

FALL/WINTER 2006/2007

OUR COUNTRY Home

A RIVER REPORTER MAGAZINE



Let the Sun Shine:
a country home
'goes green'

Born Again Barns:
homes with a history
– and a future

Mold:
a growing concern

HONESDALE OFFICE

100 4th Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
Tel: 570-253-5302

WEB: www.goldcrealty.com



Gold C Realty

TYLER HILL OFFICE

Route 371
Tyler Hill, PA 18469
Tel: 570-224-7653

WEB: www.thpagoldc.com



REF: 2689 \$219,000

5 Acres, open & tree lined, lovely views come w/this 2.5 story Chalet, 3Bd, 2Bth, 25x15 living room, H/W floors, 2 decks, efficient oil heat, cozy wdstv, spacious rooms, full bsmnt, 1 car gar, move right in & start your new life in PA! Add'l acreage!



**REF: 2685 \$699,900
(Brochure Avail)**

The Window on the World is from this Living room, adorned w/four huge key-stone fpls, 5000+SqFt floor plan, 56x23.5 family room w/wdstv, elevated deck w/awesome views, 5 mountain side acres, wooded, private, in ground pool, top workmanship.



REF: 2682 \$399,900

20 Acre Hidden Chalet, pastures, woods, stream, trails, 2-stall horse shed, enormous det. gar. w/full upstairs comes w/this lovely 2-3Bd, 1.5Bth home, boasting Pella windows, lovely parlor stove, lg country kit., multi decks, scrnd room, views,+++.



**REF: 2705 \$850,000
(Brochure Avail)**

Unsurpassed circa 1898 Grand Farmhouse offers style, elegance & charm; fpl, 3 Vermont Casting stvs, formal rooms, 4Bd, 3Bth, high line appliances, formal gardens, designer entrance gate, 45 magnificent acres w/2 Acre pond, 2.5hrs NYC.



REF: 2696 \$369,000

Spacious Log Home w/4Bd, 3Bth, 3,300SqFt, Lg Master Suite, cozy wdstv, covered front porch, 30x30 garage w/8x12 shed, over 4 acres, wooded parcel, 10 min to skiing, Delaware River access, country shops, museums, restaurants & resorts.



REF: 2694 \$290,000

18 Acres, glorious long farmland views, several excellent sites for new home construction, comes w/dblwide 3Bd 2Bth in very good & clean condition, use for income producer or construction office during building, horses & agri all welcome.



REF: 2715 \$389,000

Investment-Graciously Restored Early Victorian, offers 3 units, all impressive and immaculate, rents \$550-\$1,150; prominent Main St corner location; could effortlessly be transformed back to a grand single Victorian beauty, a true home of distinction.



REF: 2707 \$239,900

6.5 Acres of meadow & long views adorn this newer ranch, with crisp features, stone fpl, full bsmnt w/partial fin fam room, 3Bd 2Bth, elevated deck, low taxes only \$1,776. Horses welcome, minutes to gamelands, Delaware River, state lakes, and services.



REF: 5171 \$459,000

Magnificent 2 story colonial in upscale neighborhood, 3Bd, 2.5Bths, 9' ceilings, Brazilian H/W flrs, beautiful upgrades, Mstr Bth/ Jacuzzi, nearly 3 full acres, lovely setting, minutes to Honesdale, excellent connectivity to Rt 191 & 84; great schools.



REF: 5170 \$359,000

Welcoming Ranch, beautiful curb appeal, 3Bd, 1.5Bth, 22.5x44 living room w/fpl, very spacious living, on 2.35 acres surrounded by country views, attached 2 car garage and a bonus outbuilding 36x63, perfect for storage, workshop, you name it!



REF: 5187 \$179,000

Rights to Lake Wallenpaupack, 3 bd, 2.5 bths, family room, garage, amenities include beaches, clubhouse, outdoor pool, power boats, road maint, play courts, scheduled activities, super school district, close to restaurants and activities.



REF: 5186 \$499,900

Duck Harbor, Gated Development, 4Bd 2.5Bth, NEW 2 Story w/H-W flrs, 9' ceilings, solid cherry e-i-kit w/island, cherry ent. center, 6.11 acres, borders 25 ac preserve, very private, cul-de-sac, rights to 205 acre motor boat lake, pvt game land access. Dream Home & Location!



REF: 5182 \$495,000

2 Homes, 75 Acres, woods, open, great hunting club, outbuildings, good as gar, shop, storage, 3Bd 1Bth w/gar and bsmnt, second home singlewide mobile w/2bd & bath, close to state lands & public access lakes, sub-division potential!



REF: 5179 \$189,500

Charming 2.5 story home in excellent condition, quaint boro of Waymart, boasting 4 bd, 1.5Bths, nearly 2000 sqft of living space, early trims and move in condition, unfinished bsmnt, detached garage/shop, covered porch, paved drive!



REF: 2648 \$550,000

30 1/3 Acres of Hillside and Evergreens, this spacious 3Bd, 2.5Bth home offers 2,000SF of living, lovely stone fpl, central A/C, 4 ceiling fans, lg party deck w/hot tub, master suite, formal rooms, huge 3 bay att'd gar & a 30x40 new commercial bldg.



REF: 5188 \$275,000

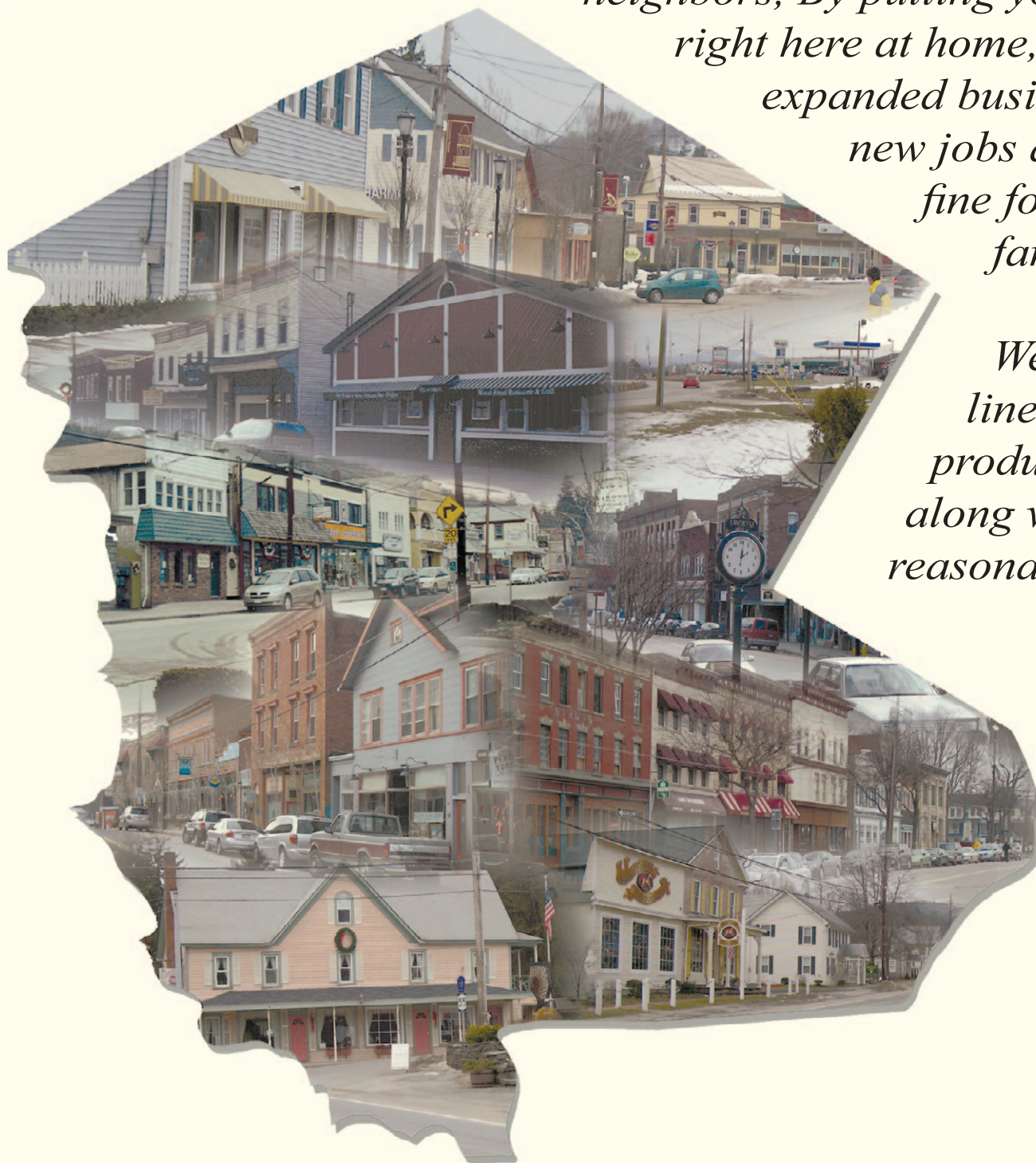
Lovely multi-level in-town home with master suite, 3 full baths, family room, rec room, formal living room w/fpl, covered front & rear porches, large deck, 3 bay gar., 2 laundry service areas. Excellent yard, 1/2 acre, all renovated!

