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23 JANUARY AT THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION
After investing $7.1 million in 2013 and an additional $4.2 million this year, the attractive Windham Mountain Resort continues to transform itself into a year-round destination. The two year investment of over $11.3 million confirms a commitment to the growth of the resort and to the quality of the experience they provide.

Current improvements at Windham include: Wolf’s Prey, a new blue-square trail in the Wilderness Bowl; a complete renovation of the resort’s base lodge restaurant, SEASONS; a new Alpine Spa and yoga center; expansion of the Children’s Learning Center; development of a lift-served mountain bike park; investment in snowmaking infrastructure; two new PistenBully snow groomers and continued improvements at the resort’s golf course.

Their newest trail, Wolf’s Prey is the beginning of much anticipated terrain expansion in the Wilderness Bowl. The acquisition of this ridge between their East and West Peaks has enabled the resort to build this trail as part as a multi-year expansion plan. This is the third new run added to the resort in the last two years, tallying Windham’s trail count to 53.

SEASONS, the popular restaurant and bar located on the third floor of the base lodge, underwent a complete renovation to offer a whole new dining experience. The extensive renovations feature vaulted ceilings, two fireplaces and plenty of seating. In addition, two new polished concrete bars offer great views of the surrounding mountains. The restaurant is now one of the largest banquet/entertainment facilities in the area, with an occupancy rating of nearly 500 people.

To further promote the year-round experience, Alpine Spa at Windham Mountain Resort, a full service spa and yoga center, is now open. The new slope-side spa boasts world class services, treatments and products. Non skiing resort-guests will also have easy access to the spa that is conveniently located at the base of Whisper Run beginner area built in last year’s expansion.

The grooming fleet at Windham Mountain is state-of-the-art, with the addition of two new PistenBully groomers, further enhancing the resort’s commitment to superior snow quality. Additional improvements include enhancements to the snowmaking system, significant upgrades in rental equipment, and a
new scenic deck for weddings and events at the top of the mountain.

Want more? How about a mountain bike park! The master plan includes design, development and construction of a park by Gravity Logic, a firm best known for building the most premier bike parks in the world. Park construction has begun, with a projected opening this July and will be suitable for a wide variety of ages, skills, and interests. The mountain bike park will be a natural progression for the resort which hosts the UCI Windham World Cup, the only mountain bike World Cup event in the United States.

Expansion of the Children’s Learning Center allows for increased occupancy to an important amenity at the resort. The CLC provides indoor activities and ski/snowboard lessons for children age 2-7. The expansion supports Windham Mountain Resort’s family-friendly reputation and focus of attracting new participants to the sport.

Continued investment in the resort’s golf course and country club include the renovation and addition of twenty-six bunkers, reconstruction of several tee boxes, and the widening of fairways to speed up play. A total of $500,000 has been invested in the course and facilities this spring in addition to $1 million in improvements when the public/private course was acquired by Windham Mountain Resort in April of 2013.

Windham Mountain Resort offers the premier alpine lifestyle in the Catskill Mountains. With the earliest opening date in ten years in 2014 and with record-breaking snow conditions, it’s clear to say Windham is experiencing the perfect storm. If you’ve never been to Windham Mountain Resort or it has simply been a while since you’ve come to visit, it’s time to take a ride up Route 23 and see what it’s all about.

Windham Mountain Resort is located at 19 Resort Drive in Windham, NY. For more information, call 800 754 9463 or go to www.windhammountain.com.
So, what are the key factors that make up a great ski resort visit? At Plattekill Mountain they have ranked them—terrain, convenience and overall atmosphere are high up on most skier's lists, and Plattekill Mountain has them covered more than ever as they enter the 2014-15 season.

**First (and most important) – Snowmaking and Terrain.**

Plattekill has always been known for its prime location as the first mountain range east off the Great Lakes, with natural lake effect snowfall averaging 165” a year. Although Plattekill isn’t famous for attention grabbing multimillion dollar upgrades, Plattekill will be assisting Mother Nature more than ever this year, with one of its biggest snowmaking expansions to date. They’ve increased snowmaking output on some of their most popular trails including all new permanent tower mounted fan guns on the “Lower Face” trail to make for a deeper snow base quicker and adding additional snowmaking capacity on the “Plunge” Trail for added top-to-bottom coverage. Also, on the Northface side of the mountain, they will be adding guns to the headwalls of “Twist” and “Ridge Run” on terrain that have never had snowmaking before, making these trails open earlier in the season. These truly are big milestones for a smaller resort.

The second part of this equation, terrain. With the significant expansion of their Learning Center this season, beginners will have an even larger area to learn in addition to their 2-mile long beginner wrap around runs off both peaks. The fact that Plattekill seems to have a lot of “elbow room” gives new skiers and snowboarders lots of room to turn and learn on their beginner and intermediate terrain. Plattekill is best known for steeper trails boasting top-to-
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Second – Convenience.
Plattekill Mountain has lift tickets available for advance purchase online on their newly revamped website to save time and money. Once you arrive, those who are used to the masses at the local ski resorts will be pleased to find plenty of room to move on Plattekill trails and at the lift lines. Even on the busiest weekends you will always find a good flow. No parking shuttles (except for the occasional lift on holidays). Large accommodating parking areas are at the base lodge, which has been improved with various upgrades. Also this year, three new webcams will keep skiers/boarders apprised of upcoming snow conditions.

