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Consolidation and Sharing Key to Town and Village Efficiency

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State officials give tips and offer aid

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

ed by Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, officials from New York State's Department of State last Thursday (May 29) briefed citizens and civil servants on the A-B-C-Ds of increasing local government efficiency, saving taxpayer money, and boosting state aid levels.

Their alphabet focused on A - alternative ways of thinking; B - better governance through efficiency; and C consolidation, sometimes achieved by D - dissolution of small independent jurisdictions.

Held at Cortlandt town hall, the event drew about 20 attendees, including administrators from the Garrison and Carmel public school districts. No one from the Cold Spring Village Board, Nelsonville Village Board, or Philipstown Town Board came, despite their ongoing consideration of consolidating their building departments.

A Democrat who represents Philipstown and other Hudson Valley towns, Galef highlighted both the pressures for, and advantages of, merging government functions. The impetus largely comes from Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state efforts to get local governments to freeze property taxes, meet a cap on tax increases, and save taxpayer money, with refunds for residents of those jurisdictions, including school districts, that do so, Galef said. (*Continued on page 4*)



These entries were featured in last weekend's Philipstown Garden Club of America Flower Show. See article on page 7. Photo by A. Rooney

Osborne Runs for Putnam County Clerk

Democratic Garrison resident wants to bring 'fresh perspective'

Haldane Teachers Reject Contract Settlement Terms

Staff reductions and program cuts to proceed

By Pamela Doan

else happens with the contract terms, the positions and programs will not be restored at this point.

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At an emotional, standing room only meeting in early May, students, parents

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Foodtown Expansion Underway

Thirty percent increase in floor space

By Michael Turton

The long-awaited expansion of Cold Spring's Foodtown supermarket is well underway. Noah Katz, co-president of PSK Supermarkets, the store's parent company, told *The Paper* he expects renovations to be complete in four to six weeks. Work began two weeks ago. The project will see the former Cold Spring post office converted to become part of the grocery store. According to Katz, the expansion will increase Foodtown's floor area from 6,500 to 8,500 square feet. He declined to indicate the cost of the project saying only that it represents "a substantial investment."

Seafood section coming

The expanded area previously occupied by the post office will include four new grocery aisles, a craft beer area and "a little bit of everything" from the current store, Katz said. The additional floor space and alterations to the existing store layout will facilitate a number of other improvements such as a new, fresh seafood department and an expanded deli and bakery. The fruit and vegetable area will increase considerably in size. "There is going to be a huge focus on local and organic produce," Katz said of the newly constituted store. "That's very important to our customers. We give our produce manager complete authority to buy local." An area featuring vitamins and dietary supplements will be added near the checkout area - a feature that Katz said is common at other Foodtown stores. The supermarket's public restrooms have been upgraded and improvements to the office and customer service area are in the works. Katz said he also hopes to add decorative graphics to the exterior of the former post office.

By Kevin E. Foley

Garrison resident and active Philipstown Democrat Lithgow Osborne has decided to run for the office of Putnam County Clerk. Osborne, expected to formally announce at a Democratic fundraiser on Sunday, June 8, will gather petition signatures to run on the Democratic line. He will run in the November election against the current First Deputy County Clerk, Michael C. Bartolotti, a Republican and career civil servant. Both candidates already have the support of their respective county committees.

In Putnam the duties of the County Clerk's office include the role of registrar or county record keeper as well as clerk of the county courts. Almost any transaction or event (*Continued on page 3*) hen Philipstown voters went to the polls last month and approved the school budget, there was hope on the horizon that a last-minute deal a few days before would save the staff positions and program cuts that were slated for the 2014-15 school year. Those hopes were dashed on Tuesday (June 3) when the Haldane Faculty Association members, a union that represents 81 teachers and six teaching assistants in the district, voted against the terms of the settlement their bargaining team had brought back from months of talks with district representatives.

Interim Superintendent John Chambers explained that there was no guarantee the terms would be accepted and the district had already reduced the positions and programs with the caveat to the affected employees that things could change pending the results of the contract negotiations. Unless something and the HFA president all spoke about the impact of the cuts and their hopes that other solutions would be found. This is the first time that the district has had to eliminate jobs in order to balance the budget.

While both parties issued statements about the vote results, no details are forthcoming about the issues that motivated the HFA members to reject the deal or exactly what happens next. In a joint statement about the settlement released a few days before the budget vote last month, Board President Gillian Thorpe and HFA President Leah Horn expressed positive views about the prospects for a new contract leading many to be surprised at this outcome. Certainly the parties will have to meet again and determine how to proceed. The board said it expected to have more information about the status available to the public at the next meeting on June 17.



Foodtown's expansion is expected to be completed in four to six weeks.

Photo by M. Turton

Mouths to Feed

Gritlock By Celia Barbour

By and large, I am what is known in the marketing world as an Opinion Leader when it comes to my family's eating habits. I decide what is good, and my family decides to like it. (Though, to be sure, this process hits the occasional snag.) But grits are a different story. My husband, Peter, is a genuine southerner, raised in Spartanburg, South Carolina, by a Charleston-old-family mother and a very-happily-transplanted father. And he eats grits.

He eats grits, our three children eat grits, and now I eat grits, too, having been won over by their enthusiasm for this eminent corn porridge.

It wasn't that I'd never encountered grits before. Growing up in Indiana (which is quasi-Southern by temperament, if not by geography) grits were around, but to me they were a novelty food, like hush puppies - not something you'd make every day. But then I met Peter. In the 17 years since our fates entangled, his go-to homemade weekend breakfast has included a large pot of grits to go with the scrambled eggs and bacon. At the table, he fills his plate with grits, then crumbles his bacon over it, along with some grated cheddar cheese. Then he mixes in the scrambled eggs, too, creating a plateful of chaos the sight of which used to make me shudder. For many years, I ate my scrambled eggs on toast, properly, with a dainty little dollop of grits as accompaniment. When the kids came along, they chose, for some confounding reason, to follow Peter's lead, not mine. Eventually,

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We don't even make toast on these

Yet while Peter and I are now very

nearly on the same page with regards to grits (our only difference being that he

will eat the Quaker brand and I will not),

quarrels continue to rage throughout the

grits-loving world. These mostly have to

do with nomenclature - though grits are

called "hominy" in parts of the South,

many food historians argue that true

grits are not made from actual hominy,

but rather from plain dried corn. More-

over, some people blur the distinction be-

tween grits and polenta. The difference

is real, but irrelevant, unless your corn is

As for me, I am an open-hearted, di-

versity-embracing kind of gal these days

when it comes to grits. Not least because

grits themselves have been getting better

and better, part of this country's broader

movement towards heirloom foods and

artisanal practices. Grits are tradition-

ally made from dent or flint corn -

which is to say, corn varieties that are

suited for drying rather than eating as

a vegetable. (In the United States, less

than one-half of one percent of the acres

devoted to corn are used to grow sweet

corn, the kind you eat on the cob; the rest

is field corn, used to feed animals, make

ethanol, and produce things like corn

oil, corn starch, and Doritos.) In recent

years, many Southern producers have

started growing traditional dent and

flint varieties and cold-grinding them to

And still the wars rage! Purists say

that the only truly respectful way to

serve such grits is cooked with cream

and topped with butter. But I've had

grits topped with shrimp and gravy

make grits with real bite and flavor.

ground with a millstone.

mornings anymore.

Dinner? Wait a minute! I'm told that shrimp and grits is a breakfast dish, and should always only and ever be a breakfast dish, since it was first served to shrimpers in the mornings before they headed out onto the waters.

To which I say: Oh be quiet and eat. And trust me: You will like it.



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Shrimp and Grits

Photo by C. Barbour

Shrimp and Grits

Make the shrimp stock first — unless you're short on time, in which case you can substitute equal parts chicken stock and beer (but it won't be quite as good).

1 pound shrimp ¹/₂ cup andouille sausage or bacon, diced 2 cloves garlic, sliced 2 medium shallots, minced

1 jalapeno, seeded and minced

2 tablespoons butter 1½ tablespoons flour 1 recipe shrimp broth, hot (see below) 2 scallions, thinly sliced

Peel and devein the shrimp, reserving the peels. Return shrimp to the refrigerator while making the broth. (If you're not making the broth, heat 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock to a simmer.)

In a large skillet over medium-low heat, brown the bacon or sausage until crisp, about 10 minutes. Push to one side of the pan. If there's not much fat in the pan, add 1 tablespoon olive oil. Raise heat to medium high, and add the shrimp, turning them as they cook. After 2 minutes, season the shrimp with salt and pepper, and add the garlic, shallot, and jalapeno. Toss to combine. Cook until shrimp are opaque, 3-5 minutes total, depending on size. Transfer the contents of the skillet to a platter.

Return the skillet to the heat; reduce to medium-low. Melt the butter; when it sizzles, whisk in the flour. Cook, stirring constantly, about 4 minutes. Gradually spoon the hot broth or stock into the flour mixture, whisking vigorously after each addition (if it starts to look like it's separating into clumps, keep whisking and adding small amounts of stock until it becomes silky). When all the broth is incorporated, add the shrimp mixture back to the skillet and stir; heat just until warmed through. Serve over grits, topped with scallions.

