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A call to community



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Highway Heroes

by Barbara Sides



There were a few essential comforts that got us all through the infamous winter of 2013/2014—perhaps some quality time with family, a warm fire, the inevitable comfort food, a few great books,

time to clean out a long neglected closet, a stack of good movies. But if we wanted to leave the house—and who didn't?—a little-recognized but absolutely essential group made it possible for us to get to the grocery store, doctor's appointments, meetings and school. I'm referring here to the action heroes of Gardiner's Highway Department.

Last winter, aided by the timely acquisition of three badly needed new trucks, the department cleared and maintained 56 miles of roads in Gardiner. That's a lot of snow to move. Despite having to add \$12,300

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Progress On Main Street

by Laurie Willow

In the last issue of *The Gardiner Gazette*, we reported that Patsy Iovieno of Pasquale's Pizza and Restaurant had acquired the former Hi Ho Home Market at 123 Main Street and, after extensive research with contractors and architects, determined that it would be more cost effective to tear down the old building and rebuild from the ground up. Mr. Iovieno, however, has decided to renovate the existing building, rather than to tear it down and start over. In this way the historic value of the building will be maintained, as

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The GOST Artists Of Gardiner

by Marilyn Perry, Gardiner artist and GOST Tour committee member

Did you see our brochure? Better yet, did you come on the tour? If not, join us for the next one (read on for details ...)

It was all quite exhilarating. In the space of a few weeks, sixteen local artists—painters, sculptors, ceramicists, photographers, and a clockmaker—found each other, planned a tour, designed and printed a brochure, solicited local advertising to pay for it, created signs, and placed 10,000 au-bergine-colored brochures in

local shops from Kingston to Beacon announcing the '2nd GARDINER OPEN STUDIO TOUR' on the weekend of May 3rd and 4th.

Best of all, it was a success. The tour was free, and self-guided. You followed the route (there were little bios of each of us and an image of our work) and dropped in to see the artist and the art where it was created.

Since we didn't sell tickets, we don't know exactly how many people came, but over the two days, I welcomed around 100 visitors to my studio, where I did a little demonstration about encaustic (molten beeswax) painting. Other artists talked



Ceramics by Annie O'Neill. Photo courtesy GOST tour.

about making pottery or painting in pastels. People loved seeing how art is made.

You'll note that this was the sec-

ond Gardiner Open Studio Tour. The first, on a smaller scale, took place on the Columbus Day weekend

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Gardiner Is Part Of The Family

by Eileen GulbrandsenGlenn and Stewart Glenn. The authors are Gardiner residents and are on the Board of Directors of the New Paltz Community Foundation, Inc.

Did you know? Family of New Paltz provided over 60,000 units of service (food pantry, walk in crisis intervention center, etc.) in its communities during 2013.

Did you know that Family also provides services to citizens of other communities such as Gardiner, Highland, Rosendale, Modena, Wallkill and others? **Family representatives estimate that at least 25% of the services it provided during 2013 were to residents of Gardiner.**

study and undertook a two-phase project to provide extensive rehabilitation to the buildings. Phase I, which was a complete gut rehab of the interior of the building, at a cost in excess of \$75,000, has been completed and paid for through donations. Phase II, which is a complete rehabilitation and repair of the exterior of the buildings, to include landscaping, is estimated to cost \$122,000. To date, \$96,289 has been donated for Phase II.



ously. Whether modest gifts or large donations, the Foundation has received them all with gratitude.

In order to complete the work, \$26,000 must still be raised and New Paltz Community Foundation, Inc. is in the midst of a fund-raising project. To learn more about the project and what donations have been made to date, visit the Foundation's website at www.newpaltz-foundation.org. You can make a donation by mailing a check, payable to New Paltz Community Foundation, to PO Box 1112, New Paltz, NY 12561, or you

can use the Pay Pal button on the Foundation's website. The Foundation will be pleased to acknowledge your donation on its website. Donations of \$500 or more will be honored on a plaque to be installed inside the Family of New Paltz building. In addition, feel free to call (845) 256-1945 for additional details about the project.

The Board of New Paltz Community Foundation hopes the people of Gardiner will want to support this important endeavor. Because the Foundation has been recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization, your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. □

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Above: The Family of New Paltz building getting a new roof. Above right: a rendering of the planned exterior. Photo courtesy Paul Brown. Rendering by Digital Works (of Gardiner).

As a provider of critical human services, Family must use its resources to provide its many life-saving programs. Thus, funds are not available to properly maintain the physical plant at 51 North Chestnut Street. This situation affects not only the clients and staff, but Family's many community volunteers as well. When the New Paltz Community Foundation learned of the desperate need for repairs and refurbishment, it made a needs

We are lucky to live in a community of caring people who have already donated their time and money to such a worthwhile project. What has proven to be a great plus for this endeavor is the way people from all walks of life have come together to support this critical need in the community. 279 donors, which includes individuals, local businesses and local organizations, have already responded gener-



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News From Town Hall

by Laurie Willow

The New Bandstand: On June 22nd, a new bandstand gazebo was installed to replace the old wooden one at Majestic Park (see photo at right) and the Gardiner Day Committee has offered to donate funds for lights. The Gardiner Summer Recreation Camp has begun to use the new bandstand, and it is ready for small concerts and events.

