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## Beacon Group Seeks Prison Dialogue

*Inmate's death prompts calls for prosecution, reform*

By Jeff Simms

Disenchanted with what they say is an aggressive and unforgiving culture at the Fishkill Correctional Facility in Beacon, a group of residents have united to expand the dialogue about prison violence.

Beacon Prison Action organized a candlelight vigil outside the men's medium-security prison on Oct. 21, six months after the death on April 21 of inmate Samuel Harrell, 30, following a violent confrontation with officers.

A lengthy investigation of Harrell's death by *The New York Times*, published on Aug. 18 and online at [nytimes.com/2015/08/19](http://nytimes.com/2015/08/19), cited 19 inmates who said as many as 20 officers repeatedly kicked and punched Harrell, handcuffed him and dragged him down a flight of stairs. Prisoners claimed some guards shouted racial slurs at Harrell, who was black. A New York State Police investigation is underway.



Jeff Golden, one of Beacon Prison Action's organizers

*Photo provided*



The *Times* report led Jeff Golden, who lives less than two miles from the prison, to give more thought to what goes on behind its walls.

"If this had been just a minor report of abuse, or maybe [had happened] at another prison, perhaps I might not have been as compelled," said Golden, 45, one of Beacon Prison Action's organizers. "But this was extraordinary."

Paul Mersfelder, who recently moved to Beacon after completing his degree in social work at Boston University, said he was struck by "the horror of it, and that justice wasn't being served — it became a perfect opportunity to jump in and ask, 'What can we do now?'"

A statement on the group's website at [beaconprisonproject.org](http://beaconprisonproject.org) says that Beacon Prison Action joined with the Hudson Valley Black Lives Matter Coalition in calling for the "immediate suspension of the corrections officers implicated in the murder of Samuel Harrell" and "aggressive prosecution" of their commanding officers by the Dutchess County and federal district attorney's offices.

News reports, the statement says, "make it clear that physical, psychological, and sexual abuse of inmates by corrections officers is pervasive at our local facilities and throughout the state. Further, these reports show that there is almost zero accountability for COs and pris-

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Cold Spring's Halloween parade Upper photo by Maggie Benmour, lower photos by Michael Turton

## Food Pantry Preps for Thanksgiving

*Holidays bring needs into focus*

By Michael Turton

In a community that, by any standard, is well off, some families still worry about their next meal. As many as 50 families rely on the Philipstown Food Pantry, a project of the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown in Cold Spring founded more than 30 years ago, to help put food on the table.

The pantry has been successful for so long because the community has consistently rallied behind it, including Girl Scouts and students, Foodtown and other

businesses and organizations such as the Philipstown Farm Market and the Garrison Fish and Game Club, members of other local churches and the many residents who have given time, money and food.

**Glynwood 'veggie run'**

This year Glynwood, the non-profit farm on Route 301 east of Cold Spring, has partnered with the food pantry to supply fresh produce. Jarret Nelson, who manages vegetable production at the farm and coordinates its CSA, said that Glynwood has since early June been supplying the pantry with 10 half shares at a greatly discounted rate. *(Continued on Page 5)*



Volunteer Andy Reid brings produce from Glynwood Farm to the Philipstown Food Pantry each week Photo by M. Turton

## Judge Race Pits GOP's Montgomery Delaney Against Democrat Gretchen Walsh

*District includes Beacon and Philipstown*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Next Tuesday's general election pits two seasoned Westchester County lawyers against each other for the job of 9th New York State Judicial District Supreme Court justice.

Republican Montgomery "Monty" Delaney, a trial attorney, faces off against Democrat Gretchen Walsh, an advisor to current Supreme Court judges, in the Nov. 3 voting. Both enjoy multi-party backing: Putnam and Dutchess County list Walsh as the Independence Party candidate as well as the Democratic choice and Delaney's name fills the Conservative and Reform slots along with the Republican line. The 9th Judicial District they hope to serve covers Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Dutchess, and Orange counties.

For Delaney, it's the third judicial race in three years. In 2013,



Left, Gretchen Walsh; right, Montgomery "Monty" Delaney

*Campaign photos*

he unsuccessfully sought a Westchester County judgeship. Last year, in running for Supreme Court judge, he lost to James Hubert, who had been appointed to fill a *(Continued on Page 5)*



Roots and Shoots

# How Local Farmers Coped With Our Drought

Organic growing makes it easier

By Pamela Doan

Anyone trying to grow plants outdoors has been acutely aware of the extra work this summer watering plants. I decided not to plant greens again this fall because I didn't want to add that to my list of daily chores. Weather is the unpredictable factor, especially when you're tending crops as a job, not just for your family. I can always stop by the farmer's market and pick up lettuce when my plants get eaten by pests or bolt, but when you have families relying on your harvest in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), the stakes are higher.

Jocelyn Apicello, who runs the Longhaul Farm CSA with her husband, Jason Angell, called this summer a "unique experience." In the five years since they started the CSA, this season has been the most challenging because of water issues and the dry conditions. They hand-water the 1 acre that they cultivate and feed 50 families from their crops. "We have an efficient system but I felt like we got a lower yield on things like cucumbers, squash and celery than in the past. They're heavy water users," Apicello said.

At Glynwood Farm, Jarret Nelson, the vegetable production manager, also had to do a lot of watering, but their system runs differently. Nelson's job was less labor intensive than Apicello's, he only had to make sure the sprinklers and drip tape were set correctly. Glynwood waters their crops from an irrigation pond on the property and Nelson said: "If we didn't have as good an irrigation system, we would have had to do more mulch-



An August farmshare awaits a creative cook. Photo by P. Doan

ing." Glynwood's CSA had 150 families participating this season and they cultivate 6 acres, rotating to leave 1 acre fallow every year and planted with cover crops to recoup its fertility.

Glynwood's harvest was affected by the hot, dry weather, as well. "We're growing 40-50 different crops," Nelson said. "Many like it hot and dry and did well — eggplant, zucchini, peppers. The lettuce, broccoli, and kale haven't been quite as good, but it's the balance of crops that make up for shortfalls."

Both farms are committed to organic growing methods and Apicello and Nelson credited that with their ability to cope with extreme weather better than conventional farmers. Nelson said, "We have an advantage in dry conditions because we have a lot of organic matter in the soil and that helps."

Organic farmers don't use chemical fer-

tilizers to meet plants' nutrient needs. Instead, soil is built up into a rich, balanced, fertile mix by adding organic matter like compost. At Glynwood, Nelson adds 10 tons of compost per acre. The compost is made on the farm by using manure from the goats, sheep, and cows that they raise as well as the other produce waste that is added to compost. Nelson said, "It's a very sustainable system."

