



# The Gardiner Gazette

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## The Changing Face Of The Hamlet

by Laurie Willow

Gardiner's business section is undergoing a major transition. The most recent and most visible change is the closing of the HiHo Market on April 1st.



Hi Ho Home Market during its closing sale in March. Photo Laurie Willow

What is the fate of 123 Main Street now? The building has been bought by Patsy Iovieno of Pasquale's Pizzeria. Patsy says he is not sure what he will do with it, but that it will probably be torn down eventually and possibly replaced with a mixed use building consisting of a storefront on the

lower level and apartments upstairs. The only zoning law in Gardiner's code that deals with architectural standards (§220-5 *Siting and Design Guidelines*) is advisory rather than legislative. While it encourages development that is compatible

with the existing character of the Town, it is solely at the discretion of the owner.

This building has been an anchor on Main Street for decades. George Majestic

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## Phoenix Rising: Phillies Bridge Farm Returns

by Ray Smith

Last winter, the maples bordering the drive into the Phillies Bridge Farm were graced with blue sap buckets—an initiative of board member Robb Magee and the Mountain Laurel Waldorf School—and in late winter, Anne Eschenroeder, principal in Big Little Farm LLC (BLF), was already growing seedlings in the greenhouse for the Phillies Bridge Farm CSA.

After farm distribution ceased abruptly last year due to lack of produce, how was it revived? "Some extraordinary leaders on the 2013 board

continued their stewardship," explained Sally Vasse, an original 1995 shareholder and board member from 2005-2010, who has returned this year as President. She says, "They managed office procedures and provided a regular presence and a small amount of u-pick vegetables. The education programs and summer day camp continued through the summer and fall with resilient success. We reconstituted the board with some old members and an energetic mix of new, varied talents. Amie Baracks returned

as Education Director and is busy, as is Jason Krauer, the onsite Property Manager, living in the farm house with his family."

Wendy Rudder, who served as President part of last year, is now Vice President; Susan Loxley-Friedle, a long time shareholder, is Secretary and Marc Moran, who had no previous connection with the Farm, is Treasurer. "I thought Phillies Bridge was an important community asset and wanted to help," Marc said.

Anne Eschenroeder of Big Little Farm was the successful Farm Manager at Phillies Bridge Farm during the

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## Talking Trash: New Role, Changing Needs

by Wendy Toman



Photo: Wendy Toman

Hello! I am your new Recycling Coordinator, filling a position created by your Town Board to fulfill the changing needs of a growing community. My responsibilities are many. Foremost, it is my job to be sure the transfer station is in compliance with all county and state regulations regarding waste management. Although the landfill has been monitored regularly since its closing nearly two decades ago, there are other regulations, such as flow control

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# A Gardiner Architect Who Says "Yes"

by Barbara Sides

In 2005, local architect Joe Trapani was volunteering his time and expertise on the renovation of the Town Hall and asked Kim Hoover, a fellow architect, to join him. Kim said yes. Principal of Hoover Architecture, based in Gardiner, Kim had just come off the Hamlet Revitalization Committee where she worked on the proposed sidewalks and was then serving a two-year term on the Planning Board.

While working on the Town Hall renovation, Kim met Mike Gagliardi, Chairman of the Parks and Rec Committee and was reminded that they had attended high school together. When Mike needed an architect to design an amphitheater for Majestic Park, he asked Kim who, once again, said yes and, when asked to research codes for construction of the Majestic Park pole barn, the answer was, well, you know.

Business owner, mother (of daughter Aidan, 11) and outdoor enthusiast, describes Kim as a person. Volunteer in service to the town she's lived in since 1999 describes her passion. Raised in West Hurley, Kim earned a two year degree in architecture at Dutchess Community College, then two bachelor's degrees—a four-year degree in building sci-

ences and a five-year degree in architecture—at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. She graduated in 1992 and worked in the corporate world as well as in residential architecture.

In 1999, Kim and her husband, Ted, built their house in Gardiner. Since then she has designed numerous homes and renovations here and farther afield. Currently, she has two houses going up in Gardiner and two major renovations nearby. Kim also does commercial work for private owners and Health Quest, and has worked on the Dutchess County Courts buildings in Poughkeepsie, Renegades Stadium and the VA Hospital. "Every job I get is different, which is very nice." Then she adds, "But the part I enjoy most is meeting people, both in volunteer work and for employment."

Kim's proudest volunteer accomplishment is the design of the Majestic Park amphitheater. She explained that the site offers seating on a natural slope and a location well suited for performances. "People

who never go to the park because their kids are grown tell me that they would go to a performance at the amphitheater." She envisions the Sammy Kaye Orchestra with our own Roger Thorpe, the West Point Jazz Knights, local theatre productions, perhaps in collaboration with SUNY New Paltz, movies and children's programs at the amphitheater. Putting on her businesswoman's hat, she points out that an infusion of people into the hamlet would be very beneficial to local businesses.

