workers. I hope that women in the workforce can now feel safer and protected against any form of sexual harassment, no matter how small their business is where they work.”

The state Senate passed their version of this bill earlier this legislative session, carried by Sen. David Valesky. It is anticipated that the governor will sign this bill as it was part of his Women’s Equality Agenda package. The bill shall take effect 90 days after being signed.

Sarah Carnevale
Haldane trustee candidate

As a member of our community since 2002, I’d like to ask for your vote in the upcoming school board election. As a board member, I would bring 15 years of experience as a high school math teacher and a passion for education to bear on what is the one of the most important functions of our community.

I have taught in New York City and the Middle East, as well as in Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties. I’ve also had the opportunity to train, evaluate and mentor new teachers in both public schools and the graduate program at Pace University. As the mother of two young boys, I’m committed to ensuring that they receive a world-class public school education right here at Haldane.

My service in many different schools — from ones in inner-city Brooklyn to a private school in Amman, Jordan — taught me that even though the backgrounds and socioeconomic situations of students varies widely, a good education has the same fundamental features everywhere. Good schools are safe environments where the staff is competent and caring, and the administration makes the right decisions for its students despite constant pressures from external sources. They are places where students are engaged by material that relates to their lives.

We need to deal with issues like testing and the Common Core that every school system has to deal with. Parents and students alike need to understand why they are being tested and why the curriculum is being changed (it seems like) every few years, and not just



Sarah Carnevale Photo provided

adapt to the changes as a matter of survival. Why are these changes in their best interests? If we can’t explain this, we have to pause and reconsider our motives.

The Haldane School District also has some unique challenges to confront. Drug use among our students needs to be addressed not only by the community, but by our school system as well. Ensuring we have enough resources to make a small school system capable of graduating students prepared for (To next page)

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES — ELECTION MAY 19 (From previous page)

Peggy Clements

Haldane trustee candidate

The community is lucky to have so many thoughtful, generous and dedicated people running for the three board of education trustee positions. Each of us has lived here for at least a decade, has been a parent or student in the district and has many of the skills necessary to be an effective board member. We all value the schools and want to work hard to help make them the best they can be. I'd like to take this opportunity to describe the knowledge and skills that I'd bring to the position.

I've worked as a researcher focusing on children's development and education for over 25 years. One of my first jobs after graduating from college in the 1980s was as a research assistant at Bank Street College of Education. While there, I worked on some of earliest studies looking at classroom computer use. Within a couple of years I knew that I wanted to continue working as a researcher and went to graduate school at New York University where I earned a Ph.D. in psychology.

I'm currently a senior research scientist at Education Development Center. Every day I work with diverse groups of educators, policy makers and researchers to identify problems in education, propose solutions and investigate whether those solutions are likely to benefit children.

The studies address a range of topics, for example: What kinds of assessments provide teachers with useful information? Is online learning a good way to expand rural students' access to advanced math courses? What are effective ways to teach young children math? My work requires that I know a lot about the types of academic and social experiences children need to succeed. I pay close attention to education policy and program developments, as well as the controversies that surround them.

My husband and I have volunteered at Haldane in many ways over the years. This year I served on a subcommittee with Haldane staff, administrators and other parents as part of the district's strategic planning initiative. It was exciting to see how invested we all are in supporting the district as it strives to provide the best possible education, one that addresses all aspects of children's well-being.

Recent Haldane boards of education have done a great job under difficult circumstances. They have worked hard for the community and our children by hiring excellent administrators, negotiating difficult financial circumstances and identifying places where the district can



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make smart investments. Under the best of circumstances this is hard work. The current contentious education climate makes it more difficult. I believe my skills and knowledge would make me a valuable and effective board trustee as the district works to continue improving.

I love my work and am devoted to working with others to improve public education for children around the country. I'd be honored to have the opportunity to use what I know to support my community's schools.

Garrison School Honor Roll for Third Quarter, 2014-15

Principal's List

- Eighth Grade** — Robin Ben Adi, Katelyn Pidala, Henry Weed
- Seventh Grade** — Gaetano Cervone, Madison Clark, McKenzie Clark, Henry Heckert, Solana McKee, Conor McMahon, Emerson Smith, Isaac Walker, Rexford Young
- Sixth Grade**: Fallon Barry, Ava DuBois, Sophie Stark, Benjamin Strol, Luke Wimer
- High Honor Roll**
- Eighth Grade** — Devin Heanue, Benjamin McGowan, Estella Struck
- Seventh Grade** — Lukas DeRoche, Valerie Mancuso, Hayden Mayer, Aurora McKee, Benjamin McPherson, Connor O'Reilly, Anna Rowe, Nazir Sharifi

- Sixth Grade** — Rachel Iavicoli, Kyle Mayo, Elizabeth Nelson, John Vogel
- Honor Roll**
- Eighth Grade** — Sydney Cottrell, Jack Kelly, Hanna Scali
- Seventh Grade** — Peter Angelopoulos, Anna Brief, Jill Cox, Denis Driscoll, Benjamin Higbee, Megan Horan, Remy Mancuso, Ava Rouxel, William Stark
- Sixth Grade** — Amy Albertson, Autumn Hartman, Sasha Levy, Ariana Shahbodaghi, Zachary Shannon

Charles Hustis

Haldane trustee candidate

I am announcing my candidacy for the Haldane Board of Education because I feel there is a need for a new set of eyes and a fresh perspective to help serve the entire district. My time on the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees (2010-2014) gave me the opportunity to see firsthand how the different levels of government operate, as well as how different state agencies operate with our hardworking tax dollars. Along with that service, I have had the opportunity to work in the district as a paid substitute teacher, which has been a wonderful experience to see how the future generation of thinkers are developing and get-

ting ready for the challenges of the real world, which at times looks real ugly.

Infrastructure upgrades are going to have to be investigated and research into possible and available grants to help costs for these necessary infrastructure upgrades. The Board of Education has a responsibility to the taxpayers of the district that all generated tax dollars that come via the property tax calculations are used in a way that maintains efficiency throughout the district, as well as dealing with possible issues that arise.

Going through the district and talking to parents and others, the issue of drug and alcohol use is a growing concern. There have been too many good, decent children who have unfortunately passed away due to her-

oin and other drug use and that is very sad to see. We as an entire district have a challenge on our hands to deal with this very serious issue and be there to support all children and provide positivity.

Finances, specifically how to best spend tax dollars from hard-working people is a challenge to any board of education. Tough business decisions are going to have to be made down the road in order to see that the entire district is providing the best education for those children who are working to become better citizens and have a chance to make a decent living in a tough business market. Haldane does a very good job giving their students a broad exposure to different areas of interest.



Charles Hustis Photo by Michael Turton

I welcome the opportunity to serve you, the people of the Haldane Central School District, and I ask for your support on May 19. Please get out and support your choices for trustee,

as well as casting support for the budget proposal brought before you on the ballot. This budget was worked on for quite some time and it deserves support.

Sarah Carnevale (from previous page)

successful college study and the current workplace is another challenge.

I am prepared to meet all of these challenges, from the broad to the small. I have a degree in mathematics from Duke University and two master's degrees in

education and administration. I am an involved member of the community and keep my finger on the pulse of the issues facing Haldane. I look forward to serving you on its school board.



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Await Harassment Trial Verdict *(from page 1)*

her as she returned to her car and that she felt threatened. When he asked if he had physically threatened or cursed at her she replied, “No.”

Patterson twice asked Costello to dismiss the case for lack of evidence, but his motions were denied.

Marie Early, now a trustee on the Cold Spring Village Board, testified for the defense. She was working as a voting machine inspector at the polling station that Election Day. She said she did not witness a conversation between Weissbrod and Bridget Villetto inside the firehouse and that she had heard no yelling. She also testified that when she exited the firehouse onto Church Street to have a cigarette at about the time Weissbrod left the building, she saw no interaction between him and the Villettos.