Third – Atmosphere.
Best of all, small mountain charm with big mountain terrain is what one will find at Plattekill. The lodge is rustic, with a staff as friendly as a small town gets. You’ll get the feeling of being like one of the family before you leave and you’ll experience first-hand Plattekill’s number one goal to improve the guest experience in every way.

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Hunter Mountain had a great beginning to the season with two snow storms hitting the slopes before the holiday period. Combined, the storms dumped thirty inches of natural snow on the slopes, which added to the impressive amount of man-made snow. As the season continues, we’re looking forward to making mountain memories with our guests—young and old, new and returning.

Every year, Hunter Mountain invests in significant improvements to enhance the guest experience. This year, we’re excited about the expansion of Children’s Learning Programs. Mountain and Lift Operations installed two new SunKid carpet lifts in the Terrain Garden of Hunter One. Each carpet is for the sole use of Children’s Programs, which provide exclusive learning experiences for children. The new lifts replace a pony tow lift, which had a lower uphill capacity than that of both carpet lifts. With the new installations, the terrain in the Terrain Garden was re-graded to provide a gentle, more suitable slope for beginners.

Inside the Learning Center, the mountain remodeled the lower area, creating a new area dedicated to Mountaineers (ages 7-12) for their lunch during the season. This adds to the dedicated rental area for Mountaineers, which mirrors the set-up for the Explorers Program (ages 4-6), having a dedicated rental area, lunch room, and break room for children. The exclusivity of these rooms streamlines the process for parents and children, making the moment they walk into the Learning Center to the time the children get out on the snow as seamless as possible.

If you’d like more information on our Mountaineers and/or Explorers Programs, visit www.HunterMtn.com.

Happy Trails!

Photo courtesy of Hunter Mountain
With the overwhelming popularity of The Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center (TAAC) it only seemed fitting to create more space highlighting the varied talents of local craftsmen and vendors, as well as nationally known artists. The Antique Annex is a welcome addition to the Tannersville Antique and Artisan Center. Since its grand opening May of this year, the Antique Annex has been thriving. The Annex has gotten an excellent response from community members and tourists. We are pleased to be able to showcase additional vendors offering unique treasures including upscale vintage clothing items, jewelry, art work, traditional antiques, and contemporary craft items. The Antique Annex is pleased to co-host with The Tannersville Antique and Artisan Center's community outreach educational programs and discussions by our vendors and local artisans.

Creekwalk is a beautifully decorated outdoor space located between the ‘Annex’ and the ‘Center’ which provides a lovely and convenient path from Main Street to the rear parking area.

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The Tannersville Antique & Artisan Center and Annex is located at 6045 Main Street in Tannersville. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm every day, except Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, visit www.TannersvilleAntiques.com or call 518 589 5600.
The first Saturday in February, hundreds of people come to Hanford Mills Museum, located in the Delaware County hamlet of East Meredith, to take part in a traditional ice harvest. Using century-old tools and techniques, Festival goers cut ice blocks from the frozen Mill Pond, maneuver them along a watery channel, and slide them up a wooden ramp to shore. There, the 50-pound blocks are loaded onto small bobsleds, and pulled to the ice house, where, packed in sawdust, the ice will last well into the summer months.

In the days before refrigeration, ice harvesting was an essential, and often lucrative, winter activity. Farmers used ice to keep milk and other agricultural products cold on their way to market; households needed ice to supply iceboxes, the precursors to today’s refrigerators.

“We’re glad to provide a window into the past,” explains the Museum’s executive director Liz Callahan. “The festival is a day of hands-on history and winter fun. There is a great spirit of community as everyone works together to fill the ice house.” She noted that about seven tons of ice are harvested each year at the festival. At the Museum’s Independence Day Celebration on July 4th, the ice is used to make ice cream.

“It’s a Currier and Ives experience,” explains Chris Becker, who has volunteered at the Festival and also serves on the Museum’s board. “Red horse barn covered with white snow, magnificent paired draft horses with a full sleigh of laughing families, young ice harvesters smaller than the ice saws beaming as they cut their square of ice, strangers coming together as one community for the harvest. It’s a scene that has been historically repeated, but now recorded with cell phones and digital cameras.”

Callahan credits her staff and a hearty core of more than 50 volunteers for making the Ice Harvest Festival a safe and enjoyable event. Ice cleats are available to all visitors who want to walk on the frozen pond. Interpreters explain how to use an ice saw, breaker bar, gaff and tongs. To ensure a good crop of ice, in the
weeks preceding the Festival, Museum staff shovel insulating blankets of snow off the pond. Staff also monitor the ice depth, which, depending on conditions, ranges from 8-18 inches thick.

When visitors are ready to warm up, they can gather around outdoor fire places or visit the forge to see blacksmith demonstrations. Stateline Camping Center brings an antique coffee roaster to roast peanuts. The bags of hot peanuts warm your hands as you eat them.

Restaurants from around the area (Delhi, Oneonta, Cooperstown) donate soup for the Festival’s hot soup buffet. Alfresco’s Italian Bistro in Oneonta has participated for years. Elisabeth Webster, who owns and operates the restaurant with her husband Jerry, says “We’re both history people. Society needs to be reminded about what people of yesteryear had to go through, and realize how good we have it now. That’s why we love supporting things like Ice Harvest.”

