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THE HEYDAY OF MANHATTAN CABARET

For those old enough to remember, Manhattan in the 1940s, 50s and 60s was a magical place. Around almost every corner was some sort of nightclub, packed with people from all walks of life. Singers, comedians, magicians … you name it … provided the entertainment, the drinks flowed freely and everyone was out for a good time.

Hit your favorite club on the right night, and maybe you would get the chance to hear your favorite movie star or famous singer perform … or just catch a glimpse as they held court. Or maybe you would get lucky and hear a new talent that would go on to achieve great fame: Barbra Streisand first performed at a little hole-in-the-wall called the Bon Soir.

The names of the clubs, their owners, and the performers who inhabited this world will go down in the history of New York City. There was the Blue Angel, the Bon Soir, The Den in the Duane, and the Little Club. One of the pioneers was Bertha Levine, aka Madame Spivy Lavoe, who ran Spivy’s Roof, one of the most popular clubs of the era. It was there that the legendary Mabel Mercer performed, along with the likes of Moms Mabley, Thelma Carpenter, Paul Lynde, Martha Raye, Bea Arthur, and Liberace. The always over-the-top Ethel Merman heckled performers she didn’t think were up to snuff. And Bobby Short became synonymous with the best of the best of New York City nightclub entertainment, performing for decades at the Café Carlyle.

MANHATTAN CABARET

This show is one that is close to the heart of creator Mark Singer. “Singing this music is a dream come true for me,” he says. Mark’s brother, the noted music journalist and author Barry Singer, loves musical theater and growing up introduced Mark to the music. “He played this kind of music all the time, and I became a huge Sinatra fan. These are songs that I’ve loved forever, and the musicians I’m working with are incredible.”

Those musicians are the Bob Dawson Trio—pianist Bob Dawson, bass player Tom Kirchmer, and drummer Tony Tedesco. This group has been performing the standards for several years at the Harvard Club in Manhattan.

“I met Bob almost 20 years ago,” says Mark. The two live next door to each other in Manhattan, and didn’t know one another until one day when Bob overheard Mark working on some music on his terrace, which is just below Bob’s apartment: “Suddenly Bob stuck his head out of his window and said ‘that sounds interesting.’ And so we started to get to know each other.”

As one of New York’s premier entertainers for high society events, Bob performed all over the city, and a few years later approached Mark with an idea for their first collaboration. “He said ‘I’m playing an event at the new Marriott downtown, do you want to come down and sing some songs?’”
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“Then about five years ago, we met up on the street and Bob said, ‘I’m doing a gig at the Harvard Club, do you want to come sing some songs?’ So I put together a list of songs.” That first performance soon turned into a semi-regular appearance at the private venue.

For those who have never visited the Harvard Club, it is a truly imposing place. The enormous, stately room is decorated with animal heads and pictures of famous alumni. There is a dress code (the musicians wear black tie), you can’t use your cell phone, and you can’t be so loud that you disturb the diners. “I didn’t know what to expect,” laughs Mark. “I was quite nervous … I ended up singing under the portrait of John F. Kennedy, with Teddy Roosevelt looking on from my left.” By the end of the night, he had sung well over 20 songs (“Bob just kept calling them out, ”) and the seeds of a new collaboration were sown. They kept performing together at the Harvard Club, and gradually their repertoire grew to over 80 songs. “It is a lot of fun,” said Mark. “We never do the same song the same way twice. I love the element of not knowing what’s going to happen. Bob’s playing is so engaging and virtuosic, and Tom and Tony are unbelievable. It’s not only that they know every song and can play it at the drop of a hat. It’s that they—all three of them—invest every number with such great rhythm and pulse and spontaneity. We go off what each of us is doing, and with musicians of this caliber it’s like performing on the high wire … with a safety net.”

**PUTTING TOGETHER THE SHOW**

When COVID hit, many musicians suddenly found themselves without anywhere to perform. “I missed performing with the trio and I knew that gigs were hard to come by,” says Mark “I’d just produced Wanda’s Visit for the Catskill Mountain Foundation and with their live performance venues closed they were looking for things to present virtually. So I pitched the idea of a night of cabaret, similar to what I’d been doing with the trio in the city at the HC, and Peter and Sarah Finn loved it. We filmed it at the Doctorow Center in Hunter.”

Filming a cabaret performance—a medium that most people associate with a live production—presents some challenges. “I realized that for this film, something had to link all of the songs together. I found a copy of a book called Intimate Nights: The Golden Age of New York Cabaret, by James Gavin.” It was from this history that Mark found the inspiration to tell the stories—in words and images—of the colorful personalities that inhabited this world. Viewers will be fascinated by these short snippets of history presented between sets of songs.

Mark also wanted his wife, singer Darcy Dunn, to be a part of the show. Mark and Darcy are frequent collaborators: together they presented the first production ever staged at the Catskill Mountain Foundation, and many may remember them as Jim and Marsha in last year’s streaming performance of the hilarious play, Wanda’s Visit. Manhattan Cabaret is a very different, but equally entertaining show.

**HOW TO WATCH**

Manhattan Cabaret will premiere on the Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Facebook (facebook.com/catskillmtn) and YouTube (youtube.com/catskillmountainfoundation) pages on Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 pm. The show is free!

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The Hudson Valley’s favorite celebration of handmade, The Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair, is making its triumphant return to the Ulster County Fairgrounds on May 28, 29, and 30. Memorial Day weekend will mark the unofficial start of summer as well as the event’s 41st anniversary year and 78th festival.

Voted the #2 contemporary craft show nationwide by Sunshine Artist Magazine, and ranking in their list of the country’s best shows from 2010-2020, the fair teems with handmade wares from hundreds of carefully curated exhibitors. These small business owners are excitedly awaiting the start of the craft show season, as many are just now re-entering the world of in-person events.

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Quail Hollow Events was founded in 1982 by brothers Neil and Scott Rubinstein, two woodworkers who had tired of traveling from show to show exhibiting and selling their work. Craft shows were what they knew, so they decided to dive into the promotional end of the business and develop shows that would be centered around the diverse talents of its exhibitors. The Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair is now run by Ola Rubinstein, daughter-in-law of Neil. Ola and her husband, Tate (Neil’s son), bought the business in 2017, prior to which Ola had been working in the academic world, teaching Art History at the college level. The Rubinstine continue to value the importance of in-person platforms where artists and craftspeople can market their work—environments that cultivate relationships between makers and visitors.

The Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair is beloved for the personal interactions it fosters and its vast array of features that appeal to every style and generation. “The opportunity to observe so many creative processes in one place has always been a special part of the fair,” says Rubinstein.

Visitors delight in ongoing craft demonstrations, a variety of small-batch artisanal and prepared-on-site foods and, of course, local wine, beer, and spirits. Live entertainment by seasoned and up-and-coming Hudson Valley performers rounds out this broad celebration of handmade. The youngest attendees (and their parents) will appreciate a complimentary drop-off supervised crafts tent brimming with a wide range of both expected and unlikely materials. Visit quailhollow.com for more information.

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BAD DATES
Two Singular Studies in Dating

A Night of Short Plays Directed by Mark Singer
Streaming on ShowShare this May

On Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 at 8 pm, the Catskill Mountain Foundation will stream Bad Dates: Two Singular Studies in Dating—a night of short plays directed by Mark Singer—featuring Check Please by Jonathan Rand, and Books that Did Not Help Me Pick Up Women, by John McCaffrey and Mark Singer. These plays will stream on ShowShare, Broadway-on-Demand’s live streaming platform. Viewers may watch for free, but must sign in to a Broadway-on-Demand account prior to watching. It is highly recommended that you set up an account prior to the live stream: you may do so at broadwayondemand.com/signup.

Links to watch the live streams will appear on the show page at catskillmtn.org.

Viewers may remember last season’s hilarious Wanda’s Visit, featuring Mark Singer, Darcy Dunn, Dayna Kurtz and John McCaffrey in a tale of a bored married couple whose lives are upended by the visit of a somewhat unhinged ex-girlfriend. In this new production, Darcy Dunn and Dayna Kurtz return in the cast. Mark, who both directed and acted in Wanda, only directed this time around. “One thing I learned from our production of Wanda, is that it’s very difficult to act in and direct a video of a play at the same time. So even though the idea of acting in this production was very tempting—I’d created the lead role of Graham in the first production of Books—I really wanted to direct this and needed to make sure it worked visually. Fortunately my very talented friend Otoja Abit agreed to play Graham, so we were all set.”

Books That Did Not Help Me Pick Up Women

Based on author and playwright John McCaffrey’s experiences as a young man dating on the Upper West Side of New York, Books tells the tale of a barfly who uses his love of literature to help get dates … with unpredictable (and very amusing) results.