Weissbrod took the stand in his own defense. He said that he did have a conversation with Bridget Villetto inside the firehouse but that he did not yell at her. He said that when he asked her if she was the person who had referred to Cold Spring residents as “stupid” in letters to the *PCNR*, she did not respond. He further testified that when the Villettos left the firehouse, he “had no idea where they went.” Weissbrod added that when he stepped outside the firehouse, he met Michael Bowman, who asked him what had just happened inside. Weissbrod said he explained the situation to Bowman and then proceeded to walk north on Church Street. Bowman, who was elected as a village trustee that day, was listed as a witness for the prosecution but did not appear in court. Bishop said that he believed Bowman might have had difficulty getting time off work.

The defendant disputed Bridget Villetto’s testimony, saying that he did not follow them down the sidewalk and didn’t encounter them until he approached their car, some distance down Church Street. He said that Joan Villetto was already seated in the car and that Bridget Villetto was walking around to the driver’s side of the vehicle. Weissbrod said that he did engage in another conversation with Bridget Villetto, asking her if she had ever run a police roadblock, to which he said she responded, “No.”

Costello ordered Weissbrod to be in court on Wednesday, May 13, at 1 p.m., at which time he will render his verdict.



Hiroko Merante with son, Peter, in 1970
Photo provided

Obituary
**Hiroko Merante
(1934–2015)**

Hiroko Merante, of Cold Spring, passed away at home on May 4, 2015. Born in Tokyo, Japan, on August 31, 1934, she came to the United States in 1970 after meeting and marrying her husband, Anthony Merante, while he was stationed in Japan with the U.S. Navy. She was the daughter of Kinichi and Kuni Kikuchi. She became an American citizen in July 1976.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony, of Cold Spring; two sons, Ryosuke and his wife Leehann (of Poughquag) and Peter and his wife Christine (of Fishers, Indiana); her sister Kazuko and her husband Kenneth Reckner, and her sister Masako Smith; her sister-in-law, Laura Merante, her brothers-in-law John (Carolyn), of Cold Spring, and William (Diane) of Bullville, New York; and her pride and joy, her two grandsons—Aidan and Matthew Merante of Fishers, Indiana. To them she was their special “Obasan.”

Hiroko was a quiet woman of many talents. The entire Nelsonville neighborhood admired and benefited from her gardening skills. She

was a talented seamstress and a cook of both American and Japanese cuisine. She was a devout Buddhist and practiced until illness overtook her. She greatly enjoyed cheering her sons play on Haldane’s teams. A new love entered later in her life, her Cho Cho (a papillon whose name means “butterfly” in Japanese).

The family especially wants to acknowledge the immeasurable support and love given by Hiroko’s caregivers: Katty Agudo and her family (especially Kayle), Pam Jones, Lynda Ann Ewen, and the amazing aides and nurses from the Visiting Nurses’ Service and Hospice.

A memorial service for Hiroko will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Cold Spring, with reception to follow. Call Clinton Funeral Home for details at 845-265-3333.

The End of the Road *(from page 1)*

trash and taking part in such civic projects as the restoration of the fire tower.

With the cities of Beacon and Fishkill as well as the NYS Parks Department planning on stepping up enforcement of the law this year due to increased vehicular traffic, many hoped that some sort of compromise could be reached to allow exceptions for those who use the trails responsibly.

“We can’t alienate the Jeep clubs until we need their help,” noted Antony Tseng, who has worked with the clubs as a member of both the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp and the group that restored the fire tower. “There’s got to be a middle ground in there somewhere for everyone to get along and know the rules.” Rocco hoped that some sort of program could be put into place in which a limited number of off-roaders could be given legal access to the trails via some sort of permit system, although he noted that the system would be difficult to enforce.

“Who’s going to take the time to run an organization like that, to oversee that, to enforce that?” he asked. “Scenic Hudson? The Dutchess County sheriff? State police? Forest rangers? Who’s going to

take the lead?”

One thing’s for sure: It won’t be the Parks Department. As Randy Simmons, public information officer for the Parks Department told *The Paper*, the law is inflexible.

“Illegal ATV use has a negative impact on trails in the parks, and Park Police actively enforce regulations that prohibit their use,” he said. Although some New York State parks offer limited access to off-road vehicles, such as some of the seaside parks on Long Island, Simmons said the two situations are not comparable. “We issue permits to four-wheel-drive passenger vehicles to allow people to access beach areas for fishing and other recreational activities. Permit holders are traveling relatively short distances at very slow speeds, and then park their vehicles at surf fishing locations.”

When asked if the Parks Department would consider either constructing new off-road trails somewhere in either the Hudson Highlands or Fahnestock State Parks, or officially designating certain current trails as multiuse trails, Simmons said that the opportunity for such

considerations had passed.

“The designation of ATV trails were not included in the 2010 master plan for Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Park, which was adopted following ample opportunities from the public to participate in shaping the plan,” he said. Simmons declined to answer if the master plan was due to be revised any time soon, or if there would be a similar forum in the future.

In fact, the adopted master plan calls for increased policing of the trails in order to specifically forbid the use of such vehicles. “Although these vehicles are not allowed in state parks, there is evidence of damage to natural systems that shows their use both on and off existing trail networks,” it states. “Increased enforcement will prevent further damage to natural communities and allow them to recover.” The plan also advocates letting

certain double-track trails, which are currently wide enough to allow passage of off-road vehicles, grow back in to a reduced width of 18 to 30 inches across, rendering them impassable for drivers.

With increased enforcement on the horizon, it’s unclear who will step up to be an advocate for responsible, legal multi-use of the trails that have been driven by Beaconites since the casino, incline railroad and ski resort — all long since gone — established Mount Beacon as the crown jewel of the Hudson Highlands. Also unclear is if they would even be listened to.

“I’ve tried to create a ‘Friends of Mount Beacon Group,’ but every time I do, all the overlapping groups like the New York–New Jersey Trail Conference, Scenic Hudson and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust say, ‘Don’t worry. We’ve got it under control,’” said Rocco.

“To be honest, I don’t think they do.”



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The Calendar



MAYfest organizer Melia Marzollo, demonstrating a paddleboard yoga pose

Photo by Caroline Kaye

MAYfest Brings Blend of Music, Art and Yoga to Cold Spring

Memorial Day weekend festival debuts at Surprise Lake Camp

By Alison Rooney

Sometimes, ideas take shape from proximity. David Marzollo spends a great deal of time with a yoga studio owner. Melia Marzollo spends that same time with a music festival organizer. As a married couple whose entrepreneurial flair has been directed into different fields, the two realized that these fields could be complementary. As an experiment, last year Melia, who owns and runs Cold Spring’s Sky-baby Yoga and Pilates, started and ran a “wellness village” at Dave’s Catskill Chill music festival. To her surprise, over 200 people made use of the facility, located smack in the middle of festival, demonstrating the need, she said, “to quiet down amidst it all. We offered massage therapy, sound healing, aromatherapy, a teahouse, a place to buy produce, somewhere to lie down, meditate. It was never empty and it created a different vibe for the festival.”

Dave said: “When we saw so many sign up, over two separate days, we realized how big this could be ... People think music-lovers are one group of people and yoga-lovers are another, but we’ve found they’re often the same people.” Taking measure of this success, and each having helped the other in their respective businesses, they decided to combine forces and create a blend of the two. The result is a very ambitious, two-day, three-night event called MAY-fest, the MAY an acronym for “music, art and yoga.” It will take place over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22 to 24, at Cold Spring’s Surprise Lake Camp.



Sadie Nardini, left, and yoga teacher Justin Wolfer, from Saratoga’s Rise Yogo, above, will instruct at MAYfest.

