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Colorful symmetrical designs by Donna Mikkelson enliven what is now known as the Art Wall.

Photo by Donna Mikkelson



Donna Mikkelson works on her contribution to the Art Wall.

Photo provided

The Best-Looking Wall in Beacon

Artists add some funk to the functional

By Alison Rooney

Where you see green plywood hiding a construction site, artists see a blank canvas. The fencing had been constructed on Wolcott Avenue near Beacon Street to block off the future site of the West End Lofts. It started a conversation among a number of visual artists and led Donna Mikkelson to contact the nonprofit Beacon Arts, which helped her bring the idea to developer Sean Kearney.

Kearney agreed to let the dark green wall become

a public canvas and suggested inviting more artists to participate. He also provided financial support, including money for paint, Mikkelson said.

With the criteria of being able to work fast and to produce art with a positive message, Mikkelson and Rick Rogers, president of BeaconArts, recruited Ron English, Kalene Rivers and Dan Weise to transform the fencing with them.

The results, dubbed the Art Wall, will be celebrated at the fence on Beacon's Second Saturday, July 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., with a reception that will feature a performance at 6:30 p.m. by dancer Nathalie Jonas of Cold Spring and Brooklyn poet Eleana Kouneli. As construction continues behind it, the wall should remain in place for at least a year. (To Page 10)

Culvert Project Brings Stop-Work Order

Philipstown says stream work may inhibit trout

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Repairs to a broken culvert in a state-protected stream brought a stop-work order from Philipstown in a case involving a water-logged farm field, muddy language in a legal code,



A brook trout caught in the Adirondacks

Photo by Ben Smith

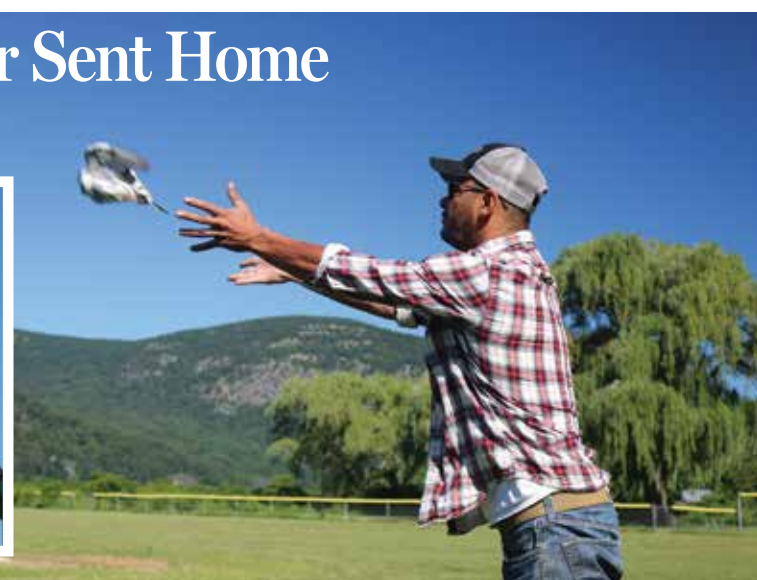
trout spawning, and other complexities.

The culvert is in Garrison on Twin Bridges Road, which crosses Annsville Creek, on the west side of Route 9 across the highway from Graymoor. After the 24-inch-diameter culvert pipe was crushed and clogged, the creek flooded an adjacent field. Robert Hilpert, who owns Twin Bridges Road and land around it, sent workers to clear the pipe, but they hit an obstacle.

Another team took over in May and began installing two smaller bypass pipes, Hilpert wrote in a memo to the Philipstown Conservation Board.

That activity prompted Philipstown authorities on June 11 to issue a stop-work order and notice of a violation, saying Hilpert needed a wetlands permit. Max Garfinkle, the town wetlands inspector, and Conservation Board members said that the bypass was at a higher elevation than the original pipe and could prevent brook trout — New York's state fish — (Continued on Page 15)

Chester Sent Home



Daniel Morales releases Chester at Mayor's Park on July 7. Inset: After perching, Chester surveyed the surroundings before flying off.

Photos by Michael Turton

In *The Current's* June 29 issue, Michael Turton reported on an ailing racing pigeon discovered by Amber Aponte-Kocela of Philipstown, who, with assistance from pigeon fancier Daniel Morales, nursed it back to health. On Saturday (July 7), they released the bird, whom Aponte-Kocela named Chester, on the baseball field at

Mayor's Park in Cold Spring. Chester flew to a net on the pitcher's mound to get his bearings before taking off to return to his roost. Although a tag on his leg indicated the pigeon originated in Kentucky, Morales believes that because of its young age (about 4 months), home base is likely nearby.

5 Five Questions: DAN DILLON

By Michael Turton

Dan Dillon, 73, a lifelong Cold Spring resident, was a member of the Philipstown Softball League through five decades. He plays in two Poughkeepsie senior leagues and for the Syracuse Cyclones travel team.

Why did men's softball die out in Philipstown?

The younger guys coming out of high school just didn't want to play; their priorities changed. It's unfortunate because we had a good, very competitive league. At its height in the early 1960s there were 14 teams. In the final year, in 2004, we were down to three. It was sad to watch.

What have been some highlights of your decades on the ball field?

In 1954, when I was 9, my Yankees won the Philipstown Little League Championship. I was named Rookie of the Year. I still have the trophy! In 1963, I was on the Haldane baseball team that won the league championship, small-schools championship and Putnam-Dutchess County Championship. In 1992, at age 47, I played on the state 35-and-older championship team and was tournament MVP. I was also MVP on the 65-and-older 2012 World Championship team.

What is the biggest challenge of playing softball in your 70s?

Staying healthy. The past few years have been tough. Five years ago, while recovering from my third back surgery, I learned I had prostate cancer. I've had rotator cuff surgery. I have four screws in my shoulder. But I recover and get back to playing. I work hard at it.



Dan Dillon

Photo by M. Turton

What do you value most about the game?

Being able to continue to play. I hope to be on the 75- and 80-and-older teams. I wouldn't be able to do it without my wife Cathy's support. There's a lot of travel and she often comes with me. We'll be married 50 years next year.

What are the travel tournaments like?

The Cyclones play in seven or eight tour-

naments a year, from Virginia, Maryland and Ohio, to North Carolina, Cape Cod, Florida and Nevada. In the World Championships in Las Vegas there are more than 600 teams with players ranging from 40 to 85 or even older; our pitcher is 78. Tournaments bring millions of dollars into the local economy. Senior softball is big.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What was your most memorable early job?



