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What To Do With Town-Owned Land

by Laurie Willow

Did you know that back in the 70s, and later, developers were given the option to donate a piece of land in lieu of development fees? As a result of this practice there are some odd parcels of land in Gardiner that are owned by the Town of Gardiner and, therefore, by us all. Land owned by Gardiner was also acquired in other ways, by the leadership of town government, mostly notably George Majestic as supervisor in the 1960s.

A list of town-owned parcels can be found on page 14. It is hard to imagine a use for some of this

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Chestnut Mart Mobil (Soon) Back In Service

by Ray Smith



The Chestnut Mart at Ireland Corners in late April as it neared completion. Photo: Ray Smith. Story [page 16](#)

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Gardiner Summer Day Camp: 50 Years And Counting

by Laurie Willow

The Gardiner Summer Camp has been in operation for at least 50 years in one form or another. For the last five, it has been run by Frank LaRonca. Two years ago, Frank's wife, Amanda Paul, joined the crew as co-director.

Frank and Amanda are both teachers during the school year. For the summer camp, they are the administrators, planners, head counselors and cleanup crew. This year the camp runs for six weeks, from July 1st to August 9th, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.

The camp services approximately 250 campers, ages 5 to 13 years old, from kindergarten to 8th grade. It is open to all, but Gardiner resi-

dents are the priority. Returning camp families were invited to register first, by mail in late April. In fact 80% of the camp-

ers are returning campers, and often their parents went to Gardiner Summer Camp when they were children.

The Camp's home base is Majestic Park, where each day is started and ended. The activities are varied and take advantage of the local

opportunities. On Mondays and Wednesdays, the campers are at Majestic Park all day for arts & crafts, sports, performing arts, group games, library program, nature walks, etc. Tuesdays and Thursdays are spent at the Ulster County Pool on Libertyville Road.

Fridays are field trips which include bowling, roller skating, movies, gymnastics, Ulster County Fair, and Splashdown Beach.

The Gardiner Summer Camp is an amazing fun-filled time for a very small fee. It is definitely on the short list of resources that make a Gardinerite proud to be from Gardiner!

Registration Forms are available at www.townofgardiner.org.

For more information, call Co-Directors Frank LaRonca and Amanda Paul at 750-3902. ☐



Left to right: Jacob Sirof, Matthew Frisina, Casey Reisinger at the Gardiner Summer Day Camp. Photo by Frank LaRonca

Mike's Hothouse And Country Store: A Very Local Resource

by Barbara Sides

March, 2013. It was the winter that wouldn't end. Heavy coat still out, boots at the ready, garden looking muddy, bedraggled and mostly snow covered. So when I learned that Mike's Hothouse had opened for the season, visions of bright, blooming flowers, leafy, lush plants and days of sunshine immediately came to mind. I hopped in the car and was there in 10 minutes. And I wasn't disappointed.

Portia and Mike Cozzolino originally launched their greenhouse and landscaping business in 2000 on the property where they live in Gardiner. With encouragement from



Photos courtesy Mike's Hothouse

The greenhouse was full of row upon row of colorful seedlings and full size plants which made me anxious to see what was waiting for me in the Country Store a few steps away. Here I found dips, lotions, soaps, 99¢ greeting cards, gloves, bird baths, houses and feeders, tools, pottery, decorative items for the home—a variety of gifts suitable for any occasion. It was turning out to be a very good day.

Portia's father, owner of Donato Farms, a 70 year old family operation spanning Gardiner and Modena, the couple eventually set up a commercial size greenhouse on the family's farm. Mike was working full time—and still is—but the couple was determined, and the business was quickly in full swing.

The family grows a huge variety of vegetables and flowers and on any given day the couple's three children can be seen helping out with whatever needs doing. Among the bedding plants: beets, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, leeks, celery and spinach, are 20

varieties each of peppers and tomatoes, with heirlooms being particularly popular. The flower selection includes a seemingly endless list of annuals and perennials which are grown in jumbo, root encouraging six packs. Since they grow their own plants and know what works and what doesn't, Mike and Portia are very knowledgeable about care and growing conditions. Portia also produces beautiful custom wedding flowers, corsages, bouquets, boutonnieres and centerpieces at very reasonable prices and will accommodate any budget. "People have been coming for years to buy wedding flowers, and creating those special pieces for a bridal party is the part of the business I love the best," she shares.

Seasonally, Mike's does a brisk Christmas tree, poinsettia and wreath business (tree

prices start at \$20). Also available are cemetery crosses and grave blankets. In fall, pumpkins, asters and fall flowers are featured. And as if all this activity weren't enough, landscaping has become an integral part of what the couple offers. From sprucing up your outside spaces for a party or wedding to devising and implementing a complete landscaping plan, Mike and Portia are ready and able to assist with every aspect of garden/landscape planning. They will also plant your window boxes and flowerpots if you don't have the time and want to avoid the mess.

The busy pair enjoy giving back to their community by participating in local fund raisers as well as through donations of plant material. Mike, Portia and their children were at the Gardiner Library a few days before it's opening in 2008, planting a variety of perennials and bushes that they donated in

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News From Town Hall

by Laurie Willow

Sidewalks: As should be evident by the time you read this, after many delays the sidewalks are actually under construction. At the Town Board meeting on April 9th our own Paul Colucci of P.E.Colucci Excavation was awarded the contract to build the sidewalks. This is great news because Mr. Colucci is very knowledgeable about the layout and problems of Main Street excavation, and will use this knowledge to insure a good and thorough job. Initially scheduled to be built in two phases, this contract now includes both phases and will run from Town Hall all the way to the Rail Trail

A public information meeting was held on April 24th to share plans and questions as well as construction scheduling and how this will impact business on Main Street.