At Longhaul, they saved gray water and used rain barrels to collect water. Apicello said, "When we made pasta, we saved the water. Rinse water from washing vegetables, anything we could collect." She recommended planting crops that don't mind shade in shady areas to reduce watering and getting rid of

weeds. Weeds will compete with vegetables, fruit or flowers for water.

Mulching was the first line of defense for both farms. Apicello said, "Then the sun isn't baking off the surface of your soil and taking out the moisture." She recommended using hay, straw or leaves and putting down newspaper first to help with evaporation.

At Glynwood about 25 percent of the acreage uses a combination of drip tape and black plastic mulch. Drip tape runs along the row of plants and delivers water right to the roots. It uses less water than overhead watering and combined with the black plastic mulch is very efficient. Nelson said, "It goes under the mulch and you can run it off a hose easily."

As temperatures rise due to global warming and our local weather patterns are affected, paying attention to how we use water is critical. Apicello said, "I think fresh water availability is one of the biggest challenges even though we don't feel it on the East Coast or in the U.S. in the same way. We wouldn't have to purchase everything from California, which sends out something like 90 percent of the average person's produce, if we had a regional food system set up. Hopefully more people will be interested in getting their food locally." Both Glynwood and Longhaul said they had a greater demand for their CSAs than they could accommodate.

Roots and Shoots and our two food columns will share this page going forward.

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Supreme Court vacancy and by defeating Delaney won the office in his own right.

### Backgrounds

With 27 years of legal experience, Walsh is employed as an advisor to current Supreme Court judges, providing expertise, writing draft judicial opinions, and negotiating settlements. She has experience as well as an advisor to the chief administrative judge of the state and serves as legal advisor to the White Plains Youth Court. A former member of the Pleasantville Planning Commission, she is the present secretary of two Village of Pleasantville non-profits involved in affordable senior housing; she likewise was the housing group’s president and vice president previously. This year, she won a Westchester County Bar Foundation award for outstanding service. While attending Fordham University Law School, she was a law journal editor and after graduation a litigation attorney for Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, a private firm.

Delaney brings a multi-faceted resume to the race, including experience in the military and music. He served in the U.S. Marines; joined the New York City Police Department, was assigned to the South Bronx, investigated drug incidents in the 1980s, and went to St. John’s University Law School at night while continu-

ing in law enforcement as a plainclothes officer. Later, he became a teacher and athletic coach at Salesian High School and served as a community association president. He has practiced law for 17years, specializing in civil cases from offices in White Plains. Extracurricular pursuits include poetry and he is known in the Hudson Valley for performing as a singer-songwriter.

### Why run?

Walsh told *The Paper* in an email that “I am running for Supreme Court justice because I have dedicated the past 12 years and am seeking to dedicate the remainder of my professional career to pursuing the administration of justice, because I know I have made a difference, and that I will continue to make a difference, in helping people have their cases resolved fairly, efficiently and economically.” She said that her background in private practice, in the courts, and as a hearing officer “makes me uniquely qualified for the position of Supreme Court justice. I understand the different perspectives in a litigation and what it takes to balance the needs of the parties, attorneys and the court so that cases are resolved fairly and efficiently as justice delayed is oftentimes justice denied. In addition, I know the importance of judicial temperament, the issuance of timely and well-reasoned

decisions, and [keeping] an open line of communication between the court and the litigants and I intend to employ all of these attributes” if elected.

In a letter to “voters, neighbors and friends” on his website, Delaney cited his “unique resume and skill set” along with a “keen understanding not only of the law but the human condition.” He said he entered the race late in 2014 with little funding but only narrowly lost. According to state Board of Election records, he got 216,786 votes, while the winner claimed 235,573. “After a lifetime of public service, I owe it to those 200,000 voters to try this again,” Delaney declared. “Life has taught me that anything worth doing can sometimes be difficult. So, dear folks, whatever your party affiliation, you should recognize that a judge is not, and should not be, someone who makes decisions based upon any political consideration but rather, in the construct

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of a ‘what is right versus what is wrong’ analysis. A judge is bound by the law, legal precedent and the facts of each case. A judge should always endeavor to do the right thing and not the popular thing. If given the opportunity in 2015, I vow to be such a judge.”

### Supreme Court functions

In New York, a “supreme court,” unlike courts bearing that name in other states, is not the highest judicial bench but one on a lower rung, although it outranks village and township justice courts. It presides over such matters as foreclosure and equity disputes, divorces and similar questions, injunctions, and civil cases involving larger sums of money than a lower court handles. At times, as in Putnam County, the Supreme Court operates out of a combined facility with the county court, which deals with felonies and other serious criminal offenses.

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Ms. Daly indicates that residents of the school district who are interested in serving on the Board of Education should contact the Board in writing. Letters of interest and a bio should be addressed to Ms. Julia Famularo, District Clerk, Haldane Central School District, 15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring, NY 10516. The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13, 2015, at 5 p.m.

In accordance with NYS Education Law and Board Policy, a Board of Education member must meet certain qualifications. He/she must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S
- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Be able to read and
- Be legal resident one (1) year prior to the election
- Not be an employee of the Haldane Central School District;
- Be the only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the Haldane School Board
- Not simultaneously hold another, incompatible public office
- Not have been removed from a school district office within one year preceding the date of election to the Board.

The Board reserves the right to conduct formal public interviews of the applicants and it is our intent to appoint a new member on or about December 1, 2015. School board service can be an amazing opportunity to truly make a difference in your community.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to review the following websites: NYS School Boards Association ([www.nyssba.org](http://www.nyssba.org)) and the Westchester/Putnam School Boards Association ([www.wpsba.org](http://www.wpsba.org)). Questions may be addressed to the Board directly at [board@haldaneschool.org](mailto:board@haldaneschool.org).



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Dan Dillon

Give credit where credit is due

After reading Michael Turton's article "Film & Forum Bring Heroine Crisis Close to Home," it occurred to me that not once was our County Legislator, Barbara Scuccimarra mentioned.

It was Legislator.Scuccimarra who fought to obtain a School Resource Officer (SRO) for Haldane with a portion of the cost being paid by Putnam County. She was the person who made the arrangements with the film producers of this outstanding documentary about the Heroin Crisis to come to Haldane in the first place. She attended the screening, presented the opening remarks, and introduced the speakers. On several occasions Principal Brian Alm acknowledged

and thanked her for her efforts in bringing about this Forum. Why then, not once did the writer of this article mention she was present, much less the significant role she played? Were these facts omitted as an oversight, sloppy reporting, or as way of demonstrating bias in support of the candidate running against her?

I have come to know Barbara Scuccimarra personally over the past few years. She works hard to help our community. She worked at a local business in Cold Spring for many years and her two children attended local public schools. She has never sought recognition, it's not her way, but come on, be fair and give credit where credit is due!