Images courtesy of Melia Marzollo

There, a crowd of what the Marzollos are hoping will be 300 to 500 — they’re fully aware that this is a first-year endeavor with all the uncertainty that goes along with it — can partake of a huge lineup in all three areas. According to advance material, “Festivalgoers will immerse themselves into their yoga practice, their love for music and their desire to explore their creative side. Attendees can spend the entire weekend at the serene lakeside setting, visit for the day, or just come at night for the music.”

Melia said, “It’s a homegrown festival where people get to go back to camp.”

What they’ve devised will take place over the course of Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. Patrons, whom they envision will come from far and wide, a mix of overnights, day-trippers and locals, will be able to fine-tune their selections by interests and how long they are staying, and can choose up to

four classes per day. Shuttles will bring attendees from the train station up to the camp, and accommodation options, for those who (Continued on page 11)

Aquatic Installation Floats in Manitoga’s Quarry Pond

Talasnik’s woven-reed structures created in response to the site

By Alison Rooney

Manitoga is now in the second year of its resident artist program. Begun in 2014 with visual and aural artist Melissa McGill and composer Ben Neill, invited artists experience industrial designer Russel Wright’s landscape, home and studio for an extended period of time and channel it into their own creative response. This year’s resident artist, Stephen Talasnik, is a sculptor who specializes in site-specific installations in nature — this one aquatic, taking place in the large quarry pond above which Manitoga’s buildings are situated.

Built at Newburgh’s Atlas Industries (where each piece is designed to fit through the doors, stairwells and elevators at the building), and assembled on-site at Manitoga, the work was installed in April. Talasnik’s structures, this one titled *Sanctuary*, are not thwarted or impeded by weather and other environmental conditions; instead they are purposefully intended to evolve because of these very things.

Talasnik explained: “The piece is at its most vibrant when it is made, but once left to the elements, it lasts as long as it lasts. The piece is vulnerable to the same elements that are in a constant state of change themselves, nature. It is created, lives, and dies. There is a life span ... [*Sanctuary*] is organized, engineered, and built for the moment. It is here for a short time, a temporary aesthetic, much like the seasons ... I think that the spirit of Wright and of the natural environment is far more meaningful when we cherish the opportunity to examine the moment.”

Talasnik believes “the responsibility of the artist is to (Continued on page 11)



Components of *Sanctuary* at Manitoga’s Quarry Pool: *Orbit*, left, *Nimbus* and *Planets*

Photo by Don Pollard

The Calendar

For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info.
Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Kids & Community

Hudson Valley Fair
5 - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
hudsonvalleyfair.com

Frog Walk
7:30 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hnnaturemuseum.org

Sports

Haldane vs. Webutuck (Baseball)
7 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Art & Design

Barbara Korman (Opening)
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Asian-American Artists of the Hudson Valley (Opening)
7 - 9 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Film & Theater

On Golden Pond
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Music

Marc Black / Earthtones / Goldee Greene
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Moonraker
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnnsbeacon.com

Midnight Slim
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Meetings & Lectures

The Language of Landscape
6 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Second Saturday in Beacon

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers' Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

Philipstown Garden Club Plant Sale
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
philipstowngardenclub.org

Common Ground Farm Seedling Sale
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tito Santana Taqueria
142 Main St., Beacon
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Contemplative Hike (ages 6–12)
10 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

Introduction to Babysitting (grades 6–12)
10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

The Stars Come Out (ages 4+)
10 & 11 a.m. & Noon. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Tools, Toys and Tales of the Native Peoples
10 a.m. Denning's Point
199 Dennings Ave., Beacon
845-765-2721 | bire.org

Cruise Tour of Bannerman Island
11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Beacon dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Hudson Valley Fair
Noon - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
See details under Friday.

Mother's Day Craft Party
3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Member Opening Celebration
5 - 7 p.m. Manitoga
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

West Point Foundry Exhibit (Member Preview)
5 - 7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Middle School Teen Night (grades 6–8)
7 - 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

2015 Riverkeeper Sweep

Register at riverkeeper.org
Constitution Island
9 a.m. Metro-North, Cold Spring

Denning's Point
9 a.m. Trailhead, Beacon

Foundry Dock Park
9 a.m. Cold Spring

Garrison's Landing
9 a.m. Garrison

Little Stony Point Park
9 a.m. 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring

Manitou
9 a.m. Manitou Station, Garrison

Beacon Waterfront
10 a.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon

Dockside Park
10 a.m. 34 West St., Cold Spring

Lower Wappinger Creek
11 a.m. Boat Launch
117 Market St., Wappingers Falls

Health & Fitness

Aqua Zumba
8:30 a.m. Beacon High School
10 Education Drive, Beacon
914-475-0493 | cityofbeacon.org

Bereavement Support Group
11 a.m. Our Lady of Loretto
24 Fair St., Cold Spring
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Sports

Haldane vs. Putnam Valley (Lacrosse)
11 a.m. Haldane High School
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Art & Design

The Art Spirit: Yoga and Life Drawing
Noon - 4 p.m. Living Yoga Studios
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

2nd Annual Jewelry Trunk Show
1 - 6 p.m. Flat Iron Gallery
105 S. Division St., Peekskill
914-734-1894 | flatirongallerypeekskill.com

Monica Amor Speaks on Fred Sandback
2 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St., Beacon
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

Wanderings and Wonderings: Jonathan VanDyke
2 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Riverside Art Auction
3:30 p.m. Viewing | 5 p.m. Auction
6:30 p.m. French grill picnic
Garrison Art Center | See details under Friday.

Second Saturday Openings

Hudson Beach Glass
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rina Young Jewelry
6:30 p.m. Artist Talk With Peter Gourfain
162 Main St., Beacon
845-440-0068 | hudsonbeachglass.com

Rafael Quirindongo: Scenes of the Valley
5 - 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Alison Perez: Zukies!
6 - 9 p.m. Dream in Plastic | 177 Main St., Beacon
845-632-3383 | dreaminplastic.com

bau Gallery
6 - 9 p.m. Charlotte Schultz
6 - 9 p.m. Julie Jacobs (Photography)
506 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7584 | baugallery.com

Group Show: Spectre of Atma
6 - 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 163 Main St., Beacon
212-255-2505 | shop.cluttermagazine.com

Group Show: Persistent Song
6 - 8 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery
149 Main St., Beacon
917-318-2239 | theoganzstudio.com

Catalyst Gallery
6 - 9 p.m. Scott Lerman: *First Sight*
6 - 9 p.m. Susan Keiser: *A River Made of Time and Memory* | 137 Main St., Beacon
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

Sharon Butler: New Social Situations
6 - 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery
454 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Film & Theater

Halfway to Halloween Film Festival
4 p.m. *Little Shop of Horrors* (1960)
5:30 p.m. *House on Haunted Hill* (1959)
7 p.m. Triple Feature: *The Lady Vanishes* (1938) | *Plan 9 from Outer Space* (1959) | *Night of the Living Dead* (1968) | The Beacon Theatre
445 Main St., Beacon
845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org

Cine Beacon Inaugural Screening
7:30 p.m. CineHub
20 W. Main St., Beacon | cinebeacon.com

On Golden Pond
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Music

Tall County
7 p.m. The Pantry | 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-2840 | thepantrycs.com

Saturday Night Swing Dance
7 p.m. Lesson | 8 p.m. Dance
Embark, 925 South St., Peekskill
917-671-7772 | facebook.com/embarkpeekskill

Latin Music Night
8 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com

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

Soldier/Kane
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnnsbeacon.com

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The Calendar (from page 9)

Sports

Haldane vs. Arlington (Baseball)
4:30 p.m. Haldane High School
See details under Saturday.

Music

Andy Stack (Hammond Organ Jazz)
8 p.m. Quinn's | See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Career Assistance Sessions
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-249-4642 | dutchessonestop.org
Appointment required.