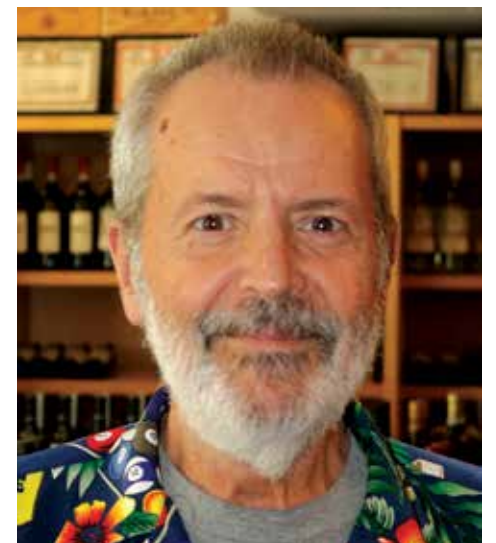
"When I was 12, my after-school job was to sweep up at Cake Masters, a bakery on the Upper West Side. One day I put a bottle of Coca Cola in the refrigerated cake carousel. I forgot about it and it exploded and destroyed all the cakes."

~ Leo Sacks, Cold Spring




"I worked for Eva Gabor, who had a wig business in the city. She was fabulous. I entered orders into a computer that was about the size of a small car."

~ Linda Di Brita, Beacon



"When I was 7 or 8 I used to stand outside Bohack's supermarket on Seventh Avenue in Park Slope and carry people's packages home. They were mostly older people. One day I made \$8.74 in tips. My father was very proud."

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Edgewater Gets Approvals, Again

Beacon council to hold another hearing July 16

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Planning Board on July 10 affirmed its two-step environmental approval for the downsized Edgewater proposal near the Metro-North station.

The first approval means the board concluded the project is not expected to have a “significant adverse” effect on the environment or municipal resources such as the school system and nearby roads.

The second approval confirmed that the project meets the standards of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, a set of guidelines adopted in 1991 and revised in 2011.

The board originally granted both approvals in December after months of debate, particularly over the project’s impact on the Beacon City School District. But a recent zoning change by the City Council required the developer to downsize the development by about 20 percent and prompted the return to the Planning Board.

The board’s verdict was largely a formality, as little had changed with Edgewater’s plans other than a reduction in the number of units, from 307 to 246.

Board member Jill Reynolds, however, asked why the project still has seven buildings of the same size despite losing 61 units. The developers responded that they

had made each apartment larger, maintaining the buildings’ square footage and the potential for tax revenue for the city.

The next step is a public hearing during Monday’s (July 16) council meeting on Edgewater’s request for a special-use permit, which is required because the development will include multifamily housing. If the permit is granted, the developers would return to the Planning Board for final approvals.

In other business ...

- The Planning Board approved the addition of two stories to the building at 208 Main St. for eight new apartments. It also approved a 13-lot subdivision on Townsend Street.
- The board continued its review of 21 South Ave., a building near St. Andrew’s Church that is owned by the Episcopal Diocese of New York and would be converted into three apartments. The board said it would recommend that the City Council grant a special-use permit, which is necessary because it will create multifamily housing in Beacon’s historic district.
- A public hearing on the proposal to build townhouses at the “Welcome to Beacon” site near the train station was postponed until August.
- The board will hold public hearings next month on the proposed expansion of the Hudson Hills Montessori school onto the grounds of St. Luke’s Church. The City Council will hold its own hearing on the plan, which also requires a special-use permit, on Monday night.



HELLO, DOLLY’S — Shelly Boris, the co-owner of Dolly’s, the new restaurant on Garrison’s Landing, spoke with customers during its first full day of business on Wednesday (July 11).

Photo by Michele Gedney

Power Outage Due to Malfunction

A power outage on Thursday (July 12) affected about 18,000 homes and businesses in southern Dutchess and Putnam counties, including in Philipstown and Beacon. According to Central Hudson, the transmission line serving the region went offline after an equipment malfunction at a substation. Most power was restored within about 10 minutes, although the remainder took about two hours as crews rerouted power through alternate lines.

Beacon Board Still Meets at 7

We reported in the July 6 issue (“Beacon School Board Reorganizes”) that the Beacon City Board of Education had changed the start time of its meetings to 6 p.m. The board has since released a revised schedule for the 2018-19 school year with its meetings beginning at 7 p.m.

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Mayor responds

In your July 6 article ("Developer Sues Philipstown Over Denial of Variances for House"), Susan Green claims that I politically influenced the decision of the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals to decline her request for variances so she could build a home on property she owns on Douglas Lane.

This claim is baseless and absurd and demeans the integrity of the ZBA. My comments to the ZBA were not political but sensible. The extent of the variances sought by Ms. Green were breathtaking.

An experienced developer, she purchased a 1.3-acre parcel co-located in the Village of Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown. Nelsonville's zoning for this location requires 2 acres and Philipstown requires 10 acres. I stated to the ZBA that, as a matter of public policy, granting the extensive variances requested by Ms. Green would mean we have no zoning.

My advocacy of more stringent zoning enforcement is not a recent position — more than 20 years ago, when I was chairman of Nelsonville's Planning Board, we stopped a developer who wanted to build more than 100 condo units in the village.

On a personal level, I specifically objected to granting Ms. Green a variance with respect to "impervious surface" requirements. Up to 10 percent impervious surface is allowed; Green wanted to have approval for 25 percent. I live across Moffatt Road from the Green property. We already get substantial run-off from the Green property to the extent a 6-inch trench was cut in my lawn directly adjacent to my well. I fear that, given the small lot and impervious surface, my well water could be contaminated by septic run-off.

The engineer/surveyor retained by Green countered my objection by stating the property had approval from the Putnam County Health Department. Tell that to the people in the eastern part of the county who, I learned at a recent conference hosted by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, are experiencing toxic algal blooms most likely caused by septic-system leakage.

Bill O'Neill, *Nelsonville*
O'Neill is the mayor of Nelsonville.

The developer should have checked the zoning before she bought the property and not assume she would get the variances. It's a frivolous lawsuit.

Lena Bell, *Beacon*

I wish Beacon's zoning board could stand as strong as Philipstown's does.

Megan Migliore, *Wappingers Falls*

Barbecue sauce

In the June 29 issue, you printed a cartoon showing Benjamin Franklin eating a turkey leg and another Founding Father reacting: "Hey! Who got barbecue sauce all over the Declaration?" With all the things you could have published for Independence Day, that is the best you could do?

Camille Papineau, *Mahopac*

Immigration policy

Thank you, Beacon! ("Beacon Shows Up to Say Families Belong Together," July 6).

Carmen Nieves, *Beacon*

You want to keep families together? Come here legally. That's how you do that.

Luis Galarza, *Beacon*

Gun rally

Isn't it rich how politicians are able to weasel out of taking positions on gun safety ("Gun-Rights Activists Plan Pre-Fourth Rally," June 29)? What is particularly disturbing is that the state law discussed in the article, which bans people convicted of domestic abuse from possessing guns, mainly concerns the safety of women.

Putnam County District Attorney Bob Tendy, who has always been supported by the gun lobby, finds no irony that the June 30 rally at which he spoke was sponsored by local extremists. And then you have state Sen. Sue Serino, who voted against

the measure and hides behind the niceties of process to defeat substance, betraying women in the process.