Photo: Anne A. Smith

Cell Tower: The Article 78 against the construction of a cell tower in Moran Field adjacent to the Town Hall was dropped as a result of the withdrawal of the application for that location. Wireless Edge and the Town are in the process of determining what, if any, existing contractual responsibilities remain between them.

Different sites are being explored, including the highway garage on South Mountain

Road. A committee of town board members has been established to search for alternate sites and determine the next step.

Old Library Building: A resolution was passed by the Town Board to put the Old Library building up for sale. Controversy remains over whether the building is an historic site worthy of preservation, or whether it is just an old building that no longer serves a purpose for the town.

The Hess Farm: As this publication goes to print, the Town of Gardiner and the Open Space Institute have announced that the fund is only \$5,000 away from the dream of preserving the Hess Farm, a 74-acre working farm on Sand Hill Road that has been in operation since the Civil War. Those involved are confident that the goal will be met. This preservation of open space is the culmination of many hours of hard work by the Open Space Committee and many town residents on behalf of all the residents of Gardiner. ☐

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In Honor of Spring: Three Luscious Local Ice Creams

by Carol O'Biso



milk imported from many other nations so, yes, those ice creams last saw an actual cow a very long time ago. Adirondack's production schedule, however, is 36 hours from cow to store, and Stewart's is 48! Now, there's a reason to buy local.

More specifically, let's start with Jane's; Amy Keller and her husband Bob Guidubaldi have been producing small-batch, artisanal ice cream since 1985 (originally along with Amy's sister Jane). It's a hands-on family-run business where quality control is of the utmost importance. I love chocolate, but my husband is not a fan at all. The one thing we will both swoon

over though, is Jane's Killer Chocolate Ice Cream. It's rich and dark beyond belief without being too sweet. Jane's is primarily a "scoop shop" ice cream, though they do hand-pack pints and sell them at Adams and Hannaford in Kingston. In our area you can stop by Walkill View Farms or the Village Market and Bakery for a cone (or a hand-packed pint). Jane's makes 80 flavors (Pomegranate Molasses, Apricot Orange Blossom, Bourbon Pecan and Ginger Snap to name a few). Shops tend to carry the basics all the time and cycle through others, so it is not always evident that their range is so broad. Jane's also makes ice cream cakes. "We have customers who had a Jane's Ice Cream cake at their first birthday—and at their 25th birthday," Amy says. In fact, one devotee emailed them recently from her new apartment in Brooklyn and said (plaintively), "How am I going to get the cake now?" Bob and Amy got it to her.

Adirondack Creamery's Ice Cream is the "small" version of "big" production. While they produce 6,000 pints a week for distribution stretching from the Adirondacks to Manhattan, they use no corn syrup, "no artificial anything" and absolutely no "un-pronounceable chemicals." Then there's that extraordinary 36-hours from cow to store thing. Their mission is to remain local, since freshness "makes a huge difference in taste." Adirondack makes year-round standards like vanilla, chocolate, white face mint chip and black raspberry, as well as seasonal specials like pumpkin pie, egg nog and—the one I tried—coconut. I don't actually like coconut ice cream but was very happy I decided to risk it. There are flecks of actual coconut throughout, and it is like eating the filling of a Mounds bar. Next time I'm adding chocolate sauce! They also make Peppermint Stick. I grew up kneeling on the stool at Howard Johnson's slurping pink peppermint stick ice cream sodas. The only difference is the peppermint candies in

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Adirondack's aren't pink; they use no dyes. Lucky for us, Adirondack Creamery ice cream is available at Shop Rite in New Paltz and at the Chestnut Mart Mobil Station at Ireland Corners.

Finally, Stewart's, which has been making ice cream since 1945 and produces three million gallons a year. I am crazy about their Butter Pecan. Aside from the fact that Stewart's adds a lot of pecans, they have also salted the nuts enough to produce just the right salt-sweet result. Chain store though they are, Stewart's deserves some kudos: they have won the award for the highest quality milk more than once at the State Fair; they won #1 French Vanilla in the World at the World Dairy Expo in Madison Wisconsin in 2010; and their Dark Chocolate did the same in the same year. Their low prices have a lot to do with the fact that everything is done in-house. They have contracts with 35 farms in the Saratoga Springs area. They have their own fleet of trucks to pick up the milk, an in-house advertising department, and so on. That means they control their own costs, and they're actually cheaper than we think; a half-gallon of Stewart's Ice Cream is still a full two quarts while what looks like a

half gallon in many ice creams these days is really one and three quarter quarts.

Having said all that, In our house, on a summer evening, there are still only two answers to the question, "Where are we going after dinner?" One is Tantillo's ice cream stand (a warm apple crisp or local berry sundae while watching the sun set over the Ridge). The other is Dressel's ice cream stand (a chocolate malted or a vanilla soft serve while watching that same sun set over that same Ridge.) Happy summer everyone. □

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Suzy's Restaurant ...

by Anne Allbright Smith

...Needs a tenant! Those of us who kept watch on the renovation all last winter—picturing ourselves sampling Copper River Salmon while sipping sauvignon blanc on the outdoor deck—hope that will be happening soon! Suzy Eckhardt bought this "beautiful space," an abandoned house on Main Street dating back to the railroad days in Gardiner, about five years



ago with the intent of finding someone else to run it, as she has the Village Market, only this time as a full restaurant. She did not gut the building as she wanted to retain the intimacy of the original family residence. This is reflected in the cozy bar and fireplace just inside the entrance, as well as the main double dining room. The stairs to the private dining room remain in their original place. A new roof, siding and windows have been added to the exterior.