In the John Hanford Farmhouse, volunteers will cook on a wood-fired cookstove, using recipes and techniques from the early 1900s. Dishes cooked up at Ice Harvest have included peppermint drops, peanut brittle, deviled bananas and welsh rarebit. The Museum also screens historic films showing ice harvests from the 1920s-40s.

Visitors can take a horse-drawn sleigh ride around the Museum site and watch culinary students from the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Center Ice Team transform large blocks of ice into artistic creations. The festival also features a snowman village, and local crafters, farmers and vendors.

The Frozen Effect
Last year’s festival occurred just after the release of the popular Disney movie Frozen, which opens with an ice harvest. “Some visitors were singing Frozen songs, and we encourage everyone to come this year and channel their inner Kristoff, Elsa or Olaf,” says Callahan.

Details are still being finalized for the February 7 Ice Harvest, but past years also have included kids’ ice fishing clinics, storytelling, tree walks, and craft-making stations.

The Ice Harvest Festival is the one day each winter the Museum is open to the public, though it does run ice harvesting field trips for area schools. The Museum offers guided tours of its historic water- and steam-powered sawmill, gristmill and woodworking shop May 15- October 15 (Wednesdays-Sundays).

Festival Details
The Ice Harvest Festival runs from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 7. Children 12 and under receive free admission. Admission for adults and teens is $9; senior admission is $7. AAA and other discounts available. Museum members receive free admission. Those living in zip codes (13757, 13739, 13786, 13750, and 13806) neighboring Hanford Mills receive free admission.

About Hanford Mills Museum
The mission of Hanford Mills Museum is to inspire audiences of all ages to explore connections between energy, technology, natural resources and entrepreneurship in rural communities with a focus on sustainable choices. The museum is listed on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places. Hanford Mills Museum is located at 51 County Highway 12 in East Meredith, at the intersection of Delaware County Routes 10 & 12, 10 miles from Oneonta, and 15 miles from Delhi. For more information, visit www.hanfordmills.org or call 607 278 5744.
With a good start for snowfall in December, the colder temperatures and deeper snows of January open up many new activities to enjoy in the Catskill Mountains. Our local ski areas are open for downhill skiing and many of our hiking trails turn into great snowshoe and cross country routes as natural snow piles up in the mountains. Instead of staying in, winter in the Catskill Mountains is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the mountains.

If you are going to be spending some time in the great outdoors this January there are some common sense things you can do to make your activities more enjoyable. Each year around this time, I like to go over these tips to maximize my own enjoyment of the outdoors in the winter and hopefully maximize your enjoyment too. We have a great story about snowshoeing from Jess and Tim Luby, owners of the recently opened Catskill Mountain Storehouse in Phoenicia. There are also plenty of activities and events to keep you from getting cabin fever in the Catskills this winter.

**Some Tips for Hiking and Enjoying Outdoor Sports in the Winter**

Hikes, cross country ski, and snowshoe trips can all be fun, adventuresome and beautiful in the winter, but they do require advance planning as there is less room for mistakes and errors on a winter hike because of the cold temperatures, generally higher winds, snow, ice and limited daylight hours.

**Keeping Warm**
You should always be prepared on any hike, ski or snowshoe trip to keep warm and sheltered with nothing more than what you are carrying with you. You should not count on a campfire or wood stove to keep you warm. You should learn how to layer your clothing to maximize warmth. You must always stay alert to the dangers of hypothermia and frostbite—know the signs on both and learn how to treat them.

**Daylight**
Unlike the long hours of daylight for hikes in the summertime, winter days are very short and darkness can easily surprise anyone in the woods with its quick arrival. Always plan out your trips to maximize your use of daylight. Always carry a flashlight and headlamp in case you are stuck in the darkness and still need to make your way out to the trailhead.

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“post-hole” their way along a trail. That is, with each step, a hiker sinks into the snow creating what looks like a hole for a post with every step. Cross country skis and snowshoes on the other hand keep you on top of the snow and let you travel further with less energy than trying to hike on your own. Skiing and snowshoeing open up a whole new way to look at the trails of the Catskill Mountains too, with adventures around every corner.

Trail Markers

Luckily in the Catskills we do not have white trail markers, but even so, the familiar red, blue and yellow trail markers can be hidden by deep snows, especially on mountain summits. Having a map and compass is always a good idea, but it is a necessity in the wintertime to make sure you do not lose your way. Get yourself a printed map from the Trail Conference (www.nynjtc.org/catskills) for your hikes and don’t rely on battery powered devices—cold weather causes them to lose a charge faster.

Tips and Tricks

Here are some additional ideas, tips and suggestions for winter hiking, skiing and snowshoeing trips:

1. Stay dry and waterproof. Make sure you manage your core temperature while hiking to prevent sweating, which gets your clothes wet and limits their insulative value. Wear gaiters to help keep your legs dry, and pop your hood over your head when trekking through overhanging trees to prevent snow from getting in at the neck and getting you wet.

2. Winter is the wrong time to think you need to pack lightly. Carry many insulating layers including a spare set of long underwear tops and bottoms – putting on dry, cold clothes may shock the system initially but you will feel warmer quickly.