For the grits

3 cups water, plus more as needed salt and pepper 1 cup grits ¹/₄ cup cream 1 cup grated sharp white cheddar 1 tablespoon butter

In a saucepan, bring the water to a boil. Very slowly pour in the grits, whisking constantly. Return to a boil, then reduce heat to a bare simmer and cook until tender (this can take anywhere from 5 minutes to 75 minutes, depending on the grits), stirring regularly and adding more water as needed.

When the grits are tender, mix in the remaining ingredients. Keep warm until ready to serve.

For the shrimp broth

1 tablespoon olive oil Reserved peels from 1 pound shrimp (see above) 1 medium onion, roughly chopped 2 ribs celery, roughly chopped 3 cloves garlic, smashed 1 cup beer 1 plum tomato 1 bay leaf 2 sprigs thyme salt and pepper In a heavy-bottomed saucepan over modium heat warm the clive oil. Add

medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the shrimp peels, onion, celery, and garlic, and sauté, stirring frequently, until the vegetables are soft and beginning to brown, about 10 minutes.

Add 2 cups water plus all the remaining ingredients except the salt, bring to a simmer, and cook at a low simmer about 1 hour. Strain, discard the solids, and return the stock to the pot. Continue cooking until reduced to 1 cup; keep warm.



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Osborne (from page 1)

connected to the county is recorded and stored with the clerk's office. The incumbent Clerk, Dennis J. Sant, is retiring after 13 years as clerk and 24 years as first deputy in office.

In an interview with *The Paper*, Osborne, 55, said he was running because he believes he is well suited to the duties of the office and thinks he could bring some innovative approaches to the way the office served the public.

"I am dogged in my determination to get things right. There's a great dignity in doing your job correctly," Osborne said as he described a business career that has included running several businesses either on his own or for others in the related fields of interior design, commercial and residential real estate and high-end antiques dealing. "Every one of those jobs has had something in common. And the commonality was it was a job that required me to do a lot of focused, concentrated research, attention to detail seeing jobs through to the end," he said.

Asked what he would seek to change in the clerk's office were he elected, Osborne put technological advancement at the head of the list. "I would focus on the clerk's presence on the county website. If you try to navigate your way through the website it seems cheery and informative but once you start getting in there, it's really a mess," he said. "It seems to be designed without thinking about who's using the website."

Osborne argued that the current site creates a layer of confusion and separation between the government and the taxpayer, which he would seek to dissolve by making much more information available digitally.

"If you cannot use a computer and find





things you need in the same day, there's a problem," he said. Emphasizing best practices for website design and operation he noted: "The best websites lead you intuitively to find what you need."

To support businesses in particular Osborne said he would look to create far more opportunity to file needed paperwork directly online, which he observed is the case in Westchester County. He said requiring use of regular mail or faxes created obstacles in today's business environment.

To further engage the public and assist businesses, Osborne would create satellite office services around the county. Rather than trying to build permanent locations, which would be prohibitively expensive, his idea is to locate personnel on a rotating schedule in borrowed local government space. "Except for people in Carmel everyone else has to allocate the time in the day needed to drive to the office there," he said.

Osborne, who is married to husband Chuck Burleigh, has lived in Garrison for four years and before that for eight years in Kent Cliffs. A native of Auburn, New York, in the Finger Lakes region, he lays claim to a long line of familial civic duty, including a relative who served as clerk of Auburn. He currently serves on the board of the Osborne Association, which for many years has offered services to state prisoners and their families to encourage positive reintegration into society. He is also the treasurer of the Philipstown Democratic Committee.

Facing an uphill race given the larger Republican voter numbers in Putnam County, Osborne expresses optimism. He said he has received an enthusiastic response from Democrats in the eastern side of the county and he believes there is a sufficient number of registered independents and independent-minded voters for him to win.

"The time is right for a fresh perspective. I will bring an organized, professional business background to the job. I know I'll be good at it," he said.



Toshi Seeger

Pete Seeger

The Beacon City Council passed a resolution this past week renaming Riverfront Park to Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park. Further plans for a permanent memorial to the two long-time Beacon residents are pending. Photo by Russell Cusick



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Consolidation and Sharing (from page 1)



Along with the rewards come obligations for governments to cut spending, she explained.

"So there's a big effort," she said, "for us to learn to share services, coordinate our programs, consolidate services or consolidate governments or whatever. If we want, ourselves, as taxpayers, to get some money back from the state with the freeze in the future, we have to convince ourselves and the public and our local officials that we need to do things differently."

Answering difficult questions

Mark Pattison, director of local government services in New York's Department of State (DOS), said local jurisdictions need to ask "is there a better way to provide services?" He pointed out that many of New York's numerous government entities originated in the 18th or early 19th centuries, born of solitary hamlets and the distance easily covered on horseback. Over time, distances and borders between jurisdictions disappeared and individual governments remained and overlapped, he said. With that came extra costs - rapidly escalating costs in recent years, he said.

Pattison delineated ways local jurisdictions can share services or consolidate. For the latter, one option is dissolution of one municipality (or other jurisdiction) and its merger with another, a process that can either begin with a municipality's governing board, or at the initiative of residents who get a dissolution referendum on the ballot. As communities consider consolidation, "there are many questions to be answered," Pattison advised. "Larger is not always better." At the same time, he observed, small jurisdictions face difficulties even keeping a government in place. "Some of our communities can hardly get people to run for office anymore," Pattison said.

He advised communities everywhere to answer certain questions. Among them is not only whether "too many lavers" of government exist but "what the right layer is," he said. He offered the state's assistance, including grants and financial aid, as local deliberations on consolidation, combining functions, and achieving other efficiencies ensue. "This is not a top-down thing," Pattison emphasized. "It's an invitation and incentive for people to get together and think about their governments in a different way," asking, "Is there a better way for us to do it? People ultimately have to choose where they want their communities to go," he said. "Do they want to maintain some unique identity" as a separate village or school district, "perhaps at a cost?" Moreover, according to Pattison, in consolidations, "it's not always just the cost savings" that provide benefits, since consolidations "almost always result in opportunities for improved services." For example, he said, combining disparate justice courts into a single larger court "can provide the idea of more proper facilities and supports" for ensuring justice in the community.

trict I represent," Galef noted.

Locally, consolidation of the Town of Philipstown, Village of Cold Spring, and Village of Nelsonville justice courts into one has been suggested for several years.

Easy and tough cases

To begin merging and saving money, communities typically "take the small steps that build the common ground," combining some functions; moreover some small jurisdictions have shared services quietly for years, Pattison pointed out. "The harder ones," in his view, "are dissolution of villages or elimination of police departments."

Carl Ublacker, land-use training specialist in the DOS Local Government Division, outlined consolidations and shared-service projects recently undertaken across the state, among them:

- · Merger of two school districts into one.
- Establishment of a shared public works facility to serve a school district, town, and village.
- Use of a common zoning code for a town and two villages.
- A BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) and school districts' merger of information technology, purchasing, and more.
- Creation by a school district, county, town and villages of a mutual records management center.

Ublacker also mentioned the consolidation of the Town of Saugerties and Village of Saugerties police. "It was pretty contentious," he recalled. Up front, a savings of \$678,586 annually was estimated but the move saved "slightly over \$1 million" yearly, he added.

"Fire-services consolidation," uniting individual departments, "is also oftentimes contentious," Ublacker commented. He said the state has funded a couple of fire-fighting consolidations and elsewhere paid for equipment for a merged department serving two villages and a town.

In controversial consolidations, both Pattison and Dede Scozzafava, New York's deputy secretary of state, highlighted the importance of dissemination facts and sound information, so residents can vote with knowledge and objectivity. "We all know that in a lot of these situations it's emotional and emotion is powerful," Scozzafava said. "It takes a lot to work through some of these issues."

Tax Rebates for Frugal Schools and Governments

Galef explains program By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

t her forum on government taxcutting and consolidation May 29 in Cortlandt, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef explained details of New York State's push for local governments to not only hold the line on property taxes but cut expenses. Galef chairs the Committee on Real Property Taxation in the Assembly.

The state initiative involves both local adherence to the state-imposed cap on property-tax increases and rewards, in the form of rebates for taxpayers, for jurisdictions (including counties) that comply. However, the level of difficulty increases in the second year of the multiyear program.

Thus, Galef said, "if our school districts this year stayed within the cap that was apportioned to them, the State of New York will come in and pay the difference in our taxes from last year to any increases this year, if the school budgets passed," as all those in her district did in May. "There will be a check coming to residents of our community later this fall to cover that portion of the property-taxfreeze program," she said.

Similarly, she continued, in drafting 2015 budgets this fall, if local governments - such as towns, which adopt budgets in November - stay within their tax cap, "there will also be a return to the taxpayers of anything that is an increase in taxes, but within the tax cap."

Put another way, as Galef did in a written report in her latest constituent newsletter, "in Year 1," if school districts and other jurisdictions alike, "stay within the cap, property-taxpayers would receive a check for a tax credit in the mail to bring their increase down to zero."

However, "the second year is different," Galef cautioned. "In the second year, both our school [districts] and our local municipalities have to keep within the tax cap and also prepare for a 1 percent cut in their spending -1 percent over three years - in order to be able to have their taxpayers again receive some additional monies from the state."

She noted that to make reductions and achieve savings, Albany recommends program coordination, government consolidation, or sharing of services by the state's numerous local jurisdictions.

"There is a real effort to try to lower our costs. We live in very high-cost counties in a very high-cost state," Galef said.