As Suzy notes, "Anyone driving on Main Street, especially on a weekend, will find the local restaurants packed." She wants to attract not just diners

seeking a destination, but people passing by. "The more good restaurants we have, the more people we will have looking for one!"

Suzy would like to thank her new neighbors, Peggy and Dick Matice, who have been "just lovely, patient neighbors." Now, all we need is a tenant and then the work will be completed and we can all raise our glasses!! □

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Above left, the partially renovated restaurant at 128 Main Street in February, and above, the framed out main dining room. Photos: Anne Allbright Smith



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Gardiner And Shawangunk Habitat Map

by Angela Sisson

By the time this *Gazette* goes to print, the wood frog, wood cock, spotted salamander, spring beauty and ramp season will be over. Oh, those plants and animals will still be here—but they'll be hunkered down in the grasslands, in the woods, under logs—until next spring. But these seasonal plants and animals, like the year-round flora and fauna of our fields and forests, require a wildlife habitat all year long. If we lose that habitat, we lose the plants and animals. Our local biodiversity and our quality of life would diminish accordingly.

Many of us know that when it comes to biodiversity, Gardiner is a landscape richly endowed; and even if we don't think of it in those terms, the magnificent views tell the story. A way to protect this heritage for the future is to start with identifying—it's hard to protect

something if you don't know what or where it is. Probably the best way to identify landscape elements is with a map. A GIS (Geographic Informa-



Pickerel Frog, Amphibian migration, Gardiner, April 2011.
Photo Angel Sisson

tion Systems) map connects a database to the map image so that any amount of relevant data can be attached to the individual geographic elements. An effort to identify local wildlife habitats began several years

ago when volunteer groups in the towns of Gardiner and Shawangunk underwent ten-month training programs—Biodiversity Assessment Training or BAT—conducted by Hudsonia, Ltd. in partnership with the Hudson River Estuary Program. Participants learned to use remote sensing techniques involving a wide variety of maps including soil, topographic and aerial maps, and then follow up their habitat predictions with site visits or "ground-truthing."

Subsequent to the original training, the towns of Gardiner and Shawangunk received an intermunicipal grant to map the habitats in both towns.

A team was formed to conduct more field trips and collect data. The data were then entered into a computer using the GIS mapping software, ArcGIS (also provided by the grant). This process is often referred to as digitizing—ba-

sically it means just drawing lines to delineate the different habitats on a computer map. The end result appears as many different colored blobs representing the different types of habitats. Now, after seven years, over 500 volunteer hours and 700 GIS digitizing hours on 64,000 acres (for both towns), the habitat maps are complete. Accessing and editing the main map file will require the special GIS software, but a "static" .pdf file—which uses free Adobe Reader—will soon be available from the towns' websites.

In addition to identifying the habitats, the map will include a report with a detailed description of each habitat along with a list of the plants and animals likely to use the habitat. Knowing what plants and animals are likely to use a habitat is a primary reason for developing a habitat map system. In other words, confirm identity of the habitat, such as woodland pool, and we know that one or more

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species of mole salamanders is likely to use this area for breeding. The map reveals many interesting aspects about Gardiner's wildlife habitats—such as those most abundant, like contiguous or unfragmented forest—huge swaths of contiguous forests in the town provide habitat for certain song

birds and large mammals which can't survive in smaller woods. Many special habitats, some of which require a closer look for verification, were also discovered. These include kettle shrub pools, cool ravines and wet clay meadows, all of which support rare plants and animals. □

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Walking Across The Hudson: An Elevated Experience

by Anne Allbright Smith

If you haven't yet visited the Walkway Over the Hudson, spring is a great time to do so. For the four years since the grand opening in October, 2009, The Walkway has been providing panoramic views for pedestrians, bicyclists, dog walkers, bird watchers, train watchers, river traffic watchers, and people with disabilities. The bridge is 1.28 miles long; the longest, elevated pedestrian bridge in the world.

The Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge opened in 1888 to link New York and New England to an extensive, nationwide railway network. It is said that at its peak of operation, 3,500 train cars crossed daily. During World War II the bridge carried troops heading overseas. All activity came to an end when the tracks were severely damaged by fire in 1974, after which the almost century old bridge lay idle



2009, the banner-bearers. Photo: Anne Allbright Smith

while visionaries began pursuing their dream of a pedestrian walkway. In 1992 Walkway Over the Hudson assumed ownership and the remarkable transformation began.

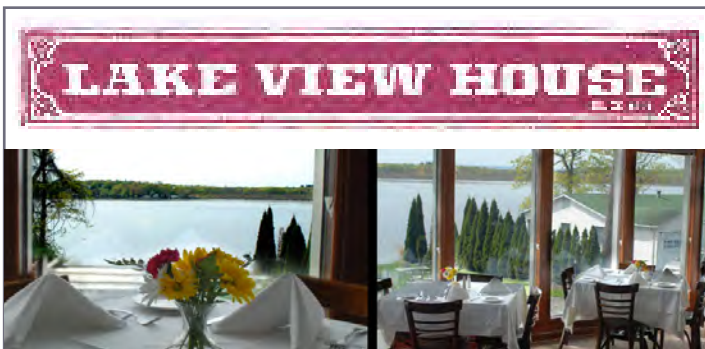
In 2009, a small group of enthusiastic banner-bearers from Gardiner joined a parade of banner bearers from other towns up and down the Hudson in joyful if drizzly celebration of our new, very special state park. We paraded across the river and back, passing and greeting other bearers along the way. Sections of our banner, designed by local artist, Meadow, were displayed in our library afterwards. Plans for 2013 involve construction of a waterfront elevator and connection to the Dutchess Rail Trail as well as two new volunteer pavilions.