Books was originally a short story by John that he and Mark then adapted into a short play: “One day we were playing basketball and John said to me, ‘I have a bunch of short stories that I’d like to turn into plays, and you’ll act in them, OK?’” said Mark. “Books was actually the fourth of John’s stories that has been adapted for the stage, and the first that we collaborated on—he adapted the first three himself, and I played the main characters on stage.”
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They submitted their first draft of *Books* to a short play contest … and won. As Mark tells it, “Dayna Kurtz, who reprises the role of Claudine in our new video of *Books*, was in that first production and her father was in the audience and he loved it. He’s also a Board Member at Hudson Stage Company in Westchester, and after the show he challenged me and John to make *Books* into a full-length play for Hudson’s staged reading series. We went through a couple of drafts and eventually Hudson Stage produced a great reading of the long version, but we’ve always wanted to do another production of the original short play. We love the pacing—it’s only about ten minutes long—but there are six scenes. It’s fast and funny.”

**Check Please**
Dating can be hard. Especially when your date happens to be a raging kleptomaniac, or your grandmother’s bridge partner, or a mime. *Check Please* follows a series of blind dinner dates that couldn’t get any worse—until they do. Could there possibly be a light at the end of the tunnel? Otoja Abit and Dayna Kurtz lead the cast as two singles who go on a series of disastrous—and hilarious—dates in their search for love. The rest of the cast play multiple characters and take turns bringing new and hysterical dimension to the term “Bad Dates.”

Playwright Jonathan Rand is among the most popular contemporary playwrights writing today, his stage plays having been performed over 26,000 times in theaters across 67 countries. According to an independent survey of American schools, Jonathan’s one-act comedy *Check Please* was the #1 most-produced short play every season for the last 17 years.

**About the Cast**
The cast of both plays are an interconnected group of old friends and new friends—all actors that Mark has worked with over the years.

**Otoja Abit**
First-generation Nigerian-American writer/director/producer/actor Otoja Abit (pronounced “O-toe-jay Abbitt”) is best known for his award-winning debut short, *Jitters* in which he wrote, directed, produced, and starred. An Academy Award qualifying short, *Jitters* received the audience award for Best Short at Urbanworld Film Festival, Best Actor at The Network Film Festival and finalist for HBO’s Best Short film.

Otoja debuted his feature, *A New York Christmas Wedding*, which he wrote, directed and produced under his production company, Willful Productions. The first-of-its-kind urban-leaning holiday film was acquired by and premiered globally on Netflix in November 2020.

Otoja’s TV acting credits include CBS’s *Bull*, HBO’s *The Night Of*, NBC’s *Blackish*, Marvel’s *The Defenders* and NBC’s limited series *The Slap*. Film credits include *The Humbling*, directed by Barry Levinson and playing opposite Al Pacino; Paris in Aleta
Chappelle’s Romeo & Juliet in Harlem; and gay liberation pioneer, Marsha P. Johnson in Roland Emmerich’s Stonewall.

Otoja was awarded the 2019 “Rising Star Award” by the Bushwick Film Festival, and the 2019 “Distinguished Alumni Award” by his alma mater, St. John’s University, where Otoja played division-1 basketball.

“Otoja and I used to play basketball together, that’s how we met,” said Mark. “We also have some mutual friends in the industry. He’s a very talented guy and I really admire the work he’s done.”

**Darcy Dunn**

Darcy Dunn sings chamber opera, classical music and new works in NYC. Acting with this cast of accomplished actors, and working with Mark as her director on these theater works for the CMF was a joy and a new adventure for her. She is a founding member and featured performer of the Magic Circle Opera and has performed leading roles with Chelsea Opera, Bronx Opera, Encompass Opera, Theater for the New City, and Downtown Music Productions, and has been a featured soloist at the Windham Chamber Music Festival. With her husband Mark, Darcy was part of the first Catskill Mountain Foundation live performance in 1998, and performed in and helped create CMF’s Mountaintop Celebration of Song, which included original musical productions A Little Bit in Love, Headliners and One-Liners, Weill’d About You, They’re Playing Your Song, and Ain’t We Got Fun.

“Working with Darcy is one of the greatest pleasures in my life.” Mark said. “I can’t do it enough.”

**Joe Joseph**

Joe is an actor, writer and performer born, raised and schooled in southern Michigan. He made his Broadway debut as Haled in The Band’s Visit and is currently performing that same role in the National Tour.

He’s enjoyed working on various productions on and off-Broadway, along with diverse groups all over the US including the New York Musical Theatre Festival, American Stage Theatre Company, Short North Stage, the Fireside Theatre, Laboratory
Theatre, Built for Collapse, Water People Theatre, the Seven Collective, Loudermilk Productions, the Ringwald Theatre and Greenfield Village. He’s appeared in TV programs on Oxygen, the Travel Channel and Investigation Discovery, as well as ads for Disaronno and Newport.

Joe has experience in print journalism and arts criticism with the Michigan Daily, radio journalism with WDET-FM and freeform DJ’ing with Ann Arbor’s beloved WCBN-FM and the short-lived Detroit FREQ Radio station. He also served as Literary Associate at the Eugene O’Neill Theatre Center in the winter of 2012.

He is a two-time Hopwood Award recipient and proud graduate of both the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Michigan.

“I met Joe about five years ago,” said Mark, “when we were both cast in a new musical based on the story of Purim. Joe played the king and he was fantastic. He’s a great performer and a great colleague. We were very lucky to have him with us.”

Dayna Kurtz

Dayna Kurtz is a mental health therapist in Manhattan who holds a BA in theater arts from Brandeis University and a Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia. Select Off-Broadway credits include Juliet in Romeo and Juliet, Quince in A Midsummer Night’s Dream, and Opal in the world premiere of Gloria, at Theater for the New City. She can also be seen (sort of) behind a variety of celebrity guest hosts during her three seasons of background work on Saturday Night Live. She dedicates this performance to her family who always support her in all her roles.

Audiences loved her as the “truly pathological” Wanda in last year’s production of Wanda’s Visit. This time, she shows she is equally adept at playing the straight woman to the colorful cast of characters around her. “From day one I knew that I wanted Dayna in this production,” Mark said. “I knew she’d be perfect for it, and she was.”

You can find more information about Dayna at daynamkurtz.com.

Christopher Romero Wilson

Christopher Romero Wilson is a New York-based actor/director who has been working in theater and film for more than twenty years. He was most recently seen as Fiorello LaGuardia in the immersive production of Tammany Hall at the SoHo Playhouse. Other New York stage credits include Iago in Othello, Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet, Professor Higgins in Pygmalion, Herod in Salome, Jack Tanner in Man and Superman, and Uncle Charley in Death of a Salesman, to name a few.

Christopher has also directed various projects from commercials and corporate training films, to music videos, short films, and two independent feature films, The Digital Prophet and The Process of Creative Deception. Stage directing credits include Measure for Measure and All’s Well That Ends Well by William Shake-
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“Strangely enough, I met Chris in another production of the same musical about Purim where I met Joe,” said Mark. “Christopher played Haman, the villain, and I was the good guy, but we both have a bizarre sense of humor and hit it off immediately. He’s the consummate professional, and was willing to try anything in Check Please … in which he is hysterically funny.”

Find out more about Christopher at ChristopherRomeroWilson.com

Amanda Yachechak
Amanda is a stage and film actress, a lyric coloratura soprano, and a classical ballerina and Irish dancer. Amanda just recorded a concept album for the new Broadway musical Kalevala starring Julia Murney and Ramin Karimloo. She also recently produced and starred in Mis(s)Communication, a comedy series about the world of standardized patients—actors for medical students. Other recent credits include Hamlet with Hudson Theatre Works and Lady of the Castle, which played at the National Opera Center and on television. New York: Pride and Prejudice (Elizabeth), Nicholas Nickleby, Freckleface Strawberry, Angelina Ballerina, Phantom of the Opera (Meg), Three Sisters (Irina), Taming of the Shrew (Kate). Regional: The Pirates of Penzance (Mabel), West Side Story (Maria), My Fair Lady, August: Osage County (Johnna), Nunsense, Bittersweet. Film/TV: Caught in the Net, End Zone, I Am Able, Cancer and Cake, Last Days of Simon, Glass Ballerinas, Monumental Mysteries.

“Amanda has worked a number of times with Darcy over the years, so I know she’s a wonderful performer.” said Mark. “When we did our first reading of the full length Books she worked with us and I was eager to have her join the cast for this show. She did an amazing job differentiating between the many strange characters she plays and making each one not only distinctive but very funny and very human. Amanda is fantastic.”

Find out more about Amanda at amandayachechak.com or miscommunicationseries.com.

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by Lisa Jaeger, Associate Broker, Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty, Windham

Historic sales and prices. The past two years will be known as the most remarkable buying years on record. Just in the Hunter-Windham area alone we saw 620 properties sell during this period! Demand soared as people searched for safe havens to escape to during the pandemic. The unprecedented market sent prices skyrocketing and inventory levels dropping.