Helping our Communities Grow in the 21st Century

We're proud to be a part of this community, our friends and neighbors, By putting your dollars to work right here at home, we've opened and expanded businesses, created new jobs and attracted many fine folks to our growing family.

We offer a complete line of quality products and services, along with the most reasonable fees around.

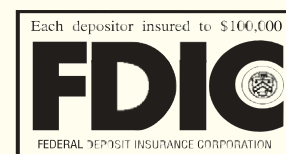
So visit us often, and please feel free to let us know how we can serve you better.



www.jeffbank.com

24 Hour ATMs in all 10 locations • On-Line Banking

Jeffersonville - 845-482-4000 • Eldred - 845-557-8513
Liberty - 845-292-6300 • Loch Sheldrake - 845-434 1180
Monticello - 845-791-4000 • Livingston Manor - 845-439-8123
Narrowsburg - 845-252-6570 • Callicoon - 845-887-4866
Wal*Mart/Monticello - 845-794-3988 • Wurtsboro - 845-888-5890



Shown Exclusively Through
Preferred Homes & Properties

1940's Cottage - Cape Style



3 BR - 2 full baths

Wood floors • Enclosed Porch • Barn • Outbuildings • Southern and Western Views
 Quiet Road Between Callicoon and Narrowsburg • Video at: www.ilovethecatskills.com/u.htm
 Offered for: **179,000.00** MLS # 18026

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance whatsoever.
 Kindest regards, Anthony Ritter, Listing Agent for MLS #18026
 845.482.4300 x12 - OFFICE {Youngsville}
 845.252.3657 - HOME / OFFICE {Narrowsburg}
 845.701.3894 - MOBILE

Please ask For Tony Ritter
 845.252.3657
tony.ritter@gmail.com
 Preferred Homes & Properties
 845.482.4300



*When It's Time to
 Make Your
 House a Home*



THE LAKE REGION'S TWO LARGEST FURNITURE SHOWROOMS
Distinctive Rustic Collections for Your Country Lifestyle
 Broyhill • La-Z-Boy • Mattress Super Store

Beautiful Lake Wallenpaupack
 570.226.9736
 Historic Downtown Honesdale
 570.253.1860
www.vangorders.com



Roche's Garage, Inc.



Route 17B, Callicoon, NY • 845-887-5150
rochespontiacgmc.com

Come See 2007 Arrivals!



**5 year
 100,000
 Mile
 Warranty**



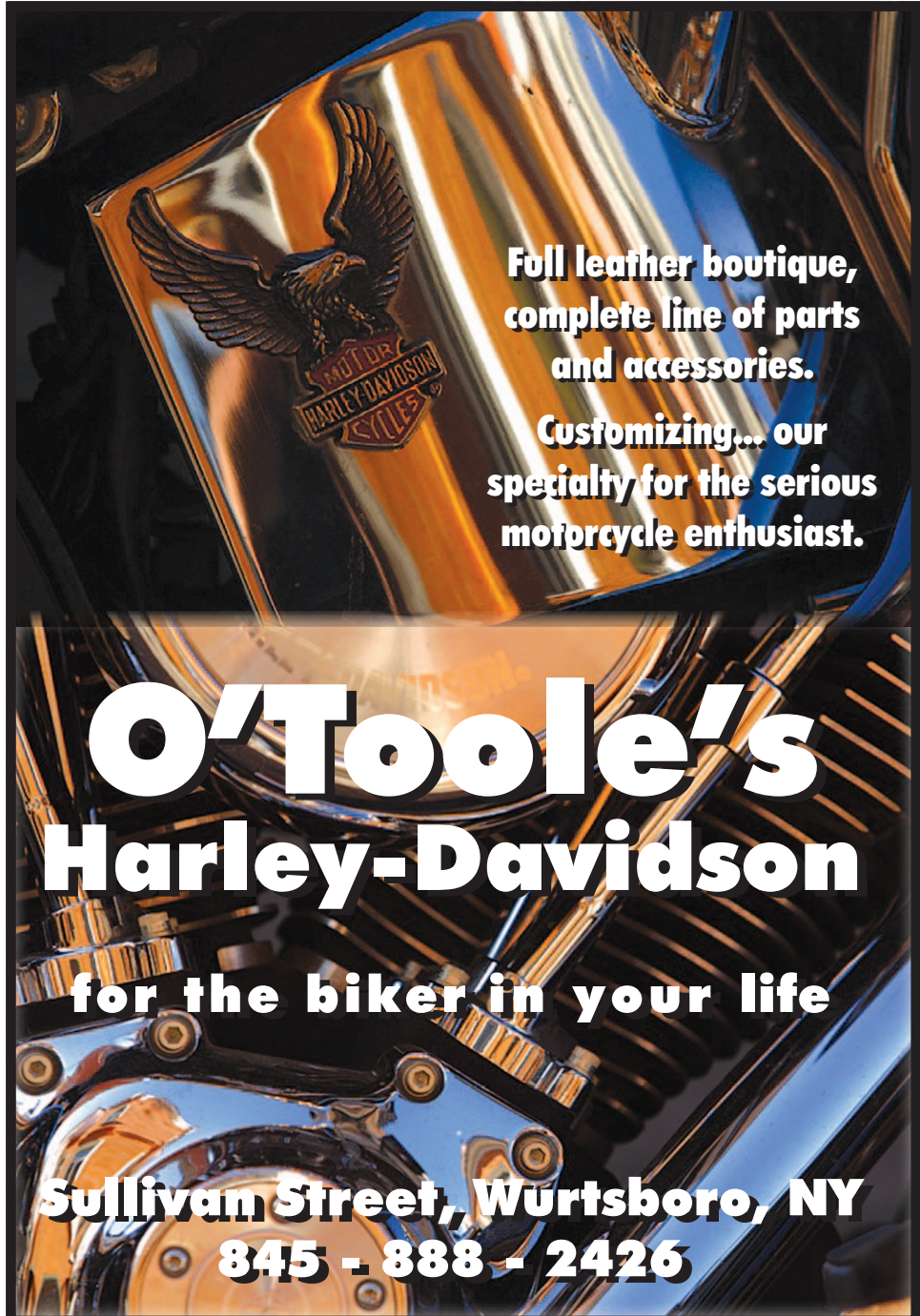
All modulars
are not
 created equal

Concord Homes
 of Northeast Pennsylvania

a vision of Clembddy Construction

570.226.3519

www.concordhomesnepa.com



Full leather boutique,
 complete line of parts
 and accessories.