Today the Walkway is open year round, from 7 am to sun-

set. Many special events are held there, including the annual Mid Hudson Road Runners Treetops to Rooftops on June 15, a Fireworks Spectacular on July 4, and monthly moonwalks for members. The park has interpretive signs and a cell phone tour. There are two entrances, one on either side of the Hudson River. Parking on the west side of the river is along the north side of Haviland Road off 9W in Highland. On the east side there is a parking lot on Route 9G/ Parker Avenue in Poughkeepsie. For more details or to become a member, visit www.walkway.org.

The Walkway is always looking for volunteers, but so far, there have been none from Gardiner. Training workshops are presented seasonally. Anyone interested in becoming a "volunteer ambassador" may contact Suzanne O'Neil, 845-454-9646 or soneil@walkway.org; maybe one of our readers will be Gardiner's first! □

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Box Turtle Alert

by Anne Allbright Smith

Editor's Note: The author's DEC license #1261 entitles her to collect or possess Eastern Box Turtles.



Above: The Eastern Box Turtle is about 6" long with very distinctive carapace patterns. Photo: Anne Smith

Have you seen an Eastern Box Turtle crossing your road? This is the time of year when turtles have emerged from hibernation and are mating in preparation for egg laying in June. Painted turtles are commonly seen on logs in ponds, and large snapping turtles are often seen in yards and fields. But the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrepen carolina carolina*) is the one I'd like to call your attention to because it is on New York's Species of Special Concern list, is especially beautiful AND, it needs your help! You can do two things:

First, if you should see one of

these turtles in harm's way, please gently pick it up and place it on the other side of the road in the direction in which it was traveling. (Do not pick up Snappers.) Road kill is a major cause of box turtle mortality. Drive carefully and keep a lookout for these six inch long reptiles. I have been monitoring a box turtle population since 2005 and was called out last year to two local road kills, one a female with eggs. One expects this on route 84, but the carelessness of local drivers is depressing.

Do NOT pick up a box turtle in a garden! Gardens, lawns and shale driveways with their nice loose, moist soils are frequently used for nesting. I receive phone calls from people who are concerned because they have found an immobile turtle in their garden and feel that they should transfer it to a wildlife rehabilitator. Don't! The turtle is probably taking a rest and will move on when he or she feels like it. It is also not legal to remove wildlife without authorization.

Second, the other major

cause of box turtle mortality is mowing. If possible, postpone field mowing in May and June altogether, especially along the sides of driveways and woods. Be careful when mowing lawns. If you have a big field that is not used for haying, think about postponing your mowing until late fall. This will also help preserve bird, butterfly and insect populations. When you do mow, start from the center, if possible, so that the turtles have a chance to escape.

If you are so lucky as to see one of these lovely creatures, enjoy it! The turtles may look alike with their yellow scute designs, but each one has a unique pattern. I am able to identify repeaters from year to year just by photographs. Admire him or her (males usually have red eyes) but respect their privacy; do not disturb them. Given a chance, they could live longer than you. Send me a photo at "contact" on my web site! (www.box-turtlesny.com) □

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Apples 101

by Laura Rose

Spring is sprung and white blossoms have graced over 950 thousand apple trees across our reawakening county. Many of us think, "Wow, isn't that pretty," and go our merry ways, giving them little thought, but apples are an important engine of the local economy.

Apple trees came here with the first European settlers. By the 1700's, many orchards were already well established in the Hudson Valley; enough to start exporting apples to Europe. Today, New York State produces an average of 29.5 million bushels of apples a year. Of these, an estimated six million are grown in the Hudson Valley. Gardiner, of course is home to many orchards. When I thought about how to get a feel for the business, I realized I already know quite a few people who make, or have made, all or part of their livings through apples. You might too.

Frank Tangredi, of Northeast Ap-

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ple Sales, is an apple broker. He has been in the business since 1987. He matches farmers and their crops to buyers and sells to large chains and small outlets all over the world. His niche is Macs



Frank Tangredi. Photo: Laura Rose

and Cortlands. Asked why so many new varieties have come to market, he said new growing techniques and smaller trees make it possible for more and more varieties to get to the table faster. Apple trees used to take seven to ten years to develop. Now, most new trees produce fruit in three years. Frank also commented that people now like hard, sweet and crisp apples, and these are gaining in produc-

tion and popularity every year. Macs are softer, and more tart.

Mike Boylan, of Wright's Farms, says nurseries and universities all over the country are working to produce new varieties; one advantage of having more varieties is that they don't all ripen at the same time, making it easier to supply a very fresh product throughout the year.

I asked him what it takes to care for apple trees. After planting, they are regularly watered, pruned, fertilized and protected from the weather. "If there's a cold snap in spring, we use windmills to mix cold air with warm, to keep the frost from settling and freezing the buds." Sometimes, no effort can help. Last year, with the odd warmth followed by a late frost, yields were down by almost half across the Hudson Valley. In many commercial operations, chemicals are used regularly on the trees. Mike says that apples are a

delicate crop, and that American buyers shop with their eyes; only the prettiest fruit will do for the stores. He said that if we shopped less with our eyes and more for quality, less chemical could be used. Mike also explained that you have to be licensed to spray and take regular trainings and courses. "You make it your business to do it sparingly." He says the science is constantly evolving. "We are lucky to have a state of the art laboratory in Highland," he said, referring to Cornell Cooperative Extension, "I can't tell you how helpful they are in making sure we don't overspray, and telling us when to spray, and what to use."

Gene, a local farm worker for 25 years, talked to me about how easy it is to damage apples. "They have to be handled like babies. You pick them by hand. You put up a ladder, and climb up. You place them carefully in your apron, and then even more carefully in the bin. There's no throwing them

around." Frank agreed. "Even if you've packed carefully, a hard bump in the road can make the apples in a truck jump and land, bruising a whole load. Buyers will reject loads that aren't right."

