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On the cover: Russell Brook Falls, a destination on the Trout Pond Loop hike near Roscoe, is best seen after a good rain, when the falls are at their peak. For more easy hikes in the Catskills, please see Heather Rolland’s article on page 14. Photo by Heather Rolland

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Greene County Council on the Arts Celebrates 40 Years of Service to the Arts Community

Greene County Council on the Arts (GCCA) is hosting a 40th Anniversary Party on Saturday, October 3, 2015, from 1 to 5 pm at the Beattie-Powers Place located at the intersection of Bridge Street and Prospect Avenue in Catskill, NY. This special fundraiser will take the place of the annual Garden Party for this year and will have a different twist! Our 40th anniversary is truly something to celebrate and though 40 years is considered the “ruby anniversary” we at GCCA think of it as a “golden opportunity” as we reflect on our past accomplishments and look towards our future in promoting the arts in our community. Join GCCA members and friends for an early autumn gathering as the Greene County Council on the Arts celebrates 40 years of service to the arts community!

There will be great food, music and art! The menu will reflect the warming flavors of early autumn with gourmet chili, grilled delights and veggies, savory seasonal salads and fresh fruit pies and cobblers—all generously donated by regional restaurants and purveyors. Local wines and craft beers will be part of the festivities as well.

For your entertainment, Enrico Scull will invite Hudson Valley musicians to join him for an afternoon of acoustically charged music. Some musicians take this as an opportunity to play in front of a live audience for the very first time. Ever popular and ever changing in tempo and style, Enrico and friends prove music is for everyone!

GCCA kicks off our celebration with fantastic opportunities for GCCA artist members, who work in all mediums, to circulate their work and help support the arts for the next 40 years. Participating artists will be selected by a distinguished, non-member jury. The “40 Years/40 Artists” exhibit will showcase GCCA Artist Members’ original small (no larger than 5” x 7”) artwork, which will be available via silent auction at the party. All bids will start at $40, making original artwork affordable for the art collector and allows the artists to choose either a 100% donation or a 50% commission to GCCA. For some artists this may be the jump start to their career.

In addition to the special exhibit and silent auction each of the 40 selected works will be printed as a commemorative postcard set, available at a discount for advance purchase and printed in time for holiday gift giving and the Salon 2015 and Handmade Holidays exhibits. GCCA will offer the same artists the opportunity to get their work noticed through prints & group exhibitions. The jury will choose ten of the exhibiting artists to take part in a group show at GCCA in January 2016. A limited edition of archival prints will be made of each of the ten 5” x 7” art works chosen from the “40 Years/40 Artists” exhibit and will be available for purchase at Salon 2015.

There will be a People’s Choice Award, too. At the party, guests will cast votes for one of the selected artists to have a portfolio review or website consultation with a juror and a solo show at GCCA in January 2016. Five of the artists will be selected by the jury to be featured in our 40th anniversary campaign. A professional photographer will photograph each of the artists in their studios for...
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Since at GCCA we know an artist resides within all of us, there will be a “People’s Mural” for party guests of all ages to lend their own creativity. The mural will be on display at GCCA throughout its 40th anniversary year.

Since 1975 GCCA continues to keep the arts front and center, whether in a classroom, a concert hall, a gallery or a community space, or on the State and Federal level. Over a third of the GCCA budget is re-granted for cultural programming to professional arts and community organization, individual artists, and artists working in schools. The grant funding GCCA receives brings our tax dollars home and puts them back to work in our community. The balance supports GCCA gallery programs, youth programs, community revitalization initiatives, outreach, technical assistance, opportunities and information services, and a bi-monthly newspaper Arts Alive, which reports valuable cultural information for Greene, Columbia and Schoharie Counties.

Please join the Greene County Council on the Arts on Saturday, October 3, 2015 for our 40th Anniversary Party. Advance reservations are $30 for members and $40 for non members and $35/$45 at the door. Tickets include food and beverages. Children under the age of 15 are free! Please call 518 943 3400 or visit www.greenearts.org for more information and reservations. You may also make a contribution, join membership or download a sponsorship form.

Get noticed and get engaged with GCCA while supporting the arts and culture in our community! Help us make this an extraordinary day for an extraordinary organization. You too can help support the work of our artists, cultural organizations, and the Council’s leadership role in building a collaborative and creative community. Our work supports you and your quality of life.
Golden Dragon Acrobats
Sharing Ancient Practices with New Audiences:
Daring Feats of Balance, Spine-Tingling Contortionists,
Towers of Jugglers

The Catskill Mountain Foundation welcomes Golden Dragon Acrobats to the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center in Tannersville on Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 pm.

Observe, marvel and reflect on the 29 Chinese acrobats playing with balance, precision, coordination, flexibility and agility. The acrobats highlight inconceivable human body abilities that one might have never imagined possible.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will be a showcase for the visual senses, presenting a fast-paced, technologically innovative performance. The performance features award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance and spectacular costumes. The large athletic cast and awe-inspiring, glowing set designs allow the acrobats to present a show of unparalleled precision and breathtaking skill combined with colorful, heart-stopping beauty. The grace of the Chinese acrobats’ centuries-old traditions promises to fill the audience with suspense and adventure.

Recognized throughout the U.S. and abroad as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today, Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago.

The Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center is located at 6050 Main Street in the Village of Tannersville. Tickets purchased ahead are $25; $20 seniors; $7 students; at the door tickets are $30; $25 seniors; $7 students. Book-ahead ticket prices good up to 5 hours before the performance. For tickets or more information, please visit www.catskillmtn.org or call 518 263 2063.

Scottish Singer Julie Fowlis
A Treasure Trove of Gaelic Song

“A sublime and impassioned singer...”
—Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2/BBC 6Music

The Catskill Mountain Foundation welcomes Scottish singer Julie Fowlis to the Doctorow Center for the Arts in Tannersville on Saturday, October 10 at 8:00 pm.