Customizing... our
 specialty for the serious
 motorcycle enthusiast.

**O'Toole's
 Harley-Davidson**

for the biker in your life

**Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro, NY
 845 - 888 - 2426**

OUR COUNTRY Home

A RIVER REPORTER MAGAZINE

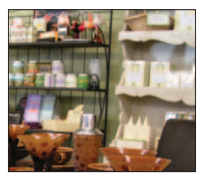
Table of Contents



7 Let the Sun Shine: a country home 'goes green'



11 Wreaths: symbols of family and friendship



13 One Lump or Two: a tea party for all occasions



17 The Winter Garden: creating a graceful off-season tableau



18 Born Again Barns: homes with a history—and a future



23 Hands On: buying functional art for the home



25 Halloween's Heritage: the delight of fright



27 Savoring Summer: one jar at a time



29 Mold: a growing concern



33 Home Tips: inexpensive ways to increase the value of your home

We Want Your Home

If you have a unique country home and would like to see it featured in this special section, call 845/252-7414 or e-mail copyeditor@riverreporter.com.

Seasons of Magic:

enjoying home, hearth and family in creative style

Once again, the magical season is upon us. The Delaware River Valley has draped itself in autumnal rapture. Reds and golds are everywhere as the leaves change color and bounteous harvests of pumpkins and apples appear. Porch decorations of mums, pumpkins, hay bales and cornstalks add to the color and atmosphere of the season.

But the valley is changing in more ways than seasonal. After the devastation of the June floods (marking the third major flooding in two years), many conversations are going on among neighbors and at the government level about how to make homes and neighborhoods safe and viable. As growth occurs, towns and villages are looking for ways to accommodate new residents and retain the region's rustic allure. And, counties are looking for ways to "go green," exploring alternate energies and building models. **Our Country Home** begins with a story about a local family that has chosen solar energy to heat their beloved Victorian Gothic-style home. Other features of interest to the homeowner include how to deal with mold, inexpensive ways to increase your home's value and where to buy "functional art" for the home. This edition also includes an article on the art of restoring old barns, a growing trend in the building trade that seeks to create a new space with a past—and a future.

For gardeners, **Our Country Home** offers advice on how to transform the summer garden to a sculpted winter wonderland. All it takes is a bit of time and a balanced eye. And for those gardeners who don't want to let go of summer, you can learn to can those last summer veggies, or make a cranberry preserve for the holidays.

And, of course, October means Halloween. This edition of **Our Country Home** outlines the ancient, sometimes spooky origins of our familiar and beloved Halloween traditions.

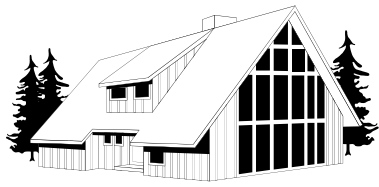
As the more austere landscape of winter overtakes us, with bare tree limbs outlined against graying skies, our thoughts turn more and more to family, friends and celebrating the holiday season—also a magical time. **Our Country Home** offers how-to advice on creating your own perfect holiday wreath, an activity that can be shared by all members of the family. The festive season is approaching, and you can win the accolades of your friends by doing something a little different: hosting the perfect afternoon tea party. There is nothing like a gathering of friends and family to ward off the winter blues, and preparing for such an event can be a fun and joyful affair.

We hope you will find a little something within these pages to entertain and inspire.

Mary Greene
Section editor



Section editor, Mary Greene



JMR Construction

New Homes • Custom Renations • Additions • Siding

Fully Insured

570-559-7935

Joe Riccardi
Shohola, PA

MIKE PREIS, INC. INSURANCE AGENCY

Insuring people & property since 1925

**AUTO • HOME
BUSINESS • LIFE**

Your home insurance source

Specializing in insurance for
**SEASONAL • SECONDARY
PRIMARY HOMES**

Call one of our licensed, professional agents for advice you can trust

Jeffersonville
845-482-5510

Callicoon
845-887-4210

Narrowsburg
845-252-3953

Roscoe
607-498-4301

ELIZABETH DAVIDSON ARCHITECT

75 FAULKNER ROAD
HALE EDDY
HANCOCK, NY 13783
607-467-4626

Turner Real Estate

Specializing in Distinctive Delaware River Properties

Pond Eddy, NY 12770 • 845-557-3800 • www.treny.com



BUILT JUST FOR YOU

Set on five acres of perfect country seclusion, this newly constructed gem waits for the most discerning buyer. The attention to detail is evident from the hardwood floors throughout to the tile work in the bathrooms and huge family room. Four bedrooms three baths, wrap around deck with a wonderful covered porch and a spacious open kitchen with granite counter tops. This house is top of the line in every way. \$439,000 (864M)



CAPE COD LOG WITH VIEWS

Newly remodeled log set on three acres overlooking the Delaware River with unbelievable views of the PA countryside. Three bedrooms, three full baths, multiple skylights, and a wonderful slate floor gives this house a country feel. Walking distance to the Delaware. The perfect getaway house. \$339,000 (873P)



THE PERFECT FARMHOUSE DRASTICALLY REDUCED

Situated on ten acres in Tyler Hill, PA, this 2,700 sq. foot farmhouse has been beautifully restored. It has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a large farm-style chefs kitchen. The living room has original tiger maple floors and a fantastic fieldstone fireplace. The quintessential farmhouse at a bargain price. Don't let this one get away \$459,000 (754R)

HEAT YOUR HOUSE FOR LESS!

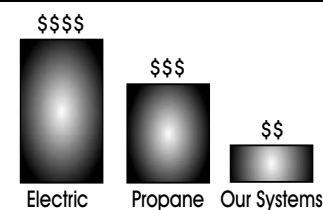
ALL AROUND THE HOUSE

Heating Systems Division • Glen Wild, NY
Clean, Quiet, Safe Oil Heat
845-434-0212 or 800-860-0097



Over 400
Installed
Locally!

Annual Cost of Staying Warm



WAGNER CENTURY Oil

- Fuel Oil
- Kerosene
- Budget Plans
- Burner Service
- Heating Systems
- Plumbing
- Price Cap Plan



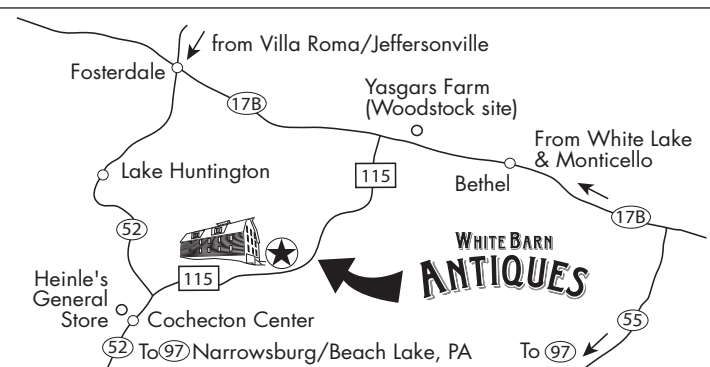
845/482-4792

OFFICE RT 52 YOUNGVILLE

WHITE BARN ANTIQUES



1040 County Road 115 ★ Cochection Center NY ★ 845-252-7533
Thursday-Monday 10:30am-5pm ★ Or by Appointment



Let the Sun Shine: a country home 'goes green'

By VICTORIA KOHLER

As you start up the driveway to the Zuckerman residence in Eldred, NY, you're struck by the graceful beauty of their Gothic Victorian house. The gingerbread shingles are no longer in evidence, but the asymmetrical facade and steeply pitched roof quickly identify the house's period. Fields gently slope down and away from the house. Except for the mature forest of pine, maple and oak rising up behind the Zuckerman home, the scene probably hasn't changed much since the house was built in 1906. But go a little further and your attention is drawn to the three solar panels in the field that face the southeast sky. Although they're a modern addition to the landscape, they look like they belong.