Ann Fanizzi, *Carmel*

More College Graduates

In our June 15 issue, we recognized students from the Highlands who had earned college degrees in 2018. Below are additional names. If we missed anyone then or now, let us know at editor@highlandscurrent.com.

I.E. University (Madrid, Spain)

Anna Johantgen, Philipstown (Master's in Visual and Digital Media)

The King's College (Manhattan)

Isabella Jordan, Cold Spring

Loyola University Maryland

Jack Shortell, Cold Spring (Business Administration)

Monroe College (Bronx)

Angela Rios (Health Services Administration)

Roger Williams University (Bristol, Rhode Island)

Alyssa Repetto, Garrison

SUNY Canton

Kahlil Thorpe, Beacon (Sports Management)

SUNY Delhi

Temara Mckinnon, Beacon (Event Management)

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Summer Berry, Beacon
Binta Ceesay, Beacon
Giana Grandetti, Cold Spring
Jonathan Maldonado, Cold Spring
Christopher O'Brien, Garrison
James Oehrlein, Beacon
Vincent Fino, Beacon (Graduate)
Alyssa Merritt, Cold Spring (Graduate)

SUNY Oswego

Gabrielle Kerr, Beacon (Chemistry)
Brett Lahey, Beacon (Marketing)
Sarah Hard, Garrison (Adolescence Education, *cum laude*)



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All-American



Krystal Ford of Garrison, a native of Montreal, was one of 48 Putnam County residents from 25 countries* who took the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens during a ceremony at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel on June 27. For information on applying for citizenship, see usa.gov/become-us-citizen. You must have a green card for at least five years or, if you are married to a U.S. citizen, for at least three years, before you can apply.

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*Brazil, Canada (2), China (3), Dominican Republic (2), Ecuador (4), Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia (2), Greece, Guatemala (7), India (2), Ireland, Jordan (2), Kosovo (3), Mexico (5), Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, South Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom



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Little Stony Point Gets a Facelift

New parking, office, visitor and volunteer centers

By Michael Turton

“We’re trying to turn it into what it’s intended to be — a park preserve.”

That’s how New York State Parks’ Evan Thompson described recent noticeable improvements at Little Stony Point just north of Cold Spring on Route 9D. The tiny but popular riverfront park is part of Hudson Highlands State Park, which Thompson manages along with Fahnestock State Park on Route 301 and Wonder Lake State Park in Patterson. The three parks total more than 26,000 acres.

The most obvious improvements are the combination park office and visitor center along with the newly paved Washburn Trail parking lot. Outdoor trail maps, information kiosks and signage have also been added. “The improved parking lot has made a big difference,” Thompson said. “It was a mud hole before.”

Visitors, he said, are now beginning to see the area as a formal park rather than “a place they can come and do whatever they want.” Little Stony Point had been plagued with littering, illegal fires and other problems in the past.

Improved image

Thompson said the park’s image has also been improved by having staff man the gate on weekends. “We don’t allow coolers or music,” he said, also emphasizing that the park does not allow swimming due to hazardous currents and tides in the Hudson River. “It’s dangerous; people have drowned there.” No life guards are stationed at the park.

Those wanting a beach experience are directed to Fahnestock, where Canopus Lake offers a sandy beach, lifeguards, bathrooms and concession stand.

The office and visitor center, formerly a caretaker’s house, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features park maps, water, snacks and



Evan Thompson is shown outside the new park office at Little Stony Point.

Photo by M. Turton

T-shirts. “And staff are very knowledgeable about local trails,” Thompson said.

Thompson has been focusing his efforts on Hudson Highlands because until last year the park had no dedicated funding or staff. “Now we have eight to 10 seasonal employees and a separate budget,” he said.

There is one substantial project still underway at Fahnestock, however. “The campground is closed this season because we’re redoing the entire water system,” Thompson said. “We haven’t had potable water in 10 years.” He hopes the campground, which is normally open from April through December, will be up and running by September.

New volunteer center

The Little Stony Point Citizens Association is also increasing its profile. A volunteer center being constructed adjacent to the park office is expected to open in September. “The

center will be used for environmental, education and artistic recreational programming that encourages people to connect more deeply with the park, and to develop a sense of stewardship in the process,” LSPCA President Fred Martin wrote in an email.

The volunteer group received a \$50,000 grant through the New York State Park and Trail Partnership Program and New York’s Environmental Protection Fund. Another \$31,000 was raised through donations by local philanthropists, small contributions and fundraising events. Martin said approximately \$18,000 in building materials were donated along with \$36,000 in professional services and labor.

A nod to climate change

The new Washburn Trail parking lot and recent parking improvements at Scenic Hudson’s Mount Beacon Park both reflect the influence of climate change. The Mount Beacon lot has a pervious gravel surface which reduces stormwater runoff. At Washburn, the spaces were paved with pervious asphalt.

“We used gravel for the parking area and stone dust for the walking paths because these permeable materials absorb water runoff and heat,” explained Rita Shaheen, Scenic Hudson’s director of parks. Thompson said that at Washburn traditional asphalt was used for the entrance and main aisle of the lot because the pervious form used for the parking spaces is less durable.

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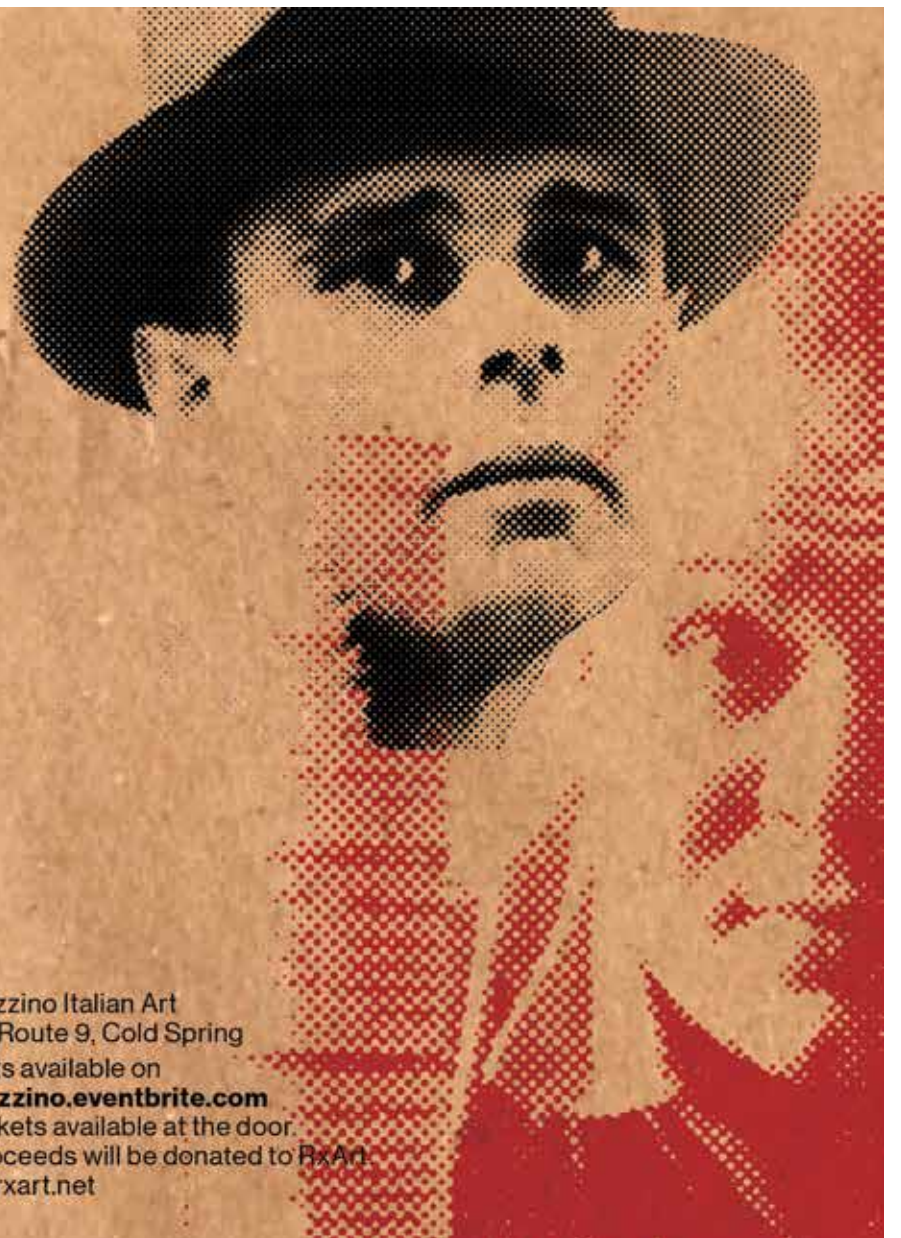
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- *Beuys and Beuys, Peter Schiering, Germany, 2006*