Exuding romance, beauty and sorrow, Julie Fowlis shares Gaelic music and culture this fall at the Doctorow Center for the Arts. She is a groundbreaking artist, enticing new audiences worldwide with adaptations of songs from her native Scottish Gaelic tradition. This stylish, exuberant show is one for the entire community. The Scottish narratives and musical energy will be endless in this classy and evocative performance. Celebrate the unique textures and rhythms, whether you know Gaelic or not. You’ll be sure to find yourself stomping your feet and clapping your hands during this performance.

Julie Fowlis is backed by a subtle and classy acoustic trio: her husband, Eamon Doorley, playing bouzouki guitar; Tony Burne on guitar; and thoughtful fiddle work from Duncan Chisholm. Fowlis herself adds whistle and harmonium.

Widely popularized as the featured singer on the soundtrack to Pixar’s Brave, Julie is truly one of Scotland’s contemporary treasures.

The Doctorow Center for the Arts is located at 7971 Main Street in the Village of Hunter. Tickets purchased ahead are $25; $20 seniors; $7 students; at the door tickets are $30; $25 seniors; $7 students. Book-ahead ticket prices good up to 5 hours before the performance. For tickets or more information, please visit www.catskillmtn.org or call 518 263 2063.

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Bad News: Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Arkville & Highmount
The invasive pest Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in Arkville and Highmount, NY and given its spread pattern; it has the potential to be in many other areas of the Catskills as well.

In the near future, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) and the Catskill Center will be offering identification trainings in these newly-affected areas for ash trees and common lookalikes, EAB and its lookalikes, and EAB damage. These trainings will also discuss management efforts that homeowners can do on their own property to minimize damage and prolong the health of their ash trees. Details about these trainings will be forthcoming via email and the CRISP and Catskill Center websites. In the mean time, keep an eye out for EAB as well as the characteristic D-shaped exit holes they produce in ash trees.

If you have any questions about emerald ash borer, please contact Dan Snider at the Catskill Center. He is the CRISP Field Projects Manager and can be reached at 845 586 2611 or at dsnider@catskillcenter.org.

Work continues at Kaaterskill Falls
While projects are underway to enhance public safety and provide additional access to the popular Kaaterskill Falls area, access to the area is restricted 2015 hiking season. It is best to avoid this area for now and visit in 2016 when the improvement projects have been completed. Access to the falls will only be allowed from the Kaaterskill Falls trailhead located on NY Route 23A. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has prohibited public access past the wooden fences at the base of the falls. The Laurel House Road parking area near the top of the falls is closed and visitors have no access to the top of Kaaterskill Falls from the parking area for the remainder of the hiking season. Individuals found in construction areas will be ticketed by law enforcement personnel.

While the improvements are being made, visitors should avoid the falls area. The Catskill Center and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference have created a short guide to alternative hikes, waterfalls, swimming holes and more for visitors to enjoy throughout the Catskills. You can view that guide at www.catskillcenter.org/news/2015/7/10/kaaterskill-falls-alternatives.

Visit the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center
Opened this summer, the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center on Rt. 28 in the Ulster County Town of Shandaken is the gateway for visitors to Catskill Park and Forest Preserve to learn about the vast outdoor recreation opportunities in the area as well as to discover the region’s rich history and ecology.

Be sure to visit the Catskill Interpretive Center, now open seven days a week from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm to explore the interpretive exhibits, gather information and speak with knowledgeable staff about the recreational opportunities that are so abundant in the Catskill Park. You can also visit www.catskillinterpretivecenter.org or call 845 688 3369 for more information. The Interpretive Center is located at 5096 Route 28 in Mount Tremper.

Painting the Catskills Exhibit at the Erpf Gallery
Painting the Catskills will be on display at the Erpf Gallery through October 16, 2015, and will feature the Catskill landscape paintings of husband and wife painters Michael Herstand and Kamilla Talbot.

Kamilla Talbot and Michael Herstand split their time between the Catskills and Brooklyn. Six years ago they bought an
old farmhouse and barn in Harpersfield, in Delaware County, and have been inspired by the lush farmland surrounding them. Often working side-by-side, they influence and work off of each other.

Michael Herstand’s direct observation of nature is the force that drives his work. Foremost it is shape that interests him—the shapes of rocks, or an expanse of sky as it interlocks with the horizon. The process of transferring those shapes and forms to the proportion of the canvas elevates the design, or composition, to an important role. This two-dimensional “surface geometry” also projects into the perceived space of the canvas to create form. All the while he feels the rhythm, changing light and movement in the landscape.

Kamilla Talbot’s paintings explore painterly invention and particularity of place. Painting intuitively constructed landscapes; she searches for a metaphoric, poetic presence, rather than a literal representation of nature. In Ms. Talbot’s paintings, she has developed a vocabulary of flatness and abstraction which co-exists with the depiction of a perceived, representational space.

Painting the Catskills is on display through October 16. For more information, call the Catskill Center at 845 586 2611, e-mail kpalm@catskillcenter.org, or visit www.catskillcenter.org.

2015 Catskills Lark in the Park!
The 12th Annual Lark in the Park will offer exciting hiking, paddling, cycling, fishing, nature walks and lectures as well as cultural and educational events throughout the entire Catskill Region. From Saturday, October 3 through Monday, October 12, you can enjoy dozens of outdoor activities during the 10-day Lark celebration, sponsored by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Catskill Center, Catskill Mountain Club and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Lark in the Park was originally celebrated in 2004 when the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) called on the CMC to help them mark the 100th anniversary of
The Catskill Conservation Corps

The Catskill Conservation Corps (CCC) offers the easiest way for the public to volunteer on a multitude of stewardship projects throughout the Catskills. The CCC’s goal is to provide quality volunteer opportunities to the public on projects that protect natural resources and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the Catskills. Managed by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the CCC recruits and supervises volunteers to perform various stewardship tasks in conjunction with New York State’s efforts in the Catskills and the Catskill Park. To learn more about the Catskill Conservation Corps, find events and volunteer in the Catskills, please visit www.catskillconservationcorps.org.