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Marilyn Heberling Closes Main Street Retail Shop

Art to Wear owner leaves lasting community legacies

By Kathie Scanlon

Arilyn Heberling, owner of Art To Wear on Main Street, closed up shop for the last time on May 18. Heberling's new store, Directions, Inc., on Main Street in Hyannis, Massachusetts, opened soon after. Friends and loyal customers, many wearing early designs of the shop's timeless clothes, gathered on Friday, May 30, to share well wishes with Marilyn and husband, David Heberling, and thank them for their contributions to the Philipstown community.



An interior shot of Art To Wear Photo by A. Rooney

Although not always in the storefront of the iconic SkyBaby Building, Marilyn was a strong presence on Main Street for 25 years. Known not only as a shopkeeper, Marilyn had a passion for connecting the worlds of local business and art. A founding board member of the Depot Theater and the Youth Theater Program, she also worked with Karn Dunn to teach local sixth graders about early American democracy through theater, collaborated with Barbara Galazzo for Fashion Week — bringing student designed fashion into Main Street shop windows, and mentored high school stu-



Marilyn Heberling

dents in fashion and small business. As Chamber of Commerce president, she began the Annual Antique Show.

In 1993, Marilyn inaugurated the Halloween Parade, on the list of the most beloved Cold Spring traditions. That first year about 150 treat bags were distributed and at last year's 20th anniversary, about 1,000 — an impressive rate of growth. David Heberling, the constant and steady presence behind the dynamo, packed and transported treat bags annually. The legacy lives on as Marilyn passed the parade baton to Melissa Carlson of Houlihan Lawrence.

Photo by A. Rooney

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Sealed proposals must be received by the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown at her office in the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516 no later than 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 2014 at which time the same will be publicly opened and read aloud.

DVD or CD with an electronic version of your proposal and 10 hard copies (we will not accept faxed or emailed copies) are required.

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DATED: June 4, 2014 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk

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Availability of Application Documents:

Foodtown Expansion Underway (fro

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Transparent plastic sheeting now separates the existing store from the area under construction. Katz said that during the next four weeks every shelf in the store will be emptied and scrubbed to ensure "perfect cleanliness." The location of the entrance and exit will remain the same with access to the new area via an opening created in the southeast corner of the store near the current ice cream section. Katz said that local plumbers and electricians are being used on the project with Brooklyn-based Alco Store Development serving as general contractor.

PSK Supermarkets was established in 1956 by Paul Katz, Noah's grandfather. Today the company owns 11 Foodtown and Freshtown stores from Brooklyn to the Catskills. Noah's father Sydney and brother Daniel are also part of the company.

"We also belong to the 80-store Foodtown Cooperative which gives us greater buying power and enables us to keep prices down," Katz said. "Our stores use an entrepreneurial style of management. Our employees can do whatever it takes to make customers happy. We're family run — not corporate."

Foodtown's Cold Spring branch has 45 employees.

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SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated

Slate Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The permit type is exempt or the activity is being reviewed in accordance with federal historic preservation regulations.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 06/19/2014 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later. **Contact Person** JEAN V MCAVOY NYSDEC 21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-1620 (845) 256-3054

Cheese and Charcuterie: A Taste at Beacon Pantry

Purveyor promotes try*before-you-buy samples*

By Alison Rooney

his past March 1, the world grew a bit brighter for Beacon's cheese and charcuterie enthusiasts. Beacon Pantry (BP), which specializes in just those things - along with an array of baked goods, condiments and specialty food items - opened on a bustling Main Street corner just across from Max's.

"We're trying to fill a void in Beacon, to the extent possible in a small space," BP owner Stacey Penlon said. "We surveyed many people and what they seemed to miss is specialty foods - sort of what to serve at 5 p.m. on a Saturday - things one might have had to make a run to Adams to get a hold of."

Penlon's devotion to cheese has increased since she decided to choose it as her store's framework. "It's become more of a passion during the past year," she says. "It's amazing how something as ordinary as milk can make so many hundreds of varieties of cheese and these are so wildly different."

Cut to order

The cheese case stocks 40 to 50 varieties: the vast majority cut to order and testable. Silver stickers on products throughout the store indicate that a taste may be requested. "I'm a firm believer in try-before-you-buy ... the fact that I cut to order makes it approachable - just ask for four dollars' worth and it's fine. My philosophy is 'buy less, more often' and don't let cheese turn into a science project in your fridge," Penlon says.

Relying on a couple of distributors, she carries an array of international and local cheeses. "When I first opened, the vast majority of my cheeses were domestic, but in response to customer demand it's now about 50-50 ... I try to find products not available elsewhere which are the best in the category. If a product is in the store, I endorse it and it's unique. BP also offers cheese education classes, which touch upon 'Why it is what it is' ... how to taste it and beyond."

A "Cheese of the Month" is always on offer. In April it was a rarity: "Puits D'Astier which Penlon calls "ugly, doughnut-shaped. We got 13 pounds of it and sold it all in less than two weeks." In May, the focus was on cheeses made by women-owned creameries, in honor of Mother's Day.

Another niche market is French products to oblige a large French population living nearby. But not, as Penlon calls them, "hifalutin fancy-pants products, but good, solid French staples" - supermarket products, like Teissiere sodas, which send French expats into rapture, and BN cookies - "A woman came in and hugged them," recalls Penlon. Their bread products come from Hudson's Café Le Perche.

"They make the best pastries and breads in their wood-fired oven which they brought over from France," Penlon says. Italy isn't neglected, as Penlon lived there for several years and "knew it would be a strong presence in the store." Penlon also sings praises of the coffee she serves: Stumptown – "roasted the day before it's brought to us."

BP participates in Second Saturdays, staying open with crowds, and plans are afoot to hopefully join forces with The Hop and Artisan Wines for a combination cheese plus wine versus beer comparison night. In addition, BP caters – assembling platters and packing small crates with their goods. With no kitchen, they don't cook and are limited to selling what's on hand, which translates into a couple of types of sandwiches each day, for example prosciutto and fresh mozzarella.

They also stock meats, local and grassfed beef, pork and lamb from Hudson Valley Harvest.

"The meats have never been frozen," says Penlon. "We get them in on Thurs-



The Beacon Pantry is well-stocked with everything from jars of tikka masala to cocoa powder. Photo by A. Rooney

days and put any leftovers in our freezer after the weekend. Same goes for fish."

They take pre-orders and purchase fish from Sally's Fish Market in Newburgh every Thursday, selling extras, trying to stock just enough to sell out. Occasionally salmon remains left over, which makes it to their freezer for a later sale.

Penlon and her family came to Beacon from Westchester eight years ago looking for a "non-suburban area, a real community, with proximity to nature and to the city and diversity - it's perfect."

She spent 15 years in finance, working in client service, before getting laid off last October. While interviewing for a new position and considering the continuation of the 130-mile commute, Penlon decided, last December, that she had had enough. It was the moment to make a big change.

Welcome to the neighborhood

"I had had these ideas in my head, but it was always a dream, then, all of a sudden this space became available. I saw it and thought 'that's it'. The location near Key Food was a huge benefit because people can shop there and then buy specialty things here," she said. "And it's a great corner, with Max's and Alps [chocolates] nearby. And we've felt very much welcomed by everyone."

Though a babe in the storeowner woods, Penlon's background has served her well as she's logged excellent early results.

"Things have gone smoothly; my attention to detail, ability to plan and financial background have come in handy and my client service background is crucial," Penlon said. "I will try my best to fulfill making sandwiches at 8 a.m. or to get an esoteric product that someone asks for."

What's been most challenging is typical: the perishable aspect - knowing how much to order, minimizing waste. As with many new business owners, the hours are punishing, but essential, according to Penlon. "We're open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week, and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the seventh, and some of the busiest times are late in the day, with people coming home from work, looking for something for dinner. Because of this we make sure to stock dayto-day products: pasta, bread, so that you can compose a dinner. It's fulfilling but hard. But it's crucial that we stick with the hours we've set, and we'll keep those hours for at least a year before we do any tweaking."

This was brought home for Penlon on a slow Tuesday, when it had been dead for hours and she was thinking of closing 15 minutes early. At 7:50 p.m. a customer came in and asked for some prosciutto for that night's dinner. "If I'd left she'd have been disappointed," Penlon says. "Once someone thinks you are flaky, they won't return. If you're going to sell things it's kind of good to be open!"

Beacon Pantry is located at 267 Main St., Beacon. Visit the Facebook page or phone 845-440-8923; a website is being developed.

Jim Lovell Memorial Show Takes Main Street

Finn Lovell organizes free music event to honor his father

By Clayton Smith

n Friday, May 23, the sidewalk outside The Living Room on Main Street in Cold Spring buzzed with teenagers eager to enter and hear some of their favorite local punk bands.

Finn Lovell, a senior at Haldane, put together the show in honor of his father, Jim Lovell, who died in the Metro-North train tragedy last December. Finn was a member in two of the five acts that performed Friday night. As the clock struck 6, people swarmed into the compact space, conscious that only 100 would be allowed entry.