Saturday, July 14, 8:00pm

- *Michelangelo Pistoletto - Cento Mostre, Il Terzo Paradiso (One Hundred Exhibitions: The Third Paradise), Matteo Frittelli, Italy, 2013*
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Cocktail Culture

Book mixes lost recipes, postcards, bars and characters

By Michael Turton

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4. Shake well (of course).

The women have been friends for more than 25 years, and they share a passion for vintage postcards that depict bars, cocktail lounges and supper clubs.

"When we compared our collections, thousands of cards, we thought about how great it would be to visit those places," says Peck-Davis. "We wondered what people wore back then, what they listened to — and what they drank."

The places depicted on each postcard, along with the people, their stories and the

cocktails, became the raw material for an intriguing and enjoyable read. *Cocktails Across America* is as much about history, geography, culture and colorful characters as it is a collection of recipes for equally colorful vintage drinks.

Cocktails and postcards may seem an odd combination, but decades ago bars and restaurants often printed hundreds as a form of cheap advertising. Patrons would dash off a few words, sometimes bragging, "Look where I was tonight!" At times, bar owners even provided a stamp and mailed the card.

The hardcover includes more than 50 recipes, some all but forgotten, and is illustrated with the images of more than 200 colorful, airbrushed postcards produced on linen between 1931 and 1955. Reproductions of four cards can be detached and mailed.

Research for the book turned up some surprises, according to its authors.

"The St. Regis Hotel in New York City had a supper club called the Iridium

which had indoor ice-skating shows," says Peck-Davis. "It was a thing then: numerous clubs and hotels

had ice-skating 'tank shows' on a rink that came out from under the floor of the orchestra."

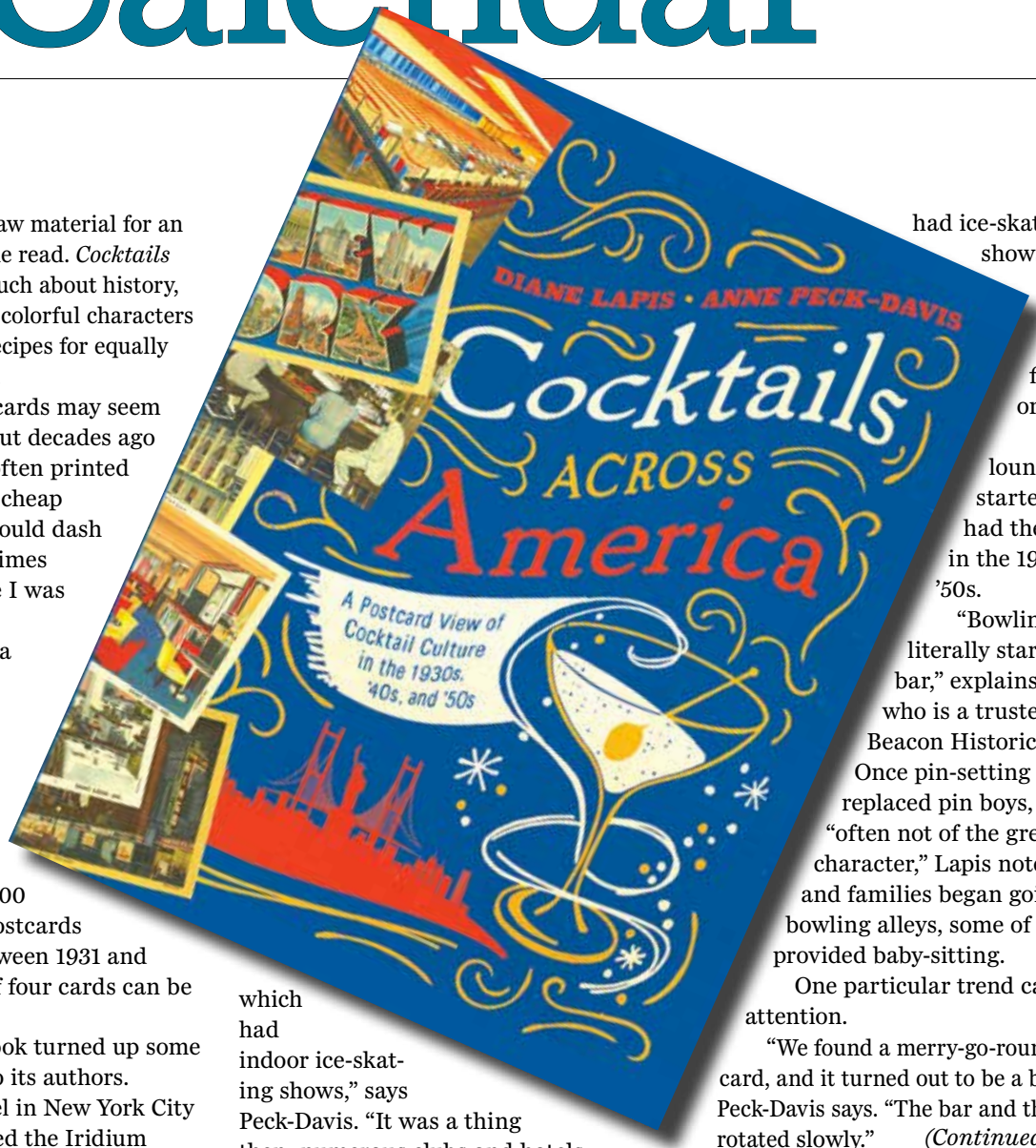
Bowling lounges, which started in bars, had their heyday in the 1940s and '50s.