Describing a typical day, Gene said he consistently operated heavy equipment. He said, "It's about stamina. I'd be out at five in the morning on the sprayer and would finish around two. Then I'd clean the equipment, tune it and get it ready to be used again. The days are long and it's hard, physical work. The next day maybe I'd load 15 bins on a fork lift and place them around the field, then return to the barn and reload. Later the tractor had to be cleaned and fueled. Another day I'd be hauling brush."

He said migrants, who come to us mainly from Jamaica and Mexico, do most of the picking. Our government has an exchange program with Jamaica, which matches workers to jobs. Frank, Mike and the NY Farm

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Gardiner Artist Lives Her Dream

by Barbara Sides

Having a dream is a powerful motivator. Sunwha Gil, whose art has recently hung in the Gardiner Library Community room, had such a dream. A native of South Korea, Sunwha visited this country when she was 20 and toured Stanford University in California with a friend. The trip inspired her to dream of studying in America where she felt women had more opportunities than were currently available in her native country.

"American women have stronger and clearer voices and the ability to choose their own lives. So I decided that I would go to an American college someday," Sunwha clearly states. And, indeed, that's exactly what she did. With her young son, Sunwha moved to the United States in 2006. She had earned a BFA in Oriental painting in Seoul, Korea, continued her education at SUNY New Paltz where

she earned a degree in Art Education, and then completed a Masters Degree in Humanistic Multicultural education. Sunwha is now a certified NYS art teacher (K-12) but in today's economic climate jobs in her chosen field are scarce.

When she arrived in the United States Sunwha's student visa obligated her to attend school full time. She enrolled in classes at SUNY, New Paltz and, knowing very little English, also enrolled in their English As A Second Language Institute. (Imagine finding yourself in a new country, responsible for a small child and knowing very little of the language!) Learning English and speaking it well continue to be a challenge for Sunwha, but her son, now in the 8th Grade



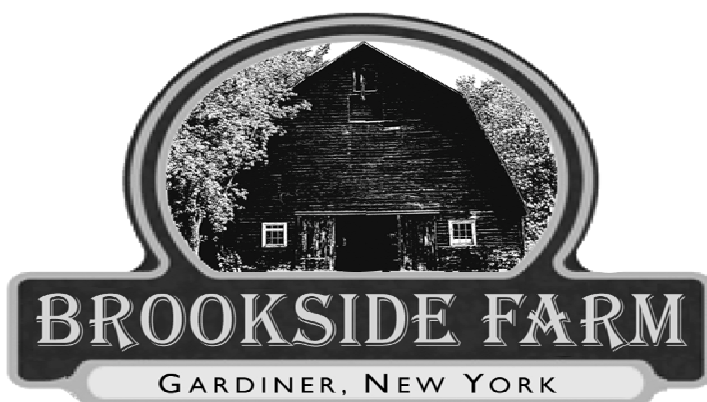
Wishing a Rich and Noble Life until Hair Becomes White, Sunwha Gil 2012, Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 30". Image courtesy Sunwha Gil

in New Paltz, she explained proudly, speaks without an accent. She sadly adds that he is losing his native Korean language for lack of use.

Sunwha misses her family in South Korea. "A foreigner moving to another country is looking for an identity," Sunwha explains. Her art is an

expression of the struggle for that identity. She speaks of loneliness and the difficulty of straddling different cultures. Yet her art looks for the connections and finds similarities among cultures and traditions, combining the traditional with aspects of the new culture she has chosen for herself and her son.

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"I have good friends and have met good people," Sunwha adds, smiling. She volunteers at the Elting Library in New Paltz and is currently giving instruction in Oriental Brush Painting at the Gardiner Library where her class is so popular that a second and third group are planned. Perhaps part of the appeal is that birds are frequently represented in Sunwha's paintings. "When you're a bird, you can fly anywhere, see everything," she says by way of explanation. "And visit Korea anytime," she adds. Yet, despite the loneliness and difficulties, Sunwha loves her new home. "I have fallen in love with the beauty of nature here and the people since I moved to this area. New Paltz is my second home now. I love being here."

To see Sunwha's paintings check local listings for exhibit venues. For art instruction, sign up at the Gardiner library, or email her at suekoreagil@yahoo.com. □

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Reinvesting In Our Downtowns: Newburgh's Land Bank

by State & County Correspondent Nadine Lemmon

Ten years ago, Gardiner's "downtown" was a slightly depressing place. Several buildings were vacant and decrepit. There were hints of a former bustling community, but the lack of public and private investment resulted in a village that had a lot of potential, but screamed for "revitalization." First came the Village Market face lift, then a couple of other private landowners followed with new facades. Before long, the community was enjoying new businesses, residential apartments and spruced-up public spaces like the library and Majestic Park. While much work remains, the seed for the future had been planted by a few courageous souls, and watered by a strong community spirit.

Take a ride down to Newburgh and you'll see a hollowed-out

community that needs a lot more than a few courageous souls. Vacant and abandoned properties, victims of the poor housing market as well as years of disinvestment, have led to tax-delinquency, crime, and a disincentive for anyone to invest anything in the prop-

erties they already own. The result has been decreased property values and a drain on the City's finances, a downward spiral that is a dilemma across the state. Perhaps the hardest hit has been Buffalo; vacant properties covering 15.7% of the city in 2010 and population loss since 1950 in excess of 50%.