The pandemic acted as a catalyst for changes in consumer habits as travel was restricted. Sight unseen offers came in from those fleeing the crowded cities looking for more space, with must haves including reliable Internet and cell service that allow work from home, as well as home-schooling settings. Now that the pandemic is in the rear-view mirror, I am seeing changes that will be deep and lasting. Permanent remote work force is a big driver, why pay high rents when you can live for half the cost and have quality of life? Many buyers want vacation homes in the Catskills to add short term rental properties to their investment portfolios. Short term rentals have created a whole new economy which kept our area going during the shutdown, and it’s impacting our seasonal rental and year-round markets—sparking ongoing conversations about controversial regulations. Many second homeowners sold their primary homes in the city and became full time residents. I predict a strong sellers’ market will continue over the next 12 months; as interest rates and home prices continue to climb, however, affordability will be the biggest challenge especially for those in the medium price range. With the strain on housing inventory, land has become a hot commodity. Local surveyors, builders and tradespeople are all in hot demand as a result. Large developments and new construction projects are on the horizon to meet the growing popularity of our area. The Catskills and the Hudson Valley are the place to be!
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By Jennifer Mangione,
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The average sales price for a home in Ulster County is $362,500, according to data gathered in February 2022. That is up from $350,000 the year before. The increase in the price of homes in our area has made it difficult for buyers to get an accepted offer. Many of us have had buyers in this market and despite good offers, our buyers have been outbid. Sometimes they are beat out by cash, but other times it may be the terms of the offer; amount of down payment, inspection contingency (yes, some buyers are forgoing this) the need to sell a house in order to buy, not using a local bank or attorney, etc. It can be frustrating and buyer fatigue is real and very present in this current market. Some decide to pass on this competitive market. Who could blame them, really? All the hours spent with buyers is not lost, however, it helps agents really understand the inventory and improves their knowledge of homes in a greater area. The downside is, the buyer did not get a house and the agent did not get paid. Seasoned agents will navigate through these ups and downs with determination, professionalism and a lot of hard work. These agents will still be selling real estate if a buyer takes a break and revisits the market in the future.

Sellers in this market are at an advantage due to low inventory. Homes are selling over asking price with multiple offers. It is to the seller’s advantage to list their properties on a local Multiple Listing Service to ensure the most exposure. Your house doesn’t have to sell on the first day. Give buyers the opportunity to see the property. In this market, any house priced correctly will sell. Find a local agency that can fully represent the property and educate you about the current market. Be patient and do your best to enjoy the process.
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By Jen Schwartz,
Briars & Brambles Books, Windham

Reading can be enjoyed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can be done almost anywhere. However, to truly experience the full joy of reading, you’ll want to create a distinct space whose purpose enhances the reading experience. Regardless of the size of your home, there is always room for a book nook if you keep in mind some simple tips. The goal is to create a comfortable space that once you enter, you don’t have to leave until you have finished reading. The first important factor is lighting. Natural light is ideal, however, if you tend to read in the evening you will want to make sure you have easy access to soft white light that can be turned on without having to get up. You will also want a small side table that is wide enough for a drink and a phone (if you always need it with you) but not much more. Next, consider your favorite reading position: sitting in a chair or reclining (avoid using your bed as a book nook). If you prefer to sit, you may want to add an ottoman or footrest. Access to a comfortable blanket is essential. Ultimately, reading is an escape so ideally, your book nook would not be near a place where you are easily distracted or interrupted, either by other people or by paperwork. Happily, since the weather is getting warmer, you can take your book nook outdoors: Fill a small outdoor storage table with a blanket, small pillow, and a flashlight and place it next to a hammock, on a porch, or next to a comfortable chair to instantly create a book nook. Whether inside or outside, once you create your own book nook, it will become your favorite “room.”
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There Is Always Room for Something Beautiful in Your Home

By Georganne Chapin, Woodstock Art Exchange

Sometimes a single piece of art can be an inspiration to create an entirely new feeling in your home. I once remodeled my open living and dining room around an antique Persian rug. Refinished oak floors, new paint on the walls, new couch, old coffee table, refinished. And a lovely vase in the bow window, among the plants.

At Woodstock Art Exchange, the glass gallery and gift shop I run with my partner Pablo (Paul) Weinschenk, we love seeing such inspiration taking hold. A customer will spend 30 minutes or more walking around, often returning again and again to a particular handblown bowl or vase, or to a purely decorative item made to delight the viewer. Our shoppers often comment that they already have “too much stuff,” or say they’re worried about the cat or the grandchildren (we sell mostly glass and are experts on how NOT to break things).

People in a newly purchased home might say they want to create “the right feeling.” New art in a home you’ve already lived in can transform it into a whole new space. Or it can fit in so seamlessly and comfortably that you and your visitors will feel it’s been with you forever. And a unique new object can set you on the path of acquiring new pieces of interest over time.

Whatever your age, wherever you live, there’s always a place in your world for something beautiful. It can be small (a piece of handmade jewelry or a print for that tiny alcove in the hall) or it can be a major statement piece (that vase or sculpture that called out to you when you walked in the door). Go for it!

Rustic Elegance for Mountain Living

Article courtesy of decoraid.com,
with additional material by Moose Crossing, Shokan, NY

Start off with neutral tones to complement rustic wall decor. From there, add color and vibrancy as beginning with a neutral color palette will allow you to make the features of your room stand out. Whitewashed walls look outstanding paired with natural wood features, the white allows the wood to speak for itself and become a focal point of your room, whereas bright wall decor would fall short. When you’re applying neutral shades around wooden elements, ensure they aren’t too close in color, allow them to enhance one another, not blend in together and get lost, ensure they contrast enough against one another.

Embrace wood as one of the main natural materials in your rustic living room, rustic bedroom or any room you are giving a rustic revamp.

Source comforting fabrics in warm hues to make your rustic decor feel even more inviting. Think cozy blankets, south west fabrics and wildlife motifs to create a comfortable and relaxed environment. For added luxury, select a faux fur throw for a sofa and a patterned woven rug to compliment the room and add a splash of color.

Straight lines don’t have a place in rustic home decor. Embrace organic and abstract imperfections for a unique take on rustic interior design. Allow natural flaws to be highlighted, whether its knots in wood uneven grain, or notches and scratches in your furniture.

With rustic design, everything has a purpose, all the items have a reason for being there. So keep rooms practical and functional. If you over accessorize with pieces that don’t evoke the functions of a room, you’re certain to create a confusing rustic decor feel.

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Market Trends in Home Sales
By Jeanette Torres,
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Debra Danner of Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties says that according to Realtor.com, 2022 will become a very competitive year because home sales hit a 16-year high and trends like workplace flexibility enable more homebuyer success. The recovery will also begin from recent declines caused by COVID-19, as stated for-sale home supply is up by 0.3%, and affordability would become more complex with regard to the fact that mortgage rates climbed to 3.6%, listing prices rose to new record-highs such as 2.9%—rents rose by 7.1%, while incomes increased by 3.3%.

Affordability will increasingly be a challenge as interest rates and prices rise, but remote work may expand search areas and enable younger buyers to find their first homes sooner than they might have otherwise. And with more than 45 million millennials within the prime first-time buying ages of 26-35 heading into 2022, we expect the market to remain competitive. Now more than ever it is important to align yourself with a reputable Real Estate Brokerage to guide you through.

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Adams Fairacre Farms found that people of all ages started vegetable gardening and just picked up gardening in general during the pandemic in 2020. This trend continued into 2021 and we see strong indications of continuation into 2022.

When we speak to our customers, the largest driving factor for gardening is stress relief. Secondarily, many have been spending more time at home, working remote and have been beautifying their homes one plant at a time.

New gardeners like Millennials are looking to expand and plant more this upcoming year, because they had a lot of success last year. Motivations to garden include helping to support the environment, planting pollinators to help save the honey bees, butterfly gardening and buying indoor plants that help clean the air. They also plant fruit trees and grow vegetables to try and be more self-sufficient and organic. Not only are they planting outdoors, they are bringing plants like succulents indoors to bring that serenity into their living spaces.

The positive for Adams is that we were able to help make our customers happier during a tough time, because at the end of the day, it is all about the customer.

Powell’s Tree Care is your source for the best tree care in Greene County. We offer pruning, removals, viewscaping, woodscaping, storm and emergency clean-up, cabling, fertilization and stump grinding. Remember to always leave this type of work to professional arborists or tree experts. Ian Powell has two decades of experience, is on site at every job and takes pride in leaving the work site clean and mess free. We excel at tree care and tree care only—hire only experienced, insured and capable people to care for your trees.
Weedy or wonderful? *Viola sororia*, the “common blue violet,” pops up in Greene County gardens uninvited but not necessarily unappreciated. Usually, its scentless flower is violet-blue with a lighter colored throat, but it may also be white or bicolored. Lawn enthusiasts trying to cultivate a uniform expanse of perfectly mowed grass may consider wild violets pests and douse them with herbicide. But gardeners who cultivate native plants may be delighted to find *Viola sororia* making itself at home.

The bicolored form, *Viola sororia f. priceana*, is especially pretty, its flower white or palest blue with clusters of blue streaks radiating from the throat. Once believed to be a separate species, priceana readily crosses with other forms of *V. sororia*, so it’s now considered to be a color form of the species.

