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, 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.

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 so 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 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-... (Continued on Page 5)

Food Pantry Prepares 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.

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.

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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 haul 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’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 fertilizers to meet plants’ nutrient needs. Instead, soil is built up into a rich, balanced, fertile mix by adding organic matter like 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.

Pumpkins Set Library Aglow

Blistery winds and chilly air did not discourage the 28 pumpkins or their carvers at the fifth annual Pumpkin Glow at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on Sunday, Oct. 25. Stacy Labriola led participants in Halloween songs as children in costumes ate Vera’s apple-cider donuts. The free event was sponsored by the Friends of the Desmond-Fish Library.
Judge Race Pits GOP's Montgomery Delaney Against Democrat Gretchen Walsh

Supreme Court vacancy and by defeating Bronx, investigated drug incidents in Department, was assigned to the South Marines; joined the New York City Police military and music. He served in the U.S. treasury Supreme Court judges, providing experience as well as an advisor to the cur -rent Supreme Court judges, pursuing the administration of justice, in helping people have their cases because I know I have made a difference, in an email that Walsh told dear folks, whatever your party affiliation, you should recognize that a judge and after graduation a litigation at -Law School, she was a law journal edi-tor and after graduation a litigation at-torney for Kelley Dye & 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 Univer-sity 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 associa-tion president. He has practiced law for 30 years, specializing in civil cases 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 jus-tice 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 differ-ence, in helping people have their cases resolved fairly, efficiently and economical-ly." She said that her background in pri- vate practice, in the courts, and as a hear-ing 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 often-times 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 resident 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 enters the race later in 2014 with little funding but only narrowly lost. Accord-ing to state Board of Election records, he got 206,760 votes, while the winner claimed 235,573. "After a lifetime of pub-lic service, I owe it to those 200,000 vot-ers to try this again," Delaney declared. "Life taught me that anything worth doing can sometimes be difficult. So, dear folks, whatever your party affilia-tion, 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 of a 'what is right versus what is wrong' analysis. A judge is bound by the law, le-gal 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 matters as foreclosure and equity disputes, divorces and simi-lar questions, injunctions, and civil cases involving larger sums of money than a lower court handles. At times, as in Put-nam County, the Supreme Court oper-ates out of a combined facility with the county court which deals with felonies and other serious criminal offenses.
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 Barrety 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 text exchange with Merandy, who responded, "It isn't," Bowman replied, "Yes, it is.

Merandy handily defeated Molloy in the mayoral election on March 18. "Barrety is a career politician," 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] process," 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 5-2. 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 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 Nosdall 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 Cathryn Fadde, to appoint Francisco, who was arrested in October 2013 and charged with felony criminal mischief over a "reasonable" period after a storm.

The board approved criteria proposed by the Tree Advisory Board for assessing the suitable 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 of the third degree. The settlement includes payments to the Association for the cost of $4,500. The contract to pave the municipal parking lot on Fair Street. The project should be completed before snowfall.

The board approved a proposal by the Cold Spring Planning Board to appoint Francisco to the Planning Board and to increase his authority.

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We, the undersigned, support Richard Shea for Philipstown Supervisor, Nancy Montgomery & Robert Flaherty for Town Council, Ann McGrath-Gallagher for Town Clerk, Carl Friensda for Highway Superintendent & Lithgow Osborne for County Legislator.

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, ROWS A & I

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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 Rutgers University — one of only three African-American students there at the time — to global fame built around his performances, ranging from grange and union halls to 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 (Continued on Page 11)
Calendar Highlights
For upcoming events visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info.

重大事件和活动概述

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

- **The Hitchhiker / Sorry, Wrong Number**
  - 7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion
  - 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction
  - 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

- **Zero Motivation (2014)**
  - 7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center
  - 19 Front St., Newburgh
  - 845-861-3886 | downingfilmcenter.com

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

- **Food Chains**
  - 845-265-3638 | hvshakespeare.org
  - 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
  - Noon.

- **The Met**
  - 7 p.m. Boscobel Mansion
  - 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
  - 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (HALLOWEEN)

- **The Met Live in HD: Wagner’s Tannhäuser**
  - Noon. Bar
  - 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
  - 845-473-2072 | bar.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 | paramamthudsonvalley.com

- **Haunted House**
  - 7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
  - See details under Friday.