3. Make sure your equipment works—finding out your water bottle is cracked when it is 10 below at lunchtime is the wrong time to learn about it.

4. Be aware that solid food items freeze; cut up those snickers bars ahead of time, even cold cuts can freeze!

5. Drink constantly because you will not feel as thirsty in cold weather as you do during summer activities.

6. Know how to repair snowshoe and crampon/creeper bindings so a broken binding doesn’t become an emergency deep in the woods.

7. Don’t use those ski pole wrist loops—a downhill fall can wrench a shoulder if you go one way and your ski pole stays put.

8. Ideally know your winter hike ahead of time; trail finding is tricky with deep snow so knowing the route well is a good idea.

9. Favor hikes with few stream crossings; crossings are dangerous as both a water hazard and possibly soaking everything you are wearing and carrying. Even just getting your snowshoes wet can result in heavy globs of ice stuck on.

10. If you’re hiking with a dog check their paws for icing, make sure they are staying adequately hydrated and are staying warm.

11. Be especially careful if conditions are icy; crampons and creepers only work if you stay on your feet.

12. If you are a beginner winter hiker, consider a group hike to learn more about trail conditions and preparation.

With proper planning, the right skills and the right equipment, winter is a great time to get out and enjoy the Catskill Mountains. One of the best ways to fight off cabin fever is to get out of the cabin and get into the woods!
A Snowshoeing Revival in Phoenicia

In the winter with deep snow in the mountains, snowshoes can be one of the best ways to get around on the trails of the Catskills. That’s just what Jess and Tim Luby of Catskill Mountain Storehouse, a new outdoors store in Phoenicia, want you to know. Ms. Luby explains, “the woods are incredibly beautiful in winter and we want people to get out there and see just how amazing they are. And the best way to do that is on a pair of snowshoes.” To this end, Storehouse will be offering snowshoe rentals this winter for those who want to explore. “All around Phoenicia, there are so many opportunities for snowshoeing and we want to spearhead a revival of the sport in the area,” says Mr. Luby. He goes on to explain, “from the new section of Long Path in Phoenicia, to the Kenneth Wilson Campground, there are tons of suitable trails for all ability levels close to our shop. We’re very excited to help people discover this sport and how breathtaking these trails are in winter.”

But, as the Lubys are quick to point out, there’s more to Phoenicia in the winter than just snowshoe rentals. “People think of Phoenicia as more of a warmer weather destination, but it’s also great here in wintertime,” says Ms. Luby. “Brios is still churning out their wood-fired pizza, Mama’s Boy has amazing hot chocolate, and places like Tenderland Home have beautiful winter-themed homegoods that make Phoenicia worth the visit.”

Besides snowshoes, Storehouse is going to offer other winter necessities, such as hats, gloves, socks, gaiters, and microspikes. “The area needs a place that offers essential winter gear,” says Ms. Luby. “The last thing we want is for people to be stuck out in the cold underprepared. When it comes down to it, our store is all about helping people stay comfortable so they can enjoy and appreciate the outdoors without having to worry about things like frostbite.”

Snowshoe rentals will be available as soon as snow blankets the ground. The Lubys invite you to stop by to talk trails so you can start planning your winter adventure. “We won’t just send you off with your snowshoes,” says Mr. Luby. “We’ll talk to you about your ability level and what it is you want to get out of your trip before we recommend a good trail for you. It sounds cliché, but it’s safety first, especially in winter.”

For more information:
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Updated Trail Conditions for Catskills Trails

Conditions can change quickly in the Catskills. In the winter months, the mountains can be unforgiving with low temperatures, high winds and deep snowpack. For more detailed information on the condition and status of trails and trailheads in the Catskills, the Trail Conference offers a page on their website with regularly updated conditions at www.nynjtc.org/content/catskill-trails-updates.

Events
Winter Bird Walk at Thorn Preserve
Meet trip leader Mark DeDea (forsythnature@aol.com ) at 8:00 am on Sunday, January 4 at the Thorn Preserve, located at 55 John Joy Road in the Town of Woodstock. This parcel is an open field that may attract wintering raptors. It is bordered by the Sawkill
Creek which often holds waterfowl late into the winter and a wooded swamp sprinkled with Winterberry that should attract a Hermit Thrush or two. All Woodstock Land Conservancy field trips are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please visit www.WoodstockLandConservancy.org for a list of more upcoming programs. Event will cancel with rain or snow.

Winter Weekend
In January, the Catskill 3500 Club will be holding its annual Winter Weekend! The Farmer’s Almanac is saying we are going to have a real winter this year, so be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Catskill 3500 Club Winter Weekend January 23 - 25, 2015. As in the past few years, the event will be at the Frost Valley YMCA and there will be a variety of excursions, from easier ones for those new to winter hiking or more challenging adventures for experienced members. Details will be on the 3500 Club website at www.catskill-3500-club.org soon or contact Maria Bedo at 917 881 9272 for more information.

Second Sundays Series at Spillian
Watch the Trail Conference’s Trail University Calendar (www.nynjtc.org/view/workshops) to take part in monthly workshops on a number of different topics including map and compass skills, outdoor hiking safety, gear, trail stories and more! All are held at Spillian in Fleischmanns, a Trail Conference partner in the central Catskills.