*V. sororia* can help restore a small piece of native ecosystem in a home garden. It’s a host plant for fritillary butterfly caterpillars, including the great spangled fritillary with its large, orange-and-brown patterned wings. Native mason bees will sip nectar from the flowers. As honeybee populations decline, native bees are becoming more important as pollinators. Early-season nectar sources like violets help sustain these bees. Mourning doves sometimes eat the seeds.

Violets, including *V. sororia*, have an intriguing strategy for producing seeds even if pollinators don’t visit. In late summer, the flowers typically remain closed and self-fertilize. Known as “cleistogamy,” this saves energy and nutrients, because the plants can produce the same amount of seed with smaller flowers and less pollen. The disadvantage is losing out on the larger gene pool that cross-pollination offers. Violets have the best of both worlds by cross-pollinating in the spring and producing “cleistogamous” seed in late summer.

*V. sororia* plants are available from mail-order native plant nurseries, or they can be started from seed. Like many native wildflowers, violets require alternating periods of cold and warm weather to germinate. This process, known as stratification, can be simulated by sowing the seeds in damp potting soil and storing them in a refrigerator at 33° to 38° for a month or two before taking them out to sprout at room temperature. Violet seed can also be “winter sown” in January, either directly in a garden bed or in containers left outdoors to sprout naturally in spring. In containers, the soil should be checked occasionally to keep it from drying out; the covers should include holes for airflow, to prevent overheating when the sun comes out.

Winter sowing can be an exciting experiment for gardeners, a method for succeeding with seeds that need stratification. Violets are a great way to start the experiment.

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*A Greene County Garden in May*

*By Margaret Donsbach Tomlinson*
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Phoenix Web Collective
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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair
May 28, 29 & 30
Ulster County Fairgrounds
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New Paltz, NY 12561
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FARMS & FARM PRODUCTS

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Francis X. Driscoll
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Images of the Northern Catskills
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A frequent contributor to the Guide magazine, Francis X. Driscoll is an award-winning nature photographer whose work involves total immersion in a setting so that he might capture that rare glimpse. His primary subject is the Catskill Forest Preserve. He shares his craft with others by leading hikes, conducting workshops and giving private instruction.

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Since 1969, the Catskill Center has led the effort to protect and foster the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskill Region.

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Windham Wine & Liquors is the Mountaintop’s premier destination for the best offerings of wines and spirits since 2003. Our ever-expanding selection is sure to please every palate and price range. Let us help with your special event or gift. Visit us at the west end of town. Open every day of the year except Christmas Day.
On a cold night in early March, members of the Delaware County Vintage Base Ball Association gather for batting practice and fielding drills in the hay loft of an 1890 milking barn near Bovina Center, NY. The men range in age from early 20s to mid-40s. All are there to prepare for another season of nineteenth-century rules baseball or commonly known as “vintage base ball” (more often spelled with two words until 1895).

What makes vintage baseball different than amateur adult baseball is that, for most, it is a sub-culture open to all men and women of modest athletic ability who care to learn the various ways the game evolved throughout the 1800’s. There are no league standings, playoffs or trophies, and egos are checked at the gate. It is equal parts sport, history, and theater. Most people (the author included) come to play and later discover the rules in a trial-by-fire manner (i.e., the hidden ball trick). For many, it is this kind of action that makes watching the vintage game most enjoyable.

The roots of the vintage baseball movement in the East date back to the mid-1990’s in Old Bethpage Village, where a small circuit of clubs from Long Island started playing to support the museum’s summer programming. They played by the rules, customs, and attire of the sport as it was in the 1880’s. The idea gained traction following October 1998, when the Smithsonian made it the focus of their magazine’s cover story then later when it was featured on Late Night with Conan O’Brien, where he made a comedy sketch out of it. Today, there are an estimated 200 clubs playing some version of nineteenth century baseball across the U.S. Many clubs have a national affiliation to the Vintage Base Ball Association and many play in partnership with museums and historical societies.

It is fitting that Delaware County’s grounds play host to three vintage teams today. In fact, among the earliest mentions of baseball in the press and perhaps the first time ever that money was offered in exchange for a game appeared in the Delhi Gazette (14 years before Doubleday was purported to have devised the game in Cooperstown). The July 12, 1825 advertisement contains the names of nine men from Hamden, NY challenging any group in the county to a game of “BASS-BALL” (sic) at the home of Edward B. Chace for $1 each per game. Ask any vintage player if Abner Doubleday invented baseball and most will scoff. If they’ve been paying attention, they will tell you that the sport has no formal inventor, and the rules can be dramatically different depending on the era the teams are trying to re-create.

The first team to pioneer the effort in the Catskills was the Roxbury Nine, founded over 20 years ago during the revital-
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Clockwise from top left: Delhi Polecats and Fleischmanns M.A.C. join for a postgame photo at Crawford Field in Hamden, NY last July; Fleischmann Yeast Company’s 150th Anniversary celebration in Fleischmanns, June 2019; M.A.C. player times a pitch during the Cowtown Scramble Vintage Base Ball Festival last Fall in Bovina; Members of the Bovina Dairymen keeping it loose prior to game time at Creamery Field, Bovina, NY last summer

ization of the beloved Kirkside Park in the historic Village of Roxbury. Hancock even put forth a nine of their own for a couple of years. However, since then, the national pastime here in the mountains has grown, receded, and risen again like the flood waters of Tropical Storm Irene that attempted to end it all in 2011. While the Roxbury team has faded for now, the project lives on through three clubs in Fleischmanns, Bovina and Delhi/Hamden.

Fleischmanns has perhaps the most illustrious team history due in part to their original founders, Julius and Max Fleischmann of yeast-making and distilling fame. From the building of their own private ballpark near their family’s summer estate in 1895 until they donated it to the community for a public park in 1914, the Mountain Athletic Club (also called the Mountain Tourists) boasted at least a dozen or more future and former major league players, including Hall of Famers Miller Hug- gins and (legend has it) Honus Wagner during a time when the Fleischmann brothers owned stakes in the Cincinnati Reds and the Philadelphia Phillies. The M.A.C. was resurrected first in 2007, then again in 2017 and has been an anchor tenant at Fleischmanns Park every summer since. In celebration of the 125th anniversary of its construction, the M.A.C. Grounds at Fleischmanns Park received its rightful place on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places in 2020. The M.A.C. home opener takes place on Saturday, May 28 when the team will honor the life and career of former major leaguer, Judson “Jay” Kirke with a pre-game ceremony. Kirke grew up in Fleischmanns and played for the M.A.C. as a teenager before going on to have a 23-year career in professional baseball. He later returned to play and coach on a Margaretville team with his son.

Next, the Bovina Dairymen joined the circuit in 2008, waning after the floods like other clubs in the county and were revived in 2018. Along with the M.A.C., the two clubs represent the only teams in the U.S. playing 1895 rules baseball as their era of choice. In 2020, the Dairymen constructed their own playing grounds on a flat along the Little Delaware River known as Creamery Field Vintage Base Ball Park. This year, the grounds will host two premier vintage baseball festivals with teams from throughout the Northeast participating: the Creamery Field Invitational on May 21-22 where all games will be played by the rules of 1864 and the Cowtown Scramble on October 1-2 that will feature games played in the eras of 1886 and 1895.

Finally, last season saw the expansion of a third team called the Delhi Polecats—a blend of its roots in the County seat (baseball goes back at least to 1873 in Delhi if not further) and an homage to the Hamden Polecats—a 1940s team that played at the historic Crawford Field on Launt Hollow Road in the hamlet where the new team will play their home games. The Polecats will display 1886 rules as they represent the oldest team in the County harkening back to the aforementioned “BASS-BALL” game in 1825.

With new teams popping up in Kingston and Little Falls too, this summer will be the most exciting one yet. All the teams’ schedules and individual websites can be accessed at delcovintage-baseball.org.
Commissioned by Works & Process at the Guggenheim for premiere in Fall 2022, UnderScored is a multi-faceted project that exists as a series of performances, community events and in the creation of an oral history archive of club life. Rooted in the intergenerational stories and memories of NYC underground club heads, UnderScored is created in collaboration with legendary elders from the underground dance community. The cast ranges in age from 26-78 and is inspired by the stories and vibes of several seminal underground parties, including David Mancuso’s the Loft, Larry Levan’s Paradise Garage and Timmy Regisford’s Shelter.

Building on the intergenerational transference of knowledge and culturally reflective movement that happens night after night on dance floors across the city, UnderScored explores the ever-changing physical and musical landscape of New York City’s underground dance and music scene. In conjunction with this project, the Jerome Robbins Dance Division at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts will provide a fellowship for Asherie to collect and archive oral histories from elders who are part of the generation of dancers who helped create and usher in NYC’s underground dance scene in the 1970s and 1980s. For more info about NYC club life don’t miss these documentaries: Check Your Body at the Door, Maestro, Come As You Are.

TICKETS: $15 General Admission
Purchase tickets at catskillmtn.org
Welcome to Catskill Kids Creative Writing Club!