Joselle Cunane  
Garrison

## Francisco Appointed Planning Board Chair

*Bowman and Fadde object; call for Molloy to be interim*

By Michael Turton

At the Oct. 27 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy appointed former Trustee Matt Francisco as chair of the Planning Board. The move came after Donald MacDonald submitted his resignation.

The appointment was challenged by Trustee Michael Bowman, who put forward a motion, seconded by Trustee Cathryn Fadde, to appoint former Planning Board Chair Barney Molloy as interim chair, leaving the final selection to the members of the Planning Board. Merandy said that he had consulted with Village Attorney John Furst, who confirmed the mayor has the authority to make the appointment.

"This should not be political," Bowman said in a testy exchange with Merandy, who responded, "It isn't." Bowman replied, "Yes, it is."

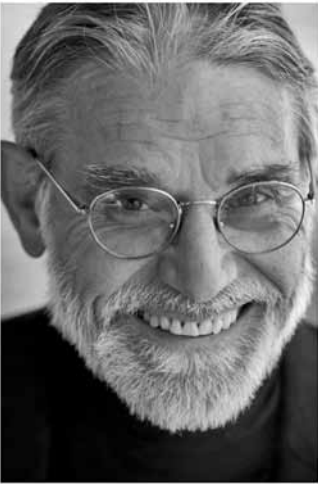
Merandy handily defeated Molloy in the mayoral election on March 18. "Barney is a casualty of politics," Bowman said. "You removed him [as chair of the Planning Board]. This is not in the best interests of the village at all."

The mayor defended his decision, citing Francisco's experience on the Village Board and his career in the construction industry. "He is totally aware of the [planning]," he said. "I don't see anyone more capable."

Merandy questioned the propriety of Fadde voting on a motion to appoint Molloy, with whom she is in a relationship. Bowman's motion to appoint Molloy was defeated 3-2. Merandy's motion to appoint Francisco, which seemed unnecessary since legal counsel had confirmed the mayor's ability to simply make the appointment, passed by a 3-1 margin. Bowman abstained while Fadde voted against appointing Francisco.

Bowman and Fadde defeated MacDonald and Francisco, then a trustee, in a hard-fought board election in March 2014.

In his resignation letter, MacDonald wrote, "the demands of my business have increased to the point I no longer have the time to chair [the] Planning Board or



Donald MacDonald, left, will be replaced as chair of the Planning Board by Matt Francisco



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David Cross and Gina Van Nosedall of Philipstown Communities that Care

Photo by M. Turton

to be a participating member." MacDonald's architectural firm is based in Cold Spring.

### Prescription drug drop box

The search for a location for a secure drop box for outdated prescriptions remains elusive. Gina Van Nosedall and David Cross, members of the Philipstown Communities that Care Coalition, asked the trustees to approve housing the box at the Cold Spring Police Department, which is located on the second floor of Village Hall. The proposal was to make the box available once a month on Saturday mornings, when it would be monitored by a police officer as required by law.

Merandy and Trustees Marie Early and Fran Murphy spoke against the location, citing the long, sub-code stairway to the second floor, which they said would be unsafe, especially for senior citizens. The lack of Main Street parking on weekends also was a concern.

Van Nosedall said she would explore placing the box at the American Legion Hall on Cedar Street or the Putnam County Sheriff's Department substation on Main Street in Nelsonville while using

a Cold Spring officer at either location.

### In other business ...

- Trustees approved River Architects' request for placement of materials along Haldane Street during construction of a house on High Street. The approval is conditional upon a review by the fire department.

- Seventh-grade students at Haldane are gearing up to paint a mural next spring depicting Main Street inside the pedestrian tunnel under the Metro-North tracks.

- SP Landscaping of Cold Spring has been awarded the contract to pave the municipal parking lot on Fair Street. The project should be completed before snowfall.

- Trustees agreed in principle to update the Village Code, setting time limits and fines for snow removal on village sidewalks. The current code is vague, stating only that sidewalks must be cleared within a "reasonable" period after a storm.

- The board approved criteria proposed by the Tree Advisory Board for

assessing the possible removal or major pruning of village-owned trees. Some 500 trees are located on village property.

- The leaky bell tower which has caused water damage to the interior of the Village Hall will be repaired at a cost of \$4,500.
- The Village of Cold Spring and the Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association have reached an out-of-court settlement with a former Cold Spring officer, Anthony Pupczyk, who was arrested in October 2013 and charged with felony criminal mischief in the third degree after he was accused of damaging a fellow officer's vehicle. The amount was not disclosed. The board at its Jan. 13 meeting went into executive session to "discuss the employment history of a particular employee, personnel and litigation matter," then returned to approve a "Separation and Release Agreement" with Pupczyk and accept his resignation.



## Beacon Group Seeks Prison Dialogue *(from Page 1)*

on officials in these cases. Many of us in Beacon, Fishkill and neighboring towns had no idea these kinds of abuses were going on right here in the heart of our community.”

Although the officers on duty at the Beacon prison told an ambulance crew that Harrell had overdosed on K2, a synthetic marijuana, the Orange County medical examiner (Harrell was pronounced dead at St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital) classified the death as a homicide. The term means a person’s death was caused by another but not necessarily that a crime was committed. An autopsy found no illicit drugs in Harrell’s body.

Harrell’s widow, who lives in Kingston, has filed a federal lawsuit against the state, prison officials and the correction officers’ union; the suit maintains that guards covered up how her husband died. (The *Times* obtained the prisoner statements from the family’s legal team.)

The New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, which represents the guards at Fishkill, said in an emailed statement that “to this date no officer has been suspended or disciplined in this incident. Unfortu-



A street view of part of the Fishkill Correctional Facility *Image source: Google Maps*

nately in society today, people tend to form opinions without having all of the facts. We will not rush to judgment and continue on a pragmatic course of action until the investigation is complete.”

Members of Beacon Prison Action marched in the annual Spirit of Beacon parade in September, distributing 1,000 flyers with details about Harrell’s death. The candlelight vigil was attended by nearly 100 people, including Harrell’s wife and sister.

Mersfelder said events like the vigil are designed to increase awareness among city residents who may not be tuned in to what’s

happening at the prison. “Hopefully we can tap into folks from Beacon who may be watching from the sidelines and draw them in and get them invested,” he said.

Although the group’s members heard from some critics as they handed out flyers during the parade, Golden said its goal isn’t to incite controversy but to create a dialogue before there is another death by violence at the prison. “I realized that in many ways this was not a unique incident,” he said. “Then you ask yourself: What would have to happen in our community for us to rise up and say

no, regardless of the institution?” Golden said he was encouraged by the appointment on Aug. 25 of Robert Cunningham as superintendent of the Fishkill Correctional Facility, which is located northeast of the city center, between Fishkill Avenue and I-84. Cunningham, who had held the same position at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility since 2010, was told by the state Department of Corrections to focus specifically on safety in Building 21, where Harrell died, and the adjacent 21A. His review was to include discussions with the officers’ union and the Inmate Liaison Committee.