Phil and Sue Zuckerman live in this house with ten -year- old twins Hanna and Zoe, who attend MacKenzie Elementary School, and their miniature schnauzer, Patrick. Phil's family owned Brookwood Camp in Glen Spey from 1939 to 1986. Upon the sale of that property, Phil and Sue began to look for a home in the area. The Brookwood legacy—57 buildings on 170 acres—strongly influenced what kind of real estate they were seeking. Phil said, "I told Sue that I wanted to live in a house where I could turn around and see everything I owned, because Brookwood had been so big." But... he also wanted a place that reminded him of the camp. "He sent me off to find a miniature Brookwood," Sue said. As soon as they drove up the spruce-lined driveway, they knew the property was perfect. Once inside the house, they fell in love with the architectural asymmetry which continues in the interior design. Sue said, "The windows are different sizes, off to one side or the other. None of the rooms are square or rectangular and each has a corner or nook that makes it unique. That's what makes it a wonderful house and gives it personality."

Their house was known as the "ghost house," not because it was haunted, but because the exterior was pale from lack of paint. The Zuckermans painted and did some refurbishing inside, but without compromising the charm of the house and its asymmetrical lines. There are stained-glass window accents and bright paint on the ornate trim of windows and doorways.

Older houses have their charm, but they also have their "surprises." The oil furnace was replaced last year and the noisy plumbing needed some improvement. But the big surprise was the water – foul smelling because of the sulfur and mineral content. It required major filtering. Phil calls it "the worst water ever" and laughs when people now come to the house, drink the water, and say it's so good. "If they only knew how expensive that water is!"

Phil is a social worker in private practice in Lafayette, NJ. Sue is an earth science teacher in the Middletown school district. Last year, wanting good gas mileage, Phil purchased a Toyota Prius. For similar economical reasons, he got on his computer and started researching alternative energy.

Phil and Sue contacted a solar energy installer who assessed the situation and told them that solar energy was what they should do.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 9



TRR photos by Victoria Kohler

The Zuckerman house in Eldred, NY peeks out between solar panels installed on the lawn.



Stained-glass windows inside the Zuckerman house provide accents for the house's Victorian style.



A stone lion, accent of another era, keeps watch over the energy panels installed by the Zuckerman family in Eldred, NY.



The Victorian Gothic style of the Zuckerman home in Eldred, NY is modernized by solar panels, which have provided great energy savings for the family.



BUILDING? RENOVATING?

There's a lot that goes into building a new home, or renovating an old one. You'll want the home of your dreams to feel as comfortable as it looks. Your family will use your home's heating, cooling & water systems on a daily basis. New construction and renovations offer the perfect opportunity to make choices that can optimize your home for energy efficiency, improved water, and indoor air quality. **Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.** can help you make the choices you need to make today for tomorrow.



Thermostats

Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc. can install a thermostat that will give you precise and comfortable heating and cooling control.

Air Cleaner

With **Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.**, you'll be sure that the air delivered through your heating and cooling system is clean.

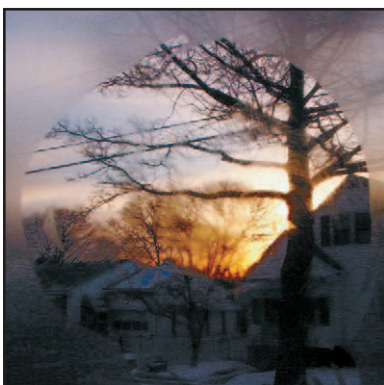


Humidifiers

Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc. can install a humidifier that will properly maintain the humidity level in your home while giving your family comfort and protecting your woodwork and floors.

Ultraviolet Air Treatment

Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc. can install a system that zaps surface mold and airborne bacteria.



Ventilation

Tight and energy efficient homes can trap stale air inside. Let **Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.** bring in fresh air efficiently and economically.

Indoor Air Quality

Mold is a growing concern. Let **Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.** assist you with their new environmental HVAC testing.



High Efficiency Water Heating

Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc. can provide you with a high efficiency water system.

Energy Star Replacement Systems

Let **Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.** protect you and your family.



Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc.

Keeping your home cleaner, healthier and more efficient

845-252-6735 • 1-866-788-4914

Serving the Upper Delaware River Valley
www.NarrowsburgHVAC.com

Honeywell
Contractor Pro



Air Duct
Cleaning Systems



The first step was to contact the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). When a homeowner uses one of NYSERDA's certified photovoltaic system (solar energy) installers, NYSERDA will refund half of the installation's cost. Next, the area's utility company, NYSEG, had to be contacted. NYSEG then completed a technical review of the proposed system and the system was installed. The Zuckermans received a state income tax credit and a new Federal 30-percent tax credit up to \$2000. And this is just the beginning of the economical advantages. In ten years, the system will have paid for itself.

"If I'm producing a lot of electricity and my home isn't using it, it goes into the grid," said Phil. "I'm actually selling it back to the electric company. Based on the sunlight in our area, it should lower our bill by two thirds." And that's not all. "If the New York Electric commission gives NYSEG a raise in prices, we also get that raise." The purchase cost of the system is New York State tax exempt. And, even though the installation increased the value of their house, their taxes could not be increased because of it.

As with everything, there were a few downsides. The Zuckermans needed to have the initial funds on hand before they could take advantage of NYSERDA's incentive discount and the State and Federal income tax discounts. Also, Phil and Sue agreed that they had to educate themselves on the whole process. They did not find NYSEG very helpful. "Why would they promote it? They're taking us off the grid and, sometimes, they're buying our electricity," Phil said.

Although the Zuckermans did not have the solar energy system installed for "green" reasons, they find that "being green" has become another reason they are happy they have done it. They note that if more people went solar, the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by coal burning electric plants would decrease. Their particular system prevents 7,658 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released per year. On a recent sun-filled Sunday afternoon, Phil and Sue sat on their porch and looked out at the solar panels. "This is one of the best-kept secrets. We're doing it because we happen to know about it, and so many more people could do it if they were aware. You can do this and benefit everybody."

For more information and the names of certified installers in your area, visit www.nyserdera.org and www.powernaturally.org.

“Based on the sunlight in our area, it should lower our bill by two thirds.”



VILLAGE CARPET

Carpet • Vinyl • Wood Floors
Laminate Floors • Ceramic Tile

Route 6, East of Honesdale

SPECIALS:

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>12 x 12 Porcelain Tile*</p> <p>\$1.70 sq. ft.</p> | <p>2 1/4" Solid Hardwood* Different Stains</p> <p>\$4.60 sq. ft.</p> |
| <p>Sales too many to mention. Visit our showroom and see all the sale tags. Hurry, limited time only!</p> | <p>Best Berber Buy 10 yr warranty Only</p> <p>\$16.25 sq. yd. <small>installed w/pad</small></p> |

*INSTALLATION AVAILABLE

VILLAGE CARPET

Rt. 6, Honesdale, PA
570-253-9559

Showroom Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10-5,
Thursday-Friday, 10-9, Saturday 10-4

Don't let our name fool you - We're not just carpet!