Water Monitoring Program Begun: The water monitoring program has begun. This program was designed by Supervisor Zatz and the Town Board to create a viable database of the water supply in the Hamlet. New businesses will be able to access this data rather than being required to create their own individual data.



Photo Anne A. Smith

The information that the water monitoring program is gathering will be collected over a period of time using the data from several wells.

Before the water monitoring program, any business interested in locating in the hamlet has had to do very expensive well testing and still only got a small snapshot view of the resource.

Expanded Parking at Rail Trail: Bob Macleod, who owns the Kiss My Face building, has generously allowed the town to expand parking for the rail trail by four spaces.

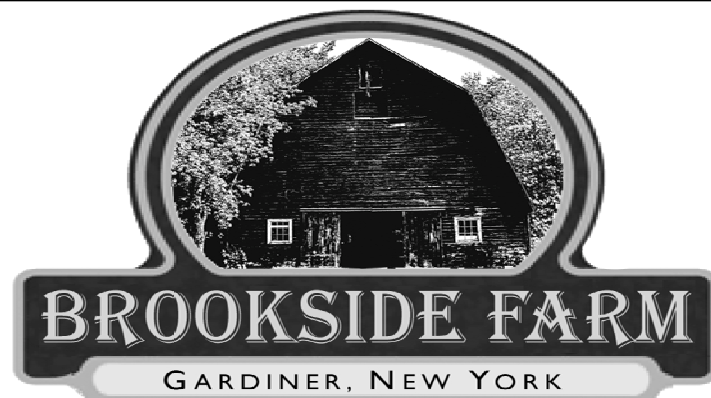
Grant to Extend Sidewalk: Supervisor Zatz secured a \$50,000 grant offered by New York State Senator John Bonacic, which will be used to extend the sidewalks to the ball field, including twenty five additional parking spaces. The ball field will be redesigned so that you could picnic from your tailgate in the parking spots while watching the ball game.

Progress on the Cell Tower: The cell tower project on Wright's Farm on Route 208 is still receiving permits and design changes. It is expected to be up and operating by the end of August.



The new bandstand gazebo installed to replace the old wooden one at Majestic Park. Photo Beck Rourke

Employee Manual and Other Human Resources: Although the town staff has not grown, management of human resources has become much more complex. Supervisor Zatz and the Town Board has been working on creating an employee manual to address and clarify various issues. ☐ [Back Comment](#)



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Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Lazy River

by Laurie Willow

At the end of Bevier Road, winding along the Walkill River, the 170 campsites at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Lazy River offer the ideal camping experience. "People can feel comfortable enough to let their kids run loose," says co-owner John Lawrence. John and his wife, Heidi, along with Heidi's brother, Glenn Bracklow, purchased the property in 1991. They transformed the prior existing campground, then brimming with potential and more than a few problems, into the present camper's heaven. Jellystone has a sprawling, spacious set-up with cabins and plenty of riverside, meadow, and forest sites for RVs and tents. The meadow sits above the river and is expansive enough to serve as a great landing field for sky divers, a special Gardiner touch much-loved by campers.

Since joining the Jellystone Park franchise (Leisure Systems, Inc.) two years into acquiring the property, the family-run business has attracted repeat generations of campers, and not only from New York State. Employing nearly thirty seasonal workers, including some of their own children, Heidi maintains that "they have eyes and ears all over the place" to keep tabs on the bustling campground.

The property buzzes with the energy of a community campground loved by seasonal long-term campers and first-time guests alike. Music pumps throughout the camp store and at the

two outdoor heated pools. The Tiki Snack bar, offering ubiquitous summer vacation treats like ice cream and smoothies, adjoins the recreation hall, complete with a DJ booth, while outside the community fire pit beckons with family activities.

During the day, employees run arts and crafts workshops for kids, teens, and adults, with offerings such as tie-dyeing silk. In addition to the typical daily activities, each weekend of the season is given a theme, ranging from the candy-filled, kid-friendly "Show Your Sweet Side" to an Independence Day celebration with a professional DJ, followed by the release of over two hundred twenty Chinese lanterns into the night. The game room, mini golf course, playgrounds, and shuffleboard court round out the property to ensure there is always something to do, and the camp store, housed inside a former barn (complete with the quaint silo), offers all camping necessities.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Lazy River creates a summer community of families including the Lawrence family, who set up their own RV in the campground. While they have a house on the property where their children have grown up, they maintain the campsite for themselves because they simply love camp-



John and Heidi Lawrence and friend. Photo: Laurie Willow

ing and as John says "Getting away from it all. When I think about all of the kids who have learned how to ride a bike here... and our

own kids... and the guests who maybe don't have big open fields, rivers and trees at home—it just makes me happy. It's a happy place." □ [← Back Comment →](#)



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George Jacobs: A Holistic Approach To Farming

by Anne Allbright Smith

Editor's Note: At the time of this writing the Gardiner Farmer's Market was temporarily on hold.