Luke Ferrara opened the show as the only solo artist and grabbed everyone's attention with his impressive acoustic performance. Then daisychain, a poppunk band from Peekskill, handed over an energized set with Finn on guitar. After that, Poughkeepsie-based Inflicted kept the crowd on its feet with more heavy-hitting lyrics and guitar riffs. Following Inflicted was Firestarter - in town from Albany - delivering a selection of powerful songs from start to finish. Last but certainly not least, Finn closed the night with his last set ever on vocals with North Runner. This performance set itself apart due to the raw emotion displayed by band members as well as the audience.

"I couldn't have asked for a better turnout or crowd reaction," Finn said.

"There is true beauty in witnessing your friends, family, even people you don't



Photo courtesy of Framework Photography

know, sing along to a song you poured your entire heart into. Thank you to everyone who made that night so special."



The Calendar

Palette of Professionals Shares Expertise at Haldane's First Fifth **Grade Arts Day**

Students sample workshops conducted by local artists of all stripes

By Alison Rooney and Michelle McEwen

hat Philipstown is home to a large number of professionals with lengthy resumes in the arts was demonstrated in the halls of Haldane last week. More than 15 of them shared their expertise with the entire fifthgrade class in a new, full-day initiative devoted to a wide range of art forms.

Former art director for Nickelodeon, check; documentary filmmaker whose work has been on the Academy Awards documentary shortlist, check; actress/ singer who has appeared on Broadway, check; director of operations for a top digital printing studio, which regularly works with high-end fashion designers, check; Sarah Lawrence professor and multi-volumed poet, check - and that's less than half of the day's instructors.

Haldane Arts Booster Club President Katie Bissinger described the response from the local arts community as "phenomenal – a rush of volunteers."

All were eager, in the words of Haldane Elementary Principal Brent Harrington, to "celebrate the arts and plant a seed for future passion. We have such a rich resource in the community with so many talented individuals; we were lucky to get a healthy spectrum of them to share with us today."

Share they did, as the workshops took place on several levels of the building, with groups of students moving excitedly between the disciplines. The day was divided into three sessions, each with a choice of five

separate workshops. Students were given a list of all and asked to note their top three choices, and organizers did their best to provide each child with at least one. As the day was also designed to expose students to forms they might not have even been aware of before, sometimes not getting a top choice worked out even better.

Philipstown.info sampled portions of quite a few of the workshops, which





varied from quiet, focused instruction to looser, physically-oriented sessions. A few observations:

In their Drawing 1.0 class, Steve and Mary Bates set out an overview, replete with goals and an "After the Workshop, Try This at Home ..." follow-up. After equipping students with paper and various drawing implements, and setting up a still life of various objects, they told the students they would be working on four different kinds of drawing, described as "ways of seeing." Steve Bates made a comparison to Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, noting that when Holmes said to Watson "How did you see that? You see but you don't

observe" what was meant was "Focus, perception, not just seeing." Mary Bates then described the first exercise, blind contour drawing, as "working with lines and with shapes, volume, depth and tone. Keep your eyes on the still life," she instructed. "Don't look at your paper and don't take your pencil off the paper. You're training your eye to see what is here rather than what you think is here." Steve Bates added, "In that silliness you're going to catch one or two really interesting details." Work in other forms followed.

Next door, Room 216 resembled a film set, because it actually became one, as Ivy Meeropol, (Continued on page 14)

Philipstown Garden Club Flower Show Hosted by Putnam History Museum As Time Goes By theme different time periods, costumes draws distinctive entries

By Alison Roonev

s one of the culminating events in

representing different eras in Philipstown's history and architecture in Philipstown over the past 100 years.

Other divisions covered containergrown plants in various horticulture

Philipstown Garden Club Flower Show

Photo by A. Rooney

the celebration of their centennial, the Philipstown Garden Club (PGC) orchestrated a flower show, titled As Time Goes By, at the Putnam History Museum last Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31.

Open to the public, the show aimed to embody the purpose of a flower show as described by the Garden Club of America (GCA): "To set standards of artistic and horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation, photography and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and with the public.

Judging took place on Friday morning, and in the afternoon and honors were given in four divisions, each with multiple categories, devised by the PGC in accordance with rules set by the GCA. Many of these involved the interpretation, in floral design, of designs in other forms, i.e. quilts from

classes. Several of these included Into the Woods for a Fern Foray! as well as Autumn's Efforts, Spring's Rewards and The Modern Day Healer.

Other non-floral categories welcomed photography, which had to incorporate plant material in some fashion, designs by novices and others by children.

An accompanying exhibit promoted heirloom varieties and highlighted the 50-year partnership between the PGA members and Boscobel, where they meet weekly from April to November to cultivate the herb garden.

Awards covered different aspects of gardening, from floral design to horticulture, conservation to photography.

An overview article published at the beginning of the PGC's centennial year details the scope of their many local activities. Please the garden club article at philipstown.info.

The Calendar

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

First Friday in Cold Spring

Desmond-Fish Library opens at 2 p.m.

Kids & Community

Indoor Tot Lot

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

Country Living Fair

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds 6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck countryliving.com/cl-fair

Young Adult Connections

3-5 p.m. Howland Public Library313 Main St., Beacon845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

First Friday Farm Tour

4 p.m. Glynwood Farm | 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Wine Tasting

4 - 7 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop | 180 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com

Cole Bros. Circus

4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium 1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls 888-332-5200 | gotothecircus.com

Three-Day Family Camp (Opens)

5 p.m. Eden Village Camp 392 Dennytown Road, Putnam Valley 877-397-3336 | edenvillagecamp.org

Wine & Cheese

5 - 8 p.m. Antipodean Books 29 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3867 | antipodean.com

Relay For Life of Fishkill

6 p.m. - Midnight. Dutchess County Stadium 1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls | relayforlife.org **D-Day 70th Anniversary Ceremony** 6 p.m. Veterans Memorial Chapel | 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel | putnamcountyny.com

Big Gay 80s Cosmic Bowling

8 p.m. - Midnight. HoeBowl | 45 Taft Ave., Poughkeepsie | biggayhudsonvalley.com

Health & Fitness

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. United Methodist Church 9 S. Mesier Ave., Wappingers Falls 800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

Sports

Haldane Track (State Meet)

12:30 p.m. Cicero North H.S. 6002 State Highway 31, Cicero 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Haldane Baseball vs. Chester (Regional) 4 p.m. John Jay Cross River H.S. 60 N. Salem Road, Cross River 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Art & Design

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Altered Perspectives: Young Artists from WCC 4 - 8 p.m. Opening reception 5:30 p.m. Daisy Jopling (Music) | 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill | 914-737-1212 | peekskill.org

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Maria Pia Marrella: Approach to Landscape

(Opening)

6 - 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery 121 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Fashion as Art II (Opening) 6-9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY

66 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

Peekskill Open Studios (Opening Reception)

6 - 9 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill | peekskillartsalliance.org

Theater & Film

10-Minute Play Festival: *Paranormal in Poughkeepsie*

8 p.m. Half Moon Theatre 2515 South Road, Poughkeepsie 800-838-3006 | halfmoontheatre.org

Calling All Poets

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

Music

Sabor & the Afro-Latineers

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

Live Music

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

Al Stewart / Paul Guzzone 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café

379 Main St., Beacon 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Jesse Denaro

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

GA3 9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes

12 N. Division St., Peekskill 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

T. Jay 9:30 p.m. Max's on Main 246 Main St., Beacon 845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Meetings & Lectures

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

Potluck and Meeting 6:30 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 914-907-4928 | beaconsloopclub.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Kids & Community

Turtle Walk 7:30 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D. Garrison

Bird Walk 8 a.m. Little Stony Point Park New York 9D, Cold Spring putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Peekskill Farmer's Market (Opens)

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open 9:30 a.m. One World Youth Choir 10 a.m. Daisy Jopling 11 a.m. Sailing Stone Bank Street, Peekskill 914-737-2780 | peekskillfarmersmarket.com

Cold Spring Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Boscobel 1601 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org Flea Market & Craft Fair 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange

128 Mill St., Putnam Valley 845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

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

Town Recycling Center Open

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

Country Living Fair

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds See details under Friday.

Green Workshop

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. School of Jellyfish 183 Main St., Beacon 845-440-8017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

4-H Fishing Clinic

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel | 845-278-6738 counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam

Controlling Invasives on Your Property

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clearpool Model Forest 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel 845-225-8226 | clearpool.greenchimneys.org

Humble Bumble Bee

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

Military Arts Day

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Demonstrations Noon. 32-pound cannon fired 2 p.m. Militia fife and drum band Fort Montgomery Historic Site 690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery 845-446-2134nysparks.com

Hudson Valley Gay Life Expo

9 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie

670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel

West Point Kayak Tour Noon. 14 Market St., Cold Spring

Soup Kitchen

biggayhudsonvalley.com

8th Annual Putnam County Secret Garden Tour 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Various locations | 845-278-

7272 x2287 | putnamsecretgardentour.com

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Art Center

Putnam Business and Home Expo

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center

845-628-5553 | shopputnamexpo.com

11 a.m. Presbyterian Church | 50 Liberty St.,

Beacon | 845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com



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Cole Bros. Circus

1:30 & 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium | See details under Friday.