Trail Conditions

Conditions can change quickly in the Catskills. 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 www.nynjtc.org/content/catskill-trails-updates.

Jeff Senterman is currently the Associate Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, a volunteer leader with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Catskill Interpretive Center. He was formerly the Trail Conference’s Catskills staff representative, and was an Assistant Forest Ranger for the DEC in Greene County. He graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Lyndon State College and worked for several years in the Environmental Planning field throughout New England.
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For many people around the world, the holiday season doesn’t really start until you’ve seen a performance of *The Nutcracker*. If you’re lucky enough to live in a metropolitan area, the opportunities to see staged versions of the ballet are endless. In more rural areas, such opportunities are a little bit more scarce. Even more scarce—no matter where you live—are opportunities for local adults and children to dance alongside professional dancers, in a fully staged version of the perennial holiday favorite.

This year, the Catskill Mountain Foundation, along with esteemed dancers and instructors Valentina Kozlova, Margo Sappington, and Victoria Rinaldi, are forming an exciting new partnership to give the mountaintop the ultimate holiday gift: the opportunity to participate in a professionally staged version of *The Nutcracker*. If being on stage is not your thing, that’s OK, you still get a present: you can be one of the lucky ones sitting in the theater, watching your friends and family participate in the magic of this special production. The performances will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm at the Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Orpheum Film and Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Village of Tannersville. Auditions for background roles in Act I will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 2 to 4 pm in the Red Barn on Main Street in Hunter.

**About The Nutcracker**

With a libretto based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffman, music by Tchaikovsky and classic choreography by Maurice Pétipa, *The Nutcracker* tells the story of little Clara, who receives the gift of a Nutcracker soldier from her godfather, the magician Herr Drosselmeyer, at a Christmas party. Clara’s brother, doing what brothers tend to do, promptly breaks her new toy. Her godfather repairs it, but of course Clara is still worried: after the party is over and the household has gone to sleep, Clara sneaks downstairs to check on the little fellow. At the stroke of midnight, strange things start to happen: the Christmas tree grows to an enormous height and all of Clara’s toys begin to come to life. Suddenly, the room is filled with an army of mice, led by their Mouse King. Clara’s Nutcracker comes to life and leads his soldiers in a fierce battle against the mice. Just as it looks as if the Nutcracker is going to be vanquished by the mice, Clara throws her slipper at the Mouse King’s head, dropping him to the floor.

We then begin Act II, where the Nutcracker has transformed into a handsome prince and leads Clara on a magical journey through the Lands of Snow and Sweets. The journey caps off with a magical pas de deux between the Sugar Plum Fairy and...
the Prince. This pas de deux contains perhaps one of the most iconic moments in ballet history: the solo “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.”

The Dance Stars Behind the Performance

Valentina Kozlova, Margo Sappington, and Victoria Rinaldi are long-time friends and dance colleagues whose illustrious careers both as solo dancers and collaborators have taken them around the world and garnered accolades from near and far. The three may have trained as dancers in different worlds, but together they created a trio that is still making waves today.

A Soviet-born Russian American ballerina, Valentina Kozlova defected to the United States in 1979, while on tour as a young principal dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet. She became a principal dancer with New York City Ballet, opened her own ballet school, and founded the Valentina Kozlova International Ballet Competition. Best known as a lyrical and expressive ballerina, Kozlova is also renowned as a private coach, producing students who have gone on to garner prestigious prizes and positions in companies such as Boston Ballet and American Ballet Theatre.

Born and raised in a small town in Texas, Margo Sappington joined the Joffrey Ballet in 1965 at the personal request of the company’s founder, Robert Joffrey. In 1969 she co-wrote, choreographed, and performed in the original off-Broadway musical Oh! Calcutta!, and in 1971 choreographed her first ballet. She was nominated in 1975 for both a Tony Award as Best Choreographer and a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Choreography for her work on the play Where’s Charley?. In 1988, her ballet Virgin Forest was the subject of an award-winning documentary by PBS. In 2005 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award for choreography from the Joffrey Ballet.

Growing up just outside of Washington, DC, Victoria Rinaldi had her pick of dance teachers to help nurture her talent. Determined to become a ballerina by age three, by eight she was enrolled in one of the best ballet schools in the Washington Metropolitan area. She launched her career with the Washington Ballet, where she had the good fortune to work with renowned choreographer Choo San Goh. From there she moved on to the New York City Opera, where she remained for the next decade performing as a guest artist with ballet companies all over the world and featured in the show On Your Toes (where she met the woman who was to become her best friend, Valentina Kozlova). In 1989 she ventured across the plaza to the Metropolitan Opera.
where she was offered a full time contract and where she stayed for the next 13 years. She now devotes her time to training young local dancers, including Mountain Top local Justin Valentine, whom she met while taking a ballet class in Saugerties.

The three dancers first came together in 1995, when Kozlova decided to form a dance company, The Daring Project. Almost immediately the trio took to each other, and it showed through their work. Sappington played off of the dynamic that Kozlova and Rinaldi had developed: “Valentina’s gorgeous and elegant, and drop dead beautiful—a prima ballerina. Vicki is this effervescent character. I could use them as foils, and they knew each other so well that I could do things with the two of them playing off each other, and it was lots of fun.” The Daring Project was a special feat, and a unique one. The programs included traditional pas de deux in the first act and Sappington’s more modern, neoclassical, customized choreography in the second, the latter usually danced to pop music. According to Rinaldi, this is what you always hope for as a dancer, “…to have fantastic material choreographed on you, and I got that rare opportunity with Margo Sappington … one moment you’d be dancing to tango-like movement en pointe, the next you’d be doing jazz in the fifties en pointe.”

Join the Magic of the Production!

In this production, Valentina Kozlova will stage the snow scene and second act, inspired by the Bolshoi Ballet production of her youth. Margo Sappington will play the role of Auntie Drosselmeyer and Victoria Rinaldi will stage the party scene, the battle, the second act angels and Mother Ginger cast from local talented children. The major dance scenes will be performed the week before at Symphony Space in New York City, before the company travels to Tannersville. Several of the major roles—including Clara, Nutcracker Prince, Arabian Dance and the Sugar Plum Fairy’s Cavalier—will actually be danced by local children who study with Victoria Rinaldi on the mountain top.