"All of life is connected. We could not exist without trees for oxygen, the sky for rain, the sun for energy." George describes his holistic approach to gardening and farming, explaining that there is no separation of soil and plant. Soil biology is just as important as the plants that he grows. His organic and "nutrient dense system" is exceptionally clean and of highest possible nutrient value, with plants so healthy that they ward off disease and insects. "Healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy people." His soil is tested annually by Logan Labs in Ohio in order for him to balance the minerals, and he inoculates all plant seed with symbiotic bacteria/fungus to promote healthy soil life. He farms on raised beds because the clay soil which, although a good soil, is somewhat poorly drained and difficult to work in Spring.

For those of us who grow vegetables in rows—carrots here, lettuce there—George's garden is a surprising, lush mixture. Interplanting "smelly" plants like onions, garlic, mint, dill, and cilantro among the standard vegetables tends to "confuse the insects" and deter them, though

not all of them. While I was there the cabbage white butterflies were flitting around the kale and broccoli. Their eggs are laid on the plants and hatch into green worms that voraciously consume the host plant. Dill was planted with eggplant and onions; kale with onions, leeks and cilantro; tomatoes with basil and parsley. Vegetables that last the whole season are interplanted with short season crops like lettuce, arugula, and radishes.

Of special note are the Indigo Rose Tomatoes, bred to be high in antioxidants. They are small, purple on top and ripen to a rose color underneath. Besides looking beautiful in a bowl with other tomatoes, they have a lovely subtle flavor, and I always headed for them at the farmer's market.

Obviously these gardens are labor intensive, especially on a hot summer day. The big tub in the rear is not for irrigation, but for George, who periodically jumps into it for relief from the heat! George first became interested in farming as a young boy who planted a watermelon



George Jacobs in his greenhouse. Photo: Anne Allbright Smith

seed and was "blown away" when it sprouted and grew a huge fruit. Growing up in rural Pennsylvania, where the adults seemed "to know the right way to do everything," the young boy gravitated towards the farmers, who "seemed real," and he adopted them as role models. At age 14 he and a couple of friends began growing vegetables on the half acre of open land next to George's home, growing just about every seed in the catalog and selling their produce at

a stand. Soon after, he rented land which became a large corn and tomato farm, and hired 10 kids to help him maintain two truck stands and a wholesale route as well as his own stand.

But renting was not the answer. George needed to buy a farm. So how did he make money? He taught English to army kids in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia! He says with a smile that he also taught them peace songs. After a year and a half he had made \$12,000

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Just A Sip ...

Robibero Family Vineyards Offers A
Cooling Summer Selection

by Fred Mayo

It is that time of year when grilled foods, salads, fresh vegetables, and fresh fruit taste so good! It is also a time to consider which white wine to serve with these dishes. In search of good ideas, I went to the Robibero Family Vineyards Wine Tasting Room at 714 Albany Post Road and found a lot of good options.

In a recent tasting at Robibero's, I found a number of refreshing white wines that make great companions for summer foods. The 2012 Chardonnay (described in the tasting notes as "toasted vanilla flavors with oak aging," \$19 a bottle) tasted crisp and dry (full disclosure: my preference is drier wine over sweet) and not oaky or too full bodied. It was refreshing and would be a great complement to a pasta salad with vegetables, salami and cheese or a grilled fish and rice dish.

The second bottle has a title the family invented; "87 North" named after the Thruway. The 2013 87 North (described as "honeydew and grapefruit aromas," \$17) was refreshingly dry and seemed close to a sauvignon blanc. 87 North, made from 60% Vidal Blanc and 40%

Cayuga White grapes, would be great with a shrimp salad with carrots, lettuce, celery, scallions and a mayonnaise-based curry sauce or a rice salad made with olives, roasted peppers, artichokes, and capers.

The 2012 Dry Riesling (described in the tasting notes as "a delightful citrusy nose of pear grapefruit that leads into green apple and lime flavors on the palate," \$19 a bottle) was very fruit forward, a very refreshing and easy drinking wine to sip all summer. It would be perfect without food, and would also compliment a salad with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, and scallions topped with a piece of grilled chicken or fish, or make a good companion for roasted cashews, almonds, or mixed nuts.