Come back each month to join our mascot Bobcub to learn about our amazing region. Turning the clock back hundreds of millions of years, we’ll conjure up our most ancient past. We’ll reimagine long-gone sea creatures, dinosaurs and megafauna—as well as the fishers, snakes, coyotes and countless species that make the Catskills home today. In addition to stories of nature, we’ll share the myths legend and real-life stories of people who have made this region home since the last Ice Age—including a few artists, pirates, and ghosts along the way.

So, who showed up first?

According to paleontologists*, as far back as 700 mya—when our region was simmering under a warm tropical sea, the award for first arrival, goes to... the sponges. (Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, n.d.)

Really? Sponges?

Although they can’t swim, fly, trot or catch a frisbee, yes, sponges are animals.

Let’s fast forward to the Cambrian Explosion. That’s when life on earth speeds up with the arrival of fast and hungry species such as the carnivore Anomalocaris, the bottom-feeding trilobites and Eurypterus, the ancient sea scorpion!

In fact, more fossils of this creature are found in New York state than anywhere else on earth. This is why Eurypterus has been named New York State’s official fossil.

According to writer Lindsay Kramer, the Catskills are a “playground” for their fossils. “The sea is now gone, but a
bounty of fossils remain from what is known as the Devonian Period about 360 million years ago. Those souvenirs are easily accessible to curious seekers who know where to look."

If you want to learn more, read on—or even better go out and do some fossil hunting of your own!

https://www.newyorkupstate.com/attractions/2015/09/fossil_digs_in_upstate_new_york_5_places_to_look.html

Eurypterus may be long gone, but thanks to these fossils, we know they were here. But how about the creatures who have disappeared from the Catskills without a trace. Creatures like the little people or Jo ga oh of the *Haudenosauene people, the gnomes of the Catskills, or the shape-shifting witch of Onteora Mountain.

Haudenosauene = “people of the long house” including 6 nations: the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora.

As the last Ice Age retreated, the ancestors of the Haudenosauene people were among the first to settle in this region. For over 13,000 years the “People of the Long House” cared for the land that sustained them and told tales of its spirits.

Many of their stories are of the Little People, the Jo ga oh, the nature spirits who dwell in the forests. It is said that there are three tribes—“those that live in the rocks beside streams and lakes, those that hover near the flower and plants, and those that guard the dark places under the earth.” And according to storyteller Yeh Sen Noh Wehs: “Wherever you find a tree in a deep, dark part of the wood, around which no grass will grow, there you may be sure a dance ring has been formed. There the Little People have danced until the moon dropped out of the sky.”

In another tale, a shape-shifting witch lived on Onteora Mountain. Among her many magical tasks, she cut up old moons to toss into the sky as stars to make room for each new moon. For fun she would turn into a bear or deer and lead hunters on a crazy chase!

Much later when Europeans arrived, they may have encountered some of the same mystical creatures. Like when Henry Hudson sailed his ship, the Half Moon, northward in 1609. In this (for him) uncharted land, he met a tribe of gnomes. Could they have been related to the Jo Ga Ho?

And how about the tale of Rip Van Winkle, set down by Washington Irving in 1919? In it Rip leaves his unhappy home with his dog, Wolf, to find some peace in the mountains. Like Hudson before him, he meets the mischief-making gnomes whose local brew puts him to sleep for 20 years!

Could these be the same bearded dwarfs ofMohican tales? They were metal workers, and the smoke from their fires rolled down the mountains as a hazy mist. And like the Jo ga oh they loved to dance beneath the moonlit sky. Mohican = Muh-he-con-ne-ok “People of the Waters that are Never Still”

Is it possible that they all encountered the same spirits of the Catskills? After all, we believe in the existence of ancient species because of the fossils they left behind. Can we believe in these mystical beings by the stories that they left behind?

References


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Catskill Kids Word Search!

Now check out this magic oak. Can you find?

Henry Hudson’s ship the Half Moon
Rip Van Winkle’s dog, Wolf
a deer
a wolf
six gnomes

Can you find these words in this month’s word search?

Long House
Mohican
Ontóra
Jogah
dance
Nature
bear
deer

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As the weather...and water...start to warm up in May, it’s the perfect time to pull your kayak or canoe out of storage (or rent one!) and start exploring the waters of the Catskills.

Warm sunset colors spill over Mongaup Pond, the largest lake in the Catskills.  
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The Village of Saugerties is a popular spot to take your kayak on the Hudson River. Photo courtesy of the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce.
NOW OPEN BY APPOINTMENT!

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The docent tour is approximately 30 minutes. Appointments are available for a maximum of three people at a time. Masks are required and temperatures will be recorded at the door and visitors will be asked to answer a short questionnaire related to Covid 19. During the pandemic, visitors will be asked not to touch the pianos or other artifacts on display in the museum. CMF staff have established healthful guidelines for your visit to the museum to provide as safe an environment as possible for visitors and staff. We welcome you and look forward to showing you our extraordinary collection of historical pianos from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

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The CMF Piano Performance Museum is funded in part by the Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation.
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If a course is marked as FULL, please call 518 263 2001 to be placed on the waiting list in case a spot opens.

Register TODAY at sugarmaples.org
Spring always seems to take a while to get started here in the Catskills, but we know generally that by the end of May we’re coming right into the start of the Catskills summer season!

During May, it’s a busy time for the trails of the Catskills. Throughout the month, volunteer trail maintainers and trail crews, and staff from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be out on the trails, clearing them of winter tree falls and brush, freshening up trail markers and getting everything ready for the summer hiking season.

It’s also still that transitional season. Soils haven’t fully dried out from winter snows and spring rains. Always be prepared for muddy, wet conditions, especially in the first half of the month. Weather too can be pretty variable—from temperatures near freezing up into the 70s, perhaps over the course of just a few days. May is a month to be prepared for all conditions in the Catskills.

Streamside Acquisition Program Helps Local Communities—Getting the Facts Straight

The Catskill Center has released a new fact sheet that articulates the multiple community benefits of its Streamside Acquisition Program, or SAP. The SAP aims to protect water quality in streams in the northeastern Catskills through the purchase and protection of streamside lands. By doing that, the SAP also helps to mitigate future flooding, which has devastated parts of our communities in recent years. The SAP only purchases eligible properties, and only if the property owner is interested in selling.

Key points in the fact sheet include criteria for eligible properties, such as that lands be within the drainage basin of the Schoharie Reservoir. Another important part of the program is that the SAP focuses on lands outside of areas formally identified by municipalities as areas intended for future growth. The SAP will not reach out to landowners in these areas unless invited to do so by the municipality through a formal resolution. Honoring community goals is important.

“We regularly reach out to town officials to ask how the SAP can complement community goals,” said Lee Alexander, Streamside Acquisition Program Director. “Some towns have asked us to prioritize floodplain protection, while others have worked with us to help create streamside trail networks. We love working collaboratively with towns to implement the SAP in ways that enhance community goals while also protecting water quality.”

Besides helping to ensure community flood resilience by keeping undeveloped wetlands and floodplains from being developed, the SAP preserves the tax base, as the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) pays property taxes on lands acquired through the program. The SAP focuses on properties that make the biggest difference in protecting water
quality: floodplains, wetlands, and lands within 300 feet of streams. SAP staff encourage landowners to keep their more developable lands in private hands.

The Catskill Center runs the SAP in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP). It is one of many programs required by regulators, such as the New York State Department of Health, to help protect the City's drinking water at its source. The SAP furthers the mission of the Catskill Center to protect and foster the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskill region.

Mud Season Hiking Tips
What is mud season? It is the time in early to mid-spring when our snowpack is melting or has just melted, and is when the trails here in the Catskills are extra wet. We want you to be able to enjoy our trails any time of the year, but we want to make sure you can enjoy mud season's soggy trails safely and without damaging them or the surrounding environment!

Trails are slippery when wet and muddy!
As ice and snow melts, you might be tempted to think trails become easier to walk, but a muddy, wet trail forces you to pay attention to where you step. First of all, mud-caked boots don't grip as much, second Catskill rocks are slippery when wet! Expect to hike slower than normal and proceed with caution during your hike.

Trekking poles are always helpful, but especially so on wet, muddy trails. They help you keep your balance and make hiking easier.

Our highest trails in the Catskills often keep snow and ice late into the spring!
Traction aids such as microspikes are essential in these conditions and will be needed at higher elevations long after we've put our snowshoes in the closet or the trailhead looks like spring is firmly in place. Be sure to pack those microspikes!

Our wet trails can be easily damaged!
Wet, muddy trails are more prone to erosion, as is the soil surrounding our trails. Mud season hiking requires walking in the center of the treadway and/or stepping on our many Catskill rocks wherever possible. This preserves both the trail and your footwear.

If you are tempted to walk around a wet area, remember that you are damaging plants and loosening soil, which will result in erosion and natural resource damage.

Find your trail!
We do have trails that you can enjoy in soggy spring conditions without causing damage. Stop by the Catskills Visitor Center or give the Visitor Center staff a call at (845 688 3369) for suggestions. You can also visit them on the web at catskillsvisitorcenter.org.

