Cold Spring, Philipstown Officials Seek Unified Stance on Butterfield Occupancy

React warily to Guillaro request for commitment; county position unclear

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong and Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board's May 13 approval of new zoning for the old Butterfield Hospital property left developer Paul Guillaro with a victory and three municipalities with a dilemma: should they rent space in an envisioned inter-governmental “municipal” building on the .57-acre site, and, if so, at what cost?

A few years ago, leaders of the Cold Spring and Philipstown governments expressed tentative intentions to take space at Butterfield. Last fall, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell followed suit. The county has been interested in Butterfield since at least 2010. Nonetheless, throughout the long, frequently contentious public debate before the B4A zoning change, all three jurisdictions could delay decisions on a Butterfield presence and — proverbially — kick the can down the road. This summer, that can hit a STOP sign, as Guillaro began seeking real commitments.

Answers sought

In a June 6 letter to Cold Spring Mayor Ralph Falloon, Guillaro wrote: “It is important that the Village of Cold Spring contact us if they are interested in leasing space at Butterfield.”

The concept plan designates Building 1 (of six) as a “municipal office, retail” facility — which could presumably include a senior citizen-community in the government space.

The U.S. Postal Service is reportedly talking to Guillaro about Butterfield, but also exploring three other potential sites for a new Cold Spring post office.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea received a June 6 letter identical to Falloon’s.

Building Departments Merger Abandoned

Village zoning update: interviews to begin

By Michael Turton

While the concept of consolidating municipal services within Philipstown has been talked about frequently in recent years and widely accepted as a positive step toward more efficient local government, putting the idea into practice is a different matter.

At the Tuesday (July 15) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, a majority of trustees voted against further research into consolidating local building departments. The vote was informal, a “straw poll” conducted by Mayor Ralph Falloon.

Prior to the vote, Falloon said he wanted to continue looking into consolidating. Discussions have centered on a plan in which, at no extra cost to Cold Spring, the Town of Philipstown would provide building department services to the village, replacing its part-time building inspector with the Town’s full-time staff.

Trustee Mike Bowman voted against investigating that approach further. Instead, he suggested, “We do a one-year trial, running our department as it’s supposed to be run, get the paperwork caught up,” with a reassessment after the trial period. Trustee Bruce Campbell voted with Bowman, as did Trustee Cathryn Fadde. Campbell pointed out that Cold Spring Building Inspector Bill Bujarski has recently benefited from extra help. Bujarski was in attendance and explained that an intern has been working one day a week, dealing with “administrative work I couldn’t get to” doing filing, archiving and inspector work.

Community Blood Drive Needs Volunteer Donations

Hosted at North Highlands Firehouse August 1

By Clayton Smith

On Aug. 1, the New York Blood Center will host a blood drive at the North Highlands Firehouse. Volunteers are encouraged to attend and donate either plasma or red blood cells to ensure that the local blood inventories have an ample supply of all blood types.

Coordinator Dottie Gilman said that the hardest part about putting on a blood drive is getting people to respond and set aside the time so that they can donate. “Blood is a product that has never been successfully manufactured, to my knowledge,” Gilman said, highlighting the importance of signing up as many volunteers as possible. The blood collecting machine will be run by employees of New York Blood Center, which has locations all over the Hudson Valley, from Hopewell Junction to Nanuet.

Those anxious about donating blood for the first time need not worry. “It’s much easier than people think,” explained the New York Blood Center’s Executive Director of Donor Recruitment Andrea Cefarelli. Donors must eat well and be hydrated before attending the blood drive. Upon arrival, donors will show their IDs and fill out a form documenting personal health and travel information. The process includes a short physical exam, consisting of information about body temperature, blood pressure, and hematoctrit level. The actual process of giving blood only lasts 5 to 11 minutes, and then volunteers are encouraged to move to a refreshment area. Volunteers should set aside an hour to complete the process from start to finish.

After the blood has been collected it will be taken to a component laboratory for testing. Next it will be sent to an inventory and distributed based on the needs of hospitals in the area. Every year, NYBC provides roughly one million blood products to 200 hospitals in the Northeast.

Community blood drives have taken place at the firehouse of the North Highlands Fire Department since 1997 and the upcoming drive is expected to pull in around 60 donations, while past drives ranged from 60 to 120. Eligible donors must be at least 16 (with parental consent) and in good health, weighing at least 110 pounds. Those over 75 years old can donate with a doctor’s note. The drive will last from 3 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 1, at the North Highlands Fire Department, located at 504 Fishkill Road, in Cold Spring.

For more information call the New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566 or visit their website at nybloodcenter.org.
Cold Storage

By Celia Barbour

Our refrigerator is misbehaving. Lately, everything stored in its bottom drawer turns icy, as if Elsa, the accursed sister from Frozen, had been put in charge of managing our household’s food preservation.

This didn’t come as a total surprise. The fridge has been signaling its demise for a long while by emitting a regular series of knocks that sound as if someone angry were banging at the door. These rap-rap-raps have often surprised whichever guests happened to be in our kitchen when they occurred, but have not so much as ruffled our eyebrows — we all stopped noticing them after a re-pair guy told us it would cost so much we all stopped noticing them after a re-pair guy told us it would cost so much.

Yet as fully-anticipated as this moment was, the misbehavior of the fridge has been accompanied by sadness. Not over the infirmity of the appliance itself (though I am quite capable of being sentimental about large metal things), but over the stuff contained in that bottom drawer.

And there was plenty of it to mourn, for this is the season of stuff and more stuff — the season when early summer’s sweet, generous yields merge with late-summer’s racy abundance, and a wanton shopper like me can come home from the farmer’s market with far too much of far too much, from first-crop corn-on-the-cob, apricots, and peppers to last-brief lettuce, snow peas, garlic scapes, and strawberries (to say nothing of the impossible-to-resist fish, beef, bread, honey, cheese, pastries, tamales, eggs and kombucha).