Resources for a project of this kind can come from private donations as well as donations of time and materials. Additionally, large developers who wish to build in Gardiner are required to donate either land for use as a public park, or money to the town, with the Planning Board making the decision as to whether it should be land or funds. Much of the land acquired this way lies unknown and unused, whereas the funds, when requested by the Planning Board, go directly to Parks and Rec for the maintenance



Architect Kim Hoover in her studio. Photo courtesy Kim Hoover.

and development of Gardiner's parks. The amphitheater project would be a worthy recipient of such funds. Without raising anyone's taxes, funds instead of land would provide the town with a public performance space that all could enjoy ...making at least one long-term Gardiner volunteer smile with satisfaction.

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## Riverkeeper Sweep, May 10

The Riverkeeper Sweep 3rd annual day of service for the Hudson River estuary will be in the Hudson Valley and New York City on Saturday, May 10, and they are counting on us to make it a success. Last year over 1,400 volunteers descended on 72 locations along the Hudson River and its tributaries, removing over 38 tons of debris from our shores, and planting 300 trees. Email Dan or Dana at [sweep@riverkeeper.org](mailto:sweep@riverkeeper.org) for details. □

## A Heartfelt Thank You

“Scrubbing” the *Gardiner Gazette* mailing list is an ongoing process. We are always looking for people who have moved, or want the Gazette on line instead of as a hard copy by mail.

An angel in the post office, Postmaster Gene Pozza, took

it upon himself to give us valuable information that helped us scrub our list. He spent a great deal of time on it, and we are deeply grateful for his help and his community spirit. □

## Apologies!

An article in the last issue of *The Gazette* (*Meet Our New Government*, Winter 2014) mistakenly gave the impression that Charlie Haynes had been Highway Superintendent for 34 years prior to Brian Stiscia’s recent election to that position. Charlie Haynes worked for the Gardiner Highway Department for 34 years. He was Highway Superintendent for 10 of those. That position was also held by Mike Calderone. Also in that article, the reelection of Michelle Mosher, Town Clerk was accidentally omitted. Michelle started working for the town in 1992, and was first elected to the office of Town Clerk in 1996. She ran, as usual, unopposed. □

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## From Bridges To Mating Mantises: Photographer David Warg

by Anne Allbright Smith

David Warg has been a surgical technician for fifteen years and works at St. Francis hospital in Poughkeepsie. He enjoys "taking care of people; having a part in helping to have a positive outcome and sometimes a hand helping to save patients."

But Dave's camera is always in the car. That way he can take advantage of seeing snow blow off the Walkway Bridge in Poughkeepsie ([www.facebook.com/owlridgestudios](http://www.facebook.com/owlridgestudios)) or catch a Snowy Owl perched not far from the Gardiner home he shares with his wife Tina (*The Gardiner Gazette*, Winter 2014). The owl caught him by surprise, perched on a stump looking upwards. It seemed quite fake until it moved. Dave has favorite places that he visits frequently because they change every day. They include the area below both Poughkeepsie bridges, the bird sanctuary near Blue Chip Farm and Awosting Falls.

Dave has been seriously photographing with his medium range Canon eos xi for only about a year, but the extensive display of photos on his Facebook page includes categories as varied as landscapes, frozen waterfalls, birds, Hudson River sunrises, old metal, wildlife, and old buildings. We at *The Gazette* first "met" Dave as the author of an article on cicadas last summer. As he explains, he heard them first, then wondered if he could see them and what they looked like. He experimented with his

camera settings and the cicadas played a major role in launching Dave's photography hobby.

Dave is often accompanied on his photography outings by his four-year-old daughter, Emily. Emily loves going on these forays with her daddy. He doesn't tell her when he has to go by himself and can't take her for reasons such as rough terrain. On occasion, David can get his 15 year old son Jeremy to come with him too.



Basically self-taught, Dave believes that "you don't need to go to school for everything." You can pull anything up on the internet and study from there. You just have to practice, practice, practice. If it's terrible, go back and do it again. Dave often shares his photos with two Facebook Community pages; *Hudson Valley Photography* and *The*



Above, photographer David Warg's four year old daughter Emily in an image called "Fog" taken in the Pin Oak Alley near the Mohonk Preserve Gatehouse. At left, a Great Blue Heron enjoying lunch. All photos courtesy David Warg.

*Hudson Valley* are two pages on which artists can share their work. You submit your photos and, if your photo gets chosen for the main page for the day, you can get many hits or—in Facebook jargon—"likes." He got more than 1,800 likes for his owl photo. "It's

almost like an addiction, and when many people send a 'like' to your photographs," Dave says, "It always puts a smile on your face."

Dave's goals are to shoot in 100% manual settings, share his photos with people, and eventually have his own photo show. □

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## Local Community Comes First For Terri Colucci Shand

by Fred Mayo

"I believe in the local community" says Terri Colucci Shand, a very successful local entrepreneur and owner of Colucci Shand Real Estate, a business that has been operating in Gardiner since 1998. Before that, she was in business since 1981 with her parents at Colucci Real Estate with an office in New Paltz. Currently, her office is located in Gardiner Gables, above Walden Savings Bank and Meadowscent in the small collection of stores right on the S-turn in downtown Gardiner.