Family Workshop: Light Painting Photography

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

Wine Tasting

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

Project Code Spring (ages 5-14)

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

Sunset Reading Series: Galadrielle Allman

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration

45 Market St., Cold Spring

845-265-5537 | sunsetreadings.org

Dinner with George Washington and

Alexander Hamilton

5 p.m. Mount Gulian Historic Site | 145 Sterling St., Beacon | 845-831-8172 | mountgulian.org

Spring Fling Square Dance

7 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange 128 Mill St., Putnam Valley 845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

BBQ, Beer and Boylesque

8 p.m. Mill House Brewing Company 289 Mill St., Poughkeepsiebiggayhudsonvalley.com

Health & Fitness

Tai Chai

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

All Sport Events

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CPR for Lifeguards 1 p.m. Dodgeball Tournament (Benefit) 17 Old Main St., Fishkill 845-896-5678

Hudson Valley Hospital Events

9:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community CPR 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-402-4747 | hvhc.org/events

Yoga in the Fields 10 a.m. Fishkill Farms

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

Dads-Only Parenting Workshop 10 a.m. Putnam Hospital Center

670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel 845-808-1400 x44122 | putnamcountyny.gov

Yoga at Storm King

10:15 a.m. 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Sports

Haldane Track (State Meet) 10 a.m. Cicero North H.S. | Details under Friday

Art & Design

Peekskill Open Studios Noon - 5 p.m. Various locations

peekskillartsalliance.org

 Zhang Huan: Evoking Tradition (Curator Talk)

 2 p.m. Storm King Art Center | 1 Museum Road,

 New Windsor | 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

 Pets: An Art Exhibition of the Animals We Love

(Opening)

3 - 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Theater & Film

Dance Workshop and Screening

11 a.m. Dance workshop 2 p.m. *The Beauty of Imperfection* plus Q&A Beacon Yoga Center | 464 Main St., Beacon email annan@pentacle.org to register

Poughkeepsie City Ballet: Stars & Stripes Forever

2 & 6:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie | 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org 10-Minute Play Festival: Paranormal in

Poughkeepsie

8 p.m. Half Moon Theatre | Details under Friday.

Music

Tom Chapin with Michael Mark (Folk) Noon. Cold Spring Farmers' Market 1601 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

CEL

Rob Scheps & Doug Weiss6:45 p.m. The Pantry | See details under Friday.The Graft

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

Andrea and James Rohlehr and the AndJam Band

The Paper

8 p.m. Bean Runner Café | Details under Friday.

Dance the Night Away 8 - 11 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café 469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon 845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com

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

Simon Kirke / Frank Carillo 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café See details under Friday.

Soldier Kane 8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon

845-831-8065 | quinnsbeacon.com

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

Meetings & Lectures

Overeaters Anonymous 8:30 a.m. Graymoor | 1350 Route 9, Garrison 917-716-2488 | oa.org

Beacon Human Relations Commission 10 a.m. Beacon Community Resource Center

23 West Center St., Beacon 845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

Role of the French in American Revolution 2 p.m. Washington's Headquarters

84 Liberty St., Newburgh 845-562-1195 | nysparks.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Kids & Community

Beacon Flea Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Lot, Beacon 845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com Hudson Valley Historic Racing Exhibit and Car Show

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Carnwath Farms Historic Site 72 Carnwath Farms Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-632-1570 | carnwathfarms.webs.com

Country Living Fair

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds See details under Friday.

Hummingbirds Program

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center See details under Saturday.

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

Beacon Farmers' Market 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center Long Dock Drive, Beacon

845-234-9325 | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Hudson Highlands Spectacle Kayak Tour 11 a.m. 14 Market St., Cold Spring 845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com

Bike Rodeo Noon - 3 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie 845-454-9649 | walkway.org

Bannerman Island Tour 12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock 800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

Children & Families: Tour with Wally McGuire

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

Cottontail Rabbits Program 2 p.m. Hubbard Lodge 2880 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-534-5506 x204 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Big Gay Summer Picnic 5 p.m. Locust Grove | 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie | biggayhudsonvalley.com

Art & Design

Garrison Art Center 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing & Painting (Long Pose) | 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Printmaking Club | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

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> Friday 6/6 8:30pm AL STEWART guest PAUL GUZZONE

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Peekskill Open Studios Noon - 5 p.m. Various locations

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Kerri LuBell: Stained Glass (Opening) 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

In the Garden of Sonic Delights (Opening)

5 - 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art | 150 N. Water St., Peekskill 914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

Theater & Film

Caesar and Cleopatra (1945) 1 p.m. Downing Film Center 19 Front St., Newburgh 845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

10-Minute Play Festival: Paranormal in Poughkeepsie

2 p.m. Half Moon Theatre | Details under Friday. Putnam Dance Center: A Midsummer

Night's Dream 3:30 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall 13 Main St., Tarrytown 914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Music

K104 Music Festival

11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium 1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls 845-838-0094 | k104online.com

Traveling Man Bluegrass Music Festival 1-6 p.m. German Masonic Park | 89 Western Highway, Tappan | travelingmanfestival.com

Waxahatchee & Luke Temple 2 p.m. Storm King Art Center 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Michael Arnowitt (Piano) with Rachel Evans

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St., Cold Spring | 845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

4 p.m. St. Mary's Church 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-265-8011 philipstownreformsynagogue.org **Sunday Sounds** 6 - 9 p.m. Virgo's Sip N Soul Café | 469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon | 845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com Willie Nelson / Alison Krauss 7 p.m. Bethel Woods 200 Hurd Road, Bethel 866-781-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

The McKrells 7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café See details under Friday.

Music of the Jewish Soul

Meetings & Lectures

Free Computer Help Noon - 4 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org Karen McCormack, Animal Communicator

12:30 - 5 p.m. Beacon Barkery | 192 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-7652 | beaconbarkery.com

Big Dan Brouthers (Talk & Signing)

2 p.m. St. Mary's Church 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls 845-831-7006 | wappingershistoricalsociety.org

Philipstown Democrats Fundraiser 3 - 5 p.m. 25 Woodland Drive, Garrison

philipstowndemocrats.org Magick of Beltane and The Magick of Litha

4:30 p.m. Notions-n-Potions | 175 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-2410 | notions-n-potions.com

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Kids & Community

Bridge Club

9:30 a.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org. **Indoor Tot Lot** Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison

845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library

The Paper

3:30 p.m. Project Code Spring for Girls 4:30 p.m. Summer Reading Kick-off Party 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Teen Discussion Group

4:30 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

Garrison School Sports Dinner 6 p.m. Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant

714 Old Albany Post Road, Cortlandt Manor 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Cooking Class: French Bistro Favorites

7 p.m. Ella's Bellas | 418 Main St., Beacon 917-803-6857 | homecookingny.com

Health & Fitness

Look Good...Feel Better for Women with Cancer

Noon. Putnam Hospital Center 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel 800-227-2345 | lookgoodfeelbetter.org

Blood Drive

Noon - 6 p.m. All Sport | 17 Old Main St., Fishkill 845-896-5678 | allsportfishkill.com All donors receive Mets tickets

Yoga with a View 6 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Basketball at Philipstown Rec

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

Art & Design

Garrison Art Center

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Drawing & Painting from Life (Short Pose) | 5 - 7 p.m. Open Studio Drawing | See details under Sunday.

Music

Open-Mic Night 6-9 p.m. The Pantry | See details under Friday.

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

THE

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A Father, a Son,

Barron H. Lerner

and the Evolution of Medical Ethics

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

Meetings & Lectures

Community Forum with Attorney General Eric Schneiderman

6 p.m. Fusco Recital Hall (Marist Student Center) 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie | oag.state.ny.us

Cold Spring Lions Club 6:30 p.m. Call for location. 914-456-9698 | coldspringlions.com

Vet2Vet Support Group

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

Beacon School Board

7 p.m. Beacon High School | 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | 845-838-6900 | beaconcityK12.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Kids & Community

Indoor Tot Lot

9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec See details under Monday.

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

Field & Forest Homeschool (ages 4-14)

11:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Eden Village Camp 392 Dennytown Road, Putnam Valley 877-397-3336 | edenvillagecamp.org Pickup available in Cold Spring.

Craft Hour for Kids 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403. Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Free Buffet for 10th Anniversary (Opens)

5 p.m. - closing. Silver Spoon Cafe 124 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2525 silverspooncoldspring.com | Through June 14. Wappingers Creek to Hudson Paddle (Easy)

6 p.m. Creek Road, New Hamburg 845-452-7238 | midhudsonadk.org Email webberd1@yahoo.com

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The Calendar (from page 10)

Health & Fitness

Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group 10:15 a.m. East Fishkill Community Library 348 New York 376, Hopewell Junction 800-532-4290 | support connection.org

Red Cross Blood Drive

1-6 p.m. Poughkeepsie Galleria 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie 800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org

Barron Lerner: The Good Doctor

6 p.m. Presentation and discussion 7 p.m. Reception and book signing The Hastings Center 21 Malcolm Gordon Road, Garrison 845-424-4040 x202 | thehastingscenter.org

Zumba with Stephanie Lotz (First Session)

8 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Boscobel Open to Artists

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org No public admission

Theater & Film

Othello (**Preview**) 7 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison

845-265-9575 | hvshakespeare.org

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

Music

Old-Timey Southern Fiddle Jam Session 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Open-Mic Night 7:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon 845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Meetings & Lectures

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

Knitting Club

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

Book Club: Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail

1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Beacon Recreation Committee (Scheduled)

6:30 p.m. Beacon Rec Department 23 West Chester St., Beacon 845-765-8440 | cityofbeacon.org

Beacon Planning Board (Scheduled) 7 p.m. 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon

845-838-5002 | cityofbeacon.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Kids & Community

Dutchess County Historical Society Centennial Breakfast 7:30 a.m. The Grand Hotel 40 Civic Center Drive, Poughkeepsie dcrcoc.org

Come & Play (ages 0-3)

9:45 a.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Mahjong Open Play

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

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill

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

Desmond-Fish Library

10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers 1:30 p.m. Pre-School Story Hour (ages 3-5) 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Indoor Tot Lot

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

Rivertown Kids Chorus (ages 9-13) 4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon

845-264-3393 | rivertownkids.org Summer Car Show

6 - 9 p.m. Bear Mountain State Park 55 Hessian Drive, Bear Mountain 845-786-2701 x242 | popyourhood.com

Kayak Group Paddle 6 p.m. Long Dock, Beacon 845-831-1997 | mountaintopsonline.com

Health & Fitness

Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group

7 p.m. Support Connection 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org Summertime Health Workshop

7 p.m. All Sport 17 Old Main St., Fishkill 845-896-5678 x163 | allsportfishkill.com

Theater & Film

The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Preview) 7 p.m. Boscobel See details under Tuesday.