Love Trails?
Trails, trail construction and trail maintenance don’t just happen! In the Catskills much of this is work is completed by volunteers (with support from DEC Forest Rangers and Staff), but even then, financial support is needed to make these projects a reality. If you want to help with the protection of open spaces, trails and the natural resources of the Catskill Park, you can support Trail Conference programs in the Catskill Mountains. Your donation goes right to work on the trails and lean-tos of the Catskill Mountains, supports advocacy work for open space and the Catskill Park and supports staff who manage programs in the Catskill Mountains, aim to spur local economic development by making the public open space lands of the Catskill Park more accessible and appealing, and engage with local residents in the stewardship of Catskill Mountains Region’s trails and open space. To support the Catskills Trails Program visit www.nynjtc.org/product/donate-catskills-trail-program.

Take a Hike!
If you are looking to get out on the trails, but would like to go on a guided group hike to help you get your bearings on Catskill Mountain trails, the region has several different groups that lead guided hikes. The Catskill Mountain Club offers members and non-members the opportunity to go hiking, paddling, biking and skiing throughout the Catskills with a majority of the trips in the western Catskills (www.catskillmountainclub.org). The Catskill 3500 Club leads hikes up the 35 peaks in the Catskills that reach above 3500 feet in elevation (www.catskill-3500-club.org). The Rip Van Winkle Hikers also lead hikes throughout the region and you can find out more information about their activities at www.newyorkheritage.com/rvw. In addition, the Trail Conference has begun offering guided hikes throughout the Catskill Mountains and their schedule will be posted at www.nynjtc.org/view/events.

Getting Involved
If you are interested in learning more about hiking the Catskill Mountains, getting outdoors, joining a trail crew, adopting a trail for maintenance, or just finding out more information about stewardship of our recreational facilities in the Catskill Mountains, please contact the Trail Conference at 518 628 4243 or via email at catskills@nynjtc.org.

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The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference partners with parks to create, protect, and promote a network of 2,000 miles of public trails, including 30 lean-tos and over 200 miles of trails in the Catskill Mountain region. We offer volunteer opportunities for people who love the outdoors, as well as publishing detailed hiking maps for the Catskill Mountain Region, along with a number of other regions. For more information on our programs in the Catskills please visit us on the web at www.nynjtc.org/catskills and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NYNJTC.CatskillRegion.
In today’s world of “selfies” and YouTube videos, almost everyone is on a quest to do something unique that they can electronically crow about, and then sit back and wait for the addictive feedback. It is no surprise to see folks try to put an unusual spin on notable dates, birthdays, weddings, and even funerals. This is hardly a new concept, and in this article I will share two moutaintop adventures, both of which took place on New Year’s Eve, and both on the same mountain, but separated by 77 years. Both excursions are from a time when a “facebook” was really a “book of faces,” or photo album, and folks schemed to do the unusual, and record it for others to see. As you will see, between the first and second expeditions, the equipment changed quite dramatically, and actually, since the second trip to the present, the equipment has made another great lurch forward.

My outdoor playground centers around Woodland Valley, located near Phoenicia, NY. Over the years I’ve heard accounts of hiking adventures from some of the old-timers, and my imagination got percolating. Some of these amazing treks took place in the winter, such as snowshoeing up to the summit of Slide Mountain in snow over 3- and 4-feet deep, and even sleeping overnight. Keep in mind, those were the days of canvas, leather, wood and iron. The equipment was durable, but VERY heavy. No gore-tex, no nylon, no polyester insulation, no battery powered socks, no flashlights, and no GPS. Cameras weighed about 5 pounds.

Just a few years ago Ray Painter, from Woodland Valley had discovered an old family photo album. Inside the flaky pages were many photos of various hikes taken in the surrounding area, mostly showing two hiking friends, Asa Randall and Wilmot Morehouse. Some especially interesting images were taken of the daring duo on a winter camp-out on Wittenberg, a tall mountain in Woodland Valley, made more exiting as the captions written revealed it was done on New Year’s Eve in 1896! The faded photos show them posing on the snow covered summit, and then in their final resting place … for the night that is … a natural stone shelter referred to as “bear cave” in many early accounts. Not an accurate title, as it is not really a cave, and there is no record that it ever contained a bear. Typical Catskill nomenclature.

The climb up Wittenberg was a tough one for them, as it gets quite rocky in the last stretch, where one has to use one’s hands in several places, and climb up a rock face at one point. The only advantage they had was they were able to ascend the first phase of the climb to Simpson’s Plateau by means of the early trail, which was a crude road, and provided a much easier climb than the new trail. This old trail was closed by the DEC in the late 1970’s.
new trail was put in starting from the Woodland Valley Camp-
ground. Today, one still has to do the same difficult upper section
which takes one up the last mile to the summit.

The old photos reveal the heavy burden Asa and Wilmot had
to bear. Canvas packs, wool blankets, waterproofs (rubberized
canvas sheets), heavy pots and pans, and lucky for us … a camera.
One can see a candle in a bucket, which provided a wind-proof
lighting system. Some of the items seem to be army surplus,
perhaps from the Spanish American War. Food was likely to be
beans, bacon, bread, coffee, chocolate, and maybe eggs if carefully
packed. No worries about calories I’m sure.