**ANTIQUE & CUSTOM SIZES
are our specialty**

Posturepedic Support
Only From Sealy

FACTORY ON PREMISES

All Major Credit Cards Accepted
Financing Plans Available

The Mattress
Sleeping The World®

Family Owned
Since 1916

YOUR SLEEP SPECIALISTS

MATTRESS FACTORY & OUTLET

Setup / Delivery • Old Mattresses Removed • Quantity Discounts Available

FINE INNERSPRING, FOAM & LATEX MATTRESSES

Polyurethane • Custom Cut Foam

- Chaise Lounge Pads • Hi-Risers
- Round Beds • RV's & Boats
- Bunk Beds
- Sofa Replacement Cushions

- Crib & Cradle Mattresses
- Folding Beds / Cots • Sofa Mattresses
- Odd Size Mattresses • Tufted Mattresses
- Electric / Adjustable Bed Mattresses

Now Featuring Memory Foam Mattresses

email: raitens@verizon.net
www.raitensleep.com

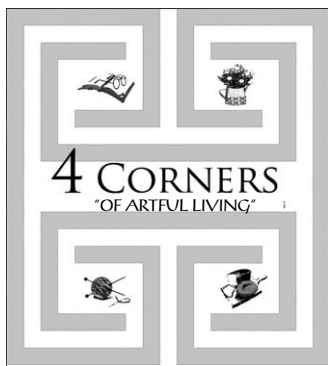
For Local Calls:

794-4510

1-800-231-4510

E. BROADWAY, MONTICELLO

EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY ONE CORNER AT A TIME



DECOR FOR HOME & GARDEN ♦ INSPIRING BOOKS
 ♦ VINTAGE COLLECTIBLES ♦
 CRAFT WORKSHOPS ♦ KNITTING CLASSES

22 MAIN STREET NARROWSBURG, NY ♦ 845-252-3688 ♦ CALL FOR HOURS

Domesticities The Cutting Garden

Affordable Antiques, Collectibles,
Gifts & Accessories
for the Home and Garden



4055 Rte. 52, Youngsville, NY
845-482-3333

www.thecuttinggarden.org

**PENN
YORK
REAL ESTATE**

Licensed Real Estate Broker PA & NY

"in the heart of the Delaware Valley"

8 Main Street OR 100 4th Street
Narrowsburg, NY 12764 Honesdale, PA 18431
845/252-3547 570/253-6606

www.pennYorkrealestate.com

Cherry Ridge, PA

Spacious 4-bedroom, 3-bath brick ranch w/full finished basement. Includes glass doors onto deck, in-ground pool, pool house, 2-car garage. 3+/- landscaped acres w/fruit trees.



Call for details.



Dianna L. Gilbert,
Broker

Old Time Country Charm

American made country gifts, home accessories and decor. Come browse our delightful selection of one-of-a-kind country tidbits and let the tempting aroma of potpourri tickle your nose.



• Furniture • Lamps • Linens • Pottery • Prints • And More!

Yankee Candles
Boyd's Collection
Lizzie High Dolls
Cat's Meow Village



570-296-5757

Mon.-Sat. 10-5
Sun. 11-5

322 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337

Snow will be here before you know it!
Protect yourself with a snowblower.



**WATSON
BROS.**

570-226-2881

4 miles east of Honesdale
PA's Route 652 & Rt. 6

We now feature



SNOWBLOWERS

From the professional
to the compact.
To view models:
www.ariens.com

Storage Sheds Gazebos

"Call for
Free Quote"



Custom Built
to meet your needs



Come see our models,
many in stock



Many styles to choose from

MARSHALL MACHINERY, INC.

Route 652 • 5 mi. east of Honesdale • Mon.-Sat. 8-5

570-729-7117

www.marshall-machinery.com

From conception to completion



Sometimes you find yourself
amidst a diamond in the rough—
a little TLC and
the right products can make
all the difference.



DIRLAM BROS. LUMBER CO., INC.

250 Sunrise Avenue • Honesdale, PA
570-253-3540 • Fax 570-253-9084

20 Oak Street, Narrowsburg, NY • 845-252-3955
Stone Dock Rd., Shohola, PA • 570-559-7511
Route 739 • Lords Valley, PA • 570-775-0598

Designer Kitchens, 1 Commercial St. • Honesdale, PA • 570-253-6600



INSTALLED
INSULATION
SALES

**BOOM
TRUCK &
FORKLIFT
SERVICE**



TRR photos by Pamela Rupp

Bases for wreaths come in a variety of materials.



Corkscrew wreath.

Wreaths: *symbols of family and friendship*

By PAMELA RUPP

What is the first and most basic feature of a wreath? A wreath is a circle. It's no wonder that it is featured at holidays. It's a perfect symbol for the circles of family, friends and community that shape our seasons and life cycles.

If you think of a wreath as an open symbol awaiting your personalization, you can customize this simple ring and endow it with your own special meaning.

To investigate the practical means of pursuing this notion, I went to the Crafts & Hobbies store on Mill Street in Liberty to see what materials are available for making wreaths, and to check out the mechanics of wreath making.

When I asked proprietor Tom Malley about wreath construction, he showed me three samples that his mother, Ann Malley, had made, using the straw wreath as a base. These examples showed off the straw wreath's potential when its versatility is combined with a crafter's creativity.

One wreath was made using four-inch squares of fabric. To make this style of wreath, the center of each fabric square is punched into the straw ring using a simple tool such as a crochet hook or a Phillip's screwdriver. This idea is open to a wide range of color, texture and pattern. Depending on your fabric selection, this method could yield a rich composite, reminiscent of a quilt design with meaningful relationships of color and pattern. And if you already have a collection of scrap fabric pieces that you may have been saving for some unknown future project, here is a perfect destination for them! Sort out your swatches and get creative!

The second wreath was made up of seashells, which were applied with hot glue. Using a hot glue gun, you can apply a variety of items to decorate your wreath. If you have any collections of small objects, like buttons, for example, they could be arranged and glued into place to form varied and interesting patterns. (*Safety tip: When using a hot glue gun, keep in mind that hot glue or the nozzle of a hot glue gun can cause minor burns.*)

To make the third wreath, Ann attached wine corks with toothpicks pushed into the straw base. The designs on each individual cork combined to make an interesting and attractive display. Tom advised that you may need the help of a little hot glue to maintain the toothpick construction.

Straw wreaths come in varying sizes, from diameters of eight inches up to 18 inches. They share some of the construction flexibility of a Styrofoam wreath, but their natural color and texture provide a more attractive base and are especially well-suited for themes related to our current fall and harvest season. But if you decide that the look of

the straw wreath does not fit with your theme, you can always disguise or dilute it by wrapping it with fabric, netting, ribbon or some tissue paper.

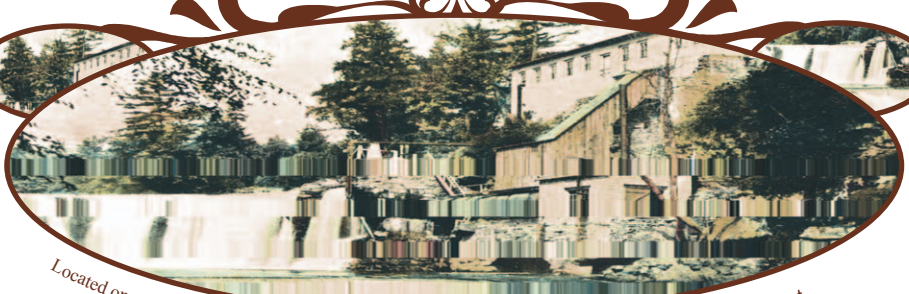
As an alternative to the straw wreath, there are two frame-style wreath bases that are designed for fastening objects to them.

One type is the wire wreath, which usually comes in a dark green color. They are available in a number of sizes. The wire wreath is strong and can support the weight of evergreen boughs and other heavy objects like fruit. They can have multiple tiers and a number of wires, providing a base with depth for layering, especially for producing a lush looking evergreen wreath. Crafters use floral wire or "paddle wire," which is wire wound around an oval cardboard paddle to facilitate the winding motion, to attach the branches, pine cones and other decorations to the wire frame. Evergreen wreaths are best suited to outdoor use, but they can be displayed indoors for limited time periods. (*Safety tip: When cutting wire, make sure you are holding, or have secured, the free end. Otherwise, the piece could shoot out and become a hazard.*)

The second of these styles is the grapevine wreath, which, like the wire wreath, provides a frame to secure decorative items to. The grapevine wreath is natural and rustic looking, attractive in its own right. It can afford to be sparingly decorated, exposing the loose braided look of the dried grapevines. If you are adventurous, you may wish to make your own grapevine wreath. You can try by cutting some vine and arranging and tying it right away while it is still green. Then leave it out until it is dry enough to hold its shape.