“We hope he’s someone we can work with,” such as in pursuing grants for officer training, Golden said. “We’re very eager to approach the new superintendent to see what kind of common ground there could be.”

He added, “There are people in our community who are entering this institution [as guards] for their careers, and I truly believe we can make the environment there more humane—for the people who are incarcerated and [those] who work there.”

## Food Pantry Preps for Thanksgiving *(from page 1)*

On alternate weeks, participants receive a bag of fresh produce.

“Shares include about 10 items,” which fill the bag, Nelson said. “This time of year it’s potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, Swiss chard, garlic, spinach, lettuce, cilantro and fennel.” Glynwood also delivers produce that is offered to other pantry clients; by the end of the growing season, Nelson expects to have donated as much as \$3,000 worth. The contributions will include a delivery of root crops just prior to Thanksgiving. (Individuals are welcome to donate fruits and vegetables from their own gardens.)

Andy Reid, an elder at First Presbyterian, coordinates the volunteers who deliver the produce. “There are about seven of us [who take turns] doing the veggie run,” Reid explained. Pickup at Glynwood is 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, but the early hour has not discouraged anyone. “So many people want to help,” he said.

Reid sees parlaying that high level of interest into helping others as the next challenge. “Who is underserved in the community?” he asked. “I think it’s the seniors.” Reid hopes that in the future the partnership with Glynwood can be expanded to benefit seniors living at Chestnut Ridge.

### Thanksgiving needs

For Andrea Bach, the pantry’s volunteer coordinator, Thanksgiving always brings the organization’s needs into focus. “As the holiday season approaches, we worry if we’ll be able to supply all our clients with an enjoyable feast,” she said. Bach aspires to have that meal include “a turkey and all the trimmings” for each family, distributed this year on Nov. 21, the Saturday prior to the holiday.

While some residents donate frozen turkeys, Bach said there’s a simpler way to help that also aids the pantry’s holiday preparations. “If you’ve earned a free tur-

key coupon at Foodtown and don’t need it you can leave it with [the] head cashier and we’ll collect them,” she said. “That’s great for the pantry because our cold storage is very limited.”

The pantry’s seasonal wish list goes beyond providing food for holiday celebrations. “Our clients’ needs this time of year include warm beverages, soups and stews, frozen vegetables and hot cereal,” Bach said. “We also need things like laundry detergent, household cleaners and personal hygiene products — items not covered by food stamps.”

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# The Calendar

## Paul Robeson Returns to Peekskill, on Stage

*Solo show channels famed singer and activist*

By Alison Rooney

Paul Robeson is returning to Peekskill, this time hopefully to a far more positive and peaceful reception than was given him in 1949, when his presence sparked the infamous Peekskill Riots. This time around, Robeson will be incarnated by the Nigerian-born, Liverpool-based actor and writer Tayo Aluko in *Call Mr. Robeson*, which tells Robeson’s story in narrative and song. It takes place at the Paramount Hudson Valley on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.

The actor first became acquainted with Robeson 20 years ago, when someone heard Aluko singing a spiritual and told him it was reminiscent of Robeson, who died in 1976 at age 77. A few months later, Aluko spotted in a library an eponymous biography written by Martin Duberman.

Aluko found himself enthralled with Robeson’s life, which took him from graduation as valedictorian from Rutgers University — one of only three African-American students there at the time — to global fame built around his sonorous bass voice (his interpretation of ‘*Ol Man River*’ is considered unsurpassed to this day, and he is remembered for his dynamic presence in productions of *Othello* and *The Emperor Jones*). He also was a longtime political activist, using his renown to push for human rights.

That activism, coupled with his endorsement of the Soviet Union, never wavered and was punctured by the U.S. government’s monitoring of his private life, his interrogation by the House Un-American Activities Committee and

the revocation of his passport. He retired early and never re-entered public life.

Aluko decided, despite having no experience as a writer (he was an architect at the time) to adapt Robeson’s life into a play. He spent years searching for a co-author but eventually finished the project himself and has been performing it ever since in venues ranging from grange and union halls to a different kind of hall altogether: Carnegie. The show has enjoyed critical acclaim around the world.

Paul Robeson is remembered locally as much for his role in the Peekskill Riots as for his stage performances. In June 1949, he attended a Soviet-sponsored World Peace Conference in Paris. Remarks he made there were widely misquoted. Two months later, he was scheduled to perform in Peekskill in an open-air concert at Lakeland Acres benefiting the Civil Rights Congress. Mobs attacked the concertgoers, waving clubs, broken bottles and knives, throwing bottles, overturning cars, setting a cross on fire and shouting epithets against blacks and Jews.

By most contemporary accounts, police did little to stop the attacks and no arrests were made. A week later, the concert was held with security provided by 2,500 trade union members. It included a performance by Pete Seeger. However, as the audience left afterward, the rock-throwing and window-smashing began again. Although some arrests were made, again the police were accused of standing by.

“The government had been watching [Robeson] since the mid-1930s, both in the U.S. and the U.K.,” says Aluko, who has never before had a chance to visit the city. “The reason he was considered so dangerous

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Detail of A Salvaged Landscape by Julie Mann

Photo provided

## Julie Anne Mann: The Materials Inform the Narrative

*Joint show with Cali Gorevic opens Nov. 5*

By Alison Rooney

Julie Ann Mann is a bit of a bowerbird. The males of the species are known for the hours they spend arranging their collections of shells, leaves, flowers, twigs, moss, feathers, stone, berries or even discarded plastic items, coils, nails, or pieces of glass. Mann, a Peekskill artist, is herself a scavenger, a collector of oddities of nature, of things she thinks she won’t be able to get again. Working off of the natural shapes of these discoveries, she plays off them, repurposing them into something new and mysterious.

Mann’s sculptures will be shown in a collaborative exhibition with photographs by Cali Gorevic in *Cross Pollination: A Dialog Between Mediums*, an exhibit opening on Friday, Nov. 5, at Gallery 66 NY in Cold Spring. A reception for the artists is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit runs through Nov. 29. Gorevic’s photographic portraits, which isolate elements of the forest such as trees, stumps and leaves, will be interwoven throughout the gallery with Mann’s creations, including several pieces from her *Botanicals* series, sculptures and wall hangings of and about elements of nature that are made entirely of natural materials. Gorevic is excited about the co-habitation. “We have used each other’s work to enhance our own,” she says. “We are both kind of nutsy about nature and environment.”

“Most shows there are half and half, each in a different room or part of a room,” she continues. “I didn’t want that. My work is so big that if it was shown in half the space it would feel really crowded and heavy. I thought it would be great to have two mediums which don’t normally show together. Seeing them together can break up that collecting tendency which people sometimes have with art, getting interested in just one form.”