Yesterday, I had to throw out two recently-bought, iced-up heads of beautiful lettuce, a bag of glasy organic cucumbers, a chump of frozen blueberries, several herbs, and a big bunch of carrots. I initially thought the carrots would survive our private ice age, but when I bit into one, it dissolved into baby-food-like mush in my mouth. Yuck and heartache.

Fortunately, the upper reaches of the fridge are hanging in there for now. Fortunate, too, that I’d stashed up high some rice and quinoa. Making extra grains has become a new summer-time habit. Late at night, when the air is cooler, I will boil up a big pot of rice, milllet, farro, and/or quinoa, toss them with some alliums and herbs, maybe a little oil and either vinegar or citrus, and refrigerate them.

I find that my appetite is fickle when it’s hot out — as in, I have none whatsoever until suddenly I realize I’m starving. With grains in the fridge, I can think to myself, “OK, then, what am I in the mood for?” or “I’d better eat something fast or I will faint.” without worrying that I don’t have time to cook up a complicated, healthful dish. I simply mix the aforementioned grains with whatever seems right at the moment: tomatoes, avocado, and cilantro, perhaps, or fava beans, mint, and pecorino, or soft-boiled egg and siracha.

Grain Salad with Apricots and Almonds

Photography by C. Barbour

4-6 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1 small onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
¼ cup mixed fresh oregano, thyme, and sage, sliced
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1 lime, zested and juiced (plus more lime juice, if needed)
Salt and pepper

• Heat an oven or toaster oven to 375°. Spread the almonds on a baking sheet and toast for 10-12 minutes, tossing halfway, until golden-brown. Set aside to cool.

• Cook the rice according to package directions. To make the quinoa, heat a large pot of water to boiling, add the quinoa and cook for 10 minutes. Drain in a sieve and run under cold water until cool. Drain and transfer to a large bowl along with the rice. Add 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, plus the lime zest, the lime juice, and the salt and pepper. Toss to combine.

• In a skillet over medium heat, warm 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Add the onion and sauté until soft and just beginning to color, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic, oregano, sage, and thyme and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Toss with the rice and quinoa.

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While the Village Board had reached no decision, the Village of Cold Spring and the Village of Nelsonville have been discussing the idea of merging their justice courts. In June 2012, the Village Board voted 4-0 in favor of relocating the justice court at Butterfield and police department there. Moving the Village Hall proved more contentious. Trustees Airinhos Serradas and Charles Huests voted in favor of relocation and Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustee Bruce Campbell opposed it. Falloon, a trustee then, was absent.

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Developers and a phone call to Odell also had not been returned as of press time. Two emails and a phone call to Guillaro did not write to Nelsonville, which has remained on the periphery of the discussions. Falloon told The Paper: “I am in favor of a consolidated effort at Butterfield with the proper planning and funding.”

Shea said July 8 that the town government “will be looking to set up a meeting with Putnam County and the Village of Cold Spring and Nelsonville to work on a coordinated response. This makes the most sense to us in light of the fact that all our interests are aligned. A fragment-ed approach to a common issue will not assure success. Working together will.”

What to relocate

Village, town, and county governments have periodically suggested what civic functions might decamp to Butterfield.

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Periodically, though, other arrangements also have been discussed, including use of the American Legion building for an updated senior citizen-community center and renovation of Dahlia house, a town-government owned building behind Town Hall to serve some town office needs.

Still Butterfield remains on the table.

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Asked if surplus office space created by a move to Butterfield could be rented out, providing revenue, Falloon observed that “there are clearly defined rules on the (village government’s) ability to generate revenue through real property. We would have to investigate such an idea.”

In any case, he is not enthusiastic about moving all village offices. “I do not believe there is a willingness to move Village Hall off of Main Street,” he said. Whatever the Village Board decides it will likely seek public input first. “I absolutely believe a public meeting would be held regarding [all these] issues,” Falloon said. “And I hope — sooner rather than later.”

A Nelsonville perspective

Like Cold Spring, Nelsonville owns its own building free and clear. Moreover, a move to Butterfield would put the Village Hall outside the village’s own boundaries. While Nelsonville Mayor Tom Corless supports consolidation of building department establishments, a common department at Butterfield is “another question,” he said. Corless was unsure if consolidating justice courts would benefit Nelsonville. Its clerk, Pauline Minners, “does most of that work already; so it’s really just the judge’s salary” at issue, he said. “Would it [consolidation] be a gain or a loss to Nelsonville? I don’t know.” He also is unconvinced any government offices should go to Butterfield.

“Personally, I don’t know why government would pay rent,” he said. “That would you get — a 15-year lease? And what happens at the end of the lease? Would you be right back to square one?”

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and a complete office reorganization.

“It’s not about filing,” Trustee Stephe-
nie Hawkins said. “I’m still disagreeing with
Bowman’s comments about a better-orga-
nized office.” Hawkins said residents not
having access to a full-time service, she
said. “It’s a lost opportunity … I don’t un-
derstand (rejecting) a full-time service at
no increased cost to the village.

“Personally, I’m a fan of consolida-
tion … It’s an opportunity,” Falloon said.
However after the negative straw poll he
added, “We’ll talk about it in a year.”

Coincidentally Bujarski also submit-
ted an updated fee schedule for the more
than 50 permits and inspections that he
provides in his part-time capacity. Fees
generally range from $25 to $250 and he
said his small department made “a slight
profit” last year. He commented that he has
had no complaints from residents about
the services he provides. “I only hear that from the board,” he said. “If you get a complaint I’d like to know about it.”

Speaking to The Paper about the is-
 sue of local government consolidation overall, Falloon said, “Everybody wants smaller government — but nobody wants to give up money, power or control.”