They arrived at the summit, with not much daylight to spare,
and set up camp in the “cave,” a stony shelter that can sleep six
people and two porcupines. I’ve stayed there myself. The view is
great, but there is no cable, and room service is dreadfully slow. If
you’re lucky, you’ll find a snoozing bear in the corner to snuggle
up against. In those days, B & B stood for Balsam Boughs, as this
was the common camp mattress of the day, and the photo shows
Asa lying on them, wrapped in his “waterproof.” Balsam bough
bedding is not an allowable practice now.

Now let’s move the narrative to December, 1973, which is 77
years after the previous account. My oldest brother J.P. and I had
been doing some winter hikes, and got the idea in our noggins
to climb the Wittenberg and have a New Year’s Eve overnight on
top. At this point, we were unaware of the Asa’s and Wilmot’s
adventure and thought we were breaking new ground.

We gathered together the gear we did have, most of which
would later prove to be less than ideal for such a daring expedi-
tion. We would be wearing the common hiking clothes of the
day, blue jeans, which were also the worst thing to wear, as cotton
loses all warmth when wet, and takes forever to dry out. We did
have some wool and polyester articles too, but nothing like what
is available today, such as Gore-Tex and polyester fleece. We did
have some bright colors, maybe so the search party could more
easily find our frozen carcasses later that winter. No ice creepers
for my smooth soled shoes, though I did put a spike in my walk-
ing stick. We had a couple of cheap flashlights, the kind you had
to whack against your leg to get them to work. A candle lantern,
a small camp stove and a pocket transistor radio came in handy. I
mention “transistor” because this was still the day when that was
an advertised feature. All this would be housed in my $20, blaze
orange, nylon tent, with tie down flaps and a screen vent running
along each side. The high ventilation tent complemented our
summer weight sleeping bags well.

For food, we had some raisins, chocolate and such, with a
packet of freeze dried beef stew for dinner, and freeze dried straw-
berries for dessert. The packet of stew was supposed to be enough
for two … two chipmunks perhaps. Oatmeal and cocoa were on
the menu for breakfast.

After a hearty breakfast on the morning of December 31, our
dad drove us down the road to the trail head, and watched us as
we crossed the cable bridge over Woodland Creek, certain that he
would never see us again. This bridge, now gone, was referred to
as the “swinging bridge,” because it was a cable bridge. Precocious
kids would cross first, then jump up and down on the far side,
causing anyone crossing in the middle to get bounced around
good, sometimes even get propelled off the boards while hanging
on the cable railings for dear life. A great way to start a hike, and
lucky for us we didn’t have to endure such a wobbly start.

The weather was cold and breezy, but the sun was out, and
that encouraged us. We did have snowshoes on our packs, but the
anticipated need never arose, as the trail was packed down by pre-
vious travelers. They were the old style wooden snow shoes, which
look great on a cabin wall, but are bulky and heavy. Up we went,
but since this was still the days of the old road trail, this first part
wasn’t so bad. We often had to stay away from the icy center, and
walk along the side of the trail where undisturbed snow gave the
most traction. We eventually strode past the Terrace Mt. lean-to, and then over the flat rock top of Terrace, or Simpson’s Plateau, where tannery owner Jimmy Simpson had wanted to build a hotel back in the 1870’s. From this point, we could gaze up and see our goal: the frosted peak of Wittenberg rising high above the scrubby trees, so far away, yet still possible. After a brief snack and drink to fuel us, we began the difficult haul to the summit. Soon we left the well defined road portion of trail, and lurched into second half of the hike. It was increasingly rough and required more care taken in foot placement. The bootprints of earlier hikers encouraged us and we figured “If they can do it, so can we.”

In the summer, Wittenberg gives you a strenuous hike. In the winter, the snow and ice make for a treacherous trail, and in certain places it would be very easy to slip your way to a drop of ten or twenty feet with a rocky embrace at the bottom. Up and over many steep and ledgey places we had to creep, like two mountain goats, carefully planning each foothold for optimum traction. Soon the clouds rolled in, and so did the wind, which brushing its invisible hands through the mountain’s moppy top of balsam. A soothing sound in warm weather, but not so much in December when just hearing it amplifies the feeling of cold.

With the effort needed for this steep climbing, it was not easy to keep your clothes from getting damp with perspiration, and the biting breeze didn’t allow us to take off more layers, a trick much easier to pull off with today’s fabrics. Finally, at last, near the summit, we picked up our pace as the trail smoothed over and leveled out, and at about 3:00 pm, we reached the summit. The snow had begun to fall, and we snapped a few pictures to record our victory. The low quality of the camera accounts for the low grade images, but I’m glad to have even those.

We knew not to linger long, as daylight was surrendering to what would soon be total darkness. After backtracking down the trail 100 yards or so, we searched for the best available flat spot to set up camp. Even though the footprints hinted at it, we were surprised to see a few tents already dispersed among the trees with the owners already tucked in for the night. Each one glowing from within made for a surreal scene. We knew we hadn’t much time to set up camp, so with our Boy Scout trained teamwork, we got to work setting up the tent. My discount domicile seemed ridiculously inadequate at the moment. Under the layer of snow was a layer of ice, so we had to tie the tent to surrounding trees and rocks, as the stakes wouldn’t make a dent. One of the main guy lines was tied around a loose rock, which we then froze into place by means of a splash of water.