It’s the local participation of both children and adults in Act I that makes this production of The Nutcracker stand out from the rest. Don’t miss your chance to be part of Mountain Top history, working with incredible dancers and choreographers to create a magical new holiday tradition. The production is looking for party children, party parents (adults), toy soldiers, mice, and angels to be part of the magic of the holiday season. No dance experience is needed, but performers will need to be musical, comfortable on stage, able to take direction and be ready to have fun!

Auditions will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 2 to 4 pm in the Red Barn on Main Street in Hunter. For more information about the audition process, please contact Cara Dantzig at 518 263 2001 or dantzigc@catskillmtn.org. Tickets for the performances on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 are available at www.catskillmtn.org or by calling 518 263 2063.
If you’ve driven through Tannersville recently, you might have noticed that the old Smiley’s Ice Cream Stand has re-opened as a popular burger and ice cream restaurant called Mama’s Boy Burgers. Mama’s Boy Burgers opened at the end of May and is quickly becoming the “go to” place in Tannersville for hamburgers, ice cream and a little people watching.

The new owner, Michael Koegel, who also owns Mama’s Boy Coffee Shop in Phoenicia, has transformed the space that had been empty for a few years, into a bright, retro-style restaurant, complete with picnic tables, red umbrellas, neon lights, and a giant ice cream cone on the roof.

Serving local, grass-fed black Angus beef from JFJ Farms in East Jewett, Mama’s Boy Burgers has been hugely popular, with customers oftentimes standing in line on weekends to get their fix. Customers can choose from a variety of “concept burgers” like the Devil’s Tombstone, Mama’s Boy’s take on a double cheeseburger; or the Big Daddy with bleu cheese, bacon, caramelized onions and their house sauce.

You can also “build your own burger” and choose from a variety of gourmet toppings including guacamole, jalapeño bacon, fried eggs, plus a variety of sauces, all of which are made in house. In addition, their onion rings and french fries are made fresh daily on the premises.

“It was really important for me to surpass peoples’ expectations of what they’re going to get when they stop at a roadside burger joint,” adds Koegel. “When you see the place it looks like a roadhouse burger joint and ice cream stand, but then you look a little closer and see the quality and all of the detail and you know you’re in good hands. And then your burger arrives, and you’re really glad you stopped in.”

All Mama’s Boy Burgers are made from black Angus beef that comes from JFJ Farms in East Jewett, less than five miles away from the restaurant. Many of their cheeses come from Hudson and Cooperstown. They also serve Jane’s Ice Cream which is made in Kingston. Mama’s Boy’s soft-serve ice cream is actually old-fashioned frozen custard, which contains eggs and a hefty 12% butterfat. It’s thick and creamy and hard to find, and it’s available in 26 flavors including German Chocolate Cake, Black Cherry and even Root Beer.

So far the restaurant has gotten a lot of attention; they’ve been singled out by Food and Wine magazine, New York Magazine, FED Guides, and a slew of local press and on-line publications. “I’m getting people who come in three and four times a week for a meal, and people are making special trips up from Kingston, Saugerties and even Connecticut, just for one of our burgers,” says Koegel “We use only local grass-fed beef; no pre-made burger patties off the back of a delivery truck, no frozen french fries. People can really taste the difference and they tell me so every day.”

But Koegel isn’t letting the attention distract him from the challenges of opening a year round restaurant on the mountaintop. “My goal is to serve quality food that both locals and tourists will find appealing and affordable,” says Koegel. “It’s also essential to have repeat business from the local community; they’re the folks who’ll hopefully be showing up on a Tuesday night in November. Without the support of the locals you can’t survive.”

Mama’s Boy Burgers is located at 6067 Main Street in Tannersville. For more information, call them at 518 589 MOMS. Mama’s Boy Coffee Shop is located at 7 Church Street in Phoenicia. For more information, call 845 688 3050. Visit www.MamasBoyCatskills.com to see the menus and hours for both locations.
Every region has its myths and urban, or in this case rural, legends. No, not Rip Van Winkle or Dutch Schultz’s gold, although both of those local legends make for great reading. Trail legends, hiking stories, and about some beliefs about the Catskill trails that have been repeated so often as to be taken as gospel are what we’re out to disprove. Born of ignorance or a snippet of truth that’s grown to be widely accepted despite being inaccurate, these beliefs seem awfully easy to create but resistant to truth telling. Time to set pen to paper and bust those myths!

Myth #1: “There is a shortage of trails located in close proximity to villages.”

Obviously, this begs the question—What is the right number of trails near villages? Is one in each village enough? And what counts as a trail? For some hardcore hiking aficionados, rail trails would not count because they aren’t exclusively hiking trails. Many rail trails are multi-use trails, and are often popular for biking or other types of getting around. Roller skis, roller blades, you name it, I’ve seen it on a rail trail! Rail trails are seen by some as “too easy” and not wilderness-y enough to qualify as hiking trails. On the other hand, some folks feel that anything any more challenging than a rail trail is “too hard” and not really accessible for the general public. It’s an interesting question: what would you count as a trail and what would you dismiss?