"Bowling alleys literally started in a bar," explains Lapis, who is a trustee at the Beacon Historical Society. Once pin-setting technology replaced pin boys, who were "often not of the greatest character," Lapis notes, women and families began going to bowling alleys, some of which provided baby-sitting.

One particular trend caught their attention.

"We found a merry-go-round on a post card, and it turned out to be a bar!"

Peck-Davis says. "The bar and the barstools rotated slowly." (Continued on Page 9)



When Helen Met Harry

Pianist changed course after jazz encounter

By Alison Rooney

Helen Sung was studying at the University of Texas in Austin to be a classical pianist when, during her senior year, a friend took her to a concert by Harry Connick Jr.

"He performed with his big band," she recalls. "But in the middle of the concert, he sat down and played some solo piano pieces. I remember wanting to jump out of my skin, this music was so alive. I remember thinking, I didn't know you were allowed to play the piano like that!"

Sung, who says she was trained as a child by "a severe teacher of the Russian classical piano tradition," immediately acted on her epiphany. She added jazz courses to her studies and immersed herself in recordings and books.

She was so inspired she decided to pursue a master's degree in classical piano performance in part to continue her nascent study of jazz. From there, she became a member of the inaugural seven-member class of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance at the New England Conservatory.

Sung, who has since recorded six albums and travels

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around the world to perform, is scheduled to play at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring. The program will reflect her journey from classical to jazz, with original works as well as compositions by jazz icons such as Thelonious Monk and Chick Corea.

During her two years at the Monk Institute, she was taught by contemporary jazz masters and toured India and Thailand with Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter. In 2007 she won the Kennedy Center's Mary Lou Williams Jazz Piano Competition.

Another career highlight, she says, was playing in a festival with the Mingus Dynasty Band in 2011 in the city where her parents grew up in Taiwan.

"There were more than 2,000 people there, all going crazy for jazz," she says.

Sung teaches at Juilliard and Columbia and also composes music. With the help of a Chamber Music America/Doris Duke Foundation grant, she recorded *Sung with Words*, a collaboration with poet Dana Gioia. In 2016, she arranged and performed a big-band version of McCoy Tyner's *Four by Five* for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra season.

The Chapel Restoration, at 45 Market St. in Cold Spring, is next to the Metro-North station, where parking is free. The concert is also free but donations are welcome.



Helen Sung

Photo provided

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Reel Life Film Club: Dogtown and Z-Boys

6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

H.V. Renegades vs. West Virginia

7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

HVSF: Richard II

6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-809-5750 x12 | hvshakespeare.org

3 by Tennessee Williams

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

Cinema in Piazza: Piero Manzoni, Artista and Beuys and Beuys

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Cold Spring
magazzino.eventbrite.com

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Bring the Kids (ages 5+)

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Beacon Bears Football Clinic (ages 5-13)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Memorial Park
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10 a.m. Butterfly Garden Workshop
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321 Main St., Beacon | onenaturellc.com/events

Tiny Book Workshop

Noon – 3 p.m. Howland Public Library
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Noon – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Hudson Valley Food + Farm Day

Noon – 4 p.m. Glynwood
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | glynwood.org

Sanjay Natesan on the Mridangam (Concert)

3 p.m. Hindu Samaj Temple
3 Brown Road, Wappingers Falls | artsmidhudson.org

Putnam History Museum Lawn Party

5 p.m. Address provided with ticket.
See putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Kids' Night: Story Time with Quintette 7

6:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
westpointband.com

Book Party: Jackie True, by Tony Burton

7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
See details under Friday.

Calendar Highlights

Submit to calendar@highlandscurrent.com
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America

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Cinema in Piazza: Michelangelo Pistoletto and The Story of Land Art

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
See details under Friday.

BEACON SECOND SATURDAY

Postcard, Book and Ephemera Show and Sale

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Memorial Hall
413 Main St., Beacon
845-831-0514 | beaconhistorical.org

Purgatory Pie Press: 40+ Years and Counting

Noon – 8 p.m. Photo BookWorks
469 Main St., Beacon | photobookworks.com

Ethan Cohen KuBe

1:30 p.m. Ink Tradition and the Trading History of China (Symposium)
4 – 7 p.m. Yu Han Yu: Force of Nature, The Power of the Brush | 192 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-765-8270 | ecfa.com

Group Show: Expressive Outcomes

5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Elizabeth Rundquist: Shining in the Night

5 – 8 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St., Beacon
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Group Show: All is Fair

6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St., Beacon
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

Group Show: Collaborative Concepts 2D

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St., Beacon
845-440-0068 | hudsonbeachglass.com

Group Show: Zoology

6 – 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery | 436 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Remjie / Seymour / Wondergoblin

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St., Beacon
212-255-2505 | shop.cluttermagazine.com

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Harvesting Dye Materials

10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

3 by Tennessee Williams

2 & 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Koehler and Kelly (Music)

2 p.m. Create Community
11 Peekskill Road, Cold Spring
createcommunityspace.com

New York Liberty vs. Chicago Sky (WNBA)

3 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

Bannerman Castle History (Talk)

3 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
putnamhistorymuseum.com

Helen Sung, Pianist

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration | 45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Arts for Andrew (Benefit)

5 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon

The Swing Vipers

6 p.m. Inn and Spa at Beacon | 151 Main St., Beacon
845-205-2900 | innspabeacon.com

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

MONDAY, JULY 16

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Immigrant Prisons (Documentary)

7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St., Beacon | moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

HVSF: Richard II

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

Nelsonville Village Board

7:30 p.m. Village Hall
258 Main St., Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.org

The Magpie Salute

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Community Blood Drive

1:30 – 7:30 p.m. Continental Village Firehouse
49 Highland Dr., Garrison
800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

Medicare Living Well: How to Prevent Falls

1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Connecticut

7 p.m. Dutchess Stadium | Details under Friday

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Glen Roethel Covers the Beatles

1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

Performers Rock! (Elementary School)

2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

Teen Cupcake Decorating Workshop

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish | See details under Saturday.

Philipstown Community Congress Updates and Picnic

5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | ecologicalcitizens.org

HVSF: Richard II

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

3 by Tennessee Williams

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

Putnam County Kennel Club Dog Show

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel
putnamkennelclub.com

Rhyme Time by the Hudson

9:30 a.m. Boscobel | See details under Saturday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont

7 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
See details under July 13.

North by Northwest (1959)

7 p.m. Bannerman Island
See bannermancastle.org

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under July 13.

Open Mic

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

3 by Tennessee Williams

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under July 13.