With the tent up, we dove in, pulled our gear in after us, and rolled out our sleeping bags and climbed in. After we exchanged wet clothes for dry, we took on the challenge of making dinner. I assembled my stove, and was able to set it up just outside the tent flap, and heat the kettle of water needed to re-hydrate our dinner and give us a hot drink. The boiling water was poured into the pack of dry stew, but within a couple of minutes, it had gone from hot to warm. The strawberries we ate dry, washed down with warm cocoa. It was a meal, though we could have eaten three times the amount of food we brought. It was total darkness now. My brother lit his small candle lantern and we began enduring the long night of cold. The wind upped it’s velocity and violently shook the tent. At times the gusts seemed like they would tear it apart at any moment. Of course the vents along each side efficiently evacuated most of the warmth inside, and allowed in the cold’s icy fingers to tickle our noses. We had about 13 hours to go until sunrise. With better sleeping bags and foam mats, this might
have been a good time to catch up with much needed sleep, but it was not to be. The summer weight sleeping bags kept us far from cozy, and we had to constantly turn over to give the side lying on the ice a chance to warm up. This went on throughout the long night.

Dehydration is a big concern in the winter months, because it easy to not feel the need to drink when you are cool. The quest to keep hydrated in a situation like this is tempered by the knowledge that what goes in, must come out. There is nothing worse than being tucked into your tent, and having to get dressed and booted up, to venture into the frigid darkness to water a tree. It was about 15 degrees that night, and doing anything outside was a challenge.

After lying there for a while, I remembered my little radio. I clicked it on, and was finally able to tune in WNEW FM, and we listened to Alison Steele, the “Night Bird” playing Yes albums as midnight and the New Year approached. In this remote location, the radio connected us to the rest of the world, and helped us forget the dull pain caused by the cold. The battery held out long enough to hear the New Year declared, and we fell into our restless sleep, accompanied by noise of the flapping tent, and the constant turnovers and adjustments in the search for meaningful rest. Sleep like this always brings those short, weird dreams to the mix, and seemed like an eternity to finally reach morning, and sunrise.

The first chore of the day was heating up water for oatmeal and cocoa. After slurping that down, we fell to striking camp as fast as possible, getting our packs on, and heading back down the trail of rocks and ice. We clambered down in good time, spurred on by thoughts of a hot meal, and a warm cabin, but still took care at the difficult places to avoid injury. Finally as we approached Terrace Mt., the trail turns more road-like, and we could keep up a good pace. Near the bottom, we saw our father, who had worried about us all night, and decided to meet us on the trail with our dog for an early greeting. We made it over the swinging bridge, into the car, and finally into the wonderful comfort of our cabin. My brother and I spent the next couple of years seriously upgrading our equipment, and he even took an outdoor winter survival course for good measure. So then years later, when I found out about Asa and Wilmot’s New Year’s Eve adventure, I could definitely relate. Life is a hard master. First comes the test, and then the lesson.

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ALIVE INSIDE (UNRATED, 78 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY MICHAEL ROSSATO-BENNETT
This stirring documentary follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory, as he fights against a broken healthcare system to demonstrate music’s ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it. Rossato-Bennett visits family members who have witnessed the miraculous effects of personalized music on their loved ones, and offers illuminating interviews with experts including renowned neurologist and best-selling author Oliver Sacks (Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain) and musician Bobby McFerrin (“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”). 1/2/15-1/4/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“Michael Rossato-Bennett captures some amazingly transformative results in the treatment of dementia through music.”
—Rob Nelson, Variety

NATIONAL GALLERY (UNRATED, 181 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY FREDERICK WISEMAN
London’s National Gallery is itself portrayed as a brilliant work of art in Frederick Wiseman’s 39th documentary. He listens raptly as docents decode the great canvases in the museum’s collection; he visits with the museum’s restorers as they use tiny instruments to repair an infinitesimal chip; he attends administrative meetings in which senior executives do battle with younger ones who want the museum to become less stodgy and more welcoming to a larger cross-section of the public. But most of all, we experience the joy of spending time with great works of art and listen to the connoisseurs who discourse upon the various underpinnings of these masterpieces. 1/9/15-1/11/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15 & 7:15

“Remarkably engaging and, with close looks at so many important pieces of art, bursting with beauty.”
—Stephanie Merry, Washington Post
A GIRL WALKS HOME ALONE AT NIGHT
(UNRATED, 99 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY ANA LILY AMIRPOUR
Strange things are afoot in Bad City. The Iranian ghost town, home to prostitutes, junkies, pimps, and other sordid souls, is a place that reeks of death and hopelessness, where a lonely vampire is stalking the town’s most unsavory inhabitants. But when boy meets girl, an unusual love story begins to blossom. The first Iranian Vampire Western, Ana Lily Amirpour’s debut feature basks in the sheer pleasure of pulp. A joyful mash-up of genre, archetype and iconography, its prolific influences span spaghetti westerns, graphic novels, horror films, and the Iranian New Wave. Its airy, anamorphic, black-and-white aesthetic and artfully drawn-out scenes combine the simmering tension of Sergio Leone with the weird surrealism of David Lynch. In Farsi with English subtitles. 1/16/15-1/18/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“[A] tightly scripted, pictorially lavish, downbeat romantic fantasy…. The fablelike drama offers a powerful symbolic display of feminine power and outlaw charm.”
—Richard Brody, The New Yorker