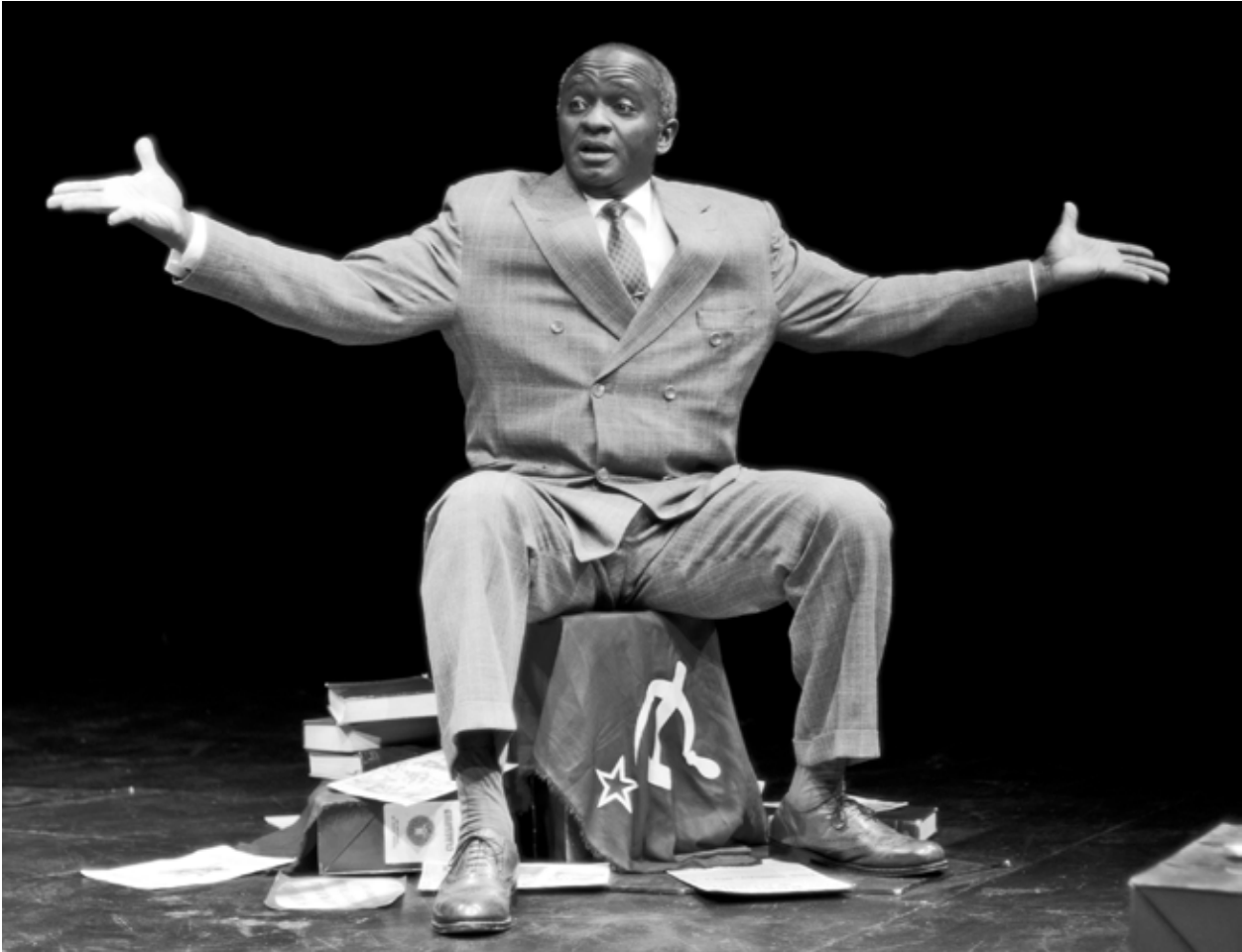
She says the show plays off textures and shapes. “For instance I have a 4 x 4 foot leaf skeleton, which is almost like fabric,” she explains. “It’s paired with Cali’s leaf photos, which are filled with light, almost like transparencies. We worked ‘her to me,’ she’d say, I’m making these, and I’d be thinking, what will work with those?”

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Julie Anne Mann

Photo by A. Rooney



Tayo Aluko portraying Paul Robeson

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Haunted House**  
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion  
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-265-3638 | hvshakespeare.org

**Food Chains (Documentary, 2014)**  
7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St., Beacon  
info@moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

**Jesus Christ Superstar**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)**  
8 p.m. Screening | 10 p.m. Costume Party  
Midnight screening  
Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (HALLOWEEN)

**The Met Live in HD: Wagner's Tannhäuser**  
Noon. Bardavon  
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

**Jesus Christ Superstar**  
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

**Making Comics (First Session)**  
2 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

**Zombie Bar Crawl**  
5 p.m. to midnight. Various Peekskill taverns  
hudsonroom.com/calendar/zombie-bar-crawl  
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**Haunted House**  
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
See details under Friday.



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# Calendar Highlights

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**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | Details under Friday

**Zero Motivation (2014)**  
7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center  
19 Front St., Newburgh  
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

**Back to the Garden 1969**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
379 Main St., Beacon  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

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

**Halloween Dance and Costume Party**  
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

**Roxy Perry**  
10 p.m. The Hudson Room  
23 South Division St., Peekskill  
914-788-3663 | hudsonroom.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Daylight Savings Time ends**  
2 a.m. Turn clocks back one hour

**Desmond-Fish Annual Luncheon**  
Noon. The Garrison  
2015 Route 9, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Peekskill Project 6, Part II (Opening)**  
Noon – 4 p.m. Riverfront Green, Peekskill  
914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

**Jesus Christ Superstar**  
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

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

**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion  
See details under Friday.

**George Winston**  
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
See details under Saturday.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**NHFD Budget Meeting and Workshop**  
6 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department  
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-7285 | nhfd21.org

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

**Joe Fiedler Quartet (Jazz)**  
9 p.m. Quinn's  
330 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-8065 | quinnnsbeacon.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**Election Day**  
Polls open 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
putnamboe.com/welcome/2015-elections

**Haldane School Board**  
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Ham Radio Club**  
7 p.m. East Fishkill Library  
348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction  
914-582-3744 | qsysociety.org

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**Chair Yoga for Seniors (First Session)**  
49 Highland Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com  
Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

**Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill**  
10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Fit for Life for Seniors (First Session)**  
10:30 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com  
Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

**Putnam County Legislature**  
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse  
44 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel  
845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | Details under Friday

**Garrison School Board**  
7:30 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

**Town Board Budget Hearings**  
7:30 p.m. Continental Village Park District  
7:35 p.m. Continental Village Water District  
7:45 p.m. General Budget  
Philipstown Town Hall  
238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**Zumba Gold for Seniors (First Session)**  
9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse  
See details under Wednesday.