Music

Open Mic Night 7 - 10 p.m. Towne Crier Café

See details under Friday. Meetings & Lectures

Justice Court

1 p.m. Village Hall 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov Strawberry Moon Ritual 6:45 p.m. Notions-n-Potions 175 Main St., Beacon

Friends of Butterfield Library

The Paper

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

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

845-831-4300 | howlandculturalcenter.org

7:30 p.m. St. Philip's Church 1100 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org Historic District Review Board

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Kids & Community

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

Senior Day Center 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House

See details under Tuesday. Howland Public Library 10 a.m. Brain Games for Adults 3:45 - 5 p.m. Lego Club

See details under Tuesday. Bouncing Babies (ages 0-2) 10:30 a.m. Butterfield Library

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

Children Read to Dogs (ages 7-10)

3:30 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403. Garrison

845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Culinary Workshop: Making Your Own Bitters 6 p.m. Glynwood Farm 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Succulent Cork Magnet Workshop 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm

79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

Full Moon Paddle (Intermediate)7:30 p.m. Foundry Park, Cold Spring845-457-4552 | midhudsonadk.orgRegistration required.

Health & Fitness

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

Acid Reflux Options

6 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-734-3557 | hvhc.org/events

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

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

Film & Theater

The Liar (Preview) 7 p.m. Boscobel See details under Tuesday.

Art & Design

Angela Washko: *Playing a Girl* (Opening) 6 p.m. Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art 1701 Main St., Peekskill 914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

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Music

Anonymous Four with Bruce Molsky

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café See details under Friday.

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

Meetings & Lectures

35th Conference on New York State History (Opens) 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wallace Visitor Center FDR Presidential Library, Hyde Park nysha.org

Haldane PTA

3:30 p.m. Haldane School (Sustainable Garden) 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring 845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

NHFD District Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Kids & Community

Hyde Park

poklib.org

Center

Ongoing

Indoor Tot Lot

7 p.m. North Highlands Fire House 504 Fishkill, Cold Spring 845-265-9595 | nhfd21.org

200th Anniversary of Putnam County Courthouse 7 p.m. Gleneida Ave., Carmel putnamcountyny.com

National Motorcycle Meet & Machinery Show

8 a.m. - 10 p.m. 5 St. Andrews Road (at Route 9),

9-11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Community

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

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds

6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck

Poughkeepsie Library Book Sale

rhinebecknationalmeet.com

See details under Tuesday.

10 a.m. Common Ground Farm

79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra* Screens at Downing on June 8

As part of its special programming, the Downing Film Center will feature in HD the award winning comedy by George Bernard Shaw, *Caesar and Cleopatra*, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

Caesar and Cleopatra is a witty and seductive comedy about the relationship between a veteran Roman political strategist and an enchanting Egyptian teenage queen. Now movie audiences can witness the acclaimed performance of legendary Canadian actor Christopher Plummer, and experience the drama, intrigue and comedy of George Bernard Shaw's celebrated play. The production also stars Nikki M. James, who later went on to receive the 2011 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her role as Nabulungi in The Book of Mormon. The high quality production captures the true experience of witnessing Shaw's celebrated play on the prestigious Stratford Festival stage.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$9 for seniors and students, and \$8 for Downing members. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or at downingfilmcenter.com. For more information, call the box office at 845-561-3686 or visit the website. The Downing Film Center is located at 19 Front St., Newburgh.



Caesar and Cleopatra

Photo courtesy of The Downing Film Center

Fizz! Boom! Read! Summer Reading at Desmond-Fish Library

Join Mrs. Merry and singer-songwriter Stacy Labriola at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison for the Fizz! Boom! Read! Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday, June 10. Kids can register for summer reading, pick up their calendars and stampers and a kickoff prize. The event will feature live music, snacks, and paper airplanes.

Writing Workshop for Adults at Butterfield Library Begins June 23

wanted to write but think you're not a writer, are a writer and need encouragement/inspiration, are blocked or don't know how to move forward, or want to hone your craft and explore stories for personal memoir.

Wallach, an accredited Amherst leader, was an editor at Random House, and is a published author. Other projects include ghostwriting for Holt Henry Books for Young Readers and Temple University Press.

Young dancers to perform in *Dancing Through Time* June 7 at Haldane

This Saturday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Haldane Auditorium, Studio B@ The Beacon presents their Third Annual Spring Recital *Dancing Through Time*. The show will examine how popular dance forms have changed over the last 250 years and will feature over 60 young dancers performing ballet, tap, hip hop and musical theatre dance. Studio B dance director and former Radio City Rockette Katie Bissinger is excited to showcase her students in everything from classical 19th-century ballet to swing dance-inspired Fosse to disco tapping!

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 16 and under and are available at the door. The emcees for this year's show are graduating seniors Alison Duncan and Gabrielle Evans. Come to the show and enjoy the dance-filled trip down memory lane.



Studio B@The Beacon presents their Third Annual Spring Recital *Dancing Through Time* on June 7.

Photo courtesy of Studio B

Mosquitoes and Heavy Rainfall Compound Health Concerns

Increased temperatures and rainfall in the Northeast are a reality. Total precipitation is up and so are "large rainfall events," according to the New York State Water Resources Institute at Cornell potential to affect human health by increasing mosquito populations, and now the Asian tiger mosquito, which can carry West Nile virus, also appears headed this way.

"In Putnam we are currently concerned about West Nile virus," said Commissioner of Health Allen Beals, MD. "While no human cases of West Nile have been confirmed in our county since 2011, this can easily change with increased numbers of mosquitos or more aggressive biting."

Putnam residents are advised to remove all standing water.

Preventing bites is another line of defense. Personal protection measures should be taken for any outdoor activities. Wear shoes and socks, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts whenever possible, and use insect repellent containing DEET as well, paying close attention to the directions provided by the manufacturer. Do not let children apply this product themselves.

Visit putnamcountyny.com/health.

Rabies Concerns Increase with Warmer Temperatures

With warmer temperatures, people spend more time outdoors and the potential for contact with wildlife increases. Raccoons, skunks and foxes, as well as feral cats, can carry the rabies virus, found in the saliva and nervous tissue of an infected animal. Exchange can occur through an animal bite, or if saliva comes in contact with an open wound, or an individual's eyes, nose or mouth.

To educate children about the risk of rabies, teach them to:

- Avoid wild animals, including new litters of baby animals in spring. (*Everyone* should resist the urge to touch or pet a wild animal or unfamiliar pet.)
- Tell an adult about any contact with a wild animal or unfamiliar pet.
- Never touch a bat. If a bat is found indoors, call the Health Department.

All animal bites and/or contact with wild animals should be reported promptly to the Department of Health at 845-808-1390. After hours or on weekends/holidays report the incident by calling the Environmental Health Hotline at 845-808-1390 and press "3." A Health Department representative will promptly return your call. The Health Department will test any animal for possible rabies after an incident involving human or pet contact. If a family pet encounters a wild animal, avoid immediate handling, or use rubber gloves Visit putnamcountyny.com or facebook.com/putnamhealth and Twitter@ PutnamHealthNY.

Stonecrop Gardens Announces June 12 Green Space Lecture

Stonecrop Gardens invites the community to a lecture, "Why we need public gardens and parks more than ever," from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, at Stonecrop Gardens.

Dr. Donald Rakow of Cornell University will discuss the many ways in which public green spaces address human needs for quiet reflection and stimulation, education and meditation, reconnection with nature and exposure to human creativity, solitude and socialization. Learn about various efforts in which communities are developing or enhancing public gardens and parks, and the many ways in which they are touching and improving the lives of individuals and groups.

The event will be held in the library at Stonecrop Gardens, 81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring. Admission is free but space is limited. RSVP to reserve a spot by calling 845-265-2000. Visit stonecrop.org.