Rather than getting bogged down in the best working definition of a hiking trail, I used the following criteria to determine whether or not a village could claim a trail: standing in the center of town, can an average adult go for a stroll that is not on sidewalks, but rather in “nature” to some degree, without needing a vehicle to get to the starting point? My limit for distance from town center was roughly one mile. Town, state, private preserve, rail trail, hiking trail, etc….I included every trail that is open to the public. Hard trails, easy trails, lovely trails and trails that could use a little love, I did a head count. I looked at villages and towns in Ulster, Delaware, Greene and Sullivan Counties. And here are the results:

Over twenty-two villages in the four Catskill counties boast trails within a “reasonable” walking distance from the center of town. I included any village in the four counties, rather than limiting the list to those inside the blue line, so some of the fol-
lowing places are not actually inside the Catskill Park. But they are very much in our region, and great places to visit—maybe on the way to your weekend getaway, or as a day trip while you’re staying in the Catskills. In fact, Sullivan County has so many great opportunities, they need their own article, and I need a few months to conduct research! Let’s take a closer look at a few highlights:

**Haines Falls**
Kaaterskill Rail Trail is an easy, short walk from the Mountaintop Historical Society property in Haines Falls. Due to the proximity of Haines Falls, Tannersville, and Hunter, this trail is *almost* walkable from more than one village! A sweet little rail trail it is, offering a couple of miles of easy woodland strolling. When the improvements are completed at Kaaterskill Falls, this rail trail will be a great way to visit the quaint towns, get a little exercise, and see the falls, all in one trip!  

**Woodstock**
Overlook Mountain may be a short drive up the hill from town, but right in the village you can go for a stroll at the Comeau property. Popular with locals, this Woodstock Land Conservancy property is a true village gem.  
www.woodstocklandconservancy.org/index.php/land-protection/land-we-have-protected

**Phoenicia**
Tucked behind the post office, the Tan Bark Trail is a wonderful option for a short but slightly more rigorous outing. You’ll be rewarded with spectacular views of the village at the top.  

**Pine Hill**
The stroll along abandoned railroad tracks from the Pine Hill Lake Day Use Area to the center of town and back is just under a mile, but it is fun and fascinating. Check out the melted glass along the top of the brick wall! Giggle Hollow to The Cathedral Glen Trail along the unused RR tracks.  
www.catskillhiker.net/Trails/trails_cats.shtml#giggle

**Margaretville**
A trail you can walk to from the Freshtown Parking Lot? You bet! Hike up Pakatakan Mountain or just stroll out and back for a few minutes—the Dry Brook Trail (dry as in *drei*, meaning three in German, referring to the three bridges [*brücke*] that crossed the creek in this area) wanders through varied and gorgeous woodlands as it ascends the ridge.  
www.catskillhiker.net/Trails/trails_cats.shtml#drybrookmargaretville

**Prattsville**
On Route 23 in Greene County, Prattsville owes its name to Zadock Pratt, and Pratt Rocks was his creation. Relief carvings in the rock face memorialize the town’s history and provide a totally cool attraction for kids and adults alike. You won’t even notice that you’re walking uphill until you see that amazing view.  
www.greatnorthern catskills.com/outdoors/pratt-rock-new-yorks-mount-rushmore

**Andes Rail Trail**
Andes is an adorable little village and the Andes rail trail is an adorable little rail trail. Bring binoculars and check out the wildlife: you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the resident beaver down in the pond below.  
www.andesworks.com/rail-trail/

**Ellenville**
Smiley Carriageway offers a magical place—an old quartz crystal mine—just a few minutes of easy walking from the trailhead. The trail winds uphill and takes you to the open viewpoint at Napanoche point in a few miles, but those first five minutes are great fun for anyone in the mood for a treasure hunt.  
www.localhikes.com/HikeData.asp?ID=4207
Catskill Scenic Trail

Bloomville, South Kortright, Stamford, Hobart, Grand Gorge, and Roxbury all have trailheads and parking available for access to the Catskill Scenic Trail. Do a little or a lot! Walk, ride a horse, bicycle, jog, or ride your snowmobile in the winter—this fabulous trail runs in a U shape from Bloomville to Roxbury. Miles of gorgeous scenery alongside the Delaware River, through lovely villages, and quiet farmland make this trail a real treat.


The complete list:

Ellenville, Napanoch, High Falls, Rosendale, New Paltz, Hurley, Saugerties, Palenville, Haines Falls, Hunter, Windham, Prattsville, Grand Gorge, Stamford, Woodstock, Phoenicia, Pine Hill, Margaretville, Andes, Fallsburg, Long Eddy, and Delhi. And I’m sure I missed a few! And if you add trails that are within five miles of a village (thus a short drive) the number of trails goes up dramatically. Myth = busted. Nearly every single village in the Catskills offers a way to get out on a trail without getting into your car!

Myth #2: “There are no easy trails in the Catskills. Everything goes straight up.”

First and foremost, honor your abilities and don’t overdo it. If a trail really is too hard today, that’s ok. Your mood, the humidity, even how well you slept last night can impact how much energy you have on any given hike. If today isn’t your day, so be it. The mountains will be there when you are ready to try again. That said, strength, balance, endurance, and enjoyment can increase significantly if you start slowly and challenge yourself gently but consistently. The ability to tolerate and even enjoy a tough hike grows if you keep at it. You can try any trail that sounds appealing—just turn around when you feel you’ve done enough for one day. Work up to those harder hikes, if you’d like to, one step at a time.

You might not get that classic Catskills whiff of fresh balsams if you want to stay in the flats where the lion’s share of easy hikes are, but you can get water! Many of the easier trails in the Catskills wander alongside gorgeous lakes or ponds, or babbling brooks. Some of the waterfalls are accessed from relatively flat trails, and some of the super flat and easy trails even offer superb views of the surrounding peaks. Some of these easy trails are easily accessed from the villages listed above (yup—double myth busting with one great trail!) and some are quite remote. Here’s a quick list:

Mead’s Meadow, Woodstock

A great place to go, an excellent place to be! Mead’s “Magic” Meadow is a quiet contemplative spot and I happened to visit it when the mountain laurels were in bloom—aim for Father’s Day weekend for a fabulous treat. Stroll around the meadow, have a picnic, and just chill out. Perfect for a short walk and a long visit! Parking on Mead’s Mountain Road, just past the Overlook Mountain Parking Area.