Terri is a superb example of a successful entrepreneur who never thought of doing anything else. Although she left town to attend college in Westchester County and moved to Colorado early in her adult life, she came back because she loves it here. Her success has derived from her local roots, her love of Gardiner, and her desire to do right by her clients, whom she calls "new friends and family" and not customers or clients. Following the tradition of her parents—Bart, and the late Doris Colucci—who would invite people new to the area to their family holiday table or let them to stay in their house in the interval between moving out of one place and into another, Terri provides a truck for people to borrow—not rent—and



Photo courtesy Terri Colucci Shand.

finds them reliable and high quality contractors, plumbers, electrician, and painters. She also makes regular calls and visits to make sure everything is going well; after all, they are her neighbors.

Her staff of four agents, one full-time administrative assistant (whose daughter also works with her) believes in her values of caring for members of the community. She only hires people with a strong sense of community, knowledge of the local community, and high standards about how they conduct themselves. They are the faces of her company, and she considers them part of her extended family. Ironically, she and her three

brothers are all involved in aspects of the housing industry; construction and development, excavation, restoration, and real estate.

Terri does business locally as much as she can. In addition, she supports many organizations and has volunteered with several, including Unison Arts and Learning Center, and helped donate and carry food, clothing and furniture to local people, even as far as Fleishmanns, to help families recover from the damage wreaked by Hurricane Sandy. Most recently, she has been the president of the local real estate association and is considering the cause, or causes, she wants to support next. Terri believes in trusting people. She says, "I trust first and sign documents later. If they say they want to do business with me, I trust them until I learn otherwise." As a result of her approach, many people call her indicating that they want to buy or sell a house with her because their friends and families found it such a positive experience.

As a real estate professional with many years in the business, Terri Colucci Shand has some interesting predictions for the future. She sees a growing interest in community living, families staying

together, and more "parent-in-law" apartments. She also sees increasing interest in family farms and people moving to Gardiner to take advantage of the strong sense of community here.

Terri has found that working parents want *their* parents' help raising the grandchildren, so newly married couples are moving to Gardiner and encouraging their older parents to move here with them. In some cases those parents were Gardiner residents who moved away and are now moving back to help out. She also sees a need for more planned unit developments, more energy efficient condominium complexes, and a multi-level retirement facility such as Woodland Pond in the town of Gardiner.

Some challenges in the area include recent decreases in the value of retirement assets and, therefore, income, and the continuing rise in real estate taxes, which now average about \$7,000 in Gardiner and, in some cases, exceed monthly mortgage payments. Real estate taxes of \$20,000+ on some homes are creating real hardships for families that want to stay in the local area and keep their homes.

As a successful business woman and dedicated champion of Gardiner, Terri Colucci Shand loves the real estate business; after many years, she is as enamored of it as she is of her town.  [Back Comment](#)

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## Just A Bite ...

### Pasta Night at Pasquale's A Great Way To Feed A Family!

by Carol O'Biso

If you (or your kids) have the capacity to consume scary quantities of food, the solution can be found at Pasta Night at Pasquale's Pizzeria in Gardiner every Tuesday. "It's really Pasta Day," says owner Pasquale Iovieno. "Pasta night is all day."

On a recent Tuesday I gave it a try with a friend and her grandsons. The boys each had a children's portion of Pasta with "Meatball" (\$7.95, with one large meatball), my friend had the adult Pasta with Meatballs (\$7.99, plus \$2.50 for two large meatballs) and I ventured into the pasta specials, ordering "Farfalle Tre Colore," (bowtie pasta with sundried tomatoes broccoli and chicken, \$12.95). The adult meals come with a mixed salad and a basket of very good homemade bread.

My Farfalle were perfectly "al dente" and deliciously seasoned, and I ate every single little bowtie. Because it was one of the specials, I could have had a second helping at no charge, but Pasquale's is not stingy with the portions to begin with, and even I couldn't manage more.

Extra helpings of pasta with sauce come at no charge, extra pasta with sauce and meatballs is only the cost of the meatballs (\$2.50), and kids' portions of pasta and meatballs are no charge.

Seconds (or thirds!) on Pasta Night are only available when you eat in the restaurant, but do remember that Pasquale's otherwise deliv-



Asher Stern (right) tackles a children's portions of spaghetti and meatball... brother Ezra still working on that silverware bundle! Photo Carol O'Biso

ers free within seven miles. Their delivery service once saved us; during Hurricane Irene my husband and I were on vacation when my elderly mother and her equally elderly companion had to evacuate their South Jersey home and head for our house in Gardiner. While I was panicking about how they would take care of themselves

there, my husband picked up his cell phone, pulled out his credit card, called Pasquale's and, from seven hundred miles away, ordered copious quantities of food to be delivered to our house. My mother and her friend were stranded there for four days, and they ate well the whole time. (135 Main St., 845 255-4455).

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# News From Town Hall

by Laurie Willow



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**Communications:** Supervisor Zatz states that communications technology is one of the top priorities. "Even Gardiner lives in a fast paced digital world," says Zatz. "It would be unfair to impede progress when it comes to public safety, our kids' future, and accountability to our citizens."

First on the list was the installation of a town server. Dedicated to storing and disseminating information, the server increases the capacity of our web sites in order to increase access to town information. Because of the upgrade in computer capacities, there is now instant access to all of the town's financial data. And that's just the beginning. You can follow the Town of Gardiner on Twitter, "Like us" on Facebook, and sign up for Newsletters at [www.townofgardiner.org](http://www.townofgardiner.org).