Interviews to begin for Zoning
Update Committee

Mayor Falloon suggested that inter-
views begin as a first step toward forming
the Zoning Update Committee, the group
that will revise Cold Spring’s antiquated
zoning code, bringing it in line with the
2011 Local Waterfront Revitalization
The update is being funded by a grant of
$75,000 from the New York State En-
ergy Research and Development Agency
(NYSERDA). The village will match the
grant, which includes a $5,000 fee. The volun-
teer committee members. Hawkins said
that the standards that he requested de-
tails regarding the proposed cost shar-
ing. NYSERDA prefers that committee
members have appropriate backgrounds
for completing the detailed work and al-
lows higher rates to be charged against
the grant for community volunteers with
appropriate qualifications.

“The job is very demanding, and who has consistent-
ly shown no enthusiasm for the grant, posed
numerous questions about the making of the grant decisions. Interviews for potential members were previously postponed at his request. Hawkins
explained that Greenplan, the consulting
firm that submitted the successful grant
application, had suggested the commit-
tee include five members. The Village
Council said that the final recommendation would come from the village committee size.

The Paper stated that it would reassert the issue of the project at the next meeting. Hawkins said that the project is not a re-
lection of a project where the town
returns to the old zoning code to work
the work done by the
Committee. Hawkins said he
would continue with the project
and that the new committee would
be on the new committee. Hawkins said
the candidates include Donald MacDon-
ald, Marie Earley, Paul Henderson, Ruth
Elwell, Chuck Hustis and Susan Perhi.
Village Clerk Mary Saari will now begin scheduling interviews.

More parking issues

Garden Street resident Maggie Valen-
tine wasn’t happy when she saw the Cold
Spring Police Department marking tires
in front of her home on the Fourth of
July holiday. She voiced her complaint at
her neighbors’ property and
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Stevenson Enters Fast Pitch Hall of Fame

Speed in the field and on the bases

By Michael Turton

Life-long Cold Spring resident George Stevenson is one of those rare individuals blessed with considerable talent in two very different areas of life — athletics and art. In recent years he has been better known for the latter; his colorful, primitive-style paintings having been shown in New York City and numerous local venues.

But it was the athletic prowess he enjoyed in his younger years that Stevenson was honored for on Sunday (July 13) when he was inducted into the City of Newburgh Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame to the hearty applause of friends, family, old teammates and even good-natured former foes on the field. Stevenson played fastball in Newburgh during the 1968 and 1969 seasons and then again after his return from the Vietnam War, where he was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries he suffered in battle there.

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Putnam History Museum Lawn Party Features Croquet and Scenic Views

Annual event held at historic Douglas Road home

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The lawn of a historic Douglas Road estate Saturday evening (July 12) drew fans of balmy summer evenings, buffet fare, stunning views of the Hudson River, Philipstown’s rich heritage, and — most of all — the Putnam History Museum.

With a theme of old-fashioned summer white-stripe apparel and the genteel game of croquet, the event, a fundraiser, occurred at the home of Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney and Randy Florke, an old-house renovator who works as a real estate and design executive in New York City at The Rural Connection Inc., a company he founded.

Bill Hicks, chairman of the Putnam History Museum Board of Trustees, succinctly summed up the evening’s agenda: “Eat, drink, play croquet!”

Formerly called the Putnam County Historical Society and Foundry School Museum, the museum is located on Chestnut Street in Cold Spring.

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Glynwood Farm Store Widens Horizons

‘The idea is to connect the dots between what is grown and raised to what’s on the plate’

By Alison Rooney

Selling products under the guise of ‘just picked’ or ‘farm fresh’ is all too frequently a patently false way of marketing products that bear neither of these qualities. At the Glynwood Farm Store (GSF) however, these phrases are not a marketing ploy. Much of the vegetables and herbs for sale have literally just been pulled from the soil at the farm located off Route 301 in Cold Spring, and brought over in a tractor; all of the meat sold is livestock-raised on the farm. The rest of the expanded-this-year range of products sold is neighboring: all from within New York state and most from within a stone’s throw of Glynwood.

Glynwood first established the store a number of years ago as a means of selling their meat and eggs. Initially most sales were made to their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shareholders, a marketing ploy. Much of the vegetables and herbs for sale have literally just been pulled from the soil at the farm located off Route 301 in Cold Spring, and brought over in a tractor; all of the meat sold is livestock-raised on the farm. The rest of the expanded-this-year range of products sold is neighboring: all from within New York state and most from within a stone’s throw of Glynwood.

Glynwood’s official designation is “Certified Naturally Grown” (CNG). According to the CNG website, “To be granted the CNG certification, farmers don’t use any synthetic herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, antibiotics, hormones, or genetically modified organisms. CNG livestock are raised mostly on pasture and with space for freedom of movement. Feed must be grown without synthetic inputs or genetically modified seeds.” As described on the CNG website, and echoed by Holmes, the CNG designation is tailor-made for smaller-scale farms selling in their local communities, such as Glynwood. “We use organic practices,” says Holmes, “but the cost of getting a certified organic designation is prohibitive for small to mid-sized farms.”

The store, which operates seasonally, from late May through the end of October (meat is available through the winter), is open in conjunction with the CSA pick-up hours, Tuesdays and Fridays from 3 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are also special opening hours for holidays. This year Glynwood introduced an online store, through which meat and eggs can be purchased and then picked up, either at Glynwood or at Little Joe’s Coffee & Books (formerly NoKa Joe’s Coffee Shop), in Katonah (See the website for more details.).

Glynwood’s meat and eggs are now being sold at the Cold Spring General Store on Main Street, and, new this year, their CSA shares can be picked up from the Garrison Café each Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.; eggs are on sale there as well. Outreach is currently being made to Beacon with hopes to offer Glynwood products for sale at a location there as well in the near future.