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24478.html

The Catskill Interpretive Center loop trail and sculpture park, Mount Tremper, NY

The newly opened CIC is a great place to visit, and if you want to stretch your legs, look no further! Stroll around the short, flat, and picturesque loop trail or get up close and personal with the sculptures in the sculpture park out front.

www.catskillinterpretivecenter.org

Catskill Scenic Trail, Bloomville or Roxbury, NY

26 miles of flat, easy, lovely trail to hike-bike-ski-stroll, with access to a number of nifty villages


The Windham Path, Windham, NY

Such a great new addition to the local, village-based, easy trail collection! The Windham Path is excellent for walking, jogging, and snowshoeing, and the trail system there is growing. Check out the beautiful bridge; it’s truly a work of art.

www.greatnortherncatskills.com/outdoors/windham-path
The Catskill Mountain Foundation presents

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A Pastoral by Handel

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“Acis and Galatea” is part of “American Masquerade,” a project of Mainly Greene whose members include Catskill Mountain Foundation, Greene County Council on the Arts, Prattsville Art Center and Zadock Pratt Museum. It is funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts REDC initiative with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and private donations.

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Directed by Stephen Hamilton
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* Recommended for children grade 5 and up
**Trout Pond Loop, Roscoe, NY**
Compared to Frick Pond the Trout Pond Loop is a little bit longer and has a slightly more “deep woods” feel. Extend you hike by adding Mud Pond to your loop, or just stick with Trout Pond for a shorter outing.  
www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/77168.html

**Rochester Hollow, Shandaken, NY**
This trail has so much to offer in a short, gently climbing 3.5 miles. This isn’t a pancake-flat trail, but still qualifies as easy.  

**Vernooy Kill Falls, Samsonville, NY**
From Trail’s End Road, the trail to Vernooy Kill Falls is a flat, easy .9 miles. However, finding the parking area at the end of Trail’s End road might take a little effort! A good map of the area will show the road and parking area clearly.

### Some Basics
Carry it out—**all of it**. Assume that all of these places will not have garbage cans available and carry all your trash out with you.

**Know before you go—double check the weather and be prepared with proper footwear and gear. Be sure you have a trail map or other resource to help you stay oriented. And double check the rules and regulations, especially regarding dogs.**

**Maps and Other Resources**
NYS DEC’s website is a great resource and this summary page contains links to a number of the hikes mentioned above: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/77168.html

Check out Catskill Mountaineer’s picks for best hikes in the Catskills, organized and cross referenced for features and hiking ability at [www.catskillmountaineer.com/hiking-CMBH25.html](http://www.catskillmountaineer.com/hiking-CMBH25.html), and Catskill Hiker’s extensive cross referenced list of trails: [www.catskillhiker.net/Trails/trails_cats.shtml](http://www.catskillhiker.net/Trails/trails_cats.shtml). For Sullivan County, the Trailkeeper.org website is the resource you need.

Maps and guidebooks are available at a number of retailers around the area: Kenco in Kingston, Olive’s store in Shokan, The Storehouse in Phoenicia, Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor, The Egg’s Nest in Phoenicia, and others.


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**Additional Easy Hikes**
**Kelly Hollow, Hardenburgh, NY:** Very gently rolling nested loop trails showcasing a beaver pond, waterfall, and lean to.
www.dec.ny.gov/lands/9152.html

**North-South Lake Loop Trail, Haines Falls, NY:** This level loop takes you around the lakes, past the fun rock sculptures, and the swimming beach. Stop mid-hike to take a quick dip! www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24487.html

**Elm Ridge Multi-Use Trails, Windham, NY:** The new mountain bike trails in the Elm Ridge Wild Forest make for wonderful easy hiking – very gently rolling, gorgeous, and full of wildlife and wildflowers, as well as lovely old stone fences and foundations. www.dec.ny.gov/lands/72784.html

**Kaaterskill Rail Trail, Haines Falls, NY:** See above for a description.

**Frick Pond Loop, Livingston Manor, NY:** A picture perfect little hike, with boardwalks over boggy sections (slippery when wet!) and glorious views of the pond.
www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/77168.html (for easy trails around lakes and ponds, scroll down to the bottom section)

**Outside the Catskill Park, but Nearby**
**Saugerties Lighthouse, Saugerties, NY:** Another pleasantly easy walk, easily walkable from the bustling and hip village of Saugerties. www.saugertieslighthouse.com/visiting/day/

**West Branch Nature Preserve, Hamden, NY:** Not walkable from any village, but don’t let that stop you! This preserve is for your Delaware County To Do list. Both easy and more challenging trails are available here. www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newyork/places-preserves/eny-west-branch-nature-preserve.xml

**SUNY Delhi Outdoor Education Park, Delhi, NY:** Looking for the perfect place to take an easy walk with a leashed pup? So peaceful down by the Delaware River, full of interpretive exhibits and a veritable warren of trails, this place is wonderfully quiet and serene. www.catskillmtn.org/guide-magazine/articles/2007-04-10-000-steps-into-nature.html

**Crystal Lake Wild Forest, Fremont, NY:** A 1.3 mile easy loop trail, a lake to fish in, camp sites available – Crystal Lake is an undiscovered gem in the DEC’s Catskill crown. www.dec.ny.gov/lands/79594.html
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Oscar winning Director Daniel Junge and Oscar Nominated Director Kief Davidson take us on a journey through the LEGO® brand, like you have never seen before. They explore the brick that has captured imaginations for generations and look at the fundamental question: is it a toy or something more? A LEGO Brickumentary delves into the extraordinary impact of the LEGO brick and the innovative uses for it that have sprung up all over the world. The narrative takes us through art galleries full of LEGO creations, introduces us to Master Builders designing and creating life-sized LEGO models (as well as those who employ LEGO bricks to create their own films), leads us into the world of LEGO therapy and brings us along to meet Adult Fans of LEGO (AFOLS), each with amazing stories to tell. Through 9/3. Wednesday-Thursday 7:15