In 2011, New York State gave communities like Newburgh and

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Gardiner Farmer's Market Outdoors Once More

by Kathy Muessig

We are fortunate to have a bounty of locally produced fresh and prepared foods right in Gardiner: three highly visible commercial market stands offering the best selections from local orchards and farms; several organic beef farms; multiple, hidden-away, off the beaten path smaller farm stands offering their just-harvested, home grown produce. Made in Gardiner pies, fresh eggs and organic greens and meat are conveniently found at roadside stands. All these options combined can shorten our grocery store shopping lists for the better part of the year.

Over a million people each week shop at a farmer's market and NY State has the second highest number of farms reporting to the USDA Agriculture Market Survey. There are now over 7,500 such markets nationwide—up over almost 10% in a year. With growing concerns over nation-wide food

safety and inspections, buying local, organic foods is growing in popularity.



The market last summer. Photo: Origins Food Photography

Now the new season begins for the Gardiner Farmer's Market (formerly the Gardiner Green Market). In its third season, it opens on June 7,

outside the Library, Fridays from 4-7pm. The following is a lineup of likely vendors for this summer's market and several additions are being considered. For a current list of what's on offer throughout the season (varies depending on season and weather),

sign up for the email list while you're there. Dancing Meadow Farm is coming back full strength after losing 30-40% of its greenhouse to Hurricane

Sandy. Using sustainable, all organic methods, owners Anne and Dave Rogers have won two USDA grants for reporting increased yields due to greenhouse growing techniques—be sure to check out their peppers and greens.

Gazette readers already know Insook Cheon's pickled kimchi. Now we can look forward to her Korean sesame seed lettuce, Korean cucumbers, bok choy and first of the season garlic scapes.

Remember the Widmark honey farm on Route 44/55? Now it's simple to bring home the same honey. Honey Brook Farms offers 100% pure honey from Todd Widmark, beekeeper since 1968!

Then there's Magic Baking by Larissa. She bakes only with healthy ingredients; "nothing unpronounceable or unrecognizable," using local sources for her European recipes. For taste and local flavor, try Larissa's pierogis, blueberry sticks and artisan breads in addition to her strudels and quiches.

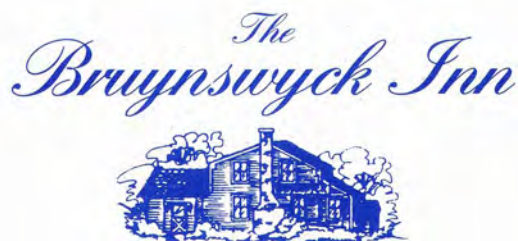
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Annie O'Neill and herbal self care products by Evelyn Johansen are among some of the other surprises that can be found under the tents.

While buying your next salad mix and fresh knish, your family can pick up their free video, check out the latest issue of a magazine and take home a recipe book for all the ingredients you just purchased from your neighbors. Now you are set for the weekend. Be sure to allow time to visit with friends and make plans to return next week. It's the place to hang out in town on Fridays all summer and into fall. Grab a snack and hop right on the Rail Trail to begin your weekend with a bike ride or a stroll.

The Gardiner Farmer's Market gives us a chance to slow down and socialize in our own backyard and provides a great chance to visit with your neighbors. Perhaps just as important—it's one of the easiest, healthiest, freshest choices you can make. What's not to like?

Give it a try this season. All they need is us! ☐

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Bureau all said that the jobs pay at least minimum wage, and some better.

Once the apples are in bins, it's time to get them cleaned, waxed if they're getting waxed and sorted. "Sorting facilities can be huge," said Frank. Apples are sorted for size as well as grade. In NY, an average of 53% are sold as fresh fruit. The rest are turned into cider, apple butter, vinegar, etc..

Then there's storage; it can

happen in a regular warehouse, a refrigerated warehouse, or in a "CA" (controlled atmosphere) room, a technology pioneered in the Hudson Valley. The oxygen is displaced with nitrogen, and without oxygen, the apples "go to sleep," said Frank. "The rooms have to be carefully and continuously monitored."

All this talk about apples is making me hungry so I'm off to make something with apples. Here's my favorite compote recipe:

Peel, core and chop enough apples to fill a covered casserole dish 3/4 full. Spice to taste (I use 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. ginger, 1/8 tsp. allspice and an optional 1 Tbsp. brown sugar).

if you like lemon, finely chop about 1/3 lemon's worth of zest. Add just over half of that and mix. If you're deca-



Adam and Eve, © 2013, Victoria Rosenblatt. Image courtesy the artist (<http://victoriarosenblatt.tumblr.com>)

dent, put pats of butter on top. Sprinkle with about two handfuls of chopped dried fruits (prunes, dates, figs, peaches and/or apricots, or whatever you have on hand) and two handfuls of chopped nuts. Sprinkle with more cinnamon, the rest of your zest and, if you like, add more butter.

Cover and cook at 335 degrees for 45 minutes or until the apples are soft. Serve with optional drizzled maple syrup and/or whipped cream. ☐

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land, like the three quarters of an acre behind a residential house on Guilford Schoolhouse Road. It is this question, as well as other questions, that has prompted Town Board Member Warren Wiegand to ascertain what the people of Gardiner want to do with their public land via the survey inserted in this issue of the *Gazette*.

Until now, most of our energy for town-owned land has been put into Majestic Park and The Rail Trail, both of which are wonderful places to re-create, to build and enjoy community, and to take pride in our town. The Parks and Recreation Committee, led by Mike Gagliardi, has been working on a Master Plan for Majestic Park.

But what about our other land, most notable the 86 acres of river frontage and beautiful woods with mountain views ("The Jewel In Gardiner's Crown," *Gardiner Gazette* issue #8, October, 2010)? Could that be a park, too, for us all to enjoy? Perhaps we could set out by kayak, canoe or tube from our new launch at Farmer's Turnpike and end up for a picnic at the

86 acres off Steve's Lane.