If there are children in your family or group, you may want to help them design their own wreaths. Begin with a nature walk to find pine cones, seed pods or bits of bark for decorations. Children can either draw or cut out pictures from magazines on certain themes, such as what they like most about a holiday, what they are thankful for or maybe just their favorite things. The pictures can be mounted on cardboard and fixed to the wreath frame. Other items such as ribbon, colored tissue paper or foil can also be provided to help children decorate their wreaths.

The variety of objects that can be used to decorate your wreath is practically endless, limited only by your imagination. You can purchase them, make them or find them, but once you arrange them they become your own statement. So when the spirit moves you this season, try expressing it on a wreath!



Located on the Paupack River, Hawley PA. The historic building once served as the Electric Light Plant.

TIMELY TREASURES
Route 6 • East of Hawley, PA
570-226-2838
www.timelytreasures.com

TOUR OUR MANY ROOMS OF BREATHTAKING HOME DECOR, GIFTS & ANTIQUE FURNITURE UNIQUE & UNEXPECTED TREASURES

NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



CLEAR-RITE POOLS & SPAS INC.

- CUSTOM IN-GROUND POOLS
- VINYL LINER SPECIALISTS
- OPENINGS & CLOSINGS
- WEEKLY MAINTENANCE
- COMPLETE RENOVATIONS
- PATIOS & DECKS
- PUMPS, FILTERS & HEATERS
- SARATOGA SPAS
- SPA/HOT TUB SERVICE (ALL MAKES & MODELS)

www.ClearRitePools.com



845-482-4646
YOUNGSVILLE, NY

"Waterfront Property in Your Own Backyard"



OLDER FARMHOUSE in process of renovation. Finish to your taste. Quaint artsy hamlet. Lovely 1.25-acre corner lot. Great outbuilding could be studio, office etc. Close to Delaware River. \$138,000 MLS #17010



VERY NICE 2-story house on 2.13 acres close to Bethel Woods and Delaware River. 2,000 sq. ft. home is immaculate. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Wraparound deck and private back yard. \$249,000 MLS #15611

Matthew J. Freda
21 Lower Main Street
PO Box 335
Callicoon, NY
845-887-5640
www.fredarealty.com
email: tom@fredarealty.com

Real Estate Inc. Upper Delaware Country Properties



LIV MANOR Unique property affords many possibilities: A spacious 2BR seasonal home w/ 2.5 baths, nice EIK, lg LR, & encl. porch w/ hot tub, a 2BR ranch on crawl space in VG cond. w/ elec. heat & skylights. Also a studio apt & workshop in former 2 car garage, a 1 car det. garage & 2 sheds - all set nicely on 2 lovely acres in a picturesque area. SA-H6238 Only \$145,000 As Is. CALL **SUSAN ALTBACH** AT EXTENSION 215



ROSCOE Extraordinary Quality saturates this 4BR cedar home on 9+ private acres. Top of the line craftsman details include a large stone FP, 2 1/2 tiled baths, wood ceilings & HW floors, custom state of the art EIK w/ a walk-in pantry, built-in speakers, a wet bar, a large deck & more! Near Roscoe, Jeffersonville & Livingston Manor DS-H6204 \$499,000 CALL **DIANE SILVER** AT EXTENSION 203

Yeager Realty Associates, Inc.
Call **Susan Altbach, ext. 215** or **Diane Silver, ext. 203**, in our Liberty Office: **845-292-6333**

BROADWAY HOME



NYC Design Team Expands to The Catskills!

Visit our boutique store for Design Services, Furniture, Lighting, and Accessories

364 East Broadway, Monticello, NY 845-794-1440
Store Hours: Friday - Sunday 11 am - 5 pm
www.broadwayhome.com

AMERICAN HERITAGE REAL ESTATE



OLD FARMHOUSE
This circa 1870 farmhouse still remains in its original state and is a wonderful restoration project. It boasts wide planked floors, the original wood/coal kitchen cook stove, doors and much more. Situated in a peaceful setting, this is a gem that must be seen! **Only \$289,000**



JEFFERSONVILLE
Beautiful village home/B&B with chestnut trim, 4 fireplaces, hardwood floors, 7 bedrooms - 3 en suite, game room, separate 1 bedroom apt, garage with 3 bedroom apt, new roof, nice grounds, zoned commercial/residential. **\$495,000**



BEECHWOODS
Newly Listed! This late 1800's farmhouse is in great condition and features six bedrooms, a fireplace and the original barn on five acres. Everything is situated nicely in a good location with pleasant views. **Asking \$379,000**



ROCK VALLEY ROAD
Secluded 2 bedroom ranch with a 2 car garage on 11 acres. All new appliances. Everything is in nice shape! **Asking \$199,000**

PO Box 7, 4936 St. Rt. 52 • Jeffersonville, NY 12748
845-482-5565 • www.AmericanHeritageRealEstate.com

ONE LUMP, OR TWO: A TEA PARTY FOR ALL OCCASIONS

By MARCIA NEHEMIAH

Considering it a British custom, Americans do not think of inviting friends to afternoon tea, but hosting a tea party can be a most pleasurable way to entertain.

A tea party isn't as complicated as a dinner party and is a unique way to celebrate a bridal or baby shower, a retirement party, a birthday celebration, or time to catch up with good friends.

Afternoon tea can be served buffet style or by passing plates of goodies at the table. The only thing you need to prepare when the party is underway is the tea itself, leaving plenty of time to relax and enjoy your guests.

Tea time is traditionally scheduled from mid to late afternoon. A between-meal spread, it can be as elaborate or as simple as you choose. The menu often includes savory, bite-sized sandwiches, scones or biscuits and sweets (along with a good pot of tea, of course!).

In the past, whether you took "afternoon tea" or "high tea" was an indication of your social standing. Before the 19th century, lunch was eaten quite early in the day, and dinner wasn't served until 8:00 or 9:00 at night. Around 1830 Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, asked for tea and light refreshments in her room one afternoon. She enjoyed her "taking of tea" so much that she started inviting her friends to join her. Before long, having elegant tea became fashionable. Demand for tea wares grew, and soon there were tea services in silver and fine bone china, trays, cake stands, servers, tea caddies, tea strainers, teapots and tea tables.

"Afternoon tea" was a light meal, enjoyed mainly by the aristocracy in keeping with their leisurely lifestyle. "High tea" was enjoyed by the British working class as their evening supper, with more substantial fare that included meat and/or fish rather than the tea sandwiches and scones that are now associated with tea time.

TEA TIME TABLE

In keeping with the traditional elegance of tea, decorating your table with your best china, silver and linens lends an air of polish and grace to the occasion. If Victorian elegance is not your style, use updated décor like handmade pottery or store-bought funky, colorful tea ware.

If you plan to invite a lot of guests, serve buffet style. Be sure that each guest has a convenient place to set her tea cup and saucer when she sits down to eat. On your buffet, set out a selection of tea pots filled with various types of tea. Make decorative labels to indicate the kind of tea in each pot.

At one time, it was customary to first pour a little milk into the teacup. It was thought that the fine porcelain cup could crack if the hot tea was poured directly into the empty cup. Sugar was then offered in cube form, with tongs, or else granulated.

When serving lemon with tea, use lemon slices, not wedges. (A small fork or lemon fork is a nice touch.) Never add lemon with milk as the lemon's citric acid will cause the proteins in the milk to curdle.

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Although we tend to associate dainty finger sandwiches and scones with afternoon tea, there is no prescribed menu. Sandwiches and scones are standard fare, but other possible selections include muffins, crumpets, bread and butter, cakes, shortbread or other cookies, chocolates, gingerbread, pastries, fresh fruit and a selection of jam and jellies, preserves, lemon curd and clotted cream. Adding savory tastes like cheese and crackers, canapés and tea sandwiches round out the offerings.