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

Dutchess County Chamber Mixer
5 - 7 p.m. The Roundhouse | 2 E. Main St., Beacon
845-454-1700 | dcrroc.org

Love and Lust in Islam
6 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art
1701 Main St., Peekskill
914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

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

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

Meet the School Board Candidates
7 p.m. Haldane School (Auditorium)
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

Historic District Review Board
8 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Support Groups
For a full list of area support groups, visit:
philipstown.info/sg

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Kids & Community

Butterfield Library
10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies
12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (ages 2.5-5)
See details under Tuesday.

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

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

Glynwood Farm
3 - 6 p.m. Meat & Vegetable Store Open
3:30 - 5 p.m. Family Farm Tour
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | store.glynwood.org

Children Read to Dogs
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Tuesday.

Fun With Fabric (grades K-6) (First Session)
4 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
See details under Monday.

Sunset on the Hudson Cocktail Party
6:30 p.m. Xaviers on the Hudson
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Sports

Haldane vs. Putnam Valley (Softball)
4:30 p.m. Haldane High School
See details under Saturday.

Music

High School Spring Concert
7 p.m. Haldane High School
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

The Rhythm Future Quartet / Sara Labriola
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Stephan Bodian: Dancing on the Razor's Edge (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Haldane PTA
3:30 p.m. Haldane Maker Space
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

Haldane District Voter Registration
4 - 8 p.m. Middle School (lobby)
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Beacon Area Jobs Meeting
6 - 8 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
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Meet the School Board Candidates
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

North Highlands Fire District Meeting
7 p.m. 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
845-265-7285 | nhfd21.org

Code Update Committee
7 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

History of the NY Aqueduct System
7 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Kids & Community

Gaming Club
3 - 5 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Hudson Valley Fair
5 - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
See details under May 8.

Bannerman Island Tour & Summit Hike
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Cheese 101: American Artisanal
7 p.m. Beacon Pantry
382 Main St., Beacon
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Health & Fitness

Navigating Health Care Options
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
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misn-ny.org | Appointment required.

Heal Thyself: Fostering Resilience Among Health Care Practitioners (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute | 14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Art & Design

Beacon 3D Sculpture Exhibit Opens
Main Street, Beacon | beacon3d.org

Film & Theater

On Golden Pond
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under May 8.

Music

Open-Mic Night
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org | 7:30 p.m. Sign-up

Jane Monheit: The Jazz of Judy Garland
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under May 8.

Meetings & Lectures

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

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MAYfest Brings Blend of Music, Art and Yoga to Cold Spring (from page 7)

need it, include on-site cabin rentals, bunkhouses or tent spots. For those who like things less rustic, there will also be hotel shuttle runs to Fishkill. Although the festival ends on Sunday, people can stay overnight and depart Monday morning. There are a variety of meal plans available, in addition to independent food vendors for more on-the-fly eating. There will also be craft, clothing and jewelry vendors. A Skybaby Healing Tent will offer tarot readings, polarity demonstrations and advice sessions on how to use medicinals and other ayurvedic remedies.

Buying a ticket (online, through the festival's site) automatically creates a "schedule builder" on which to make selections. The purchase provides access to all of the music. There is a selection of passes: full weekend, one-day, one-class, etc. The yoga classes will be taught by both world-renowned and local instructors, according to Melia, offered sunrise to sunset in multiple locations. There will also be a workshop on photographing yoga. Garrison Art Center will provide all of the many art

classes, which include origami, block printing, book making and landscape painting. All yoga and art classes will be held outdoors when possible, but with alternate, indoor locations should Mother Nature not cooperate.

Physical activities are by no means limited to yoga. Taking advantage of Surprise Lake Camp's location and amenities, there will be guided hikes and foraging excursions, canoeing, "beach" parties, open basketball courts, as well as standup paddleboard yoga, qigong and outdoor meditation.

"We're offering activities which celebrate being alive ... At some yoga festivals it's just yoga. Here you can be someone who doesn't like one particular element and that's fine; there's always something else you can do at that time," Melia noted.

Music will be varied, with a 16-band lineup and each band bringing, according to Dave, "something unique and pertinent." There'll be some rock 'n' roll, bluegrass and world music, along with yogi DJs.

Children and teenagers are welcome,



Nahko from Nahko and Medicine for the People, one of MAYfest's headline bands

Image courtesy of Melia Marzollo

with programming for both age groups taking place at the "kids' canteen," which has a collection of table and board games, sports, arts and crafts, storytelling and an evening slumber party where kids are cared for by "nannies" while their parents go and listen to music. Children under 12 can't come without parents, and all children will be signed in and given an ID bracelet. There will be some classes geared to teenagers, and they are also welcome to attend any of the adult classes as well as partake of all the

outdoor activities and simply hang out at the canteens and listen to music or watch films at night.

"This represents the two of us — our first complete collaboration" Melia said. "Dave's music-land and I'm yoga-land; there's a yin and a yang. We wanted to create something new and bring it home to where we live."

With his background organizing the Catskill Chill Festival, which attracts over 5,000 people to a three-day event each September, David handled the music bookings, while Melia lined up teachers, some brought in from connecting with other regional studios, the idea being to "deepen the web, not to be competitive," she explained.

The Marzollos are excited about MAYfest and are certain the community will embrace it as well. "What we're offering, in terms of cost, is hopefully affordable for your family," Melia said.

For full information on packages, costs and the complete schedule of workshops, teachers and musical acts, visit mayfestny.com or MAYfestny on Facebook.

Aquatic Installation Floats in Manitoga's Quarry Pond (from page 7)

take nature and drag it through their own personal experience with the objective of creating a *new nature* — an organic, near seamless synthesis of nature and personal knowledge." As with much of his work, this sculpture is made (all by hand, with no computer modeling) of woven-reed structures, held together by repurposed stainless-steel fasteners. His work in these materials, often bamboo, can be connected with his past.

His biography at stephentalanik.com describes him as growing up in a Philadelphia neighborhood "surrounded by oil refineries, shipyards, an airport, and a cemetery. As a child, he built roller coasters out of toothpicks, futuristic model cities out of discarded radio and television parts, and skyscrapers out of household product containers." After attending the Rhode Island School of Design and the Tyler School of Art, and working as exhibitions coordinator at the Fleisher Art Memorial, Talasnik journeyed to Japan, invited there to establish an art and design program at Temple University's Tokyo campus.

Teaching and traveling extensively throughout the Far East over a period of years, he studied "the craft of homespun engineering that utilized indigenous natural materials. He observed farmers build bridges, irrigation systems, and houses with reed, bamboo, and vine."

Not previously aware of Wright's connection to Japan (aesthetic and philosophical, and reflected in particular in the interior design of the home and studio), Talasnik said he "became curious about our mutual interests through the objects I discovered in his house and studio. After examining his collection, I realized we had intersecting passions."

Just 14 years ago, Talasnik shifted from working in drawing form to dimensional design. His first small-scale structures were akin to architectural model making. According to his biography, "his first major installation was a commission from the Japan Society in New York City, invited as the lone non-Asian participant in a survey of contemporary bamboo art. His first large-scale, outdoor commission was from the Storm King Art Center, where he designed and built *Stream*, a temporary, site-specific bamboo structure



Endurance, left, and Eclipse, two components of Sanctuary floating in front of Dragon Rock's 'nose,' a feature of Manitoga's Quarry Pond

Photo by Don Pollard

covering three acres that survived an earthquake, hurricane and a winter of one of the worst snowfalls in recorded history in the Hudson Valley."

Asked about what would appear to be a quick progression in scale and the complexity of his work, Talasnik said: "There is no standardized timeline for evolution. One develops at one's own rate of time. Sculpture came to me after drawing for 25 years exclusively. It happens when it happens. What's important is that if and when it happens, you're ready."