The fourth wine I tasted, 2013 Traminette (described in the tasting notes as "clear and with a floral aroma and hints of lychee fruit and Asian pear," \$18 a bottle) was a very food friendly wine. Although it might not be everyone's wine, since



Robibero Family Vineyards Wine Tasting Room on Albany Post Road.
Photo: Fred Mayo

the complexity of flavors and the spicy notes do not appeal to all palates, it would be perfect with a Thai salad, or Indian food and since it is a close cousin to Gewürztraminer, would enhance the flavor of most spicy food.

Another new wine, the non vintage Serendipity (described as "floral and apple aromas with a smooth, crisp lush texture," \$15), was 65% Seyval Blanc and 35 % Chardonnay grapes, all grown in the Hudson Valley. It was sweeter than the other wines and would accent coleslaw made with ginger/tamari dressing, chicken satay salad, or a spicy Thai salad. I also tasted a new Rosé, called New Yorkie Rosé (de-

scribed as "light and easy drinking with hints of strawberry flavors and crisp autumn aromas," \$17 a bottle) an easy drinking, slightly sweet summer wine with plenty of fruit flavor. It is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc grapes and would match dilled green beans, double cream Brie, and mixed hors d'oeuvres as a way to start a dinner party.

The tasting was pleasant and slow paced with plenty of time to savor and discuss the wines. You can taste any five wines — red or white—but I was out to find good whites to serve with summer foods. Now you have some wine suggestions to try with various foods using wines that can be found in our own neighborhood. □

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Humanitarian Trip To Haiti

by Ariana Rodriguez (a sixth grader at New Paltz Middle School)

Hi, my name is Ariana and I am 11 years old. Over my February break I went on a service trip to Haiti. I travelled with my friend Simon and his mother, Lili. We went because Lili's friend is Jane Aronson, who is the founder of World Wide Orphans or WWO. WWO works in a couple of different countries around the world where it implements arts programs for orphans.

We did a lot of things while we were in Haiti including making rainbow loom bracelets, hiking, dancing with the kids, eating sugarcane and riding tap taps (keep reading. You'll find out what these are!)

The day after we arrived we went on a six mile hike up a hill with about sixty children. When all of us got to the top Simon taught the kids to play dodge ball. After dodge ball we painted the children's faces and then they put on a play and danced for us.

Two days after that Simon, Lili, myself and other adults that were with us loaded into a tap tap. A tap tap is a bus or back of a truck where a guy hangs off the back of the vehicle and taps the bus when someone has to get off. The tapper then collects money and hops

taught the kids how to make the fishtail pattern with the rubber bands, using their fin-

in a wheelbarrow. You can pick the piece you want and then the man peels it for you with a large knife and puts it in a plastic bag for you to eat. Sugarcane is delicious!

After milling around town a bit we visited another orphanage and danced with all the kids.

The following day we drove to Port-Au-Prince which is the capital of Haiti. I bought paintings and a carved vase. Before we knew it, it was time to leave.

This was a trip I will always remember as fun and moving. If you want to know more about it and see some pictures, find me at Gardiner Day; I will be raising money for WWO and if anyone has extra rainbow looms or rubber bands I would be happy to send them to the kids in Haiti. If you can't make it and want to donate contact me at lanenicole0@gmail.com. □



Ariana Rodriguez with two orphans. Photo courtesy Ariana Rodriguez

back on. We took the tap tap to an orphanage so that we could teach the kids how to make rainbow loom bracelets. When we got there we

gers. The kids really loved that. The next day we walked into town and bought some sugarcane. Men wheel sticks of sugarcane around

Correction!

The article "Talking Trash" in the last issue of *The Gazette* mistakenly says the Transfer Station is open on Thursdays. The correct hours are: Tues., Fri., Sat.: 8am-4pm; Wed.: 12pm-6pm. It is closed on Sun., Mon., and Thurs.. □

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The Inn at Kettleboro

by Fred Mayo

Gardiner has a new Bed and Breakfast, lovingly created by Michael Aiello and Robert Witkowski from the nineteenth century Aiello family home on Route 208. Called the Inn at Kettleboro—the name for that section of Gardiner—it offers superb views of the Shawangunks and very inviting and comfortable spaces. The Inn has been converted from a family house into a first quality Bed and Breakfast with four distinct and interesting bedrooms, each with ensuite bathrooms and interesting names—Empire, Cortland, Braeburn, and Wine-sap—which locate the Inn as a Hudson Valley institution and draw guests' attention to the local apple farms. The rooms also have large windows with lovely views.

The main floor includes a large formal parlor, a second dining room, an office, two bathrooms, a small sitting room, and a breakfast room with three glass double doors offering expansive views of orchards and the Gunks. The large farm table in the breakfast room is inviting and encourages group discussion while enjoying the view. There is a sitting area of leather chairs at the other end of the room, conducive to a conversation for four or a space for quiet reading. The beautifully laid out

kitchen shares the room and makes it easy for breakfasts as well as snacks and coffee all day. There is also a small room to the side where two people can sit and eat, read, or visit quietly.