**Safety:** An outgoing call emergency alert phone has been installed to announce Gardiner-based alerts including states of emergency, evacuation, shelter availability, and more, and the newly installed defibrillator

(AED) can now be seen at town hall outside the conference room. Employees there have been trained to use the AED and administer CPR.

**The Cell Tower:** The Town Board has granted the Special Permit for the construction of a cell tower on Route 208 at Wright's Farm. John Arthur of Wireless Edge estimates that it will be on line early this summer. AT&T is the only cell service committed, but John feels that others will commit later. You might want to ask your carrier to get onto the tower to keep you from switching to AT&T.

For years, Gardiner tried to install a cell tower on town-owned land in order to benefit from the lease payments.

Unfortunately, Gardiner didn't own land suitable for a cell tower, and the tower has come to roost on private land. The benefits of a cell tower in Gardiner will be many, and the town will still reap a small financial benefit; taxes on the tower will be assessed at \$1,000 per foot plus about \$12,000 per carrier, so a 150-foot cell tower plus a hypothetical three carriers totals around \$186,000. School and Town & County real estate taxes on that is about \$5,437 and the town's portion, around \$1,493, comes with no liability or use of town resources. There will also be sales tax collected.

**Recycling:** Gone are the days of transfer station attendants. Recycling has a new face and a new urgency. (Supervisor Zatz even skipped the "All recyclable" entry in the New Paltz Regatta to the crowd's delight.) Recycling Coordinators are now trained, environmentally conscious, and cost-driven. Wendy Toman, Gardiner's new Coordinator (Story, Page 1) says that we generate an average of 4.7 lbs. of garbage per person per day. 55% of that is recyclable but most goes directly into our Municipal Waste Stream. □

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## Pattie Eakin: An Artist All Her Life

by Fred Mayo

Pattie Eakin, founder of the Bruynswick Studio on Bruynswick Road, has been an artist all her life. Even before grade school, she started to draw and dreamed of being a painter. As a woman who loves color and drawing, she turned, when making a living became a priority, to designing, first as a designer of men's clothes in the garment district in New York City, then as the successful President of PM Company (men's wear), then as an international designer and merchandiser. Even then she made time to create at least one painting each year, even if she used vacation time.

More recently she has focused on teaching, which she loves. Having taught over 100 students—in her studio on Bruynswick Road; the Desmond Campus (the Center for Community and Educational Services, Mount Saint

Mary College); the cancer department at Benedictine Hospital; and the Lifetime Learning Institute in New Paltz—she finds it challenging and satisfying to open doors for people who want to learn to paint. She likes both large and small classes, especially in the cozy structure of her current studio—which holds only six students—and the attention she can offer when there are only a few. She also paints alongside them. This year, she is teaching six Lifetime Learning students oil painting in the morning and six others watercolor in the afternoon. About her teaching, Pattie said, "I think I have made a difference in a lot of people's lives."

Pattie Eakin describes herself as a representational artist who seeks to replicate



Lilacs In The Studio, 2014, watercolor on paper, 16 x 16". Photo Fred Mayo. Visit our Facebook page for more.

what she sees. She works in oil, pastel and encaustics, but loves watercolors the best. She finds them challenging and flexible, so long as "you let the watercolors do what they want. When I paint, it just flows," she says. *Hudson Valley Magazine* named Pattie the 2012 Best Artist in the Hudson Valley.

Her recent work is moving away from the detailed replication of still lifes, landscapes or people to a more abstract way of painting using blocks of color. For the last seventeen years, she has also applied the creative process to making signs, posters and jewelry; she started by making a lapel pin for a friend, got requests for more and then placed items in local gift shops, including the store at Mohonk Mountain House. When store owners asked for more pins, necklaces and earrings, she expanded her jewelry work into new de-

signs. Her jewelry can currently be found in the Bruynswick Farm Market, operated by her husband Joe, in the space that used to hold her gallery. She also displays and sells paintings and other creative work there.

The Bruynswick Studio has not been open since the floods of Hurricane Irene, but Pattie displays her work at other locations. For Pattie, developing a show is like designing a line of clothes—you need a theme and want each piece to support the theme and add detail and color. It is a creative process that fascinates her. Her next show will be May 18 at the Desmond Campus of Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.

Pattie wishes she'd had the luxury to paint more when younger but is realistic about what she had to do and thankful for her talent and the many opportunities available to her today. Her painting continues to fill her life as she experiments with the next phase in using her painting talents. □

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## Phoenix, from page 1

2010-2012 growing seasons, so her connection is not new. This year, BLF will manage and run the CSA and can sell, for its own benefit, any produce in excess of the 120 farm shares needed for Phillie's Bridge members. Anne elaborated, "By marketing produce in excess of requirements for shareholders, I'm building name recognition and equity in my own brand, Big Little Farm. There's more risk for me, but I like that. It's great to be able to do my own thing and still be part of something I love."