HUMAN CAPITAL
(UNRATED, 110 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY PAOLO VIRZI
Human Capital begins at the end, as a cyclist is run off the road by a careening SUV the night before Christmas Eve. As details emerge of the events leading up to the accident, the lives of the well-to-do Bernaschi family, privileged and detached, will intertwine with the Ossolas, struggling to keep their comfortable middle-class life, in ways neither could have expected. Dino Ossola, in dire financial straits, anticipates the birth of twins with his second wife. Meanwhile, Dino’s teenage daughter’s relationship with hedge-fund manager Giovanni Bernaschi’s playboy son complicates an already tricky social dance of status, money and ambition. Observing transformative events from each character’s perspective, the film is a nuanced account of desire, greed and the value of human life in an age of rampant capitalism and financial manipulation. In Italian with English subtitles. 1/23/15-1/25/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“Not just a chic thriller, but an engrossing study of Italian society and a downward-spiralling economy.”
—Deborah Young, Hollywood Reporter

VIVA LA LIBERTA
(UNRATED, 94 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY ROBERTO ANDÒ
As the national election approaches, Enrico Oliveri has plummeted in the polls and his supporters and adversaries alike begin to acknowledge his impending downfall. Unwilling to face failure, Oliveri vanishes into the night. In a desperate move, his right hand man seeks out Oliveri’s twin brother, Giovanni Ernani, a prolific author and philosopher who is newly released from an insane asylum. Slowly and steadily, Giovanni insinuates himself into his brother’s public persona, impersonating Oliveri’s every tick and mannerism exquisitely. Giovanni quickly surpasses his brother’s political prowess with an eerie talent for rallying the masses through fearless and heroic speeches. As the film shifts between the failure of the sincere intellectual and the heroics of a madman, he probes the driving forces behind our contemporary global political reality leaving behind a rich web of questions. In Italian with English subtitles. 1/30/15-2/1/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“Blends political satire with gentle comedy, high concept with genuine warmth…. Well worth seeing for the performance, or more accurately, the performances of the estimable Toni Servillo, who plays twin brothers.”
—Film Journal International

POINT AND SHOOT
(UNRATED, 83 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY MARSHALL CURRY
In 2006, Matt Van Dyke, a timid 26-year-old, left home in Baltimore and set off on a self-described “crash course in manhood.” He bought a motorcycle and a video camera and began a three-year, 35,000-mile motorcycle trip through Northern Africa and the Middle East. While traveling, he struck up an unlikely friendship with a Libyan hippie, and when revolution broke out in Libya, Matt joined his friend in the fight against dictator Muammar Gaddafi. With a gun in one hand and a camera in the other, Matt fought in—and filmed—the war until he was captured by Gaddafi’s forces and held in solitary confinement for six months. Two-time Academy Award nominated documentary filmmaker Marshall Curry tells this harrowing and sometimes humorous story of a young man’s struggle for political revolution and personal transformation. 2/6/15-2/8/15. Friday 7:15; Saturday 4:15 & 7:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

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THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES (RATED PG-13, 144 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY PETER JACKSON
Bilbo and company are forced to engage in a war against an array of combatants and keep the terrifying Smaug from acquiring a kingdom of treasure and obliterating all of Middle-Earth. 1/2-1/11. Friday 7:00; Saturday 4:00 & 7:00; Sunday 2:00, 4:30 & 7:00.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB (RATED PG, 97 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY SHAWN LEVY
Larry spans the globe, uniting favorite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever. 1/2-1/11. Friday 7:30; Saturday 4:30 & 7:30; Sunday 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30.

At the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Village of Tannersville

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING (RATED PG-13, 123 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY JAMES MARSH
A look at the relationship between the famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife, Jane. 1/2-1/11. Friday 7:30; Saturday 4:00 & 7:30; Sunday 7:30

OTHER FILMS WE MAY SHOW

AMERICAN SNIPER (RATED R, 132 MINUTES)
BIG EYES (RATED PG-13, 105 MINUTES)
BIG HERO 6 (RATED PG, 102 MINUTES)
BLACKHAT (RATED R)
THE IMITATION GAME (RATED PG-13, 114 MINUTES)
INTO THE WOODS (RATED PG, 124 MINUTES)
MORTDECAI (NOT YET RATED)
PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR (RATED PG, 92 MINUTES)
SELMA (RATED PG-13, 127 MINUTES)
ST. VINCENT (RATED PG-13, 102 MINUTES)
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A GIRL WALKS HOME ALONE AT NIGHT 7:15 PM

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Around the World in 80 Minutes
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Acis and Galatea: A Baroque Opera by Handel
The Inspiration for “The Little Mermaid”

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“From its first notes, the quieter sounds of the strings and fortepiano were perfectly balanced, and dynamic changes were not less dramatic in the hands of these players. It was wonderful to hear such an ensemble.”
—Howard Vogel, The Woodstock Times, NY

Schoen Movement Company Showcase:
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—Andrew Boynton, The New Yorker

National Dance Institute Mountain Top Summer Residency Performance
“The Roots of American Dance”
7/18/2015 @ the Orpheum
The grand finale of NDI’s two-week summer mountaintop residency program for local schoolchildren.

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10/24/2015 (Date to be confirmed)
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