Outside the breakfast room is an expansive stone deck with the same view and interesting landscaping. It is a perfect place to relax, read a book, watch the sunrise or sunset, and just soak in the wonderful fresh air of Gardiner. It overlooks a lovely lawn and a working orchard.

The renovation—or transformation—of the house has included the installation of new hot air heating, hot water and air conditioning systems, closed cell foam insulation, and energy efficient lighting, as well as painting and wall papering in all the rooms. Michael and Robert have also spent the past several years purchasing just the right antique furniture to honor the period of the house and also provide comfort to guests.

The renovation has involved the reconstruction of some parts of the house and new construction of doors, bathrooms, and hallways with



The new Inn At Kettleboro. Photo Fred Mayo

most of the work done by local professionals. The result is a very comfortable and welcoming bed and breakfast with the newest technology and systems to provide all the luxuries that guests expect in a first-rate bed and breakfast.

This B and B will appeal to anyone who loves to explore the Hudson Valley and wants comfort and elegance at the end of the day. The in-

door and outdoor spaces invite guests to slow down and enjoy the environment, and the Innkeepers know all kinds of local resources for guests who want adventure, good restaurants, and cultural activities.

The house has an interesting history. Michael's grandfather purchased it at auction in 1950, and his parents, Rose and Anthony, moved in to live with his

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grandfather when they left the city for a new life in the country. Although the house has been totally renovated, some of the original family furniture has been repaired and reupholstered, which adds a homey touch to the bed and breakfast.

The Inn at Kettleboro has been under renovation for a year and it opens this summer with a formal opening in September.

As it grows and fills with guests, Michael and Robert will finally realize their long-standing dream to be innkeepers. It is a great place to stay or recommend to family members and friends who come to the area. The website is Kettleboro.com; contact information is The Inn at Kettleboro, 321 State Route 208, 914/213-2487 or Kettleboro@hvc.rr.com. □

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Leaf Mulch Phase Two: Good Bye Peat Moss

by Carol O'Biso



Leaf mulch in season two. Photo: Carol O'Biso

Anyone lucky enough to have more leaf mulch than they were able to use last season (*Leaf Mulch: A Perfect Answer*, Fall 2013) is in for a treat; the remains of mine have now broken down further and become a truly excellent substitute for

peat moss. Peat, an accumulation of partially decayed vegetation that is unique to areas called peatlands, is both an environmental and a gardening miracle. Environmentally, peatland ecosystems are said to be the most efficient carbon sink

on the planet. Peatland plants capture the CO₂ that is naturally released from the peat, becoming natural "reservoirs" that accumulate and store carbon-containing chemical compounds for an indefinite period. In terms of gardening, especially in Gardiner's heavy clay soil, a bale of peat is perfect for lightening the soil and improving drainage.

The problem is that these two things are in competition with each other. There are peatlands in many countries, most of them thousands of years old, but our peat tends to come from Canada. While theoretically renewable, "the extraction rate in industrialized countries far exceeds its slow re-growth rate of 1mm per year." 1 millimeter per year? That's about 1/39th of an inch; even though peatlands cover about two to three percent of global land areas it's possible that I've used more than that all by myself!

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A Bigger Brew

by Ray Smith



When Kristop Brown and James Walsh decided to brew and market their own beer, they started small, in 2013. (*Beer Here. More Coming*, Gardiner Gazette, Summer 2013) They built a 400 square foot brewery in James' back yard. That's about the size of a no frills one car garage.

They first brewed Dubbel Ringer Ale, Farm House Ale and Fire Pit Golden Ale. Earlier this year Yard Owl introduced Firefly Blond, a Belgian style ale; and Grisette, a light bodied wheat beer brewed from Belgian malts, Czech hops and a Belgian-French saison yeast strain.

James provided some of the history, "Grisette was brewed originally for miners during the industrial revolution in the Hainaut province of Belgium. As the men came out of the mines, women in gray frocks [gris is French for gray] would hand them this low alcohol wheat beer. Back then, it would be 4%. But you know, 4% is a little too low. I like 5% and a bit above. When I wanna have a beer, I wanna have a beer. Not 2% or 3% alcohol." Yard Owl's Grisette is 5% alcohol by volume.

Yard Owl's products are featured at Bacchus, Jar'd Wine Pub and Rock & Rye, all in New Paltz; the Mountain Brauhaus in Gardiner; and Market Market Café in Rosendale. Their beers are also retailed at K & E Discount Bever-

ages in New Paltz.

"We were brewing one day a week but bumped it up to two days a week this summer. That's enough to supply the base customers we have. But demand is growing and unfortunately, we sometimes have had to turn people down. But we mainly want to keep those core customers who supported us from the beginning.



Above: Kristop Brown brewing up a batch. Top left, the future tasting room. Photos: Ray Smith.

"We've done some keg beers such as special beers for the Mountain Brauhaus. But most of the beers we make are not draft. They really deserve that time in the bottle to condition properly and take their full shape."