Talasnik, whose work is included in major international collections such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum, Centre Pompidou, British Museum and the Albertina, first viewed Manitoga on his own as a visitor; later, inspired by what he found, he proposed a collaboration. He wrote, "There is an intimacy to the choreographed environment that engages the senses. It compels the individual to confront an immediate and intimate space within a suggestively theatrical natural sanctuary."

Allison Cross, Manitoga's executive director, said of Talasnik's work, "Similar to Wright's intervention at Manitoga, Talasnik's work occupies the intersection of art, innovation, science and nature and enters into a profound dialogue with place. Of the moment, it is variable and temporal, responding to the seasons and to changes in the environment."

Special artist-led tours of *Sanctuary* with Talasnik are scheduled for May 30 and Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Registration for these and other Manitoga events is available through brownpapertickets.com. There will be an opening celebration for *Sanctuary* for Manitoga members on May 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Sanctuary will be on view as part of Manitoga's regular house and landscape tour, which is given twice a day on Fridays through Mondays, at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. General admission is \$20, seniors and students \$15; reservations are needed. Tour participants should wear durable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Visitors meet at the guide house next to the parking lot located at 584 Route 9D, in Garrison.

The work will be on view through Nov. 9, 2015. Additional information about the artist is available at stephentalanik.com. More information on Manitoga is available at visitmanitoga.org or by phoning 845-424-3812.

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Philipstown Garden Club
Mother’s Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, at North
Highlands Firehouse

Celebrate Mother’s Day by buying plants that can save the monarch butterflies and bees at the Philipstown Garden Club’s Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Highlands Fire Department, 504 Fishkill Road (near Route 9) in Cold Spring.

The monarch population has dropped 59 percent this year, falling to the lowest level since comparable record keeping began 20 years ago. You can help by planting native milkweed, the only plants that host the monarch caterpillars. At the sale will be two different types of native milkweed (orange and pink).

The bee population has also drastically declined due to colony collapse disorder. There will be many native pollinator plants that can help boost the bee population in addition to hosting other butterflies. The sale also includes popular member plants, annuals, herbs and vegetables.

Ten percent of all sales (minimum \$10) from Haldane and Garrison school families will be donated to the respective school gardens.

Free Hepatitis C Testing
at PCDOH on May 19

Baby boomers especially at risk

The Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) is offering a full day of free hepatitis C testing on National Hepatitis Testing Day, Tuesday, May 19, for all New York state baby boomers. Testing starts at 10 a.m. and runs to 7 p.m. at the main health department office at 1 Geneva Road in Brewster. No appointment is necessary. The generation born from 1945 to 1965 is at particular risk, and U.S. health officials encourage everyone in this age category to take this one-time test, regardless of any specific risk.

While chronic hepatitis C infection goes undetected, liver damage can still occur — with serious long-term consequences such as liver failure, cirrhosis or cancer. Baby boomers are at higher risk because the infection is transmitted through infected blood, and comprehensive blood screening was not available until 1992. Most boomers are believed to have become infected in the 1970s and 1980s when rates of hepatitis C were the highest. Viral hepatitis is a leading infectious cause of death in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The good news is that hepatitis C can be treated with several medications, and

some of the newer ones have fewer side effects.

Residents who can’t make the free testing day on May 19 can call the health department at 845-808-1390 for information about other free testing opportunities.

Ballet Arts Concert
Features American Music
Simple Gifts *includes classics and Pete Seeger*

Ballet Arts Studio announces its spring 2015 concert, “Simple Gifts: A Treasury of American Music,” Saturday, May 30, at the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, with performances at 2 and 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature both American composers and American musicians and vocalists who interpret international compositions.

Many are familiar with the Russian and European ballet composers, as well as American classical composers such as Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein, both of whom will be featured in the performance. Ballet Arts Studio is also taking the opportunity, however, to explore and put to dance some works by composers such as Louis Moreau Gottschalk, William Grant Still, Amy Beach and Steve Reich. “We are excited to be exposing our audience to some of these less broadly recognized, but no less deserving, American classical composers,” said Alex Bloomstein, artistic director of Ballet Arts Studio. And no survey of American music would be complete without Pete Seeger, who is not only an American treasure, but a Hudson Valley local hero. Ballet Arts will be using Pete Seeger’s rendition of the Woody Guthrie classic “This Land Is Your Land” to accompany the studio’s youngest modern dancers.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 students and seniors and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are general admission and are available at Ballet Arts Studio, 845-831-1870, the Bardavon Box Office, 845-473-2072 and via Ticketmaster.com.

State Parks, OSI Protect
Land Near Fahnestock

Preserves significant land from development

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) and the Open Space Institute (OSI) announced April 24 that two properties totaling 270 acres in Putnam County that had been threatened by development will be added to Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park, expanding outdoor recreational opportunities and open space protection in the

Hudson Highlands.

OSI acquired the first of the two properties, 235-acre “Roaring Brook,” which will provide valuable habitat for sensitive plants and animals and further expand the park’s abundant recreational offerings. OSI will hold Roaring Brook until State Parks purchases it, planning to use a combination of funding from the state’s Environmental Protection Fund and from the federal Highlands Conservation Act program.

The Roaring Brook property has been an acquisition priority of State Parks for over a decade. The effort to protect it began over a year ago, when the Roaring Brook Lake Homeowners Association began calling for the conservation of the threatened land. Over the past 20 years, the property, valued at \$787,500, has been the subject of various development proposals. The most recent plan, from the spring 2013, proposed 15 residential lots along the property’s ridgeline.

State Parks has also completed the purchase of 35 acres in Putnam Valley, protecting a ridge above Oscawana Lake from the impacts of residential development. The property will allow for the establishment of a public trailhead to facilitate development of trails in the southernmost section of Fahnestock Park, as designated in the park’s 2010 master plan. The acreage was identified by the Hudson Highlands Land Trust as a Legacy Landscape conservation priority. The land was acquired for \$414,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund.

Vassar Awarded Cooke
Prize for Supporting Low-
Income Students

Unrestricted funds the largest ever accolade of its kind

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced an inaugural \$1 million award to Vassar College for its success in attracting and graduating low-income students. The Cooke Prize for Equity in Educational Excellence is the largest award in the nation recognizing a college making strides in enrolling low-income students and supporting them to successful graduation.

The no-strings-attached award recognizes an institution’s accomplishments in enrollment, financial aid, academics and student support services.

According to Vassar president Catharine Hill, the college will apply the Cooke Prize to programs for lower-income students, “first generation” students (the first in their family to attend college) and undocumented students, so-called “Dreamers.” This will include increased support to the college’s “Transitions” pre-orientation program for first-year students, as well as greater support for summer internships so that students from all socioeconomic backgrounds can benefit from these valuable experiences.

Since taking the helm in 2006, Hill has led Vassar’s transformation into a far more socioeconomically diverse college campus, prioritizing a commitment of funds to its strictly need-based financial aid budget.

Hill, a higher-education economist, add-

ed, “Currently in the U.S. the likelihood of earning a bachelor’s degree depends to a large extent on a person’s family income and race. This must change for our country to live up to its principles of social advancement for all. Selective colleges and universities with large endowments must do their part by committing significantly more resources to need-based financial aid. Government incentives to do so would help, but we don’t need to wait for government policy changes.”

More information about the Cooke Prize for Equity in Educational Excellence can be found at excellencegap.org/prize.

Beacon
Beacon Community
Blood Drive and Festival
May 17

Save lives and enjoy food, music,
yoga, games and more

Beacon Hebrew Alliance will hold its third annual blood drive, Units of Love: Beacon Community Blood Drive and Festival, co-hosted with the City of Beacon Fire Department, and this time it’s going to be bigger and better than ever before. The drive will take place Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lewis Tompkins Hose Fire House, 13 South Ave. (at the corner of Main Street and Route 9D) in Beacon.