Keep Feet Dry and Comfy
You need the right gear! Be sure to wear waterproof boots in the spring. Gaiters will also help keep your feet dry. With proper waterproof boots, socks and gaiters, you can keep your feet warm, be steady on your feet and be able to walk in the middle of the trail to prevent additional erosion and trail damage!

Regularly Updated Catskill Park Trail Conditions
Local recreational opportunities are always changing, and by visiting the Catskills Visitor Center’s Trail Conditions blog, you can stay on top of those changes. Staff at the Visitor Center are regularly posting updates related to the Catskill Park, Catskill trails, Catskill

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#RecreateResponsibly in the Catskills
The #RecreateResponsibly guidelines give some sound advice on how to get outdoors right now. When you choose to recreate responsibly, you are doing your part to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.

Know Before you Go:
Check the status of the place you want to visit. If it is closed, don't go. If it's crowded, have a plan B.

Plan Ahead:
Prepare for facilities to be closed, pack lunch and bring essentials like hand sanitizer and a mask.

Stay Close to Home:
This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. Most places are only open for day use.

Practice Physical Distancing:
Adventure only with your immediate household. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others space.

If you are sick, stay home.

Play It Safe:
Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury.

Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained.

Leave No Trace:
Respect public lands and communities and take your garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

We all have a shared responsibility to care for these places and ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy. Lead by example and join the Catskill Center and the Catskills Visitor Center in learning how to #RecreateResponsibly at recreateresponsibly.org.
Visit the Catskill Park’s Visitor Center
Located at 5096 Route 28 in Mount Tremper, NY, The Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) is the official visitor center for the Catskill Park. Operated and managed by the Catskill Center, staff are available at the CVC with information, maps and all the advice needed to plan a Catskill adventure. The CVC is open every day, except for Tuesdays, from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Visitors can get their Catskill questions answered in person, receive tourism literature, and make purchases at the CVC’s shop that includes hiking maps, regional books, and much more. CVC staff are also available to answer questions about the Catskills and the Catskill Park via email at info@catskillcenter.org or phone at 845 688 3369.

In addition to tourism services, there are 1.5 miles of trails on the CVC’s grounds, including the 0.5-mile ADA accessible Interpretive Loop Trail, that are open to the public daily. The 80-foot tall Upper Esopus Fire Tower is also open daily to visitors, offering unrivaled views of the surrounding mountains and Esopus Creek valley. Picnic tables are available on site for those who wish to enjoy a picnic lunch.

Visitors can explore the ever expanding resources available online for the CVC on the web at catskillsvisitorcenter.org, the CVC’s Facebook page at facebook.com/catskillsvisitorcenter, and the CVC on Instagram at @catskills.visitor.center.

Hike the Catskills with the Hiker Trash Husbands
For years, my husband and I have been trying to find ways to better communicate the love that we have for the outdoors and for hiking, to our friends and family who don’t necessarily get out as much as we do. One of the ways we dis-
covered how to do that was to start a YouTube channel about our hiking adventures. Thus was born the idea for The Hiker Trash Husbands, which you can now find on YouTube with lots of hikes in the Catskills at youtube.com/thehikertrashhusbands.

For both of us, The Hiker Trash Husbands is not only a way to show friends and family our hiking adventures, but an effort to provide positive LGBTQ+ representation in the hiking world. We’re looking forward to showcasing our own hiking adventures, along with finding other queer outdoors folks to highlight as we build this effort out. You can learn more by visiting our website at hikertrashhusbands.com.

If you’re in the Catskills and have cable provided by MTC, you can catch our videos on CatskillsAir, MTC Channel 1.

Catskills Great Outdoor Expo Returns This June
The popular Catskills Great Outdoor Expo returns this June on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper, NY. The Catskills Great Outdoor Expo is your opportunity to learn about all the best the Catskills have to offer in hiking, paddling, bicycling, fishing, and all outdoor recreation activities. This one-day Expo will feature over a hundred exhibitors, along with expert presentations, free samples and raffles—plus the famous Catskill Center Gear Sale. More information is available at catskillcenter.org/outdoorexpo.

Catskill Park Advisory Committee
Consisting of representatives from local governments and organizations, the Catskill Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) was established to facilitate communication within the Park. Currently chaired by the Catskill Center, it provides a forum for communities, user groups and stakeholders of the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed to discuss issues of regional importance. The purpose of the Committee is to provide assistance, advice and guidance to the DEC, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other land managers in the management of the New York State Forest Preserve, the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed.

Meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public. If you’d like to learn more, join the mailing list or attend the next meeting, please contact the Catskill Center at 845 586 2611 or email them at cccd@catskillcenter.org with CPAC in the subject asking to be added to the mailing list. Please note that for the time being CPAC meetings will be held virtually. You must be on the mailing list to receive the email to register for the virtual meeting.

Give Back to the Catskills
The natural beauty, the majesty of the mountains, the protection of the Catskill Forest Preserve, the region’s natural and cultural resources, all need your help! By supporting the work of the Catskill Center, you support: stewardship of our Catskill Park and its vast natural resources; the Center’s collaborative spirit as we convene, create partnerships and facilitate discussions that benefit the region; and the Center’s work to support education, arts and culture throughout the Catskills.

To support the work of the Catskill Center, become a member online through their website at catskillcenter.org/donate or donate by mail: Checks made out to the “Catskill Center” can be mailed to Catskill Center, PO Box 504, Arkville, NY 12406.

Jeff Senterman is the Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, NY, a member of the Board of Directors for the American Hiking Society, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Jeff graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Lyndon State College and worked for many years as an Environmental Planner in New England before coming back to New York and the Catskills in the nonprofit sector. To learn more about the work of the Catskill Center in the Catskills, visit catskillcenter.org.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This is just a sampling of all of the events in the Catskills this May. To request that your event be included in future calendars, please email tafts@catskillmtn.org

Please call ahead or visit the website for each event to confirm details, including any admission costs.

THROUGH MAY 8
Active Members’ Spring Exhibition
Woodstock Artists Association & Museum presents an exhibition of work by Active Members. These artists have received Active Member status either through selection for a solo exhibition, because their work was accepted into four juried shows over the course of two years, or because their work was accepted through WAAM’s in-person or online Active Member jurying process.
Location: Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, 28 Tinker Street, Woodstock
Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 12pm-5pm
More Info: woodstockart.org

Nancy O’Hara: Inner Landscapes
This solo exhibition comprises large abstract paintings, many of which reflect O’Hara’s relocation to the Hudson Valley from New York City in 2015.
Location: Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, 28 Tinker Street, Woodstock
Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 12pm-5pm
More Info: woodstockart.org

Dreams Within A Dream
Dreams Within A Dream is a group exhibition that mines the unconscious. Each artist derives inspiration from the painting/sculpting process that mines the unconscious. Each artist derives inspiration from the painting/sculpting process that mines the unconscious.
Location: The Lockwood Gallery, 747 Route 28, Kingston
Hours: Friday 5-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-1 pm, Sunday 8 am-1 pm/4-6 pm, and Monday 5-7 pm
More Info: thelockwoodgallery.com

THROUGH MAY 18
Large-Scale Abstract Paintings from the Permanent Collection
The exhibition features nine large-scale abstract paintings from the 1950s through the early 1980s, drawn primarily from the WAAM collection.
Location: Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, 28 Tinker Street, Woodstock
Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 12pm-5pm
More Info: woodstockart.org

THROUGH MAY 19
Deborah Ruggerio Solo Exhibit
“Bountiful Beauty”
Play Catskills is a Yoga Studio/Event space featuring a solo show of Deborah Ruggerio, a local artist who lives in Roxbury NY.
Location: Play Catskills, 221 Hillcrest Drive, Roxbury
Hours: Friday 5-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-1 pm, Sunday 8 am-1 pm/4-6 pm, and Monday 5-7 pm
More Info: playcatskills.com

THROUGH MAY 31
Online Meditation with Bushel
Coming together in stillness, silence, and meditation can help us keep grounded, connected, and nourished. Bushel is hosting online meditation sessions that include guided meditation, group interaction, and support. New sitters and seasoned sitters are welcome. Meditation sessions are free and open to all, but donations are welcome to support this program.
Location: Join via Zoom
Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30-7:00 am
More Info & Zoom Link: bushelcollective.org/meditation-calendar/

Delhi Farmers Market
Stop by for your fresh produce and products straight from the farm!
Location: Delhi American Legion, 41 Page Avenue, Delhi
Hours: Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm

MAY 1
Second Annual Spring FINDINGS
FINDINGS is a market of specialized growers, boutique nurseries, antique dealers & local makers from the Catskills, Hudson Valley and beyond. Rare plants and garden antiquities. Advance ticket purchase required.
Location: Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider at Stone Ridge Orchard, 3012 State Route 213, Stone Ridge
More Info: stoneridgeorchard.org

MAY 4
ONLINE EVENT: Lecture: Maiden Full Circle
Tracy Edwards MBE inspired a generation of women as the skipper of Maiden. She led the first all-female crew to compete in the notoriously difficult Whitbread Round the World Race in 1988/89.
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Hours: 6-9 pm
More Info: hrm.org