The next Farm Dinner will take place on Friday, Aug. 15, with an “Out in The Field” theme. Optional overnight farm stays are offered in conjunction with these dinners. See the Glynwood website for details and to make reservations.

To find the store, turn off Route 301 at the Glynwood Farm sign, and follow the two-mile long driveway, continuing through the stone pillars, to the parking area marked “Farm Store and CSA Parking.” Visit Glynwood.org for more information.

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August 2, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
August 3, 2 p.m.

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www.philipstowndepottheatre.org
Garrison Landing, Garrison, NY (Theatre is adjacent to train station.)
Trumpeters Emerge From the Woods in Ben Neill’s New Composition, Manitoga

Garrison resident’s music blends acoustic and electronic influences

By Alison Rooney

It began, in a commonplace way, in fifth grade, with the school band. Given a trumpet to play, Ben Neill took up his third instrument, having started out with piano, (his grandmother taught the instrument) and guitar. Neill took to it right away. “I was already excited about music,” he says, “and it was a way I could do music in a school situation.” Decades later, trumpets still at hand — traditional ones and an innovative one, called a mutantrumpet Neill invented — Neill has made a professional life in music, performing, touring and, most of all composing from the mad musical scientist’s studio located in his Garrison home. A studio criss-crossed with cords and power strips, packed with electronic equipment, displays, keyboards, knobs to turn, levers to adjust, speakers and yes, an instrument or two. It is from within and beyond this studio that Neill has been working on one of his latest compositions, Manitoga, set for a brass quintet, which will have its debut at the site that inspired it in a July 26 performance.

A virtuoso in the making

By eighth grade Neill was taking private lessons at the North Carolina School of the Arts, where he was also becoming exposed to many different kinds of music: “From Baroque to modern, I experienced virtuosity for the first time,” he recalls. “I thought: ‘I want to do that.’” Studying classical trumpet, Neill continued and developed an interest in popular music and jazz. “In college I started getting more interested in different kinds of contemporary music. I was fortunate to have a teacher who encouraged me to write my own,” he says.

The letters spelling ‘Manitoga’ as expressed by Carol Szymanski’s horns surround Ben Neill’s ‘mutantrumpet.’ Image courtesy of Manitoga

Ben Neill prepares to play his mutantrumpet in his studio. Photo by A. Rooney

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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, JULY 18

Kids & Community
Putnam Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial and Rally 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stormville Airport 428 Route 216, Stormville 845-528-9350 | putnamkennelclub.org Wine Tasting 4 - 7 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop 180 Main St., Beacon 845-440-6923 | artisanshipeshop.com Kabbalat Shabbat Picnic 4 - 8 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center 29 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com Live Music 9 p.m. The Pantry | 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-265-2840 | thepantrycss.com Jason Glisser 9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon 845-838-6207 | maxsonmain.com Meetings & Lectures Free Computer Help 2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desdonelfishlibrary.org

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Kids & Community
Putnam Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial and Rally 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stormville Airport See details under Friday.

Music
Mike Klubnick 4 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ 2744 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-809-5507 | rundoutlobbi.com Bluegrass Gospel Jam 7 - 9 p.m. Our Savior Church 1400 Route 52, Fishkill 845-896-2373 | oursgau.org Gil Parrish with Curtis Winchester 7 p.m. Arts on the Lake 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes 845-238-2643 | artsontelake.com A Night at the Opera: Mount Saint Mary College (Desmond Campus) 6 Albany Post Road, Newburgh 845-565-2076 | rmusic.edu Eleguamia 8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill 914-759-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com The Garry Cus Project 8 p.m. BearRunner Café | 201 S. Division, Peekskill | 914-775-7701 | bearunnercafe.com Painted Betty 8 p.m. Whistling Wikey’s 184 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-2012 | whistlingwickeyes.com Willy Amrod Band 8:30 p.m. Tavern/Grill Café 379 Main St., Beacon 845-855-1300 | townecrest.com"
Three Legged Buddha by Zhang Huan | Several events will take place at Storm King Arts Center, New Windsor, this weekend.

Photo by Kate Wisnom

Open Book
8 p.m. The Pantry
3005 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-2840 | thepantryres.com

Ballroom Dance Party
8 p.m. Swing lesson | 9 p.m. Dance with DJ Joe
Hudson Valley Dance Depot
733 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie
845-204-9833 | hudsonvalleydance.org

C'mon Beacon Let's Dance
845-204-9833  |  hudsonvalleydance.org
Hudson Valley Dance Depot
8 p.m. Swing lesson  |  9 p.m. Dance with DJ Joe
Ballroom Dance Party
Open Book
914-631-3390 x100  |  tarrytownmusichall.org
8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
914-424-4800  |  garrisoninstitute.org
8 p.m. Garrison Art Center
914-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
Theater & Film
Art & Design
Members-Only Early Admission
9 a.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org
Garrison Art Center
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing & Painting (Long Pose)
10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Printmaking Club
Garrison Arts Center
914-424-4800 | garrisonartcenter.org
Theater & Film
Powerhouse Theater
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
845-534-4559 | westpoint.edu/band
The McKreids
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.

Natalie Merchant
8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Albert Cumings Blues Band
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.

Live Jazz
9 p.m. Chi Wine Bar
173 Main St., Beacon
845-765-0885

Talking Machine
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main
246 Main St., Beacon
845-836-0077 | maxasonmain.com

Taboo: Tribute to Santana
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com
Meetings & Lectures
Overeaters Anonymous
8:30 a.m. Graymoor
1350 Route 9, Garrison
917-716-2488 | oa.org

Annamaria Afflitti: Strange Gods (Reading)
2 p.m. Desmond Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Gail Carroll: Nonviolent Communication (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Kids & Community
Beacon Flea Market
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Lot, Beacon
845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

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

The Jammers
8 p.m. Whisling Willy's
See details under Friday.