Every 2 seconds, someone is in need of a lifesaving blood donation. If just 1 percent more people donated, there would never be a blood shortage again. Learn more at the Facebook page for Units of Love.

RiverWinds Opens Show,
Raises Funds for Nepal

Artist reception Second Sat., May 9

RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main St. in Beacon presents *Transformation* — Paintings by Liliana Washburn, opening on Beacon Second Saturday, May 9, with an artist reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The show runs through June 7.

On the same day, the gallery will support Beacon Natural Market’s effort to raise funds for the Nepal earthquake relief effort, donating 10 percent of all sales. Kitty and LT Sherpa own Beacon Natural Market. LT’s brother, Tashi Sherpa, owner and founder of Sherpa Adventure Gear is in Kathmandu, is involved in the relief effort. RiverWinds’ donations will go to a fund the Sherpas have set up, guaranteeing that 100 percent will be spent on the urgent provision of clean drinking water, food, sanitation and shelter in Nepal. Donors can also go directly to crowdrise.com/helpsherpashelpnepal and click on “Team Member Beacon Natural” to donate.

Born in Brazil and now residing in Holmes, New York, Washburn is a contemporary abstract artist whose main painting surface is a synthetic paper called Yupo. This paper allows her to contrast inks’ subtleness with acrylics’ strengths to express her deepest emotions. Several of the paintings in this show are part of her “Human Nature” series, inviting the viewer to a journey into

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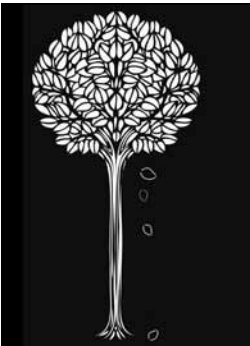
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Cultivation by Liliana Washburn
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(from previous page) the subconscious mind. RiverWinds Gallery is open Wednesday through Monday from noon to 6 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Second Saturday. For more information, visit riverwindsgallery.com.

Quirindongo Show at Howland Library

Reception on Beacon Second Saturday, May 9

The Howland Public Library presents *Scenes of the Valley*, an exhibition of photography by Rafael Quirindongo. The show is on view in the Community Room Exhibit Space through June 14. A Second Saturday artist's reception will be held on May 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Originally from New York City, Quirindongo studied astrophysics at Columbia University. In the early '80s, he became involved in the emerging computer industry of which he has been a part ever since. He held IT management positions at Xerox, Kodak and Sun Microsystems and helped implement the IT infrastructures for many of the largest news and magazine publishers in New York City, including *The New York Times*, *New York Post*, *New York Daily News*, *Time/Life*, *People* and *Sports Illustrated*. The exhibit focuses on the beauty of the Hudson Valley. In these works, Quirindongo's passion for science and technology is evident. He uses technology to create HDR (high-dynamic-range) photographs with a rich textural quality. The images, with their dramatic cloud forms and luminous skies, have an almost painterly quality. To learn more about Quirindongo, visit his website, rq-gallery.com.



Photo by Rafael Quirindongo
Courtesy of Howland Public Library

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main St. in Beacon. The Community Room Exhibit Space is open during regular library hours. The gallery may not be accessible during some library programs; consult the library calendar at beaconlibrary.org.

Bake Sale to Raise Funds for Teen Garden Program

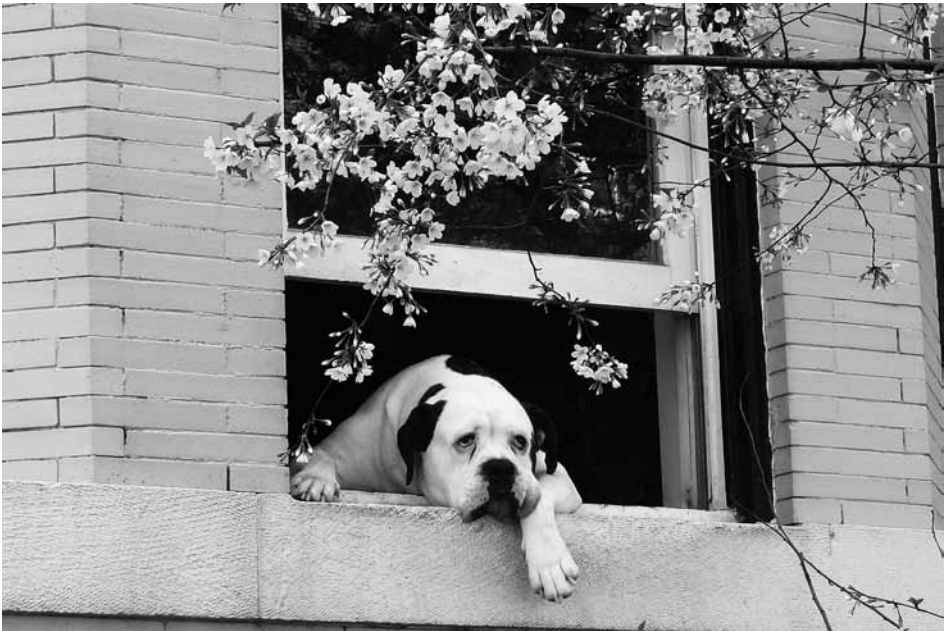
Green Teens give garden tours in Beacon June 6

On Saturday, June 6, For Goodness Bake will raise funds and awareness for the Green Teen Community Gardening Program. The bake sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Catalyst Gallery, 137 Main St. in Beacon. The Green Teen Community Gardening Program, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, works year-round to empower Beacon youths to be effective agents of change in their community by immersing them in the local food system. The program teaches life and work skills through hands-on experiences in farming and gardening, health and nutrition, entrepreneurship and leadership. Every year the Green Teens grow 1,200 square feet of vegetables, sell them via a mobile market and organize an annual photography exhibit highlighting their gardening experiences.

The lime green school bus that serves as the Teens' mobile market has become a beloved and welcome sight for those looking to get farm fresh food at affordable prices. The market accepts WIC, FMNP and EBT/SNAP, and visits public housing buildings, senior centers and community health centers throughout Beacon that do not readily have access to locally grown vegetables. Just across the street from the bake sale is one of the Green Teens' gardens, The Common Greens Garden at Tito Santana Taqueria. Throughout the day, the teens will be conducting garden tours as well as leading activities for children.

Some of the Hudson Valley's most celebrated amateur and professional bakers and confectioners are donating their time and talents to this bake sale. A wide array of sweet and savory baked treats, confections and vegan, gluten-free and sugar-free items will be available. For more information about the Green Teens, visit greenteen.org. To learn more about For Goodness Bake or to get involved, visit forgoodnessbake.org, call 845-243-3855 or email info@forgoodnessbake.org.

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



Lonely Dog by Dewey Lee
Photo courtesy of Howland Cultural Center

Howland Center Exhibits Asian-American Art

Celebrating Asian-American Month

During the month of May, the Howland Cultural Center will celebrate National Asian-American History Month with a special exhibition of eight Asian-American Artists of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition will run Friday, May 8, through Sunday, May 31, with an opening reception for the public to meet the artists on May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The artists, Craig Chin, Rieko Fujinami, Bibiana Huong-Matheis, Hiro Ichikawa, Insun Kim, Itoko Kobayaski, Dewey Lee and Jayoung Yoon, will exhibit paintings, photography, paper art, and sculpture.

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian-American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the U.S. of the first Japanese immigrants, May 7, 1843, and the contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration.

The Howland Cultural Center is at 477 Main St. in Beacon. Gallery hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays through Sundays with an exception on Sunday, May 17, when the Howland Chamber Music Circle presents the Trio Valtorna in concert and the art gallery will be closed to the general viewing public. For further information, call the Howland Cultural Center at 845-831-4988 or visit howland-culturalcenter.org.