Phillie's Bridge will pay BLF proceeds of all shares sold, up to the jointly agreed 120 share limit, or a minimum of \$57,500. To compensate for last year's sudden closure, 2013 shareholders, who re-subscribed before March 15th, got a \$550 share for \$285, plus \$25 shareholder membership fee. (A donor covered the missing amount for each discount.) Shares at \$550 plus \$25 membership are available to others through May 31st.

On the 65-acre Phillie's Bridge property, 13.6 acres are surrounded by deer fence, within which a total of 4.27 acres will be farmed—1.05 acres (25%) in cover crops to lay fallow this year and 3.22 acres (75%) in produce. Anne had already tested the soil and found it healthy.

Treasurer Marc Moran says, "Share sales will pay for the farm operations and camp fees will cover the cost of the summer camp programs. We do have ongoing maintenance and repair needs, and part of our mission is community outreach, including our Farm to Families program, which donates up to 20 shares to families in need. So, as a board we need to attract very broad and diverse sources of additional financial support."

Anne explained how the new farm/farmer relationship came about: "I wanted to return to farm at Phillie's Bridge but wasn't interested in the old model. I came to the board with the model we will be using in 2014, but encouraged them to look at other models and candidates. They decided they wanted to work with me in this new way." President Sally Vasse elaborated, "With an experienced farmer like Anne who is well known to the Phillie's Bridge Farm community, the arrangement is exciting for both sides. We get her skills not as an employee, but as an independent contractor. She and Big Little Farm manage the whole process, with potential for extra income and to build a brand and name recognition for Big

Little Farm. It's a new risk-sharing approach uniquely crafted and suited for Anne and Phillie's Bridge."

Sally Vasse and Marc Moran ticked off a number of continuing and new major donors who support both the farm's mission and the new model: Mary and Jim Ottaway, who donated the property to the project in 2002 and are still supporters; the Open Space Institute, which has provided a \$30,000 grant for capital equipment; Huguenot Farm Capital with

a grant of \$30,000 for operations; the Dyson Foundation which supported strategic planning last year; and the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, to whom application has been made to support the twenty shares for the Farm to Families program.

The Phillie's Bridge Farm "Welcome Back" Spring Festival is on Saturday, May 17th from noon to 3:00 PM. Come find out what's happening at the new farm. □

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# That Was the Winter That Was (Or Was It?)

by Ray Smith

Last winter? Snow. It never went away and it kept coming. Worst winter ever. But was it really? Actually, no. We thought we'd ask John Thompson, Director of Conservation Science, and Hallie Schwab, Citizen Science Coordinator, at the Mohonk Preserve, who also manage the Mohonk Lake Cooperative Weather Station in the Daniel Smiley Research Center on the grounds of Mohonk Mountain House. John gave us some background. "What we're engaged in is observational science in the tradition of naturalists Henry David Thoreau, Aldo Leopold and Daniel Smiley. Because these people maintained detailed and accurate records, we're able to look back and analyze the effects of climate change on our plants and animals."

A variety of weather readings have been taken at Mohonk Lake, daily since January 1, 1896, mostly in the same locations and with the same or similar equipment. "There's generally more snow up here than in the valley," John pointed out and Hallie added, "But since cold air tends to settle in the valley, we often hear reports of colder temperatures from our neighbors at lower elevations." Nonetheless, a hundred and eighteen years of daily records at Mohonk should be a reasonable relative proxy

for events in Gardiner. Actual snowfall (November 2013-March 2014) was 69.7 inches, which put it above the average season of 44.8 inches, but well below the 1995-1996 record when 123.5 inches were recorded—the most in the past 118 years.

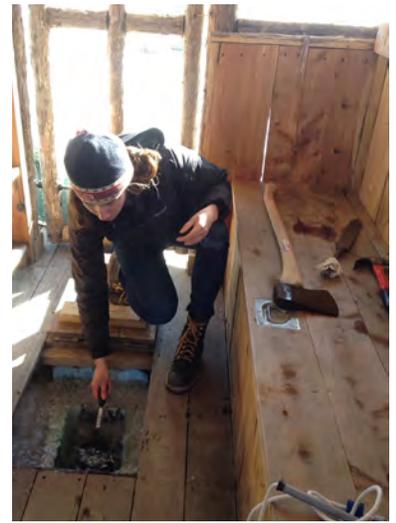
So why might we think this the worst year ever? "In recent years, a number of snowstorms changed over to freezing rain and we'd lose a lot of the snow pack or get warm periods between storms so we'd end up with a lot of bare ground. But this year we had extended cold so the snow remained on the ground," John noted.

Outside the Research Center, on a patch of yard sheltered from wind, John and Hallie take the daily reading. From November through February there's been snow on the ground 66 out of 120 days—a "bare ground" percentage of only 45%—that could have contributed to the it-never-went-away syndrome. Snow fell on 31 of those 120 days.

The depth of Mohonk Lake is measured from a notch in an

I beam which overhangs the lake at the base of the Mountain House. At its center the lake itself is about 62 feet deep and testing its water in winter is more like preparations for ice fishing. A trap door in the wharf opens on to a rectangular hole in the ice through which Hallie drops a water collector, whose rope is marked at 20 and 40 feet where water samples are taken for temperature and pH testing. An axe and other implements are used for maintaining the opening in the ice, and the thermometers used are not that different from those first used in 1896.