A Tuna Christmas

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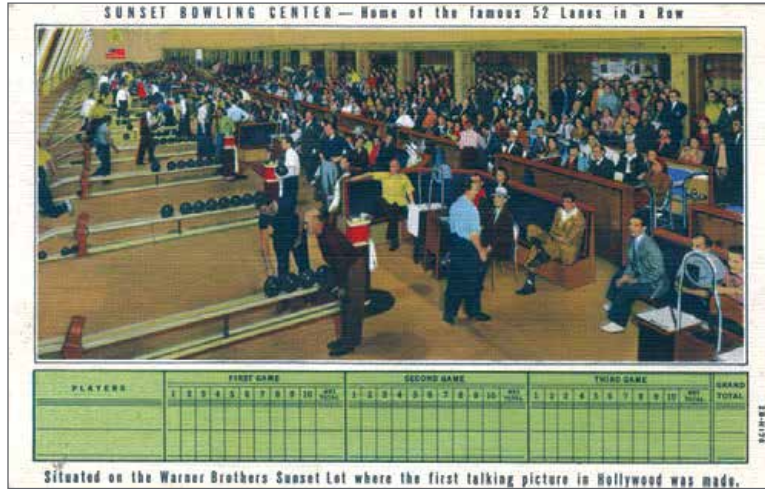


Cocktail Culture (from Page 7)

Further investigation turned up merry-go-round bars in a number of cities, including Boston, Chicago and San Francisco. The Merry-Go-Round-Bar at the Ritz-Carlton in Atlantic City is one of five portrayed in the book. “Even modest taverns started to install little merry-go-round bars,” Peck-Davis says.

“As far as we know, there is only one merry-go-round bar left, in New Orleans, at the Hotel Monteleone,” Lapis says. They plan to have a drink there while attending the annual Tales of the Cocktail Convention that begins July 16. The duo will also speak at the Museum of the American Cocktail.

Their visit to the merry-go-round-bar won't be the first time the women have shared a drink. “We tried every one of the book's cocktails, but sometimes we divided the labor, the research, in half,” Peck-Davis says.



The Sunset Bowling Center (and bar) in Hollywood Countryman Press

“I'm a newbie in the world of cocktails,” admits Lapis. “It turns out they're pretty good!” The pair hosted parties to test recipes on friends and family.

If the recipes captivate Lapis and Peck-Davis, they find the stories behind the postcards equally intriguing. Lapis said she thought a card from the Piccadilly Bar in Reno was pedestrian until she took a closer look using a magnifying glass.

“The customers are holding copper mugs,” she says. “It's the only card I've found showing people drinking Moscow Mules,” a drink thought to have been invented at the Piccadilly that is traditionally served in a copper mug.

Some of the authors' favorite stories involve once-forgotten cocktails that have been revived, such as The Last Word, which was

Vintage Postcard Show

The Beacon Historical Society will host its annual vintage postcard show and sale with 12 to 15 dealers on hand from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Memorial Hall Building, 413 Main St. Admission is \$3.

created at the Detroit Athletic Club during Prohibition. “It was on their menu, then off, and later showed up in a cocktail book published in 1951,” says Peck-Davis. In 2004 a bartender in Seattle came across the book and began serving The Last Word. “Everybody loved it,” Peck-Davis says. “It's been reborn.”

The Aviation tops Lapis' list. One of its ingredients, Creme de Violette, went missing from U.S. shelves for decades. “It was available, then it wasn't, and now it's back again,” she says. Lapis describes the drink as “violet-flavored, delicious and with a beautiful, purplish hue.”



The Merry-Go-Round Bar at Chicago's Congress Hotel



The Piccadilly Bar in Reno, birthplace of the Moscow Mule

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Liz Corio

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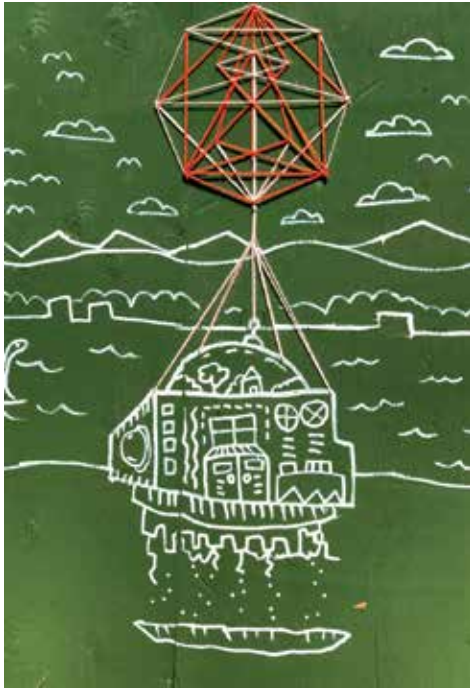


The Best-Looking Wall in Beacon *(from Page 1)*

Mikkelson draws with both hands at the same time, producing symmetrical work. On an exceedingly hot day, she covered about 90 feet with vibrant designs. Rogers contributed signs with playful messages. Rivers and Weise, who run Open Space and

Thundercut Design, worked in tandem on a mural that includes Rivers' geometrics made with yarn.

English finished off the canvas with characters that are part of his POPaganda universe, which he describes as "a mashup of high and low cultural touchstones."



Yarn design by Kalene Rivers mixes with a painting by Dan Weise along the Art Wall

Photos by Donna Mikkelson



Artist Rick Rogers next to one of his paintings



Above, the entire expanse of the Art Wall; at left, art by Rick Rogers
Photos by Russ Cusick



Art by Ron English

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Blessed in America

Chaplain writes musical to honor friar

By Alison Rooney

Friar Erik Lenhart, the chaplain at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison, will take on a new role this summer: he wrote and will direct a musical.

The production, based on the life of Father Solanus Casey (1870-1957), who last year took a step toward sainthood when he was beatified by the pope, will be performed on Friday, Aug. 3, by the 25 teenage campers at the Roman Catholic order's inaugural, weeklong literature and arts program.

"I love theater because young people memorize words through music; it's a sacred response," Lenhart says.

Father Casey, who died in 1957 at age 86, is "well on his way to becoming the first American-born male saint," says Lenhart. A native of Wisconsin, Casey came to New York after his 1904 ordination and spent 20 years in Yonkers and Harlem, paying particular attention to the plight of the sick and poor, before returning to the Midwest to continue his work.

Solanus: Blessed in America is Lenhart's second musical. The first was

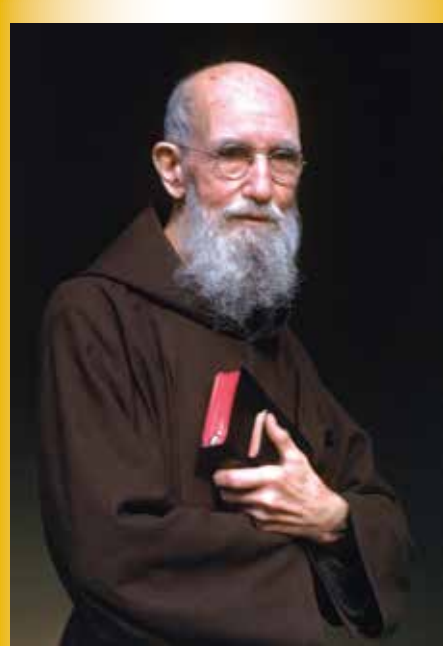
produced in his former parish in Middletown, Connecticut, with a cast of 100 parishioners, of all ages. "It changed the dynamics and energy in our parish, and deepened friendships," he recalls.