What about funding all these wonderful ideas? Could we sell the small pieces and use the money to develop the larger piece? These questions are just the tip of the iceberg of a project to consolidate and make use of our town-owned land.



Above: the 86.66 acres of town-owned riverfront property on Steve's Lane and below, a table of all town-owned parcels.

Please fill out the questionnaire inserted in this issue and mail or bring it to Town Hall and, if this project interests you further, email Warren Wiegand at wwiegand@earthlink.net. He will add you to an information list.

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Land Bank, from page 11

Buffalo a new tool—the Land Banks Act, which will enable 10 communities to start a nonprofit "Land Bank," with the right to purchase city-owned parcels for as low as \$1, then clear titles of back taxes (which can often exceed the value of the property), renovate (or tear down if beyond repair), and sell. The goal is to get properties back on the tax rolls and into productive use, and to encourage spill-over private investment for adjacent properties and the community. Newburgh was the first of five municipalities to set up a land bank, and they're well on their way. The current plan is to tackle about 50 properties.

Like Gardiner, the city has great potential—right on the river, with beautiful old buildings, a walkable downtown and strong employment opportunities through SUNY Orange, Mount Saint Mary College, and St. Luke's Hospital. However, at the moment, Newburgh is a city that is still in the potential phase. For more info, visit www.newburghcommunity-landbank.org. □

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Street	Acres	Tax number	Current use
Steve's Lane	17.84	93.2-2-9	Transfer station
Steve's Lane	86.66	93.2-2-7	None assigned: Woods, river, mountain views
South Mountain	19.35	93.3-1-27	Highway Department
Rail Trail 43.9 acres total	23,4.6,5,11.3		Rail Trail Linear Park
2340 Rt. 44/55	8.16	93.4-4-26.1	Town Hall Ball park, dog park
215 Farmer's Turnpike	25.75	93.4-4-1.2	Sewer Department
40 Murphy Lane	26.2	93.4-4-59	Majestic Park
5 Station Rd (Old Building)	.25	93.68-1-12	Old Library Building
Old Ford Road	1.25	94.1-1-44	River Access
Sand Hill	6	100.2-2-43	River Access
Hasbrouck	3.5	85.4-1-61.2	
Hasbrouck	5.3	85.4-1-61.3	
Guilford Mountain	8	85.4-2-14	
Guilford Schoolhouse	0.7	85.4-2-44	
Bruynswick	4.2	93.1-2-20.3	
Halcyon	10	93.1-2-46.2	
Route 208	.62	94.1-2-34.2	
Rose	7.7	101.1-2-60.1	
Dusinberre	.04	93.4-2-14.2	
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Opposition to High-Stakes Testing Gains Local Momentum

by KT Tobin

Editor's Note: the author is the former Vice President of the New Paltz School Board and a founding member of ReThinking Testing: Mid-Hudson

Students are spending much more time preparing for and taking tests than ever before. A grass roots effort has emerged to expand public awareness about the negative educational and fiscal impacts of high-stakes testing. These citizens are alarmed about how new accountability systems, coupled with state and federal disinvestment and a tax "cap," are creating unprecedented changes in how we educate and fund public education. ReThinking Testing: Mid-Hudson seeks to inform the public about how these tests hurt students, schools, and public education, take away resources from other educational programs com-

munities value and, how the testing costs have negative fiscal impacts on school budgets and property taxes.

School boards have also been chiming in: the New Paltz Board of Education unanimously voted for a resolution in opposition to high-stakes testing, requesting that Albany and Washington reevaluate these mandates: Race to the Top and the Annual Professional Performance Review. Rondout and Kingston boards followed shortly thereafter, and Saugerties is currently considering one as well.

Gardiner resident David Dukler, who famously wore his "My Kid Is Not a Test Score"

T-shirt as the school board president, contends, "High-stakes testing as it is now constituted is little more than a scam being perpetrated on students, teachers, and taxpayers. These tests have little to do with the kind of education our children need and we want for them."

Given April's heavy testing schedule, ReThinking strove to turn this "testing season" into a time for awareness and activism.

At SUNY New Paltz, there was a panel on April 11th on "Cheating Our Children: The Emotional and Educational Impact of High-Stakes Testing." On April 25th, Alfie Kohn talked about "The Latest Version of Top-Down School Reform." On April 16th, ReThinking went to Albany for a one-day "Opt Out" at the NYS Capitol, advocating for student-centered public education that meets the diverse

needs of our children and communities.

On April 17th and 26th, ReThinking encouraged the wearing of the color green on two state testing days to send a message about moving away from standardized tests and towards student-centered education, authentic assessments, a balanced curriculum that does not short change the arts and sciences, fiscal responsibility, and support for board resolutions against high-stakes testing. It was an opportunity to take a stand in a positive way. □

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Chestnut Mart Spring Update

by Ray Smith

"The new well and septic are in and the fuel tanks go in once the heavy equipment is off the grounds," says Scott Parker, Director of Facilities for CPD Energy which owns the new Chestnut Mart retail Mobil service station now nearing completion at Ireland Corners. "The building is closed in and work is in process on interior finishes. Cold weather over the winter slowed the foundation work,"

Scott added. With warmer weather, work speeded up. The islands and pumps will go in and the canopy will be erected over them. Blacktopping and final landscaping plus stocking the retail space should complete the station, whose pumps will include diesel. As this issue of the Gazette goes to press, Scott anticipates opening on May 15th. If not, he says, "We would really like to be open by Memorial Day." □

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preparation for opening day. And Mike's is known and appreciated for their healthy plants far beyond Gardiner's borders. Repeat customers come from as far away as Cape Cod and New Jersey. None other than Organic Gardening Magazine contacted the couple twice and asked them to provide seedlings and plants for a segment on the (then) "Live with Regis and Kelly" show.