KAHLIL GIBRAN’S THE PROPHET
(RATED PG, 84 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY ROGER ALLERS AND GAËTAN BRIZZI
Written and directed by Roger Allers (The Lion King), the film intersperses Gibran’s elegant poetry with stunning animated sequences by filmmakers Tomm Moore, Nina Paley, Bill Plympton, and a host of award-winning animators from around the world. Set in a Mediterranean sea-side village, Kamila cleans house for exiled artist and poet Mustafa, but the more difficult job is keeping her free-spirited young daughter out of trouble. The three embark on a journey meant to end with Mustafa’s return home—but first they must evade the authorities who fear that the truth in his words will incite rebellion. Featuring music from Damien Rice, Glen Hansard and Yo-Yo Ma.
9/4-9/7. Friday 7:15 & 9:15; Saturday 4:15, 7:15 & 9:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15; Monday 7:15

“A work of essential spiritual enlightenment”
—Peter Debruge, Variety
STEVE JOBS: THE MAN IN THE MACHINE
(UNRATED, 120 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY ALEX GIBNEY
In his signature black turtleneck and blue jeans, Steve Jobs’ image was ubiquitous. But who was the man on the stage under the giant iPhones? Oscar-winning director Alex Gibney presents a critical examination of Jobs, revered both as an ironclastic genius and denounced as a barbed-tongued tyrant. The film is a candid telling of the Apple legend through interviews with a handful of those close to Jobs at different stages in his life, and examines the endurance of his values which continue to shape the culture of Silicon Valley to this day.

9/11-9/13. Friday 7:15 & 9:30; Saturday 4:15, 7:15 & 9:30; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“Like he did with Scientology in Going Clear, Gibney peels back the complex layers surrounding the man. A film worth seeing and talking about…. ”
—Huffington Post

CARTEL LAND
(RATED R, 98 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY MATTHEW HEINEMAN
With unprecedented access, Cartel Land is a riveting, on-the-ground look at the journeys of two modern-day vigilante groups and their shared enemy: the murderous Mexican drug cartels. In the Mexican state of Michoacán, a small-town physician known as “El Doctor” leads a citizen uprising against the violent Knights Templar drug cartel that has wreaked havoc on the region for years. Meanwhile, in Arizona, Tim “Nailer” Foley, an American veteran, heads a small paramilitary group called Arizona Border Recon, whose goal is to stop Mexico’s drug wars from seeping across our border. Filmmaker Matthew Heineman embeds himself in the heart of darkness as Nailer, El Doctor, and the cartel each vie to bring their own brand of justice to a society where institutions have failed.

10/2-10/4. Friday 7:15 & 9:15; Saturday 4:15, 7:15 & 9:15; Sunday 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15

“One of the year’s most important documentaries.”
—Vulture

PAUL TAYLOR: CREATIVE DOMAIN
(UNRATED, 86 MINUTES)
DIRECTED BY KATE GEISS
Paul Taylor is one of the dance world’s most elusive and respected choreographers. For over 50 years he has only given glimpses into his creative process, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance. The film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance, this film is an unprecedented exploration of how Mr. Taylor creates a single dance.

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Ticket Prices (Screens 2 & 3, and the Orpheum): $9 / $7 seniors & children under 11

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MINIONS (RATED PG, 91 MINUTES)
Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world. 9/4-9/7. 2D SHOWTIMES: Saturday 4:00; Sunday 2:00. 3D SHOWTIMES: Friday-Saturday 7:00 & 9:00; Sunday 4:00, 7:00 & 9:00; Monday 7:00. 9/11-9/13. 2D SHOWTIMES: Saturday 4:00; Sunday 2:00. 3D SHOWTIMES: Friday-Saturday 7:00 & 9:00; Sunday 4:00, 7:00 & 9:00

IRRATIONAL MAN (RATED R, 95 MINUTES)
A tormented philosophy professor finds a will to live when he commits an existential act. 9/4-9/7. Friday 7:30 & 9:30; Saturday 4:30, 7:30 & 9:30; Sunday 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30; Monday 7:30

RICKI AND THE FLASH (RATED PG-13, 101 MINUTES)
A musician who gave up everything for her dream of rock-and-roll stardom returns home, looking to make things right with her family. 9/11-9/13. Friday 7:30 & 9:30; Saturday 4:30, 7:30 & 9:30; Sunday 2:30, 5:00 & 7:30

INFINITELY POLAR BEAR (DIRECTED BY MAYA FORBES) (RATED R, 90 MINUTES)
A manic-depressive mess of a father tries to win back his wife by attempting to take full responsibility of their two young, spirited daughters, who don’t make the overwhelming task any easier. 9/2-9/7. Wednesday-Thursday 7:30; Friday 7:30 & 9:30; Saturday 4:00, 7:00 & 9:15; Monday 7:30

THE END OF THE TOUR (DIRECTED BY JAMES PONSOLDT) (RATED R, 106 MINUTES)
The story of the five-day interview between Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky and acclaimed novelist David Foster Wallace, which took place right after the 1996 publication of Wallace’s groundbreaking epic novel, Infinite Jest. 9/25-9/27. Friday 7:30 & 9:30; Saturday 4:00, 7:00 & 9:15; Sunday 7:30
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### SEPTEMBER 2015 MOVIES & EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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Tickets purchased ahead:
$25; $20 seniors; $7 students

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CLASSICAL
Berkshire Bach Ensemble:
A Catskills Debut
Featuring World-Renowned Harpsichordist
Kenneth Cooper
6/13/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
“So great was the rhythmic swing, pictorial effect and overall vitality that listeners near the stage seemed in danger at times of having the music dance right into their laps.”
—Berkshire Eagle

Manhattan in the Mountains:
The Human Face of Klezmer
David Krakauer, Clarinet
7/25/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
“David Krakauer is such an overwhelmingly expressive clarinetist who moves so seamlessly between different genres that for a minute you’d almost think that there’s no appreciable difference between jazz, klezmer and formal classical music.”
—The Wall Street Journal, September 26, 2013

Manhattan in the Mountains:
Around the World in 80 Minutes
8/1/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts

Acis and Galatea: A Baroque Opera by Handel
The Inspiration for “The Little Mermaid”
Four Nations Ensemble
9/6/2015 7:30 pm @ the Orpheum
“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