Doug Munro and Friends (Jazz)
8 p.m. Bearrunner Cafe
See details under Friday.

Alfred Holmes Blues Band
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.

Bazaar-on Hudson Indoor Market
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Living Room
103 Main St., Cold Spring | bazaar-onhudson.com
Beacon Farmers’ Market
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Bannerman Island Tour
12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock
800-791-3370 | bannermanisland.org

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

Restaurant Row Block Party
1 - 9 p.m. N. Division St. at Main, Peekskill
See details under Saturday.

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

Standing on Your Hands: Arm Balances Clinic
4 p.m. Living Yoga Studios
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

Art & Design
Members-Only Early Admission
9 a.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org
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1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Drop-In Printmaking Club
Garrison Arts Center
914-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Theater & Film
Powerhouse Theater
2 & 7 p.m. Laugh.
3 p.m. Privileged Life of Cats at the Mug
5 p.m. Theardin White
7 p.m. Midsummer Night's Dream
See details under Friday.

Prose(s) of Pie Storytelling and Pie Bake-off
6 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x 400 | tarrytownmusichall.org

The Teo Gennettis of Verona with Q&A
7 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

Music
Swing Dance (Benefit)
1 - 4 p.m. Newburgh Brewing
88 South Colden St., Newburgh | Benefits
Newburgh Heights Banner Beautification Project
The Baseball Project & Happiness
2 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Cowboy Daryl Blue Moon
4 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
See details under Friday.

Pole and Zirk Seeger Memorial Concert
4 p.m. Danross Park Bandshell
Lincoln Center, New York | seagarfest.org

Pick and Grin Acoustic Session
6 - 10 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Sunday Sounds
6 - 9 p.m. Sylvia’s N. Soul Café
469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-831-5153 | virginiaspout.com

Sunset Concert Series: Buffalo Slack
6:30 p.m. Riverrfront Bandstand, Cold Spring
coldspringropecanvas.com

Dress Right, Dress: Music for Military Band
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
845-534-4559 | westpoint.edu/band

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

James Taylor
8 p.m. Bethel Woods
200 Hard Road, Bethel
866-781-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

SkyBaby Studio
Yoga and Pilates Summer Schedule
July - August 2014
Always check online schedule for cancellations: www.skybabystudio.com

Register at www.hudsonwirespeditions.com
Sound Healing and Restorative Yoga Workshop: Saturday, July 26, 4-6 p.m.
Register at www.skybabystudio.com

Follow Your Heart, Follow Your Bliss – Heart-Centered Meditation + Group Acupuncture Treatment with Holly Burling: Friday, August 1, 6:30-8 p.m., FREE
Find Your Power Animal Shamanic Workshop ~ Celtic Priestess: Saturday, August 9, 1-3pm. $25 pre-registered; $35 at door
~ Heart-Centered Meditation + Group Healing Meditation: Saturday, August 16, 1-3pm. $25 pre-registered; $35 at door
~ Find Your Power Animal Shamanic Workshop: Saturday, August 23, 1-3pm. $25 pre-registered; $35 at door
~ Sound Healing and Restorative Yoga Workshop: Saturday, August 30, 4-6 p.m.

Cowboy Daryl Blue Moon
845-534-4559 | westpoint.edu/band

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Pamela Merlot
845-526-2001 | pamela@skybabystudio.com

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**MONDAY, JULY 21**

**Kids & Community**

Bridge Club
9:30 a.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | PhilipstownRecreation.com

Take a Romp Through the Swamp
10:30 a.m. Butterfield Library
1801 Route 9D, Garrison
845-561-3686 | DowningFilmCenter.com

**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.

**Theater & Film**

Brooklyn Traffic
7 p.m. SummerStage | Details under Friday.

**Meeting & Lectures**

Ancestral Board-not-Bored
7:30 p.m. Riverfront Green Park, Peekskill
845-838-8065 | quinsibsbeacon.com

**Meetings & Lectures**

Agostino Arts for Kids meetup.com/Beacon-Board-not-Bored
165 Main St., Beacon
845-833-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Open-Mic Night
7 p.m. Townie Café | See details under Friday.

**Health & Fitness**

Neuro Support Group
3 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center
670 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel
845-279-5112 x2482 | healthquest.org

Yoga with a View
6 p.m. Boiceville
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3838 | boiscobell.org

Basketball at Philipstown Rec
6:35 p.m. Youth Basketball Skills (grades 3-8)
7:30 p.m. Men’s Pin-Up
10 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | PhilipstownRecreation.com

Breast Cancer Support Group
7 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Meetings & Lectures**

845-765-2410 | notions-n-potions.com

**Events & Activities**

Lena Bloch and the Feathery Quartet (Jazz)
8 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinsibsbeacon.com

**Meetings & Lectures**

7 p.m. Support Connection
704 Triplex, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Women’s Pick-up Basketball**
7 - 9 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center
See details under Monday.

**Sports**

Hudson Valley Renegades vs. Staten Island
7:05 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0004 | hvrenegades.com

**Art & Design**

Adult Clay Class (First Session)
5 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | PhilipstownRecreation.com

**Theater & Film**

The Two Gentlemen of Verona
7 p.m. Boiceville
See details under Friday.

**Flashback Film**

7 p.m. The Pantry | 3309 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-2840 | thepantrycs.com

**Meetings & Lectures**

Jacob Burns Film Center
7:35 p.m. The Lady in Number 6 (Documentary)
10 p.m. A Hard Day’s Night (1964)
See details under Saturday.

Cold-It (2014)
7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center
19 Front St, Newburgh
845-561-3686 | DowningFilmCenter.com

**The Music Note**

8 p.m. Powerhouse Theater | Details under Friday

**Music**

Open-Mic Night
7:30 p.m. Dreamlands Live
Details under Friday.