Portia says, "We cater to our

customers and treat them like old friends. We know them by name, load their cars, offer advice all the time and take pride in our plants. We are in business because our customer's enthusiasm and spirit keep Mike and me excited and motivated. They are so happy to see us open again." Amen to that!

For more beautiful photos of what Mike's Hothouse has to offer, visit www.mikeshothouse.com. You can contact Portia or Mike directly at MikesHothouse@gmail.com or by calling 883-6868. Better still, take a ride over to the greenhouse on 44/55, just east of Ireland Corners.

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Questionnaire

Gardiner is creating a plan to guide the development over the next 5-10 years of town-owned property for the benefit of its residents.

Currently the town offers Majestic Park, the Rail Trail, Summer Day Camp, and the Dog Park, all of which have well developed programs in place. The long term plan will focus on other town owned properties such as the 86 acres of riverfront property adjacent to the transfer station

In a Parks Master Plan, the town hopes to identify which of these places could be developed to offer the people of Gardiner and guests new and exciting recreational opportunities. How could this vision be funded? Perhaps by selling off the small parcels that are not useful to the community.

To get started we are asking what additional recreational activities would appeal to Gardiner residents. Would you take 5 minutes to give us your input?

How often do you use?	<u>Never</u>	<u>sometimes</u>	<u>often</u>
Majestic park			
the Rail Trail			
the Dog Park			
Comments			
In Majestic Park, how often do you?	<u>Never</u>	<u>sometimes</u>	<u>often</u>
Use the playground			
Run /hike			
Play baseball/softball			
Play basketball			
Skate board			
Picnic			
Comments:			

Does your family use	<u>Past summers</u>	<u>Future summers</u>
Gardiner's day camp?		
Comments?		

Looking to the future, how likely would you be to participate in the following activities if they were available in Gardiner's Parks?

	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>maybe</u>
picnics			
fishing			
kayaking/canoeing			
swimming			
running on trails			
hiking on trails			
biking on trails			
horseback riding on trails			
tennis			
soccer			
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adult fitness course			
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In a "Community Center Building"			
concerts/plays			
movies			
board games like chess/checkers			
weddings/other events			
Indoor winter playground			
Other			
Comments:			

Please tell us your **name and address**, so that we know we are receiving only one survey per person. If you are interested in the results of this survey, or you would you like to volunteer to help develop the long term plan for the parks, **please add your email and phone**.

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www.TantilloSupplies.com

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www.vaz-co.com

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www.WildlifeBusters.com

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www.KiernanFarm.com

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www.JLOrchards.com

Meadow View Farm

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www.MeadowViewFarmStand.com

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www.MinnewaskaLodge.com

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Carefree one level living is found in this roomy ranch maintained by original owner. Kitchen w/Jenn-air cooktop, wall oven & tons of counters. Sunny family room. Wood fireplace in LR is great place to curl up next to on chilly spring evenings. New tile floor in Kit & baths, new roof. C/A. Skylights. Full basement to finish as game room or workshop. This well built custom home is nestled on over 2 level acres boasting unobstructed view of the Shawangunk Mountains. Conveniently located to Rail Trail, Minnewaska & Mohonk for all your outdoor activities. Metro North & SIA are easy commute. Ready for you to occupy and enjoy summertime Bar-b-ques. **\$315,000**



STUNNING POST AND BEAM HOME

Builder's own, 7.2 acres, 3100 SF, Open Floor Plan, 5 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings, Fabulous Gourmet Kitchen, 6 Burner Professional Stove, 2 Dishwashers, 2 Islands, Double Oven, Stone Fireplace, Wood floors throughout, In ground pool, Central AC, Radiant/Forced Air Heat, 7 Heating Zones, Security System, Central Vac, Finished Walkout Basement. Wooded & Meadow, Seasonal, Catskill Views. Potential 4 Season Views. Minutes to Mohonk & New Paltz **\$749,000**

LOVINGLY MAINTAINED CAPE

On 3.4 acres nestled in a magical meadow, surrounded by perennial gardens, stone walls and mature woods. Walls of windows let the sunshine in, wood floors throughout, 3 oversized bedrooms, + study (possible 4th BR), 2 full baths. Wood stove, stone patio, full walkout basement. Home's open floor plan lends to entertain a crowd and opens through French doors to the stone patio surrounded by stone walls and mature gardens. Minutes to Kayaking, climbing, hiking and the NYS Thruway. **\$319,000**



BE POOLSIDE THIS SUMMER!

Plenty of room in this impeccably maintained 4 BR. Freshly painted in warm hues. New Range & Refrig! Nestled among the trees, this 5.7 acres on a quiet lane. Spacious rear deck w/glistening 27' pool. Oversized 2 car garage. Enormous Family Room, den/office, Laundry room w/pantry, & weight room complete this usable 2700 sq. ft. of comfortable living. Nothing to do, just turn the key & move in! Don't miss this opportunity to be poolside this summer! **\$300,000**

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VINTAGE NEW PALTZ VILLAGE FARMHOUSE



The famous village Purple House is a charming 1890 farmhouse boasting plenty of period details with a renovation dedicated to keep it's farmhouse charm. 3 bedrooms, family room, large finished attic with dormer and wood floors, and recent green renovation include a kitchen renovation with topend stainless appliances, hard crafted cabinets and handmade maple countertops. All the original floors, most of which are wide plank pine, have been refinished. The inside of the house has been freshly painted with low & no VOC paint, new water heater & new storm windows were installed throughout the 1st and 2nd floors. This is a very special village home with large yard and great location, not to be missed! **\$349,000**

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