MAY 6-7
Double Header of The Bush Brothers
Location: High Falls Cafe, 12 Stone Dock Road, High Falls
More Info: highfallscafe.com

MAY 7
Introduction to Wood Canvas
Canoe Restoration
Join Boatright Wayne Ford and Bryan Rooney in this one day class teaching students how to

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• www.catskillregionguide.com
rehearse a Penn Yan cartopper. This process is typical of a wood canvas canoe construction.  
**Location:** Hudson River Maritime Museum, 86 Rondout Landing, Kingston  
**Hours:** 9 am-5 pm  
**More Info:** hrmm.org

**15th Annual Rip Van Winkle Wine, Brew & Beverage Festival**  
The Fortnightly Club of Catskill will be hosting its 15th Annual Rip Van Winkle Wine, Brew & Beverage Festival. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $25 or online through Eventbrite.com. Patrons will enjoy wine, craft beers, distilled beverages, cheeses, shopping for craft goods, food and live music entertainment through out the day.  
**Location:** Historic Catskill Point, 1 Main Street, Catskill  
**Hours:** 11:30 am-5 pm  
**More Info:** fortnightlyevents.com

**Spring Wassail**  
Experience a truly eclectic spring celebration. Sing to the apple trees in an ancient Celtic Ritual for a bountiful harvest. Food and beverage available for purchase. Join the circle for traditional, folk-style dancing to live Balkan music, as we celebrate Djurdjevdan/Herdelez (St. George’s Day). Partake in a Chanshiya Balkan Marketplace of local and artisanal foods and goods to honor the farms and makers.  
**Location:** Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider at Stone Ridge Orchard, 3012 State Route 213, Stone Ridge  
**More Info:** stoneridgeorchard.org

**6th Annual Leap for Autism**  
Leap for autism! Our annual event raises awareness and funds for vital services offered by Greystone Programs, Inc. where no funding exists. Whether a tandem or virtual skydiver, take to the sky for an exhilarating adventure of a lifetime all while raising funds to support the individuals Greystone serves, giving them life enriching opportunities that lead to greater independence. The Leap for Autism has fun for all ages: music provided by Pro Sound DJ Service, food provided by The Grille Wagon, craft beer provided by Obscure Oscillation Brewing Company and free-fall.  
**Location:** Skydive the Ranch, 55 Sand Hill Road, Gardiner  
**Hours:** 11 am-4 pm  
**More Info:** hrmm.org

**Opening Day: Sewing in Kingston**  
Enjoy guided tours and family-friendly arts activities that bring to life the history of Kingston’s garment industry, the power and imagination of makers past and present, and the importance of immigrant communities, women and families for understanding sewing in Kingston. Adult and family gallery tours will be available in English and Spanish.  
**Location:** Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, 99-101 Broadway, Kingston  
**Hours:** 11:30 am-5 pm  
**More Info:** rehercenter.org

**Mother’s Day Outdoor Bazaar**  
Find the perfect gift this Mothers Day. Live entertainment, food, wine, baked goods, clothing, jewelry, woodworking, lotions, local honey and so much more. Rain date May 14.  
**Location:** Reis Parking Lot, 27 Market Street, Saugerties  
**Hours:** Noon-5 pm  
**More Info:** stonehandmade@mail.com

**MAY 7-8**  
**Opening Weekend-Catskill Animal Sanctuary**  
We’re so excited to welcome you back to Catskill Animal Sanctuary for public tours. Our animals can’t wait to see you. The first 50 guests on each tour day will receive a special goodie bag in honor of our rescued mothers, like goats Sadie and Autumn.  
**Location:** Catskill Animal Sanctuary, 316 Old Stage Road, Saugerties  
**Hours:** 11 am-3 pm  
**More Info:** casanctuary.org

**MAY 8**  
**Mother’s Day Brunch + Bubbles at Nostrano Vineyards**  
Curated brunch menu. Regular menu available remainder of the day. Indoor seating, outdoor patio seating. Live music. Email nostrano-vineyards@gmail.com for reservations over 6 guests.  
**Location:** Nostrano Vineyards, 14 Gala Lane, Milton  
**Hours:** 11 am-2 pm  
**More Info:** nostranovineyards.com

**Mother’s Day Brunch**  
**Location:** High Falls Cafe, 12 Stone Dock Road, High Falls  
**More Info:** highfallscafe.com

**Bardavon presents**  
**An Evening with Josh Ritter**  
An American singersongwriter with a deep, expressive voice, a keen wit, and an evocative way with words.  
**Location:** Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston  
**Hours:** 8 pm  
**More Info:** bardavon.org

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**MAY 9**
**Several Species: Mycology and Herbalism Meet-Up**
Several Species is a chance for herbalists, mycologists, foragers, growers, medicine makers, and those curious about any of the above to gather. The group meets on the second Monday of each month, from 5:00-6:30 pm either in person at Bushel or on the Bushel Zoom. Open to anyone with an interest in herbs and fungi, and in respect fully and sustainably exploring the traditions and evolving practices of working with them.
*Location: Bushel Collective, 106 Main St, Delhi*
*Hours: 5:30-8 pm*
*More Info: bushelcollective.org*

**MAY 10-12**
**Foundations of Woodworking: Basic Joinery Spring 2020**
In the third course of Foundations of Woodworking, students will learn the basics of hand joinery, using hand tools to create a variety of woodworking joints. This class will provide an excellent foundation for woodworking projects at home or more advanced woodworking classes.
*Location: Hudson River Maritime Museum, 86 Rondout Landing, Kingston*
*Hours: 6-10 pm*
*More Info: hrm.org*

**MAY 10-26**
**Classic + Contemporary Figure Drawing Workshop**
Working from a live nude model, this figure drawing workshop will cover a range of approaches and techniques for beginners and experienced members of the community alike.
*Location: Women’s Studio Workshop, 722 Binnewriter Lane, Kingston*
*Hours: 6-8:30 pm*
*More Info: wswworkshop.org*

**MAY 13-14**
**First Reformed Church Women’s Rummage Sale**
Come browse a multitude of items including clothing, books, toys, household items, and more. On May 14th you can fill a bag for only $4.00! All proceeds benefit the First Reformed Church.
*Location: First Reformed Church, 284 Mansion St., Coxsackie*
*Hours: 10 am-5 pm*
*More Info: 518 943 4405*

**MAY 14**
**Show & Tell: UnderScored by Ephrat Asherie Dance**
Works & Process LaunchPAD at Catskill Mountain Foundation presents UnderScored by Ephrat Asherie Dance. Commissioned by Works & Process at the Guggenheim for premiere in Fall 2022. UnderScored, is a multi-faceted project that exists as a series of performances, community events and in the creation of an oral history archive of club life. Rooted in the intergenerational stories and memories of NYC underground club heads, UnderScored is created in collaboration with legendary elders from the underground dance community. The cast ranges in age from 26-78 and is inspired by the stories and vibes of several seminal underground parties.
*Location: Orpheum Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Tannersville*
*Times: 2 pm*
*More Info: catskillmtn.org*

**MAY 14-15**
**Friends of Purling Yardsale**
Join us for a HUGE community yard sale. Sale items will include furniture, vintage/antique goods, kid’s toys, new or gently used clothes, artwork, kitchen supplies, and much more! Participants will donate money to help fund community gardening projects such as the Mountain Avenue Bridge & Welcome to Purling site.
*Location: Shinglekill Falls B&B, 508 Mountain Avenue, Purling*
*Times: 9 am-5 pm*
*More Info: shinglekillfalls.com*

**MAY 14-24**
**“Veiled and Revealed” by Regina Quinn & Anne Sutherland**
Paired by the Roxbury Arts Group, Anne Sutherland and Regina Bernadette Quinn express their shared sense of awe of the natural world. Light and color are key elements of their luminous semi abstract works, involving multiple layers that seem to alternately come forward and recede. An Artist Reception will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm when members of the public are invited to attend, meet the artists, and learn more about their work.
*Location: Roxbury Arts Center, 5025 Vega Mountain Road, Roxbury, NY*
*Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-3pm*
*More Info: roxburyartsgroup.org*

**MAY 18**
**Maiden Documentary Screening**
Join the Sailing School at the Hudson River Maritime Museum for a FREE screening of the documentary Maiden, the inspiring story of Tracy Edwards and the first all-women crew to compete in the Whitbread Around the World Race in 1989-1990. Pre-registration is required, and attendance is limited.
*Location: Clearwater Barn, Hudson River Maritime Museum, 86 Rondout Landing, Kingston*
*Hours: 7-8:30 pm*
*More Info: hrm.org*

**MAY 20-21**
**Bad Dates: Two Singular Studies in Dating**
A night of short plays directed by Mark Singer—featuring Check Please by Jonathan Rand, and Books that Did Not Help Me Pick Up Women, by John McCaffrey and Mark Singer. These plays will stream on ShowShare, Broadway-on-Demand’s live streaming platform. This show is free: sign up for a free Broadway on Demand account at broadwayondemand.com/signup
*Location: Streaming on ShowShare*
*Time: 8 pm*
*More Info: Links to watch will be posted on catskillmtn.org*