For consistency, lake samples are collected within the same time frame each morning and afternoon and weather readings are taken between 4 and 5 PM. When she had finished, and packed the water sample bottles away, Hallie said, "This may seem like a chore, keeping up this water and weather monitoring day after day, but there's a sense that we're carrying on a tradition that's larger than any one of us." Hallie went on, "Sure, you could automate much of this, but unless you're out there you



Hallie Schwab sampling water. Photo Anne Smith. Visit our Facebook page for more.

miss hearing the first song of the Hermit Thrush in the spring, or the day that red maple buds are bursting."

There are many opportunities to get involved with research and ecological monitoring through the Preserve's Citizen Naturalist Program, whether you're interested in weather and water, birding or phenology—documenting the timing of natural events. For more information, contact Hallie Schwab, [hschwab@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:hschwab@mohonkpreserve.org) or John Thompson, [jthompson@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:jthompson@mohonkpreserve.org) or phone 845 255-0919, Extension 1271. [Back Comment](#)

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# A Colorful History Of The Ulster County Fair

by Gary Newkirk, Manager, Ulster County Fairgrounds

In the early 1800's, farming was a major part of daily life. Farmers would brag about who had the best steer, who grew the best corn, or who might have the fastest horse. Eventually they started to have competitions. Horse racing was a big event and, of course, not to be outdone, the wives would bring their prize apple pie, strawberry jam, quilt, or other handiwork. Soon, the concept of the County Fair evolved.

For Ulster County it all began around 1869, when a few gentlemen from Ellenville facilitated the construction of the Ellenville Driving Park and held a small fair featuring horse racing and agricultural exhibits. It was such a success that it was repeated several times over the next few years.

The next logical step was the formation of an Agricultural Society to sponsor a real "Ulster County Fair." In May of 1886, it was formally announced that the Southern Ulster County Agricultural Society had been organized. The fair remained in Ellenville for many years, but,

in 1926, a fire destroyed the grandstands and starting gate, and bad weather and a Polio epidemic were financially catastrophic to the Society. The fairgrounds were sold to the Ellenville School District, and the 1932 fair was moved to Forsyth Park in Kingston.

and fairgoers. After looking at several locations, the Ulster County Agricultural Society announced in December 1966 that the 1967 Fair would be held on the grounds of the Old County Home and Farm in New Paltz. The first improvement to the grounds



The Ulster County Fair, in Ellenville, circa 1886. The grandstand at left, completed in 1886, could seat 500 people. All photos courtesy Gary Newkirk. Visit our Facebook page for more.

In 1936 it was held in the new State Amory on Manor Avenue, then returned to Forsyth Park and remained there for the next three decades.

In the early 60's, the Fair Board realized it needed to extend the number of fair days and to find a much larger area to handle the ever-increasing number of exhibits

was the construction of a new 150' x 300' horse show ring and a much larger parking area. For many years, the Fair and the Poor House shared the grounds, but after the closing of the Poor House, the large brick buildings were torn down and the fair started to expand.

The old barns have been

saved and remodeled to maintain the unique charm of the grounds; the two hay barns house a draft horse exhibit and the Poultry Exhibits; the old Pig Pen now houses the Horticulture Exhibits, and the Butcher Shop houses a fairgrounds museum. New Buildings have been built for Cattle, Sheep and Goats and Rabbits, and the Jane Barley Youth Building was constructed and is used for 4-H exhibits.

The Fair is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors with only two full time employees, a fair manager and an office manager. Each year, at the conclusion of the fair, planning starts immediately for the next year's fair. The fair has grown to six days, with close to 100 part time employees during fair time and, of course, countless volunteers. With close to 200 vendors, the old poor house grounds turn into a small city with over 25 rides and games and fireworks lighting up the night sky.

There are over 50 fairs in New York alone and they are a boon to the local economy. Total revenue to the State has been said to be over \$8 million, with the Ulster County Fair contributing over \$149,000 in tax revenue to the county.

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When I first started on the Fair Board I had no idea what to expect. The then manager told me he had a job he thought I would be good at and handed me a yellow legal pad. He said it was the placing for all of the vendors that were coming in. Little did I realize that it was mainly just chicken scratching, and that the first vendor—the most cantankerous guy you could imagine—would be pulling up in less than 15 minutes. That first vendor told me there was no way he was going to set up where I told him to and proceeded to tell me where he was going to set up!

I did survive that day and quickly got an appreciation of what it takes to set up a fair. First, envision a totally open field and then think about building a city. Think about setting up 25 restaurants, approximately 100 store fronts, with everyone needing water, electric, and garbage collection. Next, think about adding a complete carnival with over 25 rides and many games. Also realize that these folks travel from fair to fair in their RV's, so we also have to provide a campground for over 60 of them for the week.

Now let's bring in around 50 cattle, 100 sheep, 60 goats, lots of rabbits and chickens and, of course, horses. How about sending out an invitation to everyone in the surrounding area to bring



The Ulster County Fair in New Paltz during a recent summer.

their home made crafts, vegetables, jams, flowers, etc., so we can judge them and award ribbons and prizes?