Beer has been produced for at least 7,000 years and until reliable potable water became available, ale and beer were the water substitute. James provided the rationale, "Brewing any beer from malt necessitates boiling the water, and bacteria are destroyed by fermentation, as

well. The yeast metabolizes them and the alcohol also acts as an antiseptic."

Some craft breweries start out with nothing more than one or two guys who like beer and want to make their own. That was not the case with Yard Owl. Kristop who's the winemaker at Robibero Family Vineyards and Glorie Farm Winery, had been in that business for years and knew the science of blending and taste. James and his wife, Michelle, own the Mudd Puddle in New Paltz, so he

did a lot of research. The professional brewing courses at the University of California, Davis, were hugely important. I would recommend those to anyone who wants to get involved with professional brewing. You really have to understand the science of what's happening in order to produce a consistent product. And, we started small."

To accommodate increasing demand for their products, Kristop and James expect to transfer operations to the white barn at 2867 Route 44/55 in Gardiner this fall. There, they will have 4,000 square feet of space for a brewery and a tasting room, both of which will be on the ground floor.

James elaborated, "In the tasting room, we'll have for sale our own brews, but we also have the ability to sell New York State fermented products which would include beers from other craft breweries, wine and hard ciders. The latter is becoming increasingly important in this area. At some point, we'll also offer light finger foods. And, of course, we'll have Yard Owl glassware and T shirts for sale."

The new facility will also make it easier to develop new products such as those already in the pipeline: a classic saison, a tart and dry beer; as well as a dark winter brew, the latter exclusive-

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Marilyn Perry: Painting As Dance

by Annie O'Neill

Sleuthing around Gardiner in Sherlock Holmes mode, I pondered the elegant lady with paint-encrusted shoes. That was my first encounter with local artist Marilyn Perry, who started painting at sixty-two!

Her first hands-on steps towards art were in class with Gardiner artist Pattie Eakin. Marilyn was still a commuter from Manhattan—an accomplished art historian with a University of London PhD in 16th Century Italian Renaissance art.

This expertise transitioned to a full-time job in cultural philanthropy as president of the Kress Foundation and chairman of the World Monuments Fund. She has traveled worldwide, lived in Venice and had a hand in the preservation of many European projects—Vivaldi's church in Venice; Aphrodisias in Turkey; and Angkor Wat in Cambodia, are examples.

After a lifetime of looking and thinking about art, it never occurred to her that a creative-artistic bent was locked up inside. When it hit, there was no turning back! Marilyn discovered that at heart she was "self-teaching," and the joy of art is about discovering the hidden narratives

spontaneously revealed as she "plays" with paint on canvas.

She pours, scrapes, and pushes paint around with palette knives, fingers and self-created tools. Painting for her is "a dance that flows and is all about movement." To achieve her seascapes, water vistas, clouds and fiery semi-abstract landscapes she uses intense and vibrant acrylic inks, fluid acrylics and encaustic waxes.

The floor in her studio feels like a seascape, and there is an overwhelming sense of abundance and joy in the air and on the walls. There is a feeling of "full-out adventure" in her approach to the visual world. She is not methodical or patient, but continually engrossed in self discovery. Marilyn says "paint flows the way water does and constantly changes."

In 2007, after a serious bout with Lyme disease, she created her Black Hawk Trail studio and launched a new and intense trajectory. Her first exhibits were in New York City, where she was written about by the Wall St.



Marilyn Perry in her studio. Photo: Annie O'Neill

Journal and was selected to show a piece at the National Academy of design. Locally she has shown at the Ulster Savings Bank, is part of the Gardiner Open Studio Tour, and is scheduled for a Gardiner Library show. This summer a painting of hers will be exhibited at the Millbrook Vineyard and Winery in competition for a label on

an award-winning wine.

You can view her paintings at www.marilynperryart.com and visit her studio in October on the next Gardiner Open Studio Tour (GOSTart.com).

Follow her in her paint-encrusted shoes! ☐

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will the architectural aesthetic of our Main Street. The renovated building will ultimately house two storefronts and two apartments.



Right around the corner from this project, on 2nd Street, is Sal Acompura's proposal to build four apartments and four thousand square feet of retail space. The new building will occupy the empty lot at the corner of 2nd and Milk Streets, with frontage on both.

Mr. Acompura's plan has been before the Planning Board for over two years now. According to Mike Boylan, Chairman of the Planning Board, this project is hopefully expecting approval at the August or September Planning Board meeting.