Proper tea sandwiches are made on very thinly sliced bread. Traditional favorites include thinly peeled and sliced cucumber on lightly buttered white bread, egg sandwiches and thinly sliced ham with watercress and cream cheese. (Such items could be updated with a hummus, eggplant or olive spread with garnishes of your choosing.) After making the sandwiches, cut the crusts off and cut into triangles, squares or circles, using a round cookie cutter.

Serve some of the food from tiered plates and the sandwiches on a lettuce-lined platter. Scones are served with Devonshire cream (rich cream), lemon curd (available at gourmet food stores and some supermarkets) and jams in a doily-lined platter or basket.



TRR photos by Marcia Nehemiah

Tea for two, using modern, colorful crockery available at Misc. Essentials in Hawley, PA.

“THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO PREPARE WHEN THE PARTY IS UNDERWAY IS THE TEA ITSELF, LEAVING PLENTY OF TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR GUESTS.”

CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

SENTRY-PRO EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM

The storm is on...
The utility power is gone...

But you're still on –
with your own power system: **SENTRY-PRO**

Winter ice storms, hurricanes and now, overloaded
utility grids result in a loss of electrical power.

Install your own power plant and be independent of the utility grid.

Call today for your personal home electric survey and our **SENTRY-PRO** quote.

FINANCING AVAILABLE • ON SITE SERVICE

WURTSBORO HARDWARE

77 Sullivan Street • Wurtsboro, NY • 845-888-2001



Hawk's Nest Realty

Roberta Ginton
Office: 845-856-8373
Phone: 845-856-6263
robertag@frontiernet.net



WHAT A BUY!
All this home needs is
some TLC. 3BR. 1BA.
Great starter in P.J.
\$169,500



**RESIDENTIAL/
COMMERCIAL**
Presently used as
residence. Good income
property. Can put an
office or small business
here. 3BR. 2BA.
Call for details and
appointment. \$174,900



**EXCEPTIONAL
BARGAIN**
Move in condition. 3BR.
1.5BA. In a nice safe
neighborhood. A must
see. Call for a showing.
\$178,900



ROOM FOR ALL
This 4BR, 2BA is in the
heart of the city. Easy
commute to trains,
shopping, etc. Older
home that's been
renovated. Can be
converted to a business.
Contact Realty for more
details. \$219,000



Charles Blanchard

Dyberry Weaver

101 Main Street
Narrowsburg, NY
845-252-7289

www.dyberryweaver.com

Yeager

Realty Associates, Inc.

PROUDLY WELCOMES
ASSOCIATE BROKER
RONNY MURPHY
TO OUR BETHEL TEAM

BETHEL 845-583-5550
ROCK HILL 845-794-7814
LIBERTY 845-292-6333
www.yeagerrealty.com



Lanza Realty
2979 Route 209
Wurtsboro, New York 12790
e-mail: c21lanza@aol.com
845-888-5221

IT'S NOT JUST A PLACE TO LIVE.
IT'S A PLACE TO LOVE.

Melissa Lanza, CRS Broker/Owner

- BUYING • SELLING
- RELOCATING • INVESTING



www.century21lanza.com



*Each office independently owned and operated



HARD TO BELIEVE!

Check out this well maintained
2 BR ranch in the village of
Wurtsboro! Set on 2 wooded
acres, home is close to all
amenities. Features blacktop
drive, deck & full basement that
can be converted for more living
space. Great for 1st time buyer or
downsizing.

\$ 149,900.



WURTSBORO VILLAGE CAPE

Sweet 3 BR, Cape Cod style home
on dead end street. Level, fenced
yard, attached garage, mountain
views and walking distance to
village amenities. Finished walk-up
attic, full basement, new windows
and vinyl siding. Won't last, call
today!

\$ 159,900.



MINT CONDITION!

You must see this adorable village
ranch! Features 2/3 bedrooms,
new carpets, thermal windows,
woodstove & full basement.
Paved drive, fenced yard, garden
shed & large deck complete the
picture! Located in commercial
zone, possible professional
offices. Convenient to all the
amenities Wurtsboro has to offer.
\$ 169,900.



QUIET CHARMER

You will immediately feel at home
in this 3 BR, 2 BA contemporary in
Smallwood. Boasts wrap-around
deck, double sliding glass doors,
master suite in loft, cathedral
ceilings & skylights. Large,
partially finished basement holds
laundry room & 1 car garage.

\$ 225,000.



PHILLIPSPORT

This mint condition, legal 2 family,
bi-level style home is better than
new! Kitchen has custom cherry
cabinets, granite counters & top
of the line appliances. Total of 5
bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, features
ceramic & hardwood floors, newer
windows and pellet stove in Family
Room. Multi-tiered deck to pool
makes summer entertaining a
breeze!! Hurry, this won't last!!
\$ 275,000.



VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE

Pride of ownership evident in this
pristine, 4/5 BR, 2.5 BA Trilevel.
All new windows, furnace, HWH.
Features CA, pegged floor,
unique built-ins, lots of storage.
LR has cath, ceiling & French
doors to patio. Double lot for
extra privacy. Slate walk way,
bluestone accents & exterior
lighting complete the scene.
\$ 269,900.

AS GOOD FOR YOU AS IT IS GOOD.

Boar's Head
OVENGOLD
ROAST
Breast of
Turkey

COATED WITH SEASONING
44% LOWER SODIUM
11% LOWER SATURATED FAT
PRESERVATIVE FREE
LOW IN SATURATED FAT
LOW FAT

Scancarello & Sons, Inc.

Boar's Head

Proudly distributed throughout Sullivan County

American Heart Association
Products displaying the heart-check mark meet American Heart Association food criteria for saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people over age 2.
www.americanheart.org

© 2006 Boar's Head Provisions Co., Inc. 3240-98413
www.boarshhead.com

BREWING THE PERFECT POT OF TEA

Leaves, please! The difference between drinking tea made from bags, and tea that is freshly brewed with loose tea leaves, is like the difference between smelling silk flowers and real ones.

- Fill tea kettle with filtered or spring water and place on stove.
- When the water is near boiling, pour a little into the teapot and swirl it around, then pour it out. This warms the pot so that it is at an optimum temperature for holding the tea.
- Add one teaspoon of tea leaves per cup, plus an additional teaspoon "for the pot."
- Remove kettle from heat right after it comes to a boil, and pour six ounces per cup into tea pot.
- Let tea steep three to five minutes, depending on desired strength. Large-leaf teas take longer to brew; small-leaf ones require less time.
- Stir the tea once before pouring.
- Add whole milk or lemon to tea cups, depending on preference of guests. (Milk is served with tea, not cream or half-and-half, which are considered too heavy and mask the taste of the tea.)



Misc. Essentials on Rte. 6 in Hawley, PA sells pots, teacups and saucers and a variety of loose teas as well as tea in bags.

FINDING LOOSE LEAF TEA

A wide array of teas are available in area specialty shops and health food stores. The three main types are black, oolong (or red) and green tea. Assam, Ceylon, China Caravan, Darjeeling, Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Irish Breakfast, Keemun, Kenya, Lapsang Souchong, Nilgiri, Orange Pekoe, Rose Pouchong, Russian and Yunnan are black teas. Formosa/China Oolong and Formosa/China Pouchong are Oolong or red teas, and Gunpowder and Jasmine are green teas. Herbal teas were traditionally used for medicinal remedies, so they are not traditionally served at afternoon tea, but today's tastes call for at least one pot of freshly brewed herbal tea.

You can purchase loose leaf tea at Misc. Essentials in Hawley, PA (570/226-8962), Nature's Grace in Honesdale, PA (570/253-3469) and Nervous Nellie's Café in Milford, PA (570/296-2906). In Jeffersonville, NY, visit Bridgewater Mercantile for Tea Forté (845/482-4044).