Lenhart says CYFM hopes with its literature-and-arts camp to attract teens who enjoy performing but also are open to "an understanding of what it means to live a life for Christ. Most of all, it's about realizing that at its core it's all about gratitude. I want to create 'saints' — people who can appreciate the beautiful."

He says he wants students to be involved with stories that "give them meaning and purpose. You become a saint through prayer, action, learning the story." To provide a balance of artistic know-how and faith development for the students, the staff for the week includes theologians as well as performers.

CYFM has many other programs planned. For example, a Labor Day weekend retreat will address the question of science and the Catholic Church. "Teens perceive a conflict," Lenhart says. "Yet Catholics created much of science. Science asks, 'How does stuff work?' Religion asks, 'Why? Why is there beauty? Why do these things move me?'"

Solanus: Blessed in America will be performed at CYFM, 781 Route 9D, at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3. For reservations, call 845-424-3609 or email cyfm@cyfm.org. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.



Father Solanus Casey is remembered for his service to the sick and poor.

What's It Take to be a Saint?

Father Solanus Casey's beatification took place on Nov. 18 in a ceremony at Ford Field in Detroit attended by 60,000 people. You need a miracle to be beatified, and the Vatican cited the healing of a woman whose skin disease disappeared after she prayed at Casey's tomb. The next step is for the church to affirm a second miracle, after which the blessed can be named a saint, of which there are more than 10,000.



Friar Erik Lenhart, left, and Tom Brinkmann, CYFM's executive director

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The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to staff its Visitor Center at the foot of Main Street over the summer. The booth is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. Email info@explorecoldspringny.com.

Community Congress*To hold meeting and picnic July 19*

The Philipstown Community Congress will hold a meeting and picnic on Thursday, July 19, to share updates on initiatives that were presented by community members and prioritized with a vote. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring. Child care is available for children ages 6 and younger. Email philipstowncommunitycongress@gmail.com to register.

Walking for Water*Haldane students raise \$2K for wells*

About a dozen students at Haldane Middle School, inspired by *A Long Walk to Water*, the story of Salva Dut, who launched a charity to drill wells in South Sudan, organized a walkathon on June 21 to help. They raised more than \$2,000 for the non-



Kate Bolte, Mary Mikalsen, Mikayla Santos and Isa Schmidt participated in a walkathon at Haldane to benefit Water for South Sudan. *Photo provided*

profit Water for South Sudan, reported their English teacher, Danielle Pece.

The organizers were Albina McFadden, Grace Bernstein, Kate Jordan, Ciara Smith, Megan Ferreira, Ella Hotaling, Jada DelosSantos, Quentin Conrey, Jake Mason, Paulo Coumans, Senan Scott-Hamblen, Nick Meisner and Benjamin Bozsik.

District Champs!*U11 Little League team advances*

The Philipstown Little League team for boys ages 11 and younger defeated LaGrange, 4-2, on July 7 to win the District 17 championship. In the double-elimination sectionals that followed, the team lost its first game and was scheduled to play again on July 12. The U10 Philipstown team also reached the district finals but lost to Red Hook/Rhinebeck.



The Philipstown Little League U11 team with its district championship banner *Photo provided*

If These Fields Could Talk*Museum to host talk on Glynwood*

Liz Corio will discuss the history of Glynwood at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring. Corio will trace the farm's history from the Wappinger clan of the Munsee Nation through its time as a private estate and outline its connections to local families. Admission is free for members or \$10 otherwise.

Forum on Senior Issues*Assemblywoman to host on July 18*

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown in the state Assembly, will host her annual Senior Forum from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 18, at Cortlandt Town Hall. Speakers will cover eye and heart health, avoiding crimes targeted at

seniors, and the legislative priorities of AARP.

Medal of Honor Parade*Veterans will be honored July 21*

Veterans will be honored with a parade and celebration during Putnam County Medal of Honor Day on Saturday, July 21. The parade, which begins at 1 p.m. at the Paladin Center in Carmel, will be led by Medal of Honor recipients Gary Beikirch (Army) of Rochester; Robert O'Malley (Marines) of Queens and Paul Bucha (Army) of Washington, D.C.

Beacon**Broadway on Main***Series begins July 22*

The Hudson Valley Theatre Initiative will bring Broadway to Beacon with a series of concerts that begins with Cole Porter's *Kiss Me, Kate* on Sunday, July 22, at 4 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. See hvti.org.

Textile Workshops*Groups organize three events*

Common Ground Farm and two merchants are collaborating on three textile workshops for adults. The first will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 15, at the farm, where participants will gather plants, extract dye and take it home in jars. The cost is \$35.

On Sunday, July 29, participants can learn how to use the dye on plant and animal fibers at Colorant. The two-hour workshop begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$65. Finally, on Aug. 19, Beetle and Fred will host a workshop on how to use the dyed fabric to sew a market bag, pillow or small quilt. The cost is \$65. See common-groundfarm.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hands-on History

Society to hold children's events

The Beacon Historical Society will host two summer workshops for students. On Saturday, July 21, at 11 a.m., children in preschool to first grade are invited to learn about the "dummy light" on the east end of Main Street while making a puppet.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, second- and third-graders can design a stamp and postcard

while hearing about President Theodore Roosevelt's role in creating the post office system. Registration is required by calling 845-831-0514.

Free Meals for Kids and Teens

Lunch served daily through summer

The City of Beacon is providing free lunches over the summer to children

and teenagers age 18 and younger. No registration is required.

Meals will be served daily at JV Forestal School at 125 Liberty St., from 11 to 11:45 a.m. through Aug. 15; at the Beacon Recreation Center at 23 W. Center St. from noon to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 17; and at the Davies South Terrace at 52 Davies Ave., from noon to 12:45 p.m. through Aug. 24.

There are also daily programs at the Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at South Davies from 11 to 11:45 a.m.



SECOND SATURDAY – Matteawan Gallery in Beacon will open a group show called *Zoology* with a reception on Second Saturday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. This piece, "Coda," is by Jan Harrison. *Image provided*



UP, UP, AWAY – The 27th annual Hudson Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival was held in Rhinebeck from July 6 to 8. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



JUST STAYING AFLOAT – A performer with the Piccolo Circus shows off his skill during a performance at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on July 1. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

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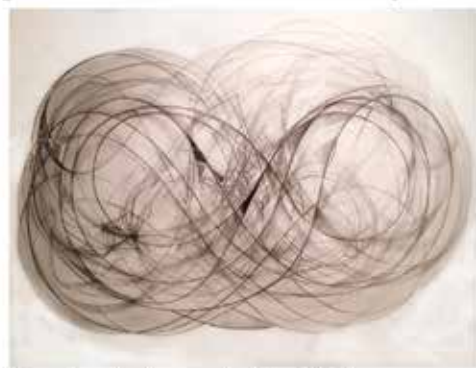
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Small, Good Things

This Bud's for You

By Joe Dizney

According to Greek legend, Zeus was vacationing on the Aegean island of Kinaros when, emerging from a divine dip, he chanced upon a fetching mortal, Cynara, bathing by the shore.