Since these two projects are adjacent, it is possible that they may work together regarding a sidewalk extension which turns the corner onto 2nd Street, as well as other cooperative possibilities. □

Books, Beats and BBQ

by Barbara Sides

In 2005, when the capital campaign to build the new Gardiner Library kicked into high gear, the Syckoff family, proprietors of Brookside Farm, offered to host a town-wide BBQ at Majestic Park to support the building effort. Sharon Syckoff's parents and a few of their friends made the trek from their home in South Carolina to Gardiner with a smoker and other essential supplies—one of those being Sharon's Dad's famous BBQ sauce. The Syckoff's provided the pork, chicken and fixins and a grand time was had by all. It was at this event that the Pie and Cake Auction was launched. The Syckoff's repeated this act of generosity for years until family and business responsibilities made it too difficult to continue, but the library never forgot their kindness and that of their extended families, nor the success of the model.

Fast forward to 2014. The library, a thriving community gathering place, is again looking for a fundraiser to supplement its operating



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budget, a budget that hasn't been increased since 2008. Reminiscent of past BBQ's, a Pig Roast, catered by Paul Casamento, is planned for Saturday, October 11th (Columbus Day Weekend) 11-4 at Majestic Park. Both Paul and his family have been Gardiner Library patrons since childhood.

The Syckoff's have, once again, offered to donate chicken and pork for what the library is calling Gardiner's Bounty—Books, Beats and BBQ. The event will include meet and greets with local authors, publishers and illustrators, performances by local musicians, the Pig Roast, a Kid's Flea Market

and the signature Pie and Cake Auction.

Other planned activities include a costume/dress up photo "booth" where kids can pick out a costume or show up in their Halloween costumes for a photo taken by local photographer, Marlis Momber. The Kid's Flea Market will take place in the Majestic Park barn, where a 10 foot space can be reserved for \$10. The first item in the Pie and Cake auction, once again featuring the Library Cake baked by pastry chef, Maya Eyer, goes up for bid at 1:30.

Eat BBQ including pork, chicken, corn, coleslaw, pasta salad and beverages from 11:30 to 1:30 for \$20 advance sale. There will be a limited number of tickets for the Pig Roast for sale for \$30 the day of the event. Additional meal options will be available for purchase.

Enjoy some great food, listen to local musicians, talk to a favorite author, take home a picture of a happy kid, bid on a cake, support your library. Mark your calendars for Gardiner's Bounty Family Festival, "Books, Beats and BBQ," at Majestic Park on Saturday, October 11th! □

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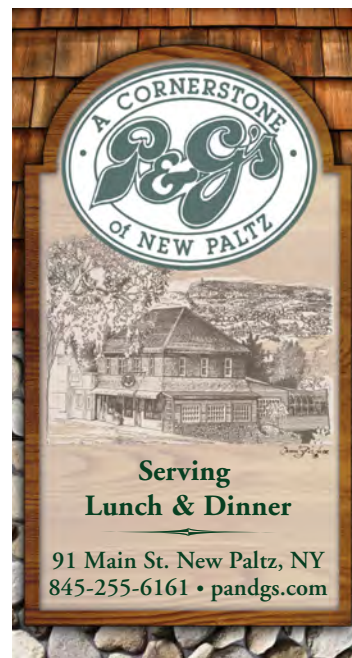


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to the snow budget allocation of \$75,000 for overtime and material—an allocation which must also cover November and December of this year—the department budget is in very good shape.

Brian Stiscia, elected to the position of Highway Superintendent last November, is working with a total highway budget of \$1.1 million. Half of that number covers the salary and benefits of eight full time workers and part time Secretary, Robin Kaufman whom Brian describes as “outstanding.” To make it all work, Brian has had to be a good steward of our tax money. He is enthusiastic about the Shared Services program Gardiner participates in with Ulster County. “Shared services with Ulster County Highways has been working very well,” Brian asserts. “Our town receives \$24,000 from the county for winter maintenance of two county roads, McKinstry and Sand Hill.

It’s a good deal,” Brian adds, “and it’s taken some pressure off of the budget.”

To further supplement the budget, Brian, who is also the Assistant Chief of the Gardiner Fire Department, has sold surplus trucks and recycled old steel guardrails, steel pipes and plow edges. 36,000 pounds of steel has been recycled tying in with Gardiner’s new recycling efforts and netting the town \$2,903. The Department site on South Mountain has been cleaned up and re-organized and in Brian’s words, “we’ve done a lot of revamping. The department is functioning very well and how we do our job matters.”

Speaking with obvious pride about the men (and woman) who got the town through a very difficult winter, Brian states, “We’ve come a long way in a short period of time.

We’ve had a very tough winter. It’s the commitment of the guys out there who do the job and make it come out right. They’re dedicated and they’re good.” And it shows.

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ly for the Mountain Brauhaus.

Michelle Walsh plays a huge role, handling all the paper work. Dealing with the town and other requirements and the exacting demands of New York State's Liquor Authority, all took and continue to take immense amounts of time, attention and care. As one example of the complexity, I asked James why there was a New Paltz address on their beer labels when their property and brewery are actually in the Town of Gardiner. James explained, "Getting the label approved is a project in itself, but it must show

the mailing address rather than the physical address of the location of the brewery and that happens to be New Paltz. Once we move to our new premises, where the mailing address is Gardiner, we'll have to print new labels to reflect that."