Tea should be stored in a small, container airtight container, where it will stay fresh for up to two years.



Bridgewater Mercantiles in Jeffersonville, NY stocks Tea Forté, which uses whole-leaf teas packaged in open weave fabrics to allow the water to flow freely around the tea and the leaves to unfurl.

Sell your home in a New York Minute One Phone Call • One Order • One Bill

Now you can advertise your listings in NYC,
Long Island, Western NY and Central NY.

Reach each region for as low as \$140
or all regions for as little as \$390!

THE RIVER REPORTER

For more information, call Emily, NYSCAN Director
845-252-7414

or e-mail emily@riverreporter.com

BUCK MOORHEAD ARCHITECT

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN • RENOVATIONS
NEW CONSTRUCTION • LAND PLANNING

CALLICOON, NY • 212-343-2735
BUCK@BUCKMOORHEADARCHITECT.COM

THE RIVER REPORTER

FALL/WINTER 2006
OUR COUNTRY
Home
A RIVER REPORTER MAGAZINE

Publisher
Laurie Stuart
Assistant Publisher
Danielle Gaebel
Section Editor
Mary Greene
Production Manager
Connie Kern
Marketing Director
Lori Malone
Advertising Sales
Emily Bacchiocchi
Jennifer Bitetto
Eileen Hennessy

Our Country Home, a special publication of The River Reporter, is published by Stuart Communications, Inc. Entire contents ©2006 by Stuart Communications, Inc.

The River Reporter maintains an office at 93 Erie Ave., Narrowsburg, NY. Its mailing address is P.O. Box 150, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Phone 845-252-7414. E-mail editor@riverreporter.com. The River Reporter is online at riverreporter.com.

Subscription to The River Reporter is \$57.00 for two years, \$33.00 for 1 year or \$22.00 for six months. USPS 354-810. Periodical postage paid at Narrowsburg, NY 12764, and additional mailing offices.

Publication date: October 26, 2006

Offering different
coverage possibilities
for homeowner's insurance

We support growth

**D.R. BLUHM
INSURANCE AGENCY**

871 Main Street • Honesdale, PA

570-253-0191

CALL NOW Get your new Home Standby Generator Today

GUARDIAN
by Generac Power System, Inc.

**ONE TIME INVESTMENT
A LIFETIME OF SECURITY**

Common Causes of Power Outages

- Snowstorms
- Floods
- Heavy Winds
- Trees falling on Power Lines

American Electric, LLC
Lake Huntington, NY
Licensed Electrical Contractors
845-932-8111 or 845-583-1015 • www.AmericanElectricOnline.com

EASY INSTALLATION
pre-packaged pre-wired




BIG ED FITZPATRICK'S EXCAVATING, LLC

Drainage Work • Demolition • Lot Clearing
Cut in New Roads and Driveways
Extensions and Renovations
Septic Systems • Grading • Landscaping
Retaining Walls
Stone and Materials Delivery

DON'T BE MISLED – CALL BIG ED
Home 845-292-1144
Ed's Cell 845-866-3173 • Paul's Cell (845) 798-6501

Our crew stays with the job until completed.
Call now for your Fall/Winter projects.

Duraclean's
Gold Standard of Excellence

20% OFF
ceramic tile cleaning and grout resealing
(with this coupon)

More Than 28 Years Experience

- Advanced truck-mounted cleaning system
- Patented foam extraction cleaning for fast drying
- We use non-allergenic cleaning chemicals
- Carpet cleaning
- Furniture cleaning including leather
- Ceramic tile cleaning & grout resealing
- Duct cleaning, flood & fire restoration

**15 Cross Rd., Cochection, NY
845-932-8475**
Craig & Vince Annunziata

We are an independent franchise of Duraclean International, founded in 1930

Catskill
LeafGuard

The only One-Piece seamless debris shedding gutter on the market today.



Never Clean Your Gutters Again—Guaranteed

845-482-5259
www.leafguardinc.com




Lewis Meckle Construction Corp.
Narrowsburg, NY
(845) 252-7469

New Construction
Renovations
Excavating



Quality to Remember

THE RUSH IS ON.



GET A **FREE 3-YEAR BUMPER-TO-BUMPER WARRANTY** AND PAYMENTS AS LOW AS **\$59 /MO.** ON POLARIS® SNOWMOBILES*

POLARIS® SEASON TO ride SALES EVENT

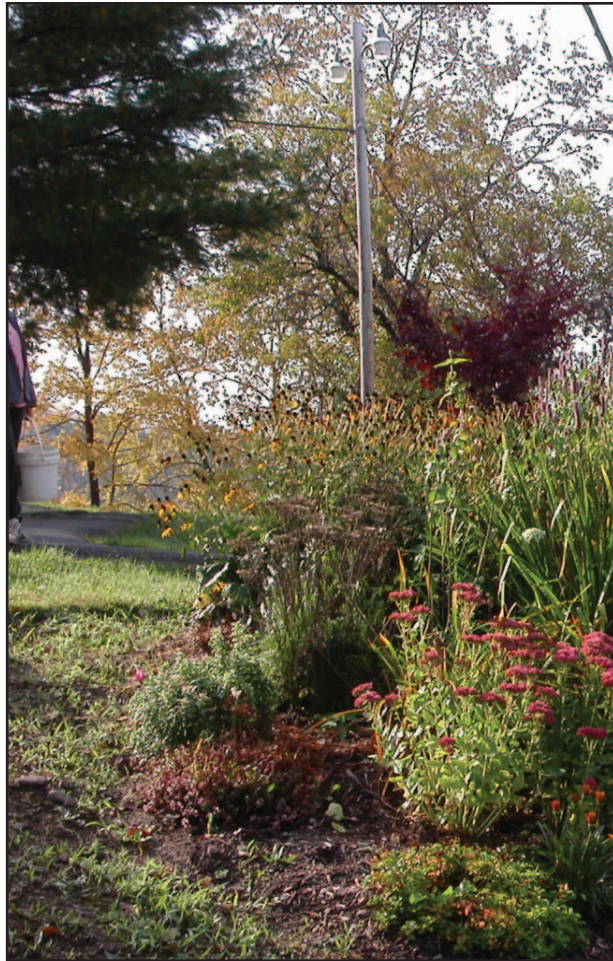
THE SEASON STARTS AT **BILL CASE SALES & SERVICE**
Welcome Lake, PA • RD 1 Beach Lake, PA
570/729-7402 • www.billcase.com

*Free 3-year warranty consists of 12 months standard manufacturer's warranty plus 24 months POLARISTAR Protection Plus® extended service contract. POLARISTAR contract is subject to \$50 deductible, no mileage limitation. See dealer for details. Finance offer is valid subject to credit approval on the Polaris StarCard® on qualified consumer purchases financed during the promotion period. Reduced Rate 12.9% APR and the following payments are effective if your Account is kept current. \$59 for purchases financed up to \$5,000. \$99 for financed purchases of \$5,001 to \$8,000. For Accounts not kept current, the promotion will be canceled, and the default Rate 21.9% APR and standard monthly payments will apply. Paying only the amount advertised will not pay off the purchase during the promotional period. Minimum Finance Charge: \$1. Certain rules apply to the allocation of payments and Finance Charge on your promotional purchase if you make more than one purchase on your Polaris StarCard. Call 1-888-367-4310 or review your Cardholder Agreement for information. Polaris recommends that all snowmobile riders take a training course. Do not attempt maneuvers beyond your capability. Always wear a helmet and other safety apparel. Never drink and ride. ©2006 POLARIS SALES INC.



TRR photos by Rosemary Mandeville

Fall is the time to begin the task of preparing the garden for winter.



Flowers fade, but shapes continue to provide garden structure in the off-season.



The