**Meat & Egg Store Open**  
3 – 6 p.m. Glynwood Farm (Office)  
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-3338 | store.glynwood.org

**Girls 3-on-3 Basketball (grades 3-6)**  
4 – 5:30 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Snapology Lego Bridge Building Class (ages 5-12)**  
4 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Health Insurance Enrollment Info Session**  
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | Details under Friday

**The Travel Journals of Henrietta Marchant Liston (Talk)**  
7 p.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site  
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery | nysparks.com845-446-2134 | Reservations required.

**Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall  
238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

**The Bensen-Scott Big Band**  
8 p.m. The Hudson Room  
See details under Saturday.

**Jake Shimabukuro (Ukulele)**  
9 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall | 13 Main St., Tarrytown  
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**Community Blood Drive**  
2 – 8 p.m. Garrison Firehouse  
1616 Route 9, Garrison  
800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

**Ada Pilar Cruz: Seeing Double (Opening)**  
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery  
121 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

**Cali Gorevic and Julie Anne Mann: Cross-Pollination (Opening)**  
6 – 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

**Haldane School Foundation Fall Ball**  
6 – 10 p.m. Highlands County Club  
955 Route 9D, Garrison  
haldaneschoolfoundation.org

**The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**  
7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion | Details under Oct. 30

**Hudson Valley Fort vs. Florida Blacktips (Football)**  
7:05 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls | gofxfl.com


**Jesus Christ Superstar**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Oct. 30.

**Three Dog Night**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

**Calling All Poets**  
8 p.m. Center for Creative Education  
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914-474-7758 | callingallpoets.net

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## Julie Anne Mann: The Materials Inform the Narrative (from page 7)

*Botanicals* is one of several series which Mann is working on concurrently. “I tend to work on about three series at any given time, and bounce around —



Detail from *Leaf Lace* by Julie Anne Mann Photo provided

one show of this, one of that, all nature-related. When I have a solo show it can sometimes seem like a group show,” she says with a laugh.

Mann grew up on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state, in an isolated area. “You don’t know that it’s really different, as a child, and childhood was easy there, but the teens were hard,” she says. “It was a logging town, and there were oil rigs. The logging pretty much wiped the mountains clean — scalped them and they became sad looking. There’s a national park inside [the overall area] and it is truly logged right up to the line of the national park; it’s a real dichotomy.”

Although she always wanted to become an artist, Mann took her time, living for a stretch in the San Francisco area before heading to New York in her 20s to attend the School of Visual Arts, where she studied sculpture. “It’s a working artists’ school, a great school model,” she says. Mann also felt at home in New York City. “Although I grew up where I did, I’m definitely urban, in a lot of ways — I mean I like foreign food and easy shopping!”

Urban tendencies notwithstanding, the affinity for nature and the environment came through immediately in her work. *Devil’s Sun*, part of the *Botanicals* series, is a large mandala made out of Devil’s Claw (*Harpagophytum procumbens*), a non-native plant sometimes used for medicinal purposes and in floral arrangements. Mann’s husband found one in a San Francisco

natural curiosities shop for a not inexpensive price, even though it is considered a weed.

After being taken with the plant’s shape, Mann sought it out on eBay and found someone selling a large number. She bought 500, noting “I



*Trapasphere*, water chestnuts (*trapa natans*), by Julie Anne Mann Photo provided

tend to horde a lot of stuff. If I think I can get a lot of it, I want it. Then I figure out what to do with it.”

Another sculptural piece consists of hundreds of water chestnuts, which grow in the estuaries at Saugerties. “I went with shopping bags — there were acres of them; they’re incredibly invasive,” Mann says, adding that she’s also worked with knotweed and pampas grass, things many see as scourges.

In her *Salvaged Landscapes* series, Mann uses the tops of broken glass jugs that once contained cleaning agents like ammonia. She salvaged them from Dead Horse Bay, Queens, an early 20th-century dumping area which had been covered but began leaking. Combining these bottles with driftwood from Peekskill Bay, Mann calls the work a commentary on all that goes into the sea.

An earlier series, called *Rooted*, was referenced from photographs taken on the Olympic Peninsula of natural formations commonly found in the old growth temperate forests. Each (Continued on next page)



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## Paul Robeson Returns to Peekskill, on Stage (from page 7)

was his popularity as an entertainer, and that he was a such a firebrand. Peekskill was the beginning of the end of his career. It illustrated how serious [the situation] was and how he had become public enemy No. 1.”

Knowing Robeson’s life so well, Aluko expects his visit to be an emotional one. He is hoping that there may be a Robeson family member at the performance. He is also hoping that members of the Peekskill African-American community turn out for the show; the Paramount has reached out to

several churches to promote it, and Aluko has contacted local labor unions as well. “I imagine many people in Peekskill are fed up with the Robeson connection,” Aluko acknowledged, “but I know all who see this play will find it totally uplifting. I can’t wait!”

Tickets for *Call Mr. Robeson* start at \$20 and can be purchased at paramounthudsonvalley.com or by calling 914-739-0039. The show is appropriate for ages 12 and up. The Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown St.

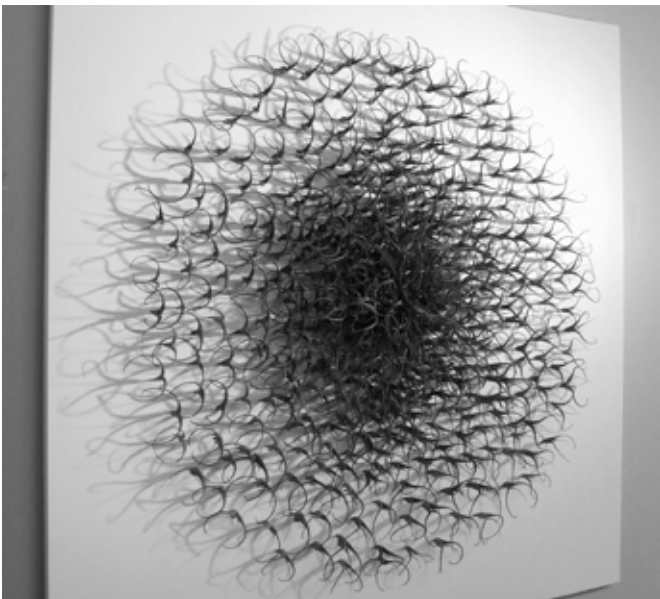
## Julie Anne Mann (from previous page)

portrait is meant to capture the subject’s unique anthropomorphic character. The exposed and evocative shapes created by these trees give a glimpse into a secret life of trees — the unseen world underneath. This work was exhibited at Garrison Art Center earlier

this year.