Trio Valtorna to End Chamber Music Series

May 17 concert at Howland Center

The Howland Chamber Music Circle's 2014-15 series comes to an end with a performance by Trio Valtorna, an ensemble featuring French horn, violin and piano. Trio Valtorna formed in 2011. After performing together at Music From Angel Fire Chamber Music Festival, violinist Ida Kavafian and French horn player David Jolley decided to continue in collaboration, adding the young pianist Gilles Vonsattel to complete the ensemble. For its concert at the Howland Center, the trio has chosen to play *Twilight Music* for Horn, Piano and Violin by John Harbison, the Violin Sonata No. 2 in G Major by Maurice Ravel, and the Horn Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 40 by Johannes Brahms. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon, and will be

followed by a reception to meet the artists. Tickets at \$30 (\$10 for students) may be reserved by calling 845-765-3012 or at the Chamber Music Circle's website howlandmusic.org, where further information can be found.

May Events at Dia:Beacon

Gallery talk May 9, exhibit May 21

Dia:Beacon will present a gallery talk on artist Fred Sandback on Saturday, May 9, as well as an Arts Education Program Exhibition opening on Thursday, May 21. Gallery Talks at Dia:Beacon take place the second Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. Focusing on the work of a single artist on view at Dia:Beacon, these one-hour walkthroughs are led by curators, art historians and writers. Free with admission to the museum. Refreshments will be served at the Arts Education Program Exhibition on May 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Dia:Beacon Learning Lab. Featuring art made by the 2015 Arts Education Program participating students from Glenham, J. V. Forrestal, Sargent, and South Avenue elementary schools as well as Rombout Middle School. Dia:Beacon is located at 3 Beekman St. in Beacon. For more information, call 845-440-0100 or visit diaart.org.



Arts Education Program Exhibit at Dia:Beacon
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Mount Gulian: Dutch Colonial Homestead

‘We have no velvet ropes up’
By Alison Rooney

The Dutch Colonial homestead of Mount Gulian feels like a flinty, determined survivor. Holding its own, almost incongruously astride the banks of the Hudson, amid a contemporary grove of condominiums, the main house once served as a headquarters for Revolutionary War soldiers. Extending over a century, it was the home of the Verplanck family, whose patriarch, Gulian Verplanck, a New York City merchant, had it built sometime between 1730 and 1740. The Verplanck family moved from Holland to New York in the 1600s, and their primary residence was in Manhattan. In 1683, Verplanck, along with Francis Rombout, acquired the Rombout Patent of 85,000 acres from the Lenape Indians.

Not a mansion nor ostentatious in any way, the original house was enlarged several decades later, with a stone foundation indicating that the most noteworthy features — the front and back porches that extend the full length of the house, and the gambrel roof — were added around that time.

The home, an adjacent barn and an 1804-designed garden open for the season on April 27. Tours will be offered each afternoon four days a week through the end of October. This is Mount Gulian’s 40th year as a historic site open to visitors, yet many nearby are unaware of this National Historic Landmark, perhaps due to its location, tucked away where one wouldn’t expect it, off of Route 9D just north of Dia:Beacon and Main Street.

Elaine Harris, Mount Gulian’s executive director, described the site as “different from other historic houses, because we have no velvet ropes up. In fact we encour-

age visitors to come in, look at artifacts close up and even handle some of them.” Harris said the site is “small, but with lots of interpretive history: Native American, Dutch, Revolutionary War, Civil War, slavery, up to early 20th century.”

Visitors range from members of the public to some who come from as far away as Europe, school groups and descendants of the Verplanck family — one turned up recently from New Zealand, and a recent reunion drew around 50 participants.

During the Revolutionary War, Maj. Gen. Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben turned Mount Gulian (temporarily emptied of the Verplancks because of the war) into his headquarters. On the morning of May 13, 1783, a group of officers of the Continental Army met at Mount Gulian to found the Society of the Cincinnati, a fraternal veterans’ organization formed originally to facilitate “fellowship, friendship and recognition for officer war veterans of the Continental Army,” which exists to this day; the New York chapter still uses Mount Gulian as its headquarters.

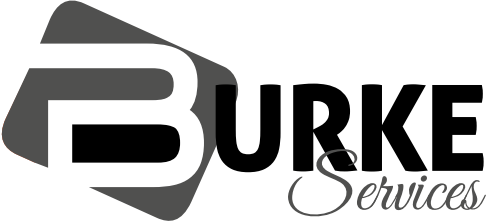
Incredibly, the Verplanck family, returning to the home after the war ended, proceeded to live there until 1931, some years full-time. In September 1931, a fire attributed to a “hobo” occurred, destroying all but the foundational stonework with remnants of the walls, fireplaces and chimneys. Family members were only able to salvage some furniture, paintings and silver. The family found another home in the area, and the homestead lay dormant until 1966, when the Mount Gulian Society was formed by a combination of family members and the Society of the Cincinnati. They were able to reconstruct, hewing closely to the

original design, aided by the many family descendants still alive who remembered how it was. From 1966 to 1975 they worked on reconstructing it as faithfully as possible, discovering, at one point, a large fireplace with a beehive oven in the northeast corner of the cellar. Mount Gulian reopened, this time open to the public as a historic site, a year ahead of the 10-year planned schedule, in June 1975.

In addition to the tours, Mount Gulian hosts several special events each year. Its very popular children’s “teas” are held in spring and during the winter holidays. The home is decorated and there are special candlelight tours during the holidays, as well. An annual fundraiser highlights a historic figure, and this June 13, the 20th annual “Dinner and Conversation” will feature — along with period music — an actor from Philadelphia’s American Historic Theater portraying Thomas Paine. Attendees at the candlelight dinner held in the barn will be asked to “join in toasting this unsung hero.” A menu will feature cuisine from the Revolutionary War era, including soup from fiddleheads and “Martha Washington’s rice pudding” for dessert.

New to Mount Gulian this year is a James F. Brown Day celebration, to be held on Sept. 5. Brown, an escaped slave from Maryland, managed the Mount Gulian garden from 1827 to 1866, keeping a 40-year journal recording “riots, epidemics, steamboat races and explosions, visitors to Mount Gulian, births and deaths, as well as daily calendar of weather, planting and cultivating,” according to notes from the site.

To celebrate Brown’s life, there will be guest speakers, including Myra Young Armstead, a history professor at Bard College, who has written a book on Brown, and historian Michael Groth, who *(To next page)*



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Roots and Shoots:

Raising a Future Gardener

By Pamela Doan

Now that I'm a parent, I'm wondering how to share my enjoyment of gardening with my daughter as she grows up. Vegetable gardening has a certain cachet for families these days. It's become cool to take your kids to the farmers market and teach them about buying locally and seasonally. In both the Haldane and Garrison school districts, students spend time in greenhouses and learn about growing and preparing vegetables. There is increasing awareness of the value of vegetable gardens and recognition that it can help instill good eating habits in childhood.

Carolyn Llewellyn, a farm and nature educator who works with Glynwood, Manitou School and the Haldane "Farmer in the Classroom" program, and Dianne Olsen, who led the "Families Growing Together" program for the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Putnam County for many years, shared ways that parents can get kids off the iPad and into the garden. The most important part is to make it fun, they both emphasized.

Llewellyn suggested starting by talking to your kids about what they like to eat and getting them involved in planning a garden. Olsen agreed with that. She said, "Give them paper and crayons

or pencils and have them draw a garden. Ask them what they think they would like to do in a garden — walk around, sit and listen, attract birds, watch flowers grow, cut flowers for the house?"

Llewellyn had lots of creative ideas for engaging children in planting and harvesting vegetables. She said, "Kids like to pick things. Cherry tomatoes, beans, sugar snap peas, and johnny-jump-ups are all fun to pick and last a while in the garden."