Windham Festival Chamber Orchestra: Mostly Mozart
Featuring Mozartean Pianist, Anna Polonsky
Robert Manno, Conductor
11/28/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
“It was an evening of exciting musical joy and the standing ovation at the end gave expression to it.”
—John Paul Keeler, Columbia-Greene Media, reviewing the 2013 concert by the Windham Festival Chamber Orchestra at the CMF

DANCE
“American Dream” Featuring Talented Student Dancers of American Dance Stars
Victoria Rinaldi and Valentina Kozlova
4/11/2015 7:30 pm @ the Orpheum

National Dance Institute Mountain Top Summer Residency Performance
“The Roots of American Dance”
7/18/2015 7:00 pm @ the Orpheum

Gallim Dance Company:
Tough, Resilient, Eye-Catching Movement
10/24/2015 7:30 pm @ the Orpheum

The Nutcracker
12/12/2015 7:30 pm & 12/13/2015 2:00 pm @ the Orpheum

More Info/Reservations: www.catskillmtn.org or 518 263 2063

Tickets on sale now!
CONCERTS & CONVERSATIONS

LECTURES
“Clara and Robert”
with Musicologist Dr. Jeffrey Langford & Pianist Dr. Joanne Polk
6/6/2015 2:30 pm @ the Piano Performance Museum, Doctorow Center for the Arts
The music and history of Clara and Robert Schumann.

“Felix and Fanny”
with Musicologist Dr. Jeffrey Langford & Pianist Dr. Joanne Polk
7/18/2015 2:30 pm @ the Piano Performance Museum, Doctorow Center for the Arts
The music and history of Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn.

“The Viennese Fortepiano Builder Conrad Graf”
with Piano Restorer & Music History Professor Edward Swenson, accompanied by demonstrations on his Graf Concert Fortepiano, Opus 1389, Vienna, ca. 1826
8/22/2015 2:30 pm @ the Piano Performance Museum, Doctorow Center for the Arts
Piano restorer and music history professor Edward Swenson will lead a lecture/demonstration about famous piano maker Conrad Graf, whose famous customers included Beethoven, Schubert, the Schumann and Mendelssohn families, Chopin and Liszt.

Lecture/Demonstration with Andrew Willis
8/23/2015 2:30 pm @ the Piano Performance Museum, Doctorow Center for the Arts
For several decades Andrew Willis has explored the historical development of keyboard instruments and their performance practice.

WORLD MUSIC, BLUES, JAZZ & FOLK

Guy Davis with Professor Louie and the Crowmatix and Guests
2/28/2015 7:30 pm @ the Orpheum
“If the earthy power of Guy Davis’s sandpaper vocals doesn’t grab your attention and the resonance of his acoustic-guitar strings doesn’t turn your head, you need to make sure you’re still alive….”
—Robert Gordon

OMNY Taiko Drummers:
Celebrate the 4th of July with a Bang!
7/4/2015 6:00 pm @ the Orpheum
“Art, music, connection, these things are as old as the hills.”
—Amanda Palmer

Down with the Rent: Folk Songs from the Anti-Rent Era
8/9/2015 2:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts

Dom Flemons Trio: The “American Songster”
8/29/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
“I left Arizona because I knew the music would take me somewhere – but I had no idea!”

Scottish Singer Julie Fowlis
A Treasure Trove of Gaelic Song
10/10/2015 8:00 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
“A sublime and impassioned singer…”
—Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2 / BBC 6Music

FILM
With three screens in the Doctorow Center for the Arts in Hunter and one screen at the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center in Tannersville, the Mountain Cinema shows the best Hollywood, foreign and independent films. We also now have 3D capability on Screen 1 at the Doctorow Center for the Arts.

STUDIO ARTS
At the Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts this summer, we will offer courses in ceramics, mosaics, Chinese brush paintings, landscape paintings and printmaking. Check out the 2015 courses and register today at www.sugarmaples.org.

VISUAL & LITERARY ARTS
The Kaaterskill Fine Arts & Crafts Gallery in Hunter Village Square offers unique handcrafted originals by Catskills’ artisans. The Gallery also features solo and group exhibits of individual area artists. Located in a corner of the gallery, the Corner Bookshop sells an inventory that includes 5,000 titles of Catskills’ history, literary fiction, poetry, drama, mystery, and children’s books.

FAMILY
Golden Dragon Acrobats
Sharing Ancient Practices with New Audiences
10/3/2015 7:30 pm @ the Orpheum
Observe, marvel and reflect on the 29 Chinese acrobats playing with balance, precision, coordination, flexibility and agility. The acrobats highlight inconceivable human body abilities that one might have never imagined possible.

Aladdin and His Lamp: National Marionette Theater
10/24/2015 3:30 pm @ the Doctorow Center for the Arts
Come Home to the Catskill Region

BIG VIEWS...BIG SKY... TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN
Main cabin, cottage and a game barn. Total of 6 bedrooms and 5 baths. All new exquisite finishes throughout. Situated on 12 level and useable acres in Stamford, NY. Ski, hunt, hike or just daydream.

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Stunning Catskill Cabin Compound

BEAUTIFUL, WELL-MAINTAINED HOME on 6.56 acres. Feel right at home in this bright and airy house, located in Schoharie County. Enjoy the views and see the sunlight pour into the living room. Picture yourself warming up on a chilly night with the three-sided gas fireplace. Attached suite has a separate living room, bedroom/bath. Partially finished walk-out basement. 2-car garage. Borders nearly 10,000 acres of state land.

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Comfortable Country Living

PEACEFUL SETTING – This custom-built four-bedroom, two-and-one-half bath home in Jefferson is private, yet easily accessible. The spacious house, in a park-like setting, offers 3,000 square feet of living space. The five-acre property is close to numerous ski resorts.

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THIS CIRCA 1830S COLONIAL located in Roxbury, NY features a custom kitchen, two fireplaces and large rooms throughout this 4,256-square-foot home. Offers three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths. The five-acre parcel includes a fenced-in pool.

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Southern Colonial Style Home

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