The girl bravely met Zeus' gaze, and, smitten, he seduced her and decided to make her a goddess. Cynara was relocated to a clandestine Mount Olympus hideaway (*pied-a-ciel?*) but soon grew homesick and snuck back to the world of mortals for a visit. The enraged Zeus transformed her into a thorny plant that we know as the artichoke, *Cynara cardunculus*.

Curious mortals eventually cracked the culinary code of this member of the thistle family and its flower was heralded as a "food of the gods." The edible portions of the bud consist primarily of the fleshy lower portions of the tough, triangular leaves (or bracts) and the base (or heart).

The unseasoned boiled or steamed artichoke has a delicate bitter-sweetness. Its leaves are removed one at a time, and the fleshy base eaten (the fibrous upper part discarded) after being dipped in hollandaise, butter, aioli or other sauces before the heart is exposed.

The peak artichoke season is spring but they are harvested throughout the summer. And while Europe and South America are the main producers, California provides nearly 100 percent of the U.S. crop, with Castroville producing 80 percent of that total.

I mention this mainly as Castroville is mere spitting distance from Gilroy, the "garlic capital of the world," an origin of the other featured ingredient in this week's recipe.

Artichokes, quartered and stripped of their inedible parts, are reassembled with a head of "the stinking rose" at their core, anointed with oil (and butter if you like), sprinkled with thyme, wrapped in foil and roasted over coals until the artichoke is spoon-tender and the garlic cloves are the spreadable consistency of warm butter, ready to be squeezed out over a bit of crusty bread or slathered on a burger or steak. It's an earthy feast fit for the gods and goddesses of Olympus.



Fire-Roasted Artichokes & Garlic: a celestial transformation

Photos by J. Dizney

Fire-Roasted Artichokes & Garlic

Six servings

- 6 heads garlic
- 6 whole, fresh globe artichokes
- 2 lemons
- Six 12-to-18-inch squares of heavy-duty aluminum foil

- Extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup melted butter (optional)
- 6 to 12 springs fresh thyme
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. With a sharp knife, chop the top quarter of each bulb to expose most of the individual cloves. Remove the excess papery skin (without separating the bulb) and set aside.
2. Make an acidulated bath for the artichokes in a medium-sized bowl with the juice of the two lemons and 2 quarts of cool water. This will keep them from discoloring. You will need this to assemble the packets.
3. To prepare the artichokes, one at a time, with a sharp knife (a serrated knife will serve you well here) chop off most of the stem. Tear off the small, loose leaves closest to the stem. Cut off the top third of the globe. With scissors, clip off the hard, sharp tips on the remaining leaves so they will not puncture the foil packets.
4. Stand the globe on its head, quarter it and plunge it into the lemon-water bath. Take a quarter of the artichoke and with a paring knife remove the fuzzy "choke" and the fine, small leaves, enough to create a cavity that when reassembled will accommodate a bulb of trimmed garlic. Return the cleaned quarter to the bath and repeat the process with the remaining three.
5. Lay a square of foil on a flat surface. Quickly drain the artichoke quarters and lay them leaf-side down in quadrants in the middle of the foil square. Place a trimmed head of garlic in its center. Drizzle all lightly with olive oil (and butter, if using). Roughly tear a couple of stems of thyme and sprinkle over vegetables. Salt and pepper to taste. Carefully gather the packet from underneath, forming the artichoke back into a globe surrounding the garlic as best you can. Keep it tight without tearing; twist the corners and excess foil at top to close it into a compact, sealed package. Repeat the process with the other artichokes.
6. Lay a good charcoal fire and, when it is ready, place the packets toward the outer edge of the grill and cook for 45 minutes, turning them occasionally and moving them closer to the center as the fire begins to cool.
7. Serve the artichokes directly from the packets. Squeeze the individual cloves out over the artichokes, good bread or a hamburger or steak. Keep a big bowl on the table for foil and debris.

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Culvert Project Brings Stop-Work Order *(from Page 1)*

from swimming upstream to spawn.

Despite the stop-work order, the crew finished the project, Garfinkle reported to the Conservation Board, Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea and the state Department of Environmental Conservation. The latter investigated and stated it would not issue a citation but would require Hilpert to repair the culvert, stream and road.

Hilpert maintained at the Conservation Board meeting on July 10 that he didn't need a wetlands permit because the town code exempts emergency repairs. Nevertheless, he said he has applied for a permit and will commission an engineer to design a culvert repair.

In a letter to Garfinkle, attorney Luke Hilpert, who is Hilpert's son, said heavy spring storms seemed to have further damaged the original pipe and allowed water to spill onto Twin Bridges Road, raising residents' fears of a washout unless the culvert were repaired quickly.

Further, Robert Hilpert said July 10, "the pipe being clogged is flooding my field" and had been a problem for months. He added that the two-pipe remedy "was not intended to be a fix" permanently but to facilitate drainage.

The board plans to revisit the situation in August. Meanwhile, it began pondering wording in the town code, which does not

require a permit for "emergency work immediately necessary to protect health and safety or prevent damage to property," if the town receives written notification within 48 hours.

Board members recommended it define words such as *emergency* more precisely.

"A field not draining is not an emergency," member MJ Martin remarked.

Councilor Mike Leonard, the Town Board's liaison to the Conservation Board,

suggested that an emergency "would have to be something very significant," such as someone's home flooding inside.

"We're not here to impede a solution," said member Eric Lind. "A simple check-in with the town would probably have prevented a stop-work order" on the culvert project.

Martin agreed. "We want things to work for the residents," she said. A preliminary consultation "would have saved everyone a lot of agita."



The brook trout is New York's state fish.

DEC



NEW DIRECTOR – Kristen Salierno became director of the Howland Public Library in Beacon on July 2, succeeding Amy Raff, who left to become director of the Provincetown Public Library in Massachusetts. Most recently Salierno was assistant director of the Blodgett Memorial Library in Fishkill. *Photo provided*

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 raising (8)	_____
2 weak, ineffectual person (7)	_____
3 verb for card at the ATM (6)	_____
4 changed a color (4)	_____
5 people on the job (7)	_____
6 computer's namesake apple (8)	_____
7 like Morgan Spurlock's food (10)	_____

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Climb Time

The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison hosted a traveling 24-foot artificial rock wall on June 30 as part of its Libraries Rock summer reading program. According to the company that provided the four-sided structure, the oldest person to ever summit was 83 and the youngest was 10, although two 3-year-olds have reached 17 feet.

Photos by Ross Corsair