To capture short attention spans, she listed things that grow quickly like radishes or micro greens as being satisfying, because kids can watch them grow day by day and eat them in about three weeks. Beets, which are bigger than most seeds, are easy for small hands to manage sowing.

Llewellyn has also used making teepees for climbing and vining vegetables like beans, gourds and cucumbers as a kid's activity in the garden. It puts the harvest in easy reach and can still be planted this spring. Another suggestion was to plant a pizza garden with all of your child's favorite toppings and to include wheat, too, to see how it grows. At Manitou School, Llewellyn is building a sunflower house with the students using a 4-by-4-foot plot. Plant the sunflowers in rows to create a play space.

Llewellyn cautioned that as your kids get used to eating plants directly from the garden, it's important to teach them



Even a baby can have a good time in a garden.

Photo by P. Doan

not to eat anything outside of your home garden without checking with an adult first. There are also concerns about lead paint and soil contamination for edible plants. Never plant edibles within 7 feet of a house foundation because of the danger of leaching from lead paint, and in general, raised beds were her preference to avoid soil contamination. Soil contaminants are dangerous at any level, but especially so for developing children.

"The garden is one of the best classrooms for children (adults, too). Kids learn science in the garden: math by measuring, engineering by planning, biology by learning how plants grow, ecology by learning about the interaction of plants, air, water, insects, and pollinators," said Olsen. "It isn't just concrete skills, though. Olsen said: "Kids learn patience. They have to wait for seeds to sprout and for vegetables to ripen. When kids work together in a garden, they learn cooperation, teamwork, acceptance and respect. They learn how awesome and talented

and creative they are."

Olsen said watching the families in her program showed her that families bond when they share the achievement of sitting down to dinner and eating a salad they grew together. Llewellyn said that watching plants grow and then die in the fall helped kids understand the cycle of life. "Kids learn by osmosis when gardening. When a sunflower dies, its seeds become ready to sprout new sunflowers and make food for birds; even the plants that die will become part of new life ready to happen."

Here are some resource suggestions if you want to get started growing with kids.

- Get child-size plastic rakes, hoes and small watering cans so kids have their own tools.
- Check out the garden sections in the children's area of our local libraries for good books.
- Visit the Haldane school garden, which is open to the public, and see the theme beds — dinosaurs, sensory experiences, and more.

Mount Gulian (from previous page)



Mount Gulian homestead, built originally circa 1730-40

Photo by A. Rooney

will talk about the Underground Railway.

Mount Gulian operates as a private nonprofit. Their funding comes from members, admission fees and grants. There are frequent visits from school groups, with several programs specific to state curriculums offered. To sustain the house, the site also allows weddings; hugely popular, there are already 14 booked for 2015, which is more or less the limit. "This enables us to carry out our education and preservation mission,"

said Harris. "The challenge is to balance it. We deeply appreciate the income, which allows us to do capital improvements (the porches are currently being restored) and maintenance, but we also draw a line, recognizing it first and foremost as a piece of history."

Mount Gulian is located at 145 Sterling St. in Beacon. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for those 6 to 18 years old. Visit mountgulian.org or phone 845-831-8172.



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Sports

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Haldane Track and Field Highlights

Haldane girls win first league championships since 2003

Lady Blue Devils won their first League Championship since 2003 with 111 points at a Putnam Valley meet on April 29. Coach AJ McConville commented, “Great team effort and performances across the board from all par-

ticipants.” Boys finished in third place with 74 points.

Somers Lions 2015 Track and Field Invitational

Haldane athletes competed in the Somers Lions Track and Field Invitational in Westchester on Saturday, May 2. The invitational had over 35 schools from New York participating.

Somers Track and Field Invitational Highlights			
Athletes	Event	Time / Distance	Comments
Nick Farrell	Mile	4:41.18	Haldane school record
Kaitlyn Philips	3000	11:11.02	Haldane school record
Ruby McEwen Taylor Farrell Alii Sharpley Kaitlyn Philips	4x800 relay	10:49.26	Haldane school record

Full House for Haldane Students vs. Faculty Basketball Fundraiser



In an action-packed, fun-filled Haldane Fundraising event made possible by Haldane Junior Class President Alex Gariepy and her fellow classmates, the Haldane community came out en masse on Friday, May 1, to lend their support and cheer on both the students and teachers. The student players, representing high school freshmen through seniors, made it a tough night for the 17 teachers who came ready to play. In a game where everyone came away a winner, the students defeated the faculty 59-52.

The fundraiser will help Alex and her classmates raise funds for their 2016 senior trip to New Orleans to help others in need. Way to go, Alex and all who participated in making this event a huge success. Can’t wait for the rematch in 2016.

Philipstown Little League Highlights

By Dave McCarthy

Yankees 7, Nationals 6

In a thrilling walk-off game Tuesday, May 5, the Minors Yankees beat the Nationals 7-6. Trajan McCarthy pitched well for the Yankees, striking out nine in three innings’ work while throwing to Ryan Van Tassel, who anchored the defense. Jordan Albertson and Jeremy Hall provided the early lead for the Yankees with a two-run home run over the center-field fence for Jordan and an inside-the-park home run for Jeremy. It didn’t last long though as William Bradley an-

swered with a three-run home run in the top of the sixth to give the Nationals the lead. But in the bottom of the last inning, the Yankees rallied. Jesse Tippet worked a walk, Sherman Williams and John Kisslinger both singled and Ty Villella hit a double to win the game for the Yankees.

Nationals 9, Giants 0

The Nationals were able to bounce back from Tuesday’s walk-off loss with a dominating win over the Giants the very next night. William Bradley had a night for the ages, pitching a complete-game shutout and hitting a grand slam home run.



Catherine Parr competes in the shot put event in the league championships meet at Putnam Valley High School as teammate Sami Gosal and Coach John Stowell look on. Photo by Peter Farrell

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Haldane Golf Highlights

Playing on their home course, the Haldane Blue Devils fell to the Beacon Bulldogs at the Garrison Golf Club on Wednesday, May 6. Haldane’s record stands at 6-5 overall, 4-5 in the league.

Haldane Blue Devils		Beacon Bulldogs	
Player	Score	Player	Score
Jacob Cox		Tyler Ericson	53
Conor Yankovich	63	Joe Steele	
Dom Maglio	52	George Bekh	49
Sam Curto	64	Mark Murphy	50
Eric Rizzi	47	Darab Sulliuian	51
Jason Zielinski	46	Brandon Travis	62
Total	272	Total	265



Haldane’s Eric Rizzi tees off against Beacon High School at the Garrison Golf Club on Wednesday, May 6. Photo by Peter Farrell

Haldane Lacrosse Recap

Haldane 18 – Edgemont 6

Blue Devils dominated Edgemont, leading 12-2 at the half. Tucker Hine led Haldane with eight goals and four assists, while Peter Hoffmann had four goals and one assist, Aidan Draper two goals, Tyler Giachinta three goals and three assists, and Ryan McCollum one goal and one assist.

Ossining 13 – Haldane 9

Blue Devils ran into a tough Ossining squad, falling 13-9. Haldane was led by Tucker Hine with four goals, while Peter Hoffman had two goals and three assists, Tyler Giachinta two goals and one assist, and Nick Allen one goal and eight groundballs.

Haldane 18 – North Salem 4

Haldane played its first night home game under the lights in Cold Spring, taking on the North Salem Tigers. Thirteen senior lacrosse players celebrated senior night by leading the Blue Devils to victory. Haldane was led by Tucker Hine, who had five goals and one assist, and Peter Hoffmann had three goals and two assists, Nick Allen three goals, one assist and eight groundballs, Tyler Giachinta three goals and three assists, Aidan Draper one goal and one assist, Ryan McCollum one goal, Seth Warren one goal, and Will Heintzman one goal.

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