Why not add some National Entertainment Acts. Why not...it only takes a stage, a sound and lighting company, an agent, and seating. Did I fail to mention that you need lots of volunteers, and almost 100 employees to handle things like Security, Parking, Traffic Control, Fire, and First Aid?

Can things go wrong? I could write a book. Can the well pump go bad on a Friday night so you have to truck water in to keep the fair open? Can cows get loose in the middle of the night and wander around the grounds? Can a water pipe burst? Can a concession stand catch fire? Can it rain so much that

you can't park any cars in the parking lot and have to shuttle visitors from the college on school buses?

Why would you want to do any of this? I think anyone who is involved in fairs will tell you that it gets in your blood. If we get a volunteer, it is not long before their entire family is involved. That is certainly one reason I am

celebrating my 31st fair this year. My oldest daughter Tracie started following me around when I was the concession's manager and now handles that position when I moved up to Fair Manager. My youngest daughter Amy started working in the office doing all of the entries for our competitive exhibits and is still doing that job even though she now has two kids of her own. My middle daughter Kim, although not as active, has volunteered, and my grandson, Jonathan, is now deeply involved in the fair and proudly wears a Manager in Training Badge!

Our Board of Directors is made up of all volunteers that dedicate many hours during the year, and most take a week's vacation to be at the Fair. Our volunteers come back year after year, along with many of our employees. If you talk to any fair person around the country, all will tell you: it just gets in your blood. □

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## Hamlet, from page 1

has childhood memories of his dad's hardware store and post office being located in the building next door, which is now a parking lot. Half of that building was the garage for the one piece of NYS road equipment. The actual antique store was Floyd and Mildred Mckinstry's sundries and butcher shop. The Mckinstrys lived upstairs and had a soda shop and candy store up front. On the right were the magazines and knick knacks. The butcher shop was in the back. You gave your order, and Floyd or Mildred would go into the back and cut your meat. When George Majestic senior moved the post office to its current location, the small building next to the antique store burned, and was not rebuilt.

After the McKinstrys, the building became an antique shop, and has served 50 years more or less in that capacity until the present day, under three different

owners. Heidi and Richard Haddard bought the building in 2005, and have run HiHo market there for nine years. On their Facebook page, Heidi says "It was April 1st, 2005 and we were thrilled. It was the day we purchased 132 Main Street, the home of HiHo. A lifestyle choice for our young family, buying a piece of Main Street was our way of contributing to the growth of Gardiner's Hamlet, teaching our children about the value of community pride and following my passion."

Meanwhile, the Gold Fox Restaurant at Ireland Corners has been sold to Bill Richards of Skydive the Ranch. Bill also owns several buildings on Main Street (44/55), including the very large building next to Station Square that has sat empty for over ten years. Evidently, the building inspector shut the renovation of the building

down in 2004. The building permit was cleared and re-opened in February of 2005, but no further work has occurred there since.

Then there is the restaurant that Suzy Eckhardt renovated from scratch at 128 Main Street, hoping to attract a restaurateur to fill it. That building is still waiting for its rescuer to come along.

And, of course, there is the old library building, owned

by the town and empty since the library moved into its new digs in 2008.

When all is said and done, what will the new Gardiner Hamlet look like with its beautiful new sidewalks? Will it be charming and inviting to guests? Will it be interspersed with vacant buildings? Only time will tell, and it will be greatly influenced by the owners of the buildings, and the support offered them by the rest of the citizens of Gardiner. □

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# Wallkill Valley Land Trust 4th Annual Historic House Tour

by Vals Osborne and Angela Sisson



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The Wallkill Valley Land Trust's house tour returns on May 31st to the Gardiner area, weaving along the west flank of the Wallkill River and intersecting at times with the Shawangunk Kill. These river valleys and their tributaries have produced an area rich in farmland and wildlife habitat, with the Shawangunk ridge as a majestic backdrop.

Most of the houses are situated on old farms, combining working agricultural parcels with woodlands, rivers and streams, originally settled by Dutch, French Huguenot and other locally prominent families. Travel-

ing along Albany Post, Bruyn Turnpike, Hoagerburgh, Red Mills and Bruynswick roads, one passes expansive agricultural tracts along a scenic route once dotted with endless dairy herds. Among those parcels adapted to new agrarian uses are the horse farms belonging to Blue Chip and Majestic View Farms and Horses and Hounds; the Brookside, Brykill, Kiernan and Watchtower grass-fed beef farms; and Watchtower's apple orchards and blueberry patches. Other examples include the Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, Whitecliff Vineyard and Winery, and White Barn Farm's sheep farm and wool manufactory.

The tour focuses on some of the region's finest houses and their farm complexes, illustrating the evolution of regional architecture from the early 18th century to the present. Featured are important vernacular examples of the Dutch-style stone house and barns, the Federal style in stone and clapboard, Greek Revival clapboard, a stone colonial surrounded by early twentieth-century reincarnations of early houses, and a sus-



Photo Robert Witkowski

tainable solar-powered contemporary house fashioned from an 1850s barn—with geo-thermal heating. Four of the seven houses are on the National Register of Historic Places; all have been lovingly restored. Other important sites, also on the National Register, include the Reformed Church of Shawangunk and its Parsonage and grave yard, Tuthill House at the Mill, until recently an active grist mill, and the J.B. Crowell & Son Brick Moulds factory, still operating today. The latter two are powerful reminders of 19th-century water-powered industrial life in the Wallkill River Valley.