Stonecrop Gardens

Photo courtesy of Stonecrop

Constitution Island Association to Hold Seafood Gala

Fundraiser set for June 28

The Constitution Island Association will hold its signature fundraising event, the "Seafood Gala," back on Constitution Island from 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

The event will be catered by Mount Kisco Seafood, featuring oysters, clams, shrimp, and poached salmon. Dinner includes whole Maine lobsters, chicken, salad, desserts, and an open bar of wine, beer and soft drinks.

immediate handling, or use rubber gloves and call the Health Department. The gala will feature a talk by Richard de Koster, CIA retiring executive director,

Using the Amherst Writers and Artists method, Susan Wallach provides a safe and encouraging atmosphere to write, using prompts (evocative prose, poetry, photos, and props) to spark creative voice. An adult writing workshop starts Monday, June 23, and runs through Monday, July 28, at Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$120 for two one-hour sessions for six weeks and is limited to eight participants. Pre-registration required. To register or make inquiries, email susanwallachl@verizon.net.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

on "The Women of Constitution Island," celebrating the lives of Margaret Slocum Sage and Anna and Susan Warner.

In 1836, attorney Henry Warner bought the island. In the panic of 1837, Warner lost all of his other properties and settled his family at Constitution Island. Susan Warner's Wide, Wide World was the first American book to sell over one million copies worldwide. Anna Warner's Jesus Loves Me is one of the best-loved hymns ever composed.

Later, philanthropist Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage purchased Constitution Island and gave it to the United States of America for the use of the U.S. Military Academy.

The Warner House is currently closed for renovations. The chair of the Constitution Island Association, Frederick Osborn III of Garrison, USMA's superintendent, and the West Point garrison commander have made the house renovation and construction of an education center a priority so that they may be enjoyed by the public once again.

Transportation will be by boat only, departing from West Point South Dock at 4 and 5 p.m. and from Garrison's Landing at 4:15 and 5:15 p.m. (free parking at both locations). Cost is \$150 per person, with a discount for active duty military and family. Make reservations or purchase tickets at 845-265-2501, or visit constitutionisland.org, or email the "CIA" at ciaatwp@gmail.com.

Regents Approve New Old Road Society Charter

The New York State Board of Regents approved the new charter for the Old Road Society of Philipstown at its May meeting in Albany on Tuesday, May 22. The Old Road Society is officially recognized as a historical society under the auspices of the New York State Education Department's Office of Cultural Education.

The new charter provisions expand the scope of the Old Road Society to conduct more educational activities and encompass all heritage dirt roads throughout the town. The Old Road Society adopted these changes unanimously at a general meeting in October.

"It is gratifying that the Regents recognize the value and mission of the Old Road Society by enabling these changes," said Terry Zaleski, president of the Old Road Society.

The Old Road Society was established in 1984 by a group of concerned residents to monitor the impact of increasing development in the area and to ensure that successive residents and travelers could also enjoy the scenic and historic character of Philipstown's dirt roads. It works in partnership with town officials, other organizations, and community residents to achieve these aims. The Old Road Society invites community residents to attend a ceremony concerning the Old Albany Post Road to be held outside the Bird and Bottle Inn, an old stagecoach stop, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

new "Market Stage Live" performances, One World Youth Choir will perform at 9:30 a.m., and Daisy Jopling will play classical rock violin at 10 a.m. Local band Sailing Stone will entertain until noon. Vendors will be contributing their best items for a giant gift basket as part of a free raffle for market visitors. Winner must be present for the drawing at noon.

There will be at least 20 independent small business owners represented at the market. Visit peekskillfarmersmarket. com. The market will take place on Bank Street (between Park and Main Streets) in the same location as past years. Peekskill Farmers' Market hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays from June 7 through Nov. 22, 2014.

Il Cuore Canta Presents When the Heart Sings at **Chapel Restoration**

I Cuore Canta presents When the Heart *Sings*, a storytelling concert that will delight audiences of all ages and musical backgrounds. The eight gifted young singers of the ensemble bring the music of the Baroque masters to new life with sensitivity, playful abandon, and infectious joy. It is an evening of heartfelt music-making. The musical pieces are woven together in a pastiche that tells a story of lovers, villains, magic, adversity, and perhaps a happy ending.

Performances are at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, open rehearsal with free admission; 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, concert; 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, concert. All performances take place at The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring. Tickets are based on a pay-what-you-can basis. Purchase in advance at icccs.brownpapertickets.com.

Beacon

Howland Cultural Center **Presents Art Exhibition of** Animals We Love: PETS

The Howland Cultural Center will pres-L ent PETS, An Exhibition of the Animals We Love, from June 7 through 29. An opening reception takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. Seventeen artists - Chris Casaburi, Dick Crenson, Russell Cusick, Carolyn DeMichele, Jim Dratfield, Claudia Engel, Stephanie Fogarty, S. Martin Friedman, Mary Ann Glass, Claudia Gorman, Bridget Herbst, Helen Lang, Nathan Milgrim, Judith Pedatelle, Susan Richter Todd, J. Jaye Vaughn, and Kate Vikstrom - will exhibit paintings and photography of PETS to include cats, dogs, horses, iguanas ...

and more. A Blessing of the Animals is planned for Sunday, June 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the garden at the Howland Cultural Center.

Pet ownership in the United States has more than tripled since the 1970s, when approximately 67 million households had pets.

This is the first ex-

Center shows the specific subject of pets and dramatically emphasizes the natural affinity between

humans and their animal friends. The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St., in Beacon. Call 845-831-4988.

Beacon Sloop Club Serves Up Riverfront Strawberry Festival June 15

The 2014 Beacon Sloop Club sum-L mertime riverfront event starts on Sunday, June 15, with the annual freeadmission Strawberry Festival, rain or shine from noon to 5 p.m. at the Beacon **Riverfront Park.**

Members and friends of the all-volunteer Beacon Sloop Club will bake and serve their traditional fresh strawberry shortcake, a homemade treat with local berries, real whipped cream and hot biscuits. Along with homemade strawberry shortcake, smoothies and chocolate strawberries will also be available for purchase.

Live music from the Earth Stage, powered by the club's solar panel trailer, will entertain and welcome all to join in with their own voices. This year Earth Stage will headline Dan Einbender, Jim Connor, April Mae & the June Bugs, Judith Tullock Band, Rick Nestler & the Dirty Stay Out Skifflers, Mighty Girl and Driscoll & Smith.

Hudson River Lore with Jonathan Kruk, Bindlestick Bill, Sarah Underhill, Lydia Adams Davis, and The Young





hibition in which the Vaughn and Claudine Craig. The fresh whip cream team includes Connie Hogarth, Alice Photo by Joyce Hanson

Kangaroo Republic will also perform. Children's activities include face painting, candlestick making and hooping.

The Clearwater Sloop will be open for deck tours. Admission is free to the Strawberry Festival. Call 845-463-4660, 845-831-6962, or visit beaconsloopclub.org.

Three Solo Shows to begin at bau Gallery

Opening reception June 14

au Gallery will present three solo **D**shows beginning June 14 and running through July 6. Carla Goldberg's The Life Aquatic will be on view in Gallery One;



ries Of Found Abstracts. will be presented in The Beacon Room; Manfred Holtkamp, Mixed Media Sculptures, will be featured in The Windows Project Space.

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tifacts - A Se-

Manfred Holtkamp Image courtesy of bau Gallery

The opening reception takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Second Saturday, June 14, at bau Gallery, 506 Main St., Beacon. Visit baugallery.com or contact info@baugallery.com. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Call 845-440-7584 or call Gallery Director Carla Goldberg at 845-222-0177.

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Peekskill Opens Farmers' Market June 7

The Peekskill Farmers' Market, operη ating every Saturday beginning June 7, has been energized with new management, new vendors and now, weekly live entertainment through the new "Market Stage Live" series.

Opening Day of the market on June 7 will be a celebration, commencing with a ribbon cutting ceremony with local political leaders at 9 a.m. To inaugurate the



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Haldane's First Fifth Grade Arts Day

assisted by sound man Nick Poholchuk, and still photographer Rudolf Van Dommele led the fifth graders in making a film documenting Haldane's history, starting first with an interview with Philipstown historian and (very) longterm resident Donald MacDonald, who attended Haldane for two years, from 1940 to '42 prior to his service in the Navy during World War II.

As the preliminary set-up was taking place, Meeropol had some advice for the student interviewers: "We take great pains in documentaries to hide our microphones. You want to feel that everything is natural. We use the boom mike for back-up and ambient sound ... What you want to do is come up with a way of asking the questions so that the person doesn't just say yes or no - you want to draw out that person ... I find the best ways to get the answers is to have a conversation. Don't just be thinking of your next question - really listen to the answers and be interested in them." As several students peppered MacDonald with questions pertaining to Haldane's earliest years MacDonald provided answers when he knew them, including where the money to construct Haldane came from (the iron industry).

Across the hall, it was livelier still in the Hip Hop Choreography room presided over by Katie Bissinger. Some guys versus girls battle action was going on, in dancing form, as Bissinger told the group of the importance of patterns in this dance form. She asked each "side" what they "didn't like" about the other side and received a truthful answer from one girl about the guys: "I didn't like that they were so good."

Meanwhile, a more "home girl" professional, middle and high school librarian, Juli Hoffman, who had showcased her acrobatic talents at the high school talent show this April, led a group of nine students in the Aerial and Circus Arts (from page 7)

workshop. As the kids warmed up and tried to emulate Hoffman's perfect split, the librarian explained the history of the circus, in particular the significance the Cirque du Soleil has had in revolutionizing circus arts with the introduction of acrobats and aerialists.