**Meetings & Lectures**

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

**Meetings & Lectures**

Breast Cancer Support Group
7 p.m. Connection
See details under Monday.

**Health & Fitness**

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1020 Wolcott Avenue | Beacon, NY 12508
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Garden Day Set for July 26 at Constitution Island
PGC offers flower arranging workshops for children

The Constitution Island Association (constitutionisland.org) invites the community to Garden Day on Constitution Island from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 26.

Travel to the island is by boat only from West Point’s South Dock or Garrison’s Landing. The boat schedule is listed at constitutionisland.org. The event features boat rides, a tour of Anna Warner’s historic garden, a children’s flower arranging project, lectures from Hudson River Valley garden experts, Revolutionary War fortifications tours, information on the preservation of the historic Warner House, trail hiking, and a book and bake sale.

The Philipstown Garden Club will host children’s flower arranging from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will supply all materials. This is an event that the PGC held in 1918 on Constitution Island.

Children will select their choice of container, a recycled/reusable item, keeping within the mission of recycling and protecting the environment. There will be a variety of “no mess” crafts for children to decorate containers. Volunteers will assist with arranging, and finished arrangements will be labeled and can be left at the holding table until participants are ready to leave the island.

There will be a coloring activity station for young ones to enjoy, too. A hot dog and drinks stand will be on the island, or bring a picnic lunch. There is no rain date. Suggested donations for island preservation can be made that day.

Community Learns about World Wildlife at Hubbard Lodge
Summer programs continue through August

The Taconic Outdoor Education Center recently sponsored its first summer public family nature program — World Wildlife — at Fahnestock’s Hubbard Lodge. The presentation introduced participants to the important obligation, responsibility and accountability questions associated with exotic and non-native wildlife pets.

Chris Evers, director and founder of Animal Embassy of Stamford, Connecticut, cut, brought a number of fascinating animals from around the world, which were rescued and adopted from unsuitable circumstances in the tri-state region.

Unlike traditional pets, Evers noted that the animals he brought require special treatment regarding shelter, food, time commitments, and space, and are best adapted to the weather and special circumstances of their native lands.

Evers conveyed an important message about the life-long responsibility and legitimacy of acquiring wild animals for pets with thought to the long-term welfare of the animal. As an example, the red-footed tortoise can live to be over 150 years of age. He stressed the point that all of these critters were once family pets, and are native to other parts of the world, but how they were often released into the wild when the pet owners became overwhelmed. One interesting story highlighted how Rain, the green iguana, was captured from high in a tree in Westport, Connecticut, right before an early season snowstorm that would have ended his life.

Other Hubbard Lodge programs planned for the summer include: July 26 — 8 to 10 p.m., Lamp Post Critters. Have you ever wondered what winged critters are attracted to lights around your home? Join Naturalist Charlie Roberto for a peek into the nocturnal and secretive life of moths. This activity starts indoors and then heads outside to search for common moths found in your neighborhood. Flashlights are welcome but their use will be restricted during the program. Suggested donation, children $5, kids 82.

August 21 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Secret Life of Toadstools. August 23 — 6 to 7 p.m., Wolves in New York — Fact or Fiction? The Hubbard Lodge address is 2920 Route 9, Cold Spring. The Lodge is in close proximity to the Route 9 and the 301 intersection. It is situated off Route 9 about 1/4 mile from the traffic light. Watch for the sign on the east side of Route 9. For program directions or inclement weather event challenges — call 845-265-3773 or 845-225-7207.

O’Rourke, Swinburne Re-elected in Garrison

The Board of Education of the Garrison Freeman Union Free School District for re-elected Raymond O’Rourke board president and Diana Swinburne vice president at its annual reorganization meeting. O’Rourke has served on the board since 2009 and Swinburne has served since 2005.

Save Money with Defensive Driving Course at Butterfield Library

The Butterfield Library will host an American Safety class taught by a representative from Digital Defensive Driving from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 26. The class features practical information and techniques to avoid collisions and violations. Learn to choose safe, responsible and lawful driving behaviors. Certification is recognized for new drivers who are just receiving their license or learner’s permit, experienced drivers who would like to reduce insurance costs, or violators who have incurred points on their driver’s license.

The course qualifies drivers for up to four point reductions on a driver’s license (the course may be taken every 18 months for the point-reduction benefit) and up to a 10 percent discount on insurance premiums each year for three years. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has approved this course.

It is recommended that participants bring a bag lunch for this six-hour class. The registration fee is $40 per person payable to Digital Defensive Driving. This fee may be paid on the day of the class.

Registration is required. New York State mandates that each class must include a minimum of four participants. If this minimum is not met, the class will be cancelled. To register, please visit the online calendar at butterfieldlibrary.org.

This class will be offered again from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Beacon

The Way Home Screenings at Howland Library July 25

The Korean film The Way Home will be shown at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., Beacon, at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 25, in the Community Room.

Open doors at 6:30 p.m. Written and directed by Lee Jeong-hyang, this heart-warming film is about what happens when a spoiled, city-bred grandchild is sent to live with his giving and kind grandmother in the country. This film is rated PG.

The Howland Public Library shows a different international film each month. Refreshments always include a delicious, culturally matching dessert, made by Li- be Li, Assistant Algebra teacher. TheWayHome’s film will be shown in Korean with English subtitles. Admission and refreshments are free. Contact Alison Herrera at 845-833-1134.

Chefs and Restaurants
Come Together for Firefly Feast to Benefit Common Ground Farm

Chefs, farmers, restaurateurs, and musicians from Beacon and the surrounding area will come together to celebrate local food, art and music all to benefit Common Ground Farm’s non-profit food accessibility education, and farmer training programs.