The region retains some of the best vernacular architecture, pastoral landscapes and breathtaking panoramas in Ulster County. Of enduring significance, they illustrate the important roles that adaptive re-use of agricultural terrain and the restoration of historic houses plays in land conservation and historic preservation today.



Photo Jose Moreno-Lacalle

Tickets: \$40/\$35 by May 30 (\$5 member discount). Proceeds benefit WVLT. Ticket pick-up day of tour, 10:30am – 2:00pm, Tuthill House Restaurant, 20 Gristmill Lane, Gardiner. Admission includes informal reception at private home. For more information: WallkillValleyLT.org or 845-255-2761. □

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Making the transfer station fiscally sound is another high priority. I am working with the Board to update the rate schedule to keep up with increasing operating costs, such as fuel surcharges and current trends in the recyclables markets. Painting lane lines, walkways and traffic flow directions will increase safety and efficiency, while updating signage will improve sorting practices and overall operations.

I hope to designate special days for seniors, with volunteers making it unnecessary to even leave your car, and special family days where young kids can get excited about sorting waste! Look for expanded Wednesday evening hours this spring, permits for non-residents and single-day passes for infrequent users. ("Old-Timers" remember to renew your permits by June 1st.)

One goal is to make the station a one-stop shop: in addition to the mandatory recyclables, the list of items accepted for environmentally-responsible disposal and/or recycling could include items such as cell phones, clothing, eye glasses, medications, bedding, cleaning products, thermometers, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, light bulbs and batteries, to name a few. I've also begun rescuing things for a reuse shop and eventual "upcycling" projects. Someday, perhaps with grant funding and volunteer help, a larger structure could be built to house reusable materials and a workshop for furniture refinishing and repair. I would like to streamline the exchange of materials (à la "freecycle.org"), matching those looking for something with those trying to get rid of something (I've had requests for egg cartons from local chicken farmers and for bubble wrap for shipping artwork from artists).

Be on the lookout for increased communication in *The Gazette*, on the town web site, Facebook page, bulletin

boards, and at local events. If you have a question ("Why do we have to take the lids off? How do I recycle my broken gas grill?"), just ask! If I don't know, I'll research it and call or email you. If you have any suggestions (e.g., a food waste compost pile? A co-op garden? Windmills on the landfill?), please share them with me or your Town Board.

So, visit me on Steve's Lane and see how quickly a town of 5,600 can accumulate junk—and how responsible and conscientious citizens dispose of it properly. I'm looking forward to learning to greet each of you by name! To volunteer, contact me at 255-9775, or recycling.tog@gmail.com.

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## Out Of The Flue: An Owl Story

by Mark Rosen



It was with new-found interest that I read the "Neighborhood Alarm Clock," about local owls, in the winter edition of *The Gazette*. But my new fascination

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## **Owl**, from page 15



with the owls of Gardiner had its roots not in the pages of any written source. It originated from my living room fireplace.

Sometime in late January, I found myself hearing an alien sound in or around my house. Efforts to isolate the sound proved futile; it would invariably cease before I could localize it and investigate its origin. Until the first Sunday in February, that is, when a gentle “whoa” presented itself long enough to announce the presence of a visitor somewhere in my chimney. I was still unable to identify the noisemaker. It was not voicing the familiar “who cooks for you, who cooks for yooooouuu—all” owl call familiar to many Gardinerites, and was not even necessarily a bird-like sound.

A call to a very helpful and friendly local chimney service brought the first clue to the

identity of our visitor. “You’ve got a large bird, sitting above the firebox on top of the flue damper. Better call the DEC.” When I visited, the New Paltz DEC theorized that it might be an owl but was not equipped to address its removal from the base of a fireplace chimney.

Enter the amazing Annie Mardiney, animal rescuer and state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator extraordinaire from Rosendale. A friend had found an injured owl last summer, and he gave me Annie’s name and number. She had nursed last summer’s owl back to health and released him back into the wild in an event attended by about ten people (including me).

On the phone, Annie was more than intrigued by my fireplace story, and three hours later she was looking up our flue. We had our very own barred owl, she told us, as she reached up with gloved hands to deliver to us the most majestic and gorgeous creature

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I could remember feasting eyes upon. And in our living room.

Even Annie was surprised. Owls falling down chimneys appear to be quite the rarity. An examination revealed that he had limited vision—possibly from spending such a prolonged period in the dark—and a bit of tail feather damage. He was also quite hungry. For the three weeks that followed, the owl spent time in one of Annie’s outdoor flying cages. Although it took him a while to reorient himself to the light and to the larger

world, he soon re-discovered the joys of eating mice, gorging himself back to his full weight and, as Annie said, “perching, flying, giving me the big angry owl look.”

The last week of February saw his emancipation and return to the pine trees of Ulster County and I started to make calls about installing a chimney cap.

Annie Mardiney is entirely self-funded and donations allow her to continue her good work. If you want to contribute, or have a wildlife dilemma, try her at 845-943-8098 or 175 Mountain Road, Rosendale 12472. □

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