After stretching, the students divided into small groups to rotate around four stations: juggling, stilts, a video of an aerialist performance, and the main activity every kid was just dying to try - the silks. Two purple silk sashes hung from a support structure 10 feet in the air. On the silks, under Hoffman's guidance and supervision, each of the students learned how to hang upside down, lie suspended in midair, and leap around in a circle floating successfully.

The next rotation saw workshops in creative writing with Kathy Curto; The Art of Breath in Song, in which opera singer and singing teacher Linda Milne Speziale worked on specific breathing techniques, explaining them anatomically; and drama with Jenn Lee where kids learned how to respond to directorial instruction by making "adjustments" in characterizations: "I want huge, actor-y, big, big choices, really had each student create a small patterned "motif" which she then collected into a mosaic of sorts. Post-workshop, she would be taking this to her office, and using one of their digital textile printers to turn it into fabric; each contributor would then be given a swatch. The realities of the profession were addressed as Locastro urged the group along. "When you're designing on Seventh Avenue and you're going to make a product that's going into the market, speed is of the essence," Locastro said. Explaining the profession itself she said, "My job as a textile designer is to take what we've done and say 'Can we do this with different color combinations, on different fabrics?"

Locastro wowed the kids when she pulled out a large, vivid piece of fabric, which had been designed by her office and used as a costume in an earlier Spiderman film. She described how she and her work-mates had been "sworn to secrecy" when designing them so that the surprise of the visuals could be concealed until the film's release.

It is hoped that this day will become an annual fixture at Haldane.

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Roots and Shoots

Coming Home to Their Garden

By Pamela Doan

lthough I visited too late in the spring to catch the fragrance and beauty of the tree peonies, Deborah Little and Rebecca Sperling's garden was still full of color. The Cold Spring residents have a staggered bloom time for their flowers throughout the spring that gives them gorgeous color for several months, including iris, hydrangea, and rhododendron. In the summer, they look forward to the blooming of the dahlias and sunflowers.

A landscaper owned the house before them and when they bought it 11 years ago many of the multiple varieties of peonies were there. They've added a pond, a vegetable garden, a container garden and several trees. A river birch they planted three years ago for privacy has added textural visual interest in the back corner and now needs to be pruned for the spot.

Their landscape has multiple areas for entertaining and enjoying the outdoors. "The house is very small and three seasons of the year, we're out here," Little said. Sperling added, "Each of these areas are really like rooms." As any good gardener does, they steal ideas from the inspiration of other gardens they've seen. Some friends in Brooklyn and a trip to Italy gave them the idea for a section on the side where they've got a lovely assortment of large planters, including a magnolia, grasses, a Japanese maple, a fra-



Very little of the landscape is devoted to lawn. "The goal was to have no grass. We only have a little in front and we're thinking of getting rid of it," Little said. "You're always imagining the next thing you'll do," added Sperling.

They've chosen to go with a natural approach to gardening and don't use pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers in their landscape. Sperling described being late to get to the train because she stops to pick aphids from the roses in the morning. Mulch helps keep the weeds down. They're considering where to put a compost bin, which would be a great way to reuse the natural resources their garden generates.

"There are all these gifts in the garden and you feel a sense of responsibility for taking care of it all," Sperling said. They both commute for work in the city and expressed their joy in having a peaceful, beautiful landscape to come home to in the evening and on weekends.

Little said that she's gardened her whole life and Sperling described her experience as more limited. They missed gardening and it was a motivating reason for moving to Cold Spring. "It's the only time I don't think about anything else," said Little. "You can do something and if it doesn't work you can try again next year." The couple's experience and enjoyment of their landscape is obvious and their approach is an inspiration for anyone wanting to figure out how to begin. Just get started, don't be afraid to make mistakes, and above all, take time to enjoy your efforts.



From left, Deborah Little and Rebecca Sperling have created a lovely outdoor space in their yard in the village, full of flowers, fruit trees and vegetables. Photo by P. Doan

grant bush no one could recall the name of, and blueberries.

A foundation from a second structure that was torn down became the platform for a seating area they covered with a pergola over a large dining table. Little said that they started screening movies out there, too, with a projector and a sheet. It's been used as a dance floor for parties and celebrations.

An arbor that's built over a spot where they can park a car has old grape vines that precede them, too. "We've put in a few replacements for some that died, but we've given grapes to a neighbor who made wine from them. Every little area has some story." A dogwood tree they believe dates back to when the house was first built more than 100 years ago was the first focal point they used to create an outdoor entertaining area. "It's about 10 degrees cooler under there," Sperling said. They describe their yard as a constant-

ly shifting and evolving experience. "We aren't very methodical about it. We have a few nurseries we love to go to and we walk around and it's whatever grabs us," Little said. Sperling added that she was more conservative about color, but now feels, "bright is pretty and now I'll put anything in."

Mistakes can be made. Sometimes a planting becomes bigger than expected and needs to be pruned or moved. "We don't follow the rules," Little said. "We enjoyed the blueberries so we added a peach tree, a sour cherry tree, and a pear tree." Now they feel like the peach tree is too large for the front and are trying to figure out what to do with it. The fruit is a source for summer pies.



Haldane Middle Schoolers Freya Wood-Gallagher (left) and Roisin Daly in rehearsal for Midsummer/Jersey.

Photo by Jim Mechalakos

doesn't matter if it's drama, music, or sports - when you establish levels of excellence, more people want to be involved, and when more people are involved, you have a bigger pool to make selections from. Even that in itself begets a superior product."

Haldane Drama will perform Midsummer/Jersey at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, in the Haldane School Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12 for the general public, and for \$5 for students and seniors.

MTV and Shakespeare in Haldane Midsummer/Jersey

By Michelle McEwen

hat happens when A Midsummer Night's Dream meets The Jersey Shore? MTV and Shakespeare collide in the upcoming Haldane Middle School Drama Department's production of the comedy Midsummer/Jersey by Ken Ludwig (the talented playwright who wrote Crazy for You, among other works). A play chosen by the director, Martha Mechalakos, for its unique blend of the classic and the contemporary, Midsummer/Jersey sets Shakespeare's play on the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern-day New Jersey. Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius, and Helena become Mia, Lyle, Dennis, and Helene. The Duke of Athens, Theseus, turns into the young and hip Governor of New Jersey, Chris; the rustics metamorphose

into gabby beauticians; and of course, everyone speaks in a Jersey accent.

The story begins when Mia and Lyle become stars of a reality TV show and flash back six years to recount the events that led up to their wedding. As the play unfolds, the plot revolves around the imminent marriage of the Governor of New Jersey, the sandy love affairs of four high school crushes, a colorful crew of fairies, and the stylists of the local beauty salon. Magic transforms the night when the mischievous Oberon and Puck make their entrance with a powerful love potion that will devastate several weddings and the acting careers of six stylists unless true love can ride out the wave.

For those who love Shakespeare, Mechalakos assures that the playwright follows the original work "pretty closely act by act, scene by scene, and a lot of the time, speech by speech." The entire play

is written in verse for a seamless script. For those who love the modern twist, Mechalakos continues, "the playwright left explicit instructions to keep it very current, so there are a lot of contemporary references." Such hilarities await the audience as Puck obsesses over his iPhone, Oberon plays an electric guitar on the beach, and the wild, spiky-haired fairies dance to the 2014 hit Happy by Pharrell Williams. Parodying Shakespeare while jesting pop culture, this romantic romp makes the timeless timely.

About 50 students auditioned for the production as one of the largest casting pools ever witnessed at Haldane's Middle School, a testament to the building success of the drama program. Commenting on the department's progress, Mechalakos asserts: "It seems like every year, things just get better. We learn with every season that we do. I think that



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Sports Lady Blue Devils Claim Fourth Straight Softball Title

By Kathie Scanlon

The Lady Blue Devils grabbed their fourth consecutive Class C sectional title on May 30 against Alexander Hamilton. The game ended in the bottom of the fifth inning with the mercy rule as Haldane dominated 24-1.

Haldane drove in 13 runs in the first inning allowing Hamilton's only run. With four in the second, six in the third and one in the fourth, Haldane was unstoppable. Marley Chefalo pitched 16 first-pitch strikes for a total of five strikeouts. Morgan Hotaling had three R.B.I. while Allie Monteleone added three hits and two R.B.I. Chefalo, Missy Lisikatos and Melissa Tringali each contributed two R.B.I.

The Lady Devils advance to the regional semifinals against Chester at 3:30 p.m. on June 5, at Minisink Valley High School.





Haldane Varsity Softball turned in a 24-1 victory over Alexander Hamilton in the Class C sectional championship on May 30 at North Rockland High School. Photo courtesy of Chantal Lisikatos



Haldane Varsity Boys Track 4x800 relay team is on to states. The qualifying meet was held in White Plains on May 30.

Photo courtesy of Diane Hughes



Haldane Varsity Baseball defeated Tuckahoe 7-3 to seize the Section 1, Class C title – the team's third consecutive sectional title – May 31, at Provident Bank Park, home of the Rockland Boulders in Pomona. Photo courtesy of John Rotando



Thursday June 5, Varsity Softball Class C Regional Semifinal vs. Chester, 3:30 p.m. at Minisink Valley High School **Friday June 6, Varsity Baseball** Class C Regional Semifinal vs. Chester, 4 p.m. at John Jay Cross River High School

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