**MAY 21**
**Beltane 2022**
Stone Mountain Farm’s annual Beltane pageant, in collaboration with Vanaver Caravan World Music and Dance Institute. Rain date May 22.
*Location: Stone Mountain Farm, 310 River Road Extension, New Paltz*
*Time: 12 pm*
*More Info: stonemountainfarmny.com*

**MAY 21**
**Swell Dance: Live Music by Art Lillard’s Blue Heaven**
A night of swing dancing with live music by Art Lillard’s Blue Heaven! Blue Heaven plays swing standards, blues tunes, and music from the American songbook, by such masters as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, and Lester Young, plus original tunes by Lillard and colleagues.
*Location: Union Arts, 68 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz*
*Hours: 7 pm*
*More Info: unionarts.org*
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**MAY 21**

**Soul City Motown Dance Party**

**Location:** High Falls Cafe, 12 Stone Dock Road, High Falls

**More Info:** highfallscafe.com

**MAY 21-22**

**Magic on Main—An Intimate Parlor Experience**

Join Magician Sean Doolan for Magic on Main—An Intimate Parlor Experience, a magic show in his private library located in a historic building on Main Street in Windham. Sean will weave his very personal story of transitioning from a trial lawyer to a magician in interactive, mind-blowing magical routines. In this parlor show, Sean will demonstrate the limitations of the human mind through techniques he learned as a student of the ancient art of sleight of hand, and a lifetime as a trial lawyer.

**Location:** 5428 NY Route 23 (Main Street), Windham

**Hours:** Saturday shows at 2 and 4 pm; Sunday shows at 2, 4 and 7 pm

**More Info:** magiconmainwindham.com

**MAY 22**

**Humanitarian Awards Brunch**

Spend an enjoyable day with us as we recognize key people in the community who have made an impact or contributed to The Arc Mid-Hudson.

**Location:** Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston

**Hours:** 12-4 pm

**More Info:** archmifoundation.org

**MAY 23**

**Jim Maloney Memorial Golf Tournament**

This annual event is a day of fun, fellowship, relaxation, great food. Golf Reserve you’re four person team now at a cost of $160 per person.

**Location:** Witwyck Golf Club, 404 Steward Lane, Kingston

**Hours:** 11 am-7 pm

**More Info:** 845 802 0077 or 845 901 0747

**MAY 25-29**

**HITS-on-the-Hudson I**

The HITS Saugerties Series welcomes equestrians for nine weeks of events, $3 million in prize money, bi-weekly Grand Prix, qualifiers for the HITS Championship, USEF Premier and National-Rated Hunters, 5” and 6” Jumpers, and the new Wilkinson Trust VIP Club.

**Location:** HITS-ON-THE-HUDSON, 454 Washington Ave Ext., Saugerties

**Times:** 2 pm

**More Info:** hitsshows.com

**MAY 27-29**

**May Market - Farm, Artisan, Flea**

Meet Me in Marlborough is sponsoring a family fun day for folks shopping for treasures and are looking for great finds & bargains while enjoying delicious food & music.

**Location:** Cluett Schantz Memorial Park, 1801-1805 Route 9W, Milton

**Times:** 9 am-3 pm

**More Info:** meetmeinmarlborough.com

**Field + Supply Spring Market 2022**


**Location:** Hutton Brickyards, 200 North Street, Kingston

**Times:** 10 am-6 pm

**More Info:** fieldandsupply.com

**MAY 28**

**The Canzonetta Baroque Ensemble: The Violin Comes of Age**

The Canzonetta Ensemble will present a program of virtuoso violin sonatas of the late 17th century by Corelli, Lotti, and Walther, with cantatas with violins by Stefani and Alessandro Scarlatti, featuring acclaimed violin virtuoso Theresa Salomon and mezzo-soprano Tracy Cowart, with Gwendolyn Toth, harpsichord, John Mark Rozendaal, cello, and director Richard Kolb, theorbo.

**Location:** Doctorow Center for the Arts, 7971 Main Street, Hunter

**Times:** 8 pm

**More Info:** catskillmtn.org

**Cheryl B. Engelhardt: Composer & Best-Selling New Age Artist**

Cheryl B. Engelhardt is a composer and best-selling New Age artist creating experiential music to focus, transform, and elevate. She’s a composer for social justice choirs and was featured in Harper’s Bazaar, People, and Forbes magazine for her collaboration with Dr. Martin Luther King’s goddaughter, Donzaleigh Abena-thy, in her song “The Listening.” She’s traveled to perform premieres of her pieces in France, Jerusalem, Palestine, and Mexico.

**Location:** Unison Arts, 68 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz

**Hours:** 7 pm

**More Info:** unisonarts.org

**Bloom - Stone Ridge Orchard**

BLOOM is living theater wrapped in a prayer... an offering to the earth & our collective future. Circle Creative Collective has birthed BLOOM as a joyous way of connecting our community through creativity, performance, music and nature.

**Location:** Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider at Stone Ridge Orchard, 3012 State Route 213, Stone Ridge

**Hours:** Pre-reserved timeslots between 8 pm-midnight

**More Info:** stoneridgeorchard.org

**MAY 28-30**

**Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair**

The Hudson Valley’s favorite celebration of handmade, The Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair, is making its triumphant return to the Ulster County Fairgrounds on Memorial Day weekend, marking the unofficial start of summer as well as the event’s 41st anniversary year and 78th festival. The holiday weekend will be replete with handcrafted goods in over 10 media categories. Find that long-sought after Adirondack chair or a one-size-fits-one jewelry piece that reflects your personal style. Fair-goers will discover uncommon, standout finds for the home, body and beyond—from wearable fiber art, to mixed media wall art, to hand-thrown porcelain table settings, large-scale garden fountains, dining room tables and everything in between.

**Location:** Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz

**Hours:** 10 am-5:30 pm May 28 & 29, 10 am-4 pm May 30

**More Info:** quahollow.com

**MAY 29**

**John Constable Memorial Golf Outing**

Please join Wawarsing Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for our first golf outing of the year, in memorial of Worshipful Brother John Constable. Registration 11 a.m.; 1 p.m. tee time. $95/ Golfer includes 18 holes with a cart, as well as dinner afterwards.

**Location:** Shawangunk Country Club, 38 Country Road, Ellenville

**Times:** 11 am-5 pm

**More Info:** facebook.com/theshawangunkcountryclub

**17th Anniversary Pig Roast**

**Location:** High Falls Cafe, 12 Stone Dock Road, High Falls

**More Info:** highfallscafe.com
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**Left:** UnderScored, by Ephrat Asherie Dance. **Right:** Otoja Abit and Amanda Yarchuk in Check Please by Jonathan Rand

**JANUARY**

**VIRTUAL!**

Academy of Fortepiano Performance
International Fortepiano Salon 8: Improvisation in Historical Styles: Reviving a Lost Practice
Sunday, January 29 @ 2:00 pm

**MARCH**

**LIVE!**

Works & Process at the Guggenheim
Show & Tell (Demonstration and Discussion) Music from the Sole: I Didn’t Come to Stay
Saturday, March 12 @ 2:00 pm
Orpheum Performing Arts Center

**VIRTUAL!**

Academy of Fortepiano Performance
International Fortepiano Salon 9: Beethoven & Freedom of Speech
Saturday, March 19 @ 3:00 pm

**APRIL**

**VIRTUAL!**

Academy of Fortepiano Performance
International Fortepiano Salon 10: The Fortepiano Connection: From Amsterdam to Japan and Boston
Saturday, April 23 @ 8:00 pm

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JUNE

Manhattan Cabaret
Mark Singer and the Bob Dawson Trio
With Special Guest Darcy Dunn
Saturday, June 4 @ 8:00 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

LIVE!
Academy of Fortepiano Performance
Resident Artist Concert:
“Viennese Masters and Ukrainian Dreams:
Fortepiano Music from the 18th and 19th Centuries”
Saturday, June 11 @ 8:00 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

LIVE!
Pierre Goy & Friends: A Fortepiano Concert
Saturday, June 18 @ 8:00 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

JULY

LIVE!
Maude Adams Theater Hub Production of
Into the Woods
Friday-Sunday, July 1-3
Friday & Saturday @ 7:00 pm; Sunday @ 2:00 pm
Orpheum Performing Arts Center

LIVE!
Catskill Mountain Foundation Annual Benefit
Saturday, July 9 @ 6:00 pm
Orpheum Performing Arts Center

LIVE!
National Dance Institute Mountain Top Summer Residency Performance: “A Beautiful Mosaic”
Saturday, July 23 @ 7:00 pm
Orpheum Performing Arts Center

LIVE!
Horton By the Stream Residency Public Performances
Sunday, July 16-17 & 23-24 @ 2:00 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

LIVE!
The American String Quartet
Saturday, July 30 @ 8:00 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

AUGUST

LIVE!
Hunter International Music Festival Faculty Performance
Saturday, August 6 @ 7:30 pm
Doctorow Center for the Arts

LIVE!
A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Friday-Sunday, August 12-14
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