On Saturday, July 26, starting at 4 p.m., the Firefly Feast in Beacon will provide food, drink and music. Rainbow is date is Sunday, July 27. Tickets are $30 in advance, $40 at the gate. Children under 12 free. Ticket holders will get plenty of great food plus one drink. Unlimited soft drinks are available for purchase on site. Music will be provided by local musicians including Bread Bro, The Speckish, and Beacon Music Factory.

Meats and veggies will be prepared by Ella’s Bellas, the Roundhouse, Dogwood, Tito, More, Anna, Poppy’s, The Hop, and The Joiner. The Feast Bite. Drinks provided by Newburgh Brewing Co., Peekskill Brewery, Soerven Cider, Yonkers Brewing Co., Drink More Good, Tas Kafe, and Ella’s Bellas.

Common Ground Farm, a 501c3 non-profit farm project, serves the community as an educational model for people of all ages to learn how food grows, how to raise ecologically sound crops without chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, and how to keep farmland healthy for generations to come. Visit commongroundfarm.org.

Minecraft Mini-Camps at Howland Library

Sessions set for July 25 and Aug. 8

Snapology of the Mid-Hudson Valley will present two Minecraft Mini-Camps at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon. Parents may register children between the ages of 6 and 12 for either Friday, July 25, or Friday, Aug. 8. Both will run from 3 to 5 p.m. Come join the fun as Snapology brings Minecraft to (Continued on next page)
Haldane Announces Honor Roll Students

High School Honor Roll Fourth Quarter — 2014

Grade 12 Principal's List
Kieran Austin, Mary Callaghan, Noah Campbell, Steven Casement, Luke Cleary, Maya Cortes, Katie Drotar, Hannah Frith, David Harnell, Tessa Hansler, Samantha Heaney, John Hughes, Isabel Jeszmen-Wiser, Alec Lane, Germainne Martin, Trevor Mastrantonio, John McCann, Michelle McEwen, Lara Ness, Brigit O'Malley, Nicole Pidala, Shauna Rickets, Harry Schneider, Clayton Smith, Anthony Valencza, Sarah Varlen.

Grade 12 Honor Roll
Russion Cox, Kenneth Doyex, Alison Duncan, Danielle Ferris, Aidan Gallagher, Emma Jacoby, Katherine Lahay, Samantha Lissakos, Jason Liotto, Rocky Shuja, Sabrina Velesta.

Grade 11 High Honor Roll

Grade 11 Principal's List
Jacoby Call, Aidan Coletta, Erik Crickson, Gianna Giaioso, Cameron Henderson, Tucker Hine, Patricia Inguz, Ryan McCollum, Wylie McDonald, Julie Olsen, Emmanuelle Palkiuka, Zoe Provan, Samantha Rickets, John Swartwelder, Vanessa Uibe, Kelly Varlen, Marcus Zimmermann.

Grade 11 High Honor Roll
Matthew Balducci, Jonathan Clemente, Peter Close, Aidan Draper, Catherine Drotar, Samantha-Leigh Ford, Jayme Fox, Sara Jacoby, Joseph Kanong, Zhao Jun Meng, Lila Nicholas, Vivian Panopoulos, Trevor VanBrunt.

Grade 10 High Honor Roll

Grade 10 Principal's List
Anna Birr, Carly Brief, Isabella Convertino, Marissa DiPaolo, Peter Duffy, Toby Kane-Seltz, Madison Klein, Wylle Thornquist, Melissa Tingel, Adele Westerhus.

Grade 10 High Honor Roll

Grade 10 Honor Roll

Grade 9 Principal's List

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Haldane Middle School Honor Roll Fourth Quarter — 2014

Principal's List
Eighth Grade — Sophia Azznara, Amelia Hall, Nicole Mitchell, Miranda Musso, Brett

Eighth Grade — Aidan Coletta, Ethan Gunther, Kyle Kisslinger, Kathleen Langer, Harry Leiter, Dominic Heitmann.

High Honor Roll


Eighth Grade — Tiana Ayal, Gabriele Baumann, Jessica Casey, Allison Chiera, Aiden Cimino, Mario Coiffi, Alyssa Covelli, Nicholas Farrell, George Leiter, William Martin, Maureen Patnaude, Jonas Petrus, Taha Pidals, Claire Reid, Valerie Scangia, Anthony Simich, Mocenenia Tomek, Julinar Vannome, Justin Villa, Dylan Weller, Heather Winne.

Eighth Grade — Nolivin Ayal, Aban Abash, Michael Berlstein, Philip Cairns, Randall Chiera, Antonio Cogar, Kyle Connning, Kathleen Lang, Harry Lee, Ketin Luther, Oomloz Majig, Ronan Miranin, Kenny McElroy, Elis Osterfeld, Justin Roffman, Reva Sandlund, Michael Siculaina, Amy Simich, Kyley Sussmann, Freya Wad-Wolghaug.


Clearwater Names Soper as Development Director
Matt Soper has joined Hudson River Sloop Clearwater as Director of Development. Soper will be responsible for creating strategies to increase individual giving, foundation and government sup- port, corporate sponsorships, planned giving, and membership.

Soper brings extensive experience in major gift fundraising, annual giving, foundation support, and has also worked closely with volunteer boards and de- velopment committees. Prior to joining Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Soper served as Director of Development at Bard College and Associate Director of Leadership Gifts at Vassar College. Ear- lier in his career, he was Director of the Community Service Center at New York University and a technology salesman in San Francisco.

“Clearwater is excited to bring Matt on board,” said Peter Gross, executive di- rector, in announcing the appointment.

“T he wealth of development experience and knowledge he brings, as well as his familiarity with foundations and non- profits, will be invaluable to Clearwater. I look forward to working with Matt in continuing to increase our funding base, which will help expand the scope and agenda of Clearwater’s programs.”