I asked about the local approval process and Kristop told me, "The town administration was very supportive. Some neighbors had concerns, but when they understood the details of our plans, I believe we allayed their concerns. Our experience with the Planning Board was

also very positive."

Yard Owl has been cautious, taking one step at a time as its business has developed. When questioned about long-

term plans, James said, "To build our business and grow. Our new brewery and tasting room will give us the scope for that." □

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which was a lot of money in 1970! On the side, he went into the mountains to acquire Bedouin robes, which he sold on Carnaby Street in London and in Amsterdam. He was able to put a down payment on 350 acres in Cortland County, New York and launched one of the first organic farms on the east coast.

The farm lost it all in the floods of '72, and George was back teaching English in Iran. Alexa, a young artist from New York City, took the Orient Express and "joined me—very brave of her." Soon the enterprising couple was establishing an importing business, designing and producing handloom cotton wrap-around multicolored garments and selling them to companies such as Sears and Lord & Taylor. Returning to the U.S. they conducted their business from Alexa's parents' basement in New Jersey. Somehow, George and Alexa found time to get married and raise two children—Nikolai, who

is now a sculptor creating displays for the Bronx Zoo and making furniture, and Annie, an artist, writer and farm worker. Having a family necessitated "real" money so they became an authorized Value Added Reseller for Apple Computer. "Fortunately we found some people who really knew computers, and we hired them!"

George also worked as an interfaith minister and spiritual counselor for KidsPeace, dealing with youth in crisis. He remembers wanting "enlightenment" from a very young age, and has always pursued psycho-spiritual pathways. One day he may teach "liberation meditation, to help create the mental, emotional, and spiritual well being that we all desire."

In the meantime as out-manager of the Gardiner Farmers Market, he cautions that we need young people who will step up as farmers. "The

Market needs to be revitalized with youthful energy." George would be willing to

take on an apprentice at his own place and teach him or her all he knows. Pass it on! ☐

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GOST tour visitors. Photo courtesy GOST tour.

last October. The prime movers were Andrea McFarland (painter), Jonathan Pazer (art photography), Kenneth Aspin (graphics), and Donna Manger-Weil (painter), whose gallery on Bruynswick Road served as headquarters for our planning sessions. From the first group of seven artists we have now grown to sixteen.

And the name? I'm told it was invented on the spot, from the initials of the event —Gardiner Open Studio Tour, or GOST—

and because, last October, the word suited the season. It has stuck, and we now have a website, www.GOST-Tartists.org, which we hope you will visit to become better acquainted with your neighbor artists and their work.

We plan to make GOST tours bi-annual events—one in early May, the other over Columbus Day—so we hope to see you in our studios this Columbus Day! □

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Peat, from page 9

Peat is an important fuel source in many countries, but in our culture it's the peat we use in our gardens that's the issue, and it's no small factor. In the U.K. it's said that, "the use of peat by gardeners leads to 630,000 tons of carbon emissions each year," and environmentalists and the government agree that the use of peat should be phased out and replaced by sustainable and, if possible, locally sourced alternatives, possibly as soon as 2020.

Which brings us to that leaf mulch. My "year two" product was every bit the wonder product as peat moss and I'm told it provides more nutrition for the plants to boot.

Having learned all this, here's what I think: I don't want to keep gardening with some fern that died while the battle of Actium was being fought. (FYI, Anthony and Cleopatra lost. Octavian won.) If you want to know more, visit www.peatsociety.org. Meanwhile, gather your leaves this fall, and start chopping. □

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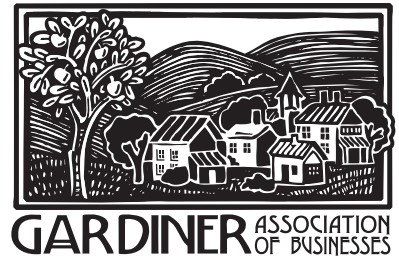
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www.worldscoolesttraingauge.com

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www.aftershockfromcancer.com

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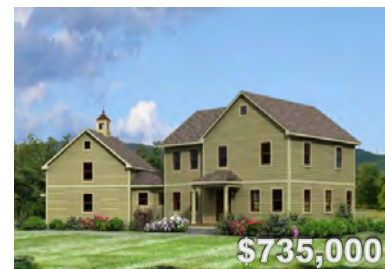
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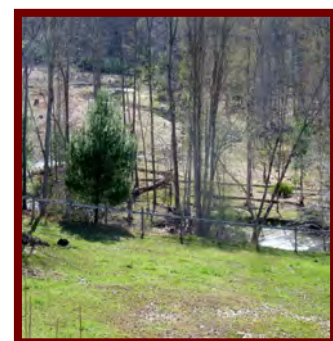
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