### 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
  - 845-424-9300 | desmondfishlibrary.org

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

- **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.org

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **NHF Budget Meeting and Workshop**
  - 6 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department
  - 504 Ferril Road, Cold Spring
  - 845-861-7265 | nhfb2.org

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

- **Jodi Fisher Quartet (Jazz)**
  - 9 p.m. Quin’s
  - 330 Main St., Beacon
  - 845-831-8065 | quinnsbeacon.com

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

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

- **Film Club**
  - 7 p.m. East Fishkill Library
  - 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction
  - 845-582-3774 | ipswicounty.org

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

- **Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill**
  - 10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring
  - 845-424-4618 | philipstowncreation.com
  - Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

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

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

### 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)
  - 914-474-7758 | callingallpoets.net

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Community Blood Drive**
  - 2 - 8 p.m. Garrison Firehouse
  - 1618 Route 9, Garrison
  - 800-933-2966 | nybloodcenter.org

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

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

### ONGOING

- **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
  - 845-424-3001 | desmondfishlibrary.org

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

- **The Travel Journals of Henrietta Merchant Liston (Talk)**
  - 7 p.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site
  - 690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery | rvparks.com
  - 845-448-2134 | Reservation required.

- **Town Board Meeting**
  - 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall
  - 238 Main St., Cold Spring
  - 845-205-3329 | philipstown.com

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

### Saturday, October 30, 2015
Support Groups
For a full list of area support groups, visit: philipstown.info/sg
Julie Anne Mann: The Materials Inform the Narrative

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 — working on concurrently. “I tend to work on about three series at any given time, and bounce around —

Mann grew up on the Olympic Peninsula, 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 (Harpago-phytum procmambens), 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 salvaged it out on eBay and found someone selling a large number. She bought 500, noting “I tend to hoard 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 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...
Paul Robeson Returns to Peekskill, on Stage  
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was his popularity as an entertainer, and that he was 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 914-798-0039. The show is appropriate for ages 12 and up. The Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown St.

Julie Anne Mann  
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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 underground. 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. Gallery 66 NY is located at 66 Main St.

Thank you to everyone who made our 2015 Gala a rousing success!

General Israel Putnam Trailblazer Award:
Lila Acheson Wallace, posthumously

Historic Family of Philipstown Award:
Pidala family

Gala Co-Chairs:
Jennifer & Joseph Mercurio

Benefit Committee Vice-Chairs:
Benjamin Crane, Elizabeth Edelson, Bill Hicks & Bill Sadler, Anne Impellizzeri, Leslie Jacobson, Hara Schwartz & Christopher E. Buck

Benefit Committee:
Mary Ann Coleman, Stacey Farley & Peter Davoren, Elizabeth & Irvine Flinn, Dorothy & Jim Klein, Frank Lucente & Stephen Saikin, Preston Pittman, Paula & John Provot, Anne Sidamon-Eristoff

Auction Co-Chairs: Luz Bailey, Christine Foertsch
Photography by Christine Ashburn
Calligraphy by Kelly House

View the 2015 Gala photo gallery on our website, www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Also on our website: Make a donation to support the restoration of our original Model 1863 Parrott Rifle, and buy tickets to our Thanksgiving dinner honoring Jody Sayler on Sunday, November 22.

The Devil’s Sun, Devil’s Claw  
by Julie Anne Mann

Photo provided
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 cluster 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 as well as 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.

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

The Philipstown Rec Department has released its winter schedule of classes and events, which can be downloaded at 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 snacktack cooking class, a baseball clinic, indoor soccer and lacrosse.

For adults there are classes devoted to ceramics, cooking, organization, knitting and crochetting, painting, dog obedience, quilting, writing, acupuncture, ballet, dance, yoga and Zumba.

For information, call 845-424-4018.

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 5-6 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 Glencliffy Drive, off Route 9D, in Garrison.

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Students Take Vital Signs of Hudson River

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

Now in its 13th 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.

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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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Food Pantry Preps for Thanksgiving

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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 17 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, have also 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 were 65 or older, saying they “water down food and drinks to make them last longer,” and almost two-thirds said they rely on food charities. Further, Feeding America estimates that about 20 percent of the households that are eligible for SNAP have not applied.

The best way to help

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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