“Come, clear my ground” is a beckoning call to Mann, who by day makes prototypes for commercial packaging, niche work she describes as “incredibly precise — then I come home and get loose. Most things in nature aren’t perfectly symmetrical and I enjoy that.” Mann takes the items she collects — not always right away — and starts shaping them into something else. “As I start collecting, I build a narrative,” she says. “The materials inform the narrative. And you work with what you have.”

For more information on Mann’s work, visit [julieannemann.com](http://julieannemann.com). Gallery 66 NY is located at 66 Main St.



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## Foundation Hopes to Transform Haldane Classrooms

*Annual Fall Ball fundraiser Nov. 6*

The non-profit Haldane School Foundation’s annual Fall Ball, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Highlands County Club in Garrison, will this year fund an ambitious program to transform Haldane classrooms with project-based learning.

The fundraiser will feature a live “crowdfunding” event to promote Hands On Haldane, an initiative to outfit classrooms with technology, engineering tools and mobile furniture and provide professional training for teachers.

“Instruction continues to shift to more student-centered and authentic learning experiences,” explained Brent Harrington, principal of Haldane Elementary. “This shift has placed new demands on the physical space in which students learn, calling for classrooms that foster student collaboration and complex problem-solving.” Flexible seating and clustered areas allow for small-group instruction, presentation and discussion. In turn, the classroom allows teachers to tailor their instruction to individual needs.

The Fall Ball will feature cocktails, fine food, live music and dancing and a silent auction with items such as “Brewer for a Day” with Jeff O’Neil, high school apprenticeships with River Architects, Reality TV Production with Mike Powers and Scanga Woodworking, an Adirondack weekend getaway, Mexican cooking classes from Juanita’s Kitchen, a private garden party from Kismet at Caryn’s and dinner in New York City with Miss USA Olivia Jordan.

Tickets are \$150 per person and available at [haldaneschoolfoundation.org](http://haldaneschoolfoundation.org).

The Highlands County Club is located at 935 Route 9D in Garrison.

## Philipstown Rec Announces Winter Classes

*Registration open for residents*

The Philipstown Recreation Department has released its winter schedule of classes and events, which can be downloaded at [philipstownrecreation.com](http://philipstownrecreation.com). Although a few classes the week of Nov. 1, most start in January.

Registration opened on Oct. 26 for Philipstown residents and opens Monday, Nov. 2 for non-residents. Among the many programs for elementary students is an all-inclusive playgroup, a Lego Club, a holiday gift workshop, a set design class, a snackitizer cooking class, a baseball clinic, indoor soccer and lacrosse. For adults there are classes devoted to ceramics, cooking, organization, knitting and crocheting, painting, dog obedience, quilting, writing, acupressure, ballet, dance, yoga and Zumba.

For information, call 845-424-4618. In coming weeks, a middle-school teen night for Philipstown residents is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Family Night, which will include tournaments for laser tag, karaoke, trivia, ping-pong, pool and other competitions, will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The Rec Center also has introduced a 3-on-3 girls’ basketball open gym for grades 3-6 at 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

In addition, the department coordinates a Youth Employment Service for teenagers age 14 and older who are interested in working part-time for snow removal, babysitting or yard work, or at the Rec Department. Students should complete a registration form at the department; employers may phone the

Community Center to find candidates, although the Recreation Department does not assist in setting salary or providing transportation. The program is partially funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The Philipstown Community Center is located at 107 Glencllyffe Drive, off Route 9D, in Garrison.

## Health Exchange Registration Opens

*Counselors available to help select plan*

Open enrollment for New York’s health-plan exchange, created in 2013 under the federal Affordable Care Act, begins Sunday, Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 31.

The Putnam Community Action Program will offer a free information session on choosing the best plan and enrolling at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison.

Two Certified Application Counselors will be on hand to provide guidance in English or Spanish to Medicaid, Child Health Plus, the new Essential Plan (designed for lower-income residents who don’t qualify for Medicaid or Child Health Plus) and subsidized and full-premium plans. Visitors also can make appointments for private counseling sessions. Anyone who needs health insurance can apply through the exchange.

After open enrollment ends on January 31, Putnam CAP counselors can assist with circumstances that may allow for enrollment, such as job loss, change in address or immigration status or a change in marital status. Assistance for Medicaid, Child Health Plus and The Essential Plan is offered year-round. Counseling is also available to small businesses about their insurance needs.

For more information, visit [putnam-cap.org](http://putnam-cap.org). The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403.

Free health-exchange counseling is also available through the non-profit Maternal Infant Services Network (MISN), based in Newburgh, which is contracted by the Putnam County Department of Health. Phone 800-453-4666 or email [navigator@misn.ny.org](mailto:navigator@misn.ny.org). A representative from MISN offers counseling by appointment from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on most Fridays at the Howland Public Library in Beacon.

For Medicare counseling, contact Lynn Hill at the Putnam County Office of Senior Resources by calling 845-808-1700, ext. 47115. For more general information, visit [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) or call 1-800-633-4227. Open enrollment for Medicare continues until Dec. 7, with coverage to begin in January.

## Students Take Vital Signs of Hudson River

*Land Trust program puts middle-schoolers at riverside*

Middle-school students from Haldane and Garrison schools worked with educators from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust on Oct. 20 as part of a statewide effort to collect scientific information about the Hudson River. Pete Salmansohn of HHLT’s River of Words program guided Haldane students at Little Stony Point beach in Cold Spring while Lisa Mechaley of River of Words and Stewardship Coordinator Matt Decker were stationed at Garrison Landing to assist seventh-graders from Garrison School.

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, “A Day in the Life of the Hudson River” was coordinated by the state’s Hudson River Estuary Program and the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory *(Continued on next page)*

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(From previous page) at Columbia University. Its goal is to have students create a snapshot of the river at various locations, including its aquatic life, chemistry, tides and weather. The data is shared online.

River of Words is an international program co-founded by Poet Laureate Robert Hass and affiliated with the Library of Congress Center for the Book. HHLT offers a free regional version to public schools in the Hudson Highlands that focuses on the Hudson River, the lands that flank it and the streams that flow into it.

Peekskill Project 6, Part 2, Nov. 1

New unveilings and performances

The second installment of Peekskill Project 6 opens on Sunday, Nov. 1 with three openings. The first installment, on Sept. 27, drew more than 500 visitors.

The day's events, to be held rain or shine, begin at noon with performances at 100-150 N. Water St. by Molly Haslund of 1,000 Wooden Balls and by Katya Grokhovsky. Ribbon cuttings and receptions will follow at:

1 p.m. at Riverfront Green for Your Repetitive View by Olafur Eliasson, a professor at the Berlin University of the Arts. The installation was made possible by a donation by the Lanza Family Foundation.