Soper received his master’s in non- profit management from New York Uni- versity Gallatin School, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Vassar College. He is a Town of New Paltz youth soccer and basketball coach, Vassar Col- lege admission volunteer and has served as fundraising consultant for Ethel Li- brary and Dutchess County Red Cross. He and his family live in New Paltz.

Visit clearwater.org.

Discussion on Unsolved Crimes at Howland Library
Join Thomas Jones, an attorney, and his wife, Linda Jones, a professor, as they lead a discussion on how modern fo- rensics applied to old crime cases could help determine what happened. The event will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednes- day, July 23. Famous historic crimes, both unsolved and possibly incorrectly solved, will be re-examined. Did Lilyz Borden really do it? Come to give this, and other famous cases, a new look through the eye of modern forensics.

This special Literary Elements Adult Summer Reading Program event is free and no registration is required. Visit bea- conlibrary.org.

Howland Cultural Center’s Gospel Café Presents Just Voices in Concert
The monthly Gospel Café at the How- land Cultural Center will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, with a spe- cial appearance of the quartet Just Voic- es. Todd Virgil, first tenor, Donald Allen, second tenor, Earl McKinney, baritone, and Chris Tramel, bass, will perform gospel music in their own special way.

It was in 2000 that the quartet began its music ministry at the Beacon Light Tabernacle S.D.A. Church of New York’s upstate Hudson Valley region. They re- leased their first CD, Mary Don’t You Weep, in November 2011, and will per- form some of the music from that CD at the Gospel Café.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for $10. Refreshments will be available.

The popular Gospel Café, which takes place in a coffeehouse setting, was begun six years ago to bring jazz and gospel music rooted in African-Ameri- can Christian experience to a wider audi- ence. It has been The Howland Cultural Center’s fondest expectation of bringing gospel music in their own special way.

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I used mutes to get different sounds. It was around this time that Neill started playing around with ideas. As well as composing his own works, Neill has worked in the commercial arena, composing for advertising and television. His multiple performances of his work in New York City include all the notable homes of experimental music including the Knitting Factory, the Thread Waxing Space, Roulette and The Kitchen. He has performed his work at larger venues in the city, too — at Lincoln Center and the Guggenheim Museum, among many others, and has appeared around the globe at leading jazz festivals. Along the way, he has recorded nine CDs, composed music for two films, created a music theater work commissioned by BAM’s Next Wave Festival, and collaborated on sound/visual art installations.

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Before and After, the Evolution of a Perennial Flowerbed

By Pamela Doan

During a recent interview with Meg Rasmussen, senior park planner with Scenic Hudson, she said, “Go, slow, grow,” referring to the process of establishing plants. The first year they go, the second year, they’re slow and then in the third year, they grow. Patience is rewarded for gardeners who are getting new plantings set up with perennials. I’m finally witnessing the beauty of my labor with a perennial flowerbed I set up three years ago near the side entrance of my house.

Ben Neill’s New Composition, Manitoga (from previous page)

end with all musicians playing in a concert arrangement. Following the last sound, the horns will be gathered to spell the word Manitoga; the instruments have arrived at their destination through their journey out of the wilderness.” 

Manitoga will be performed at 5 p.m. on July 26, rain or shine, at Manitoga, located at 584 Route 9D in Garrison. Tickets, which cost $25 for general admission, are $30 for children 15 and under and free to members. They can be ordered through brownpapertickets.com/event/709452. For more information visit russelwrightcenter.org or benneill.com or phone 845-424-3812.

Photos by P. Doan

Now that the bed is well mulched, all I do is add a layer of shredded leaves and compost in the spring, but no other fertilizers. I do a little bit of weeding, about 15 minutes every two weeks, and no watering now that everything is settled in. Pests or diseases haven’t been a problem and I’ve never used any herbicides or pesticides. It takes care of itself and provides a lovely view from my office windows.

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Summer Hikes with Children

By Kathie Scanlon

While the whole world seems to know about hiking Breakneck Ridge, many of the countless alternatives in Philipstown are seemingly well-kept secrets. My lips are sealed but not too tightly to inform about these trails that are kid-friendly and close enough that the answer to the question ‘Are we there yet?’ can be affirmative. All trails are around one mile, perfect for when the question becomes ‘Can we go home now?’

Manitoga — The Russel Wright Design Center

In the 1940s, Russel Wright landscaped an abandoned quarry and designed Dragon Rock, his home and studio. Wright lovingly restored the acreage, creating four miles of trails to bring visitors in touch with nature so as to understand the need to preserve and protect it. Upon ascending the stone steps leading to the property. My kids called it Poohsticks in full bloom. Follow the White Trail to find one of the many bridges on the property. My children called it Poohsticks Bridge. Breakfast by the lake and check out The House at Pooh Corner, Chapter 6, if you don’t know how to play Poohsticks. Numerous four-year-old authorities have advised that Manitoga is swarming with fairies. Frogs, salamanders and other amphibious also abound. Manitoga also offers a nature-based summer day camp for young campers, ages 5 to 12. Visit russelwrightcenter.org.

Little Stony Point State Park

The wonderful thing about the outdoors is it’s still there during the week; this past Wednesday at 11 a.m., mine was the only car in the parking lot. Instead of heading to Sandy Beach, take the trail to the left. Pick one of the numerous little shady spots as your private beach to sail a driftwood boat, build a stick fort, throw rocks or blissfully sit and watch the river flow. The trail follows around to Sandy Beach. On the way, there is a cave that only the fearless have entered. I have nothing to report about what’s in there, no way. Please bring a bag with you to carry out your and others’ trash, seizing the moment to teach the kids about environmental stewardship. Along with several signs prohibiting fires, you may see charred wood remnants offering a teachable moment. Fires in a breezy area with driftwood and nearby brush can result in a wild fire that can bring devastation to the wooded area and erosion to the beach.

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