2 p.m. at 150 N. Water St. for LIFE by Peter Bynum, who is best known for his light-infused sculptural paintings. The installation was made possible by contributions from the Lanza Family Foundation, the state Council on the Arts, ArtsWeschester, the city of Peekskill and many local businesses and private donors.

3 p.m., at Gateway Park on Main Street,

a live performance by the Dutch artists Saskia Janssen and George Korsmit of Welcome Stranger. The installation functions as both a billboard for the social history of Peekskill, including the Underground Railroad and the 1949 Peekskill Riot, and a stage to be used by all for music, performances, dance, readings and meditations.

In addition to the stage, Janssen and Korsmit donated installations to five Peekskill residents who were willing to invite them into their homes and let Korsmit paint small abstract works on their walls while Janssen documented the process. The installations were made possible by contributions from Dutch Culture USA, the Consulate General of the Netherlands, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Mondriaan Foundation.

Peekskill Project 6, organized by the Hudson Valley Center of Contemporary Art and curated by a committee of local artists, continues through Dec. 31. Visit peekskillproject6.org for information.

Lions Club to Host Election Day Luncheon

Director of West Point's Center for Oral History will speak

The Cold Spring Lions Club will host its Election Day Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at Chalet on Hudson. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. David R. Siry, director of the Center for Oral History at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The luncheon has been hosted by the Lions annually for more than 65 years. All local candidates usually attend along with many community leaders. Tickets are \$35 and include a buffet lunch. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling David Lilburne at 845-424-3867. Reserved tickets can be paid for at the door by check made payable to Cold Spring Lions Club.

The Chalet on Hudson is located on Route 9D north of Cold Spring at Breakneck Ridge.

Beacon

Beacon Library Names New Director

Succeeds Phyllis Keaton, who retired in June

The Howland Public Library has hired Amy Raff at its new director. She was appointed on Oct. 6 by the board of trustees after a three-month search to succeed Phyllis Keaton, who retired in June after 15 years in the position. Muriel Verdibello, former director of the Newburgh Public Library, had been serving as the interim director.

Raff leaves the Woodstock Public Library, where she was director for the past five years and assistant director for 10 years before that. She holds a master's degree in library science and information technology from the University of Pittsburgh and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon.

Raff said she was interested in becoming a librarian even as a teenager while growing up in New Paltz. "I've always

viewed librarianship as a helping profession," she said. She hopes to develop the Howland Library as a gathering place for the community but notes "the challenge for public libraries is to stay relevant to the community by offering new services and resources while maintaining what the library is traditionally known for."

City of Beacon to Begin Leaf Pick-up

Transfer Station open for other items

The City of Beacon will accept bagged leaves with regular scheduled garbage pick-ups beginning Monday, Nov. 2, until the first snowfall. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags; plastic bags will not be accepted. Loose leaf pick-up will follow the same schedule as weather permits. Any bagged or loose leaves in piles that include dirt, rocks or garbage will not be picked up.

The leaves are transferred at no charge to the city Transfer Station at 95 Dennings Avenue. The

Transfer Station also accepts appliances, car batteries, cardboard, computers and electronics, construction debris, furniture, metal and scrap, paper, tires, wood waste and yard waste. Some items require a minimal fee, although grass clippings may be dumped at no charge. The station does not accept air conditioners, refrigerators or smoke detectors. Compost and wood chips are available for city residents at no charge.

For more information, phone 845-831-0932. The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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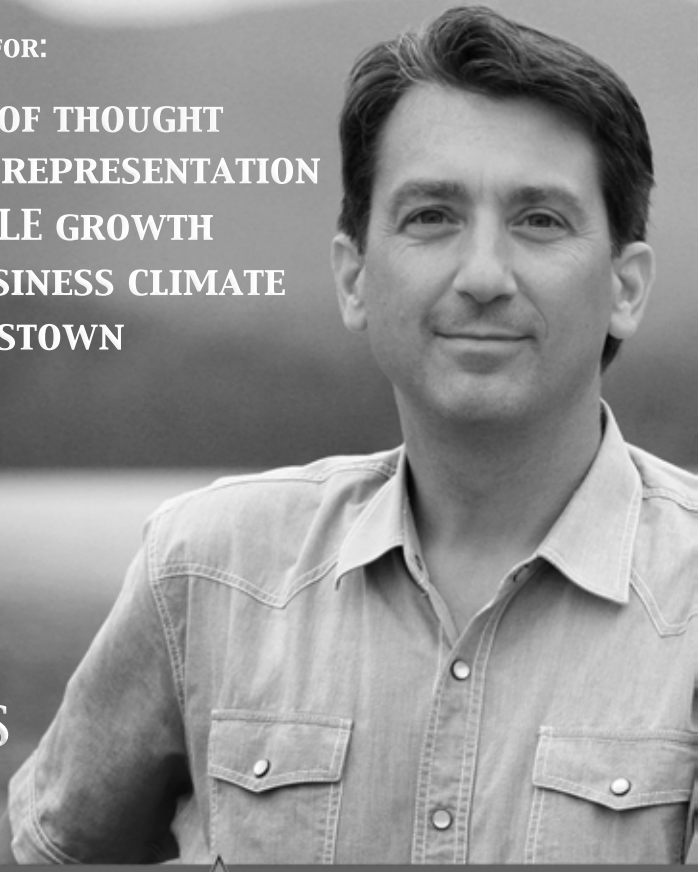
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## Food Pantry Preps for Thanksgiving *(from page 5)*

national economy continues to slowly improve, Bach said the pantry's needs have not declined. "We see more seniors than in the past," she said. Social Security payments are adjusted each year based on inflation but that only amounted to a 1.7 percent increase in 2015 and there will be no increase in 2016. Benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, also have been cut.

Nationally, a survey of food banks last year by Feeding America found that a fifth of the clients' households include a former or current member of the Armed Forces, four in 10 included a child, and the median household annual income was \$9,175. About four in 10 respondents said they "water down food and drinks to make them last longer," and almost

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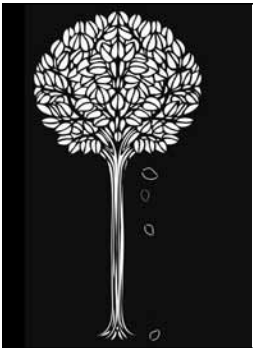
In the end, a cash donation is the most effective way to support the food pantry. Financial contributions, which can be mailed to Philipstown Food Pantry, 10 Academy St., Cold Spring, NY 10516, are used to purchase food and other products from the Hudson Valley Food Bank in Cornwall for 16 cents per pound, far less than groceries purchased by residents and donated. "Many groups and organizations have special fund raisers and collections to support us that way," Bach said. Volunteers are also invited to staff the pantry or pick up groceries

from Hudson Valley Food Bank and elsewhere.

The pantry is open at the church, located at 10 Academy St., each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Call 845-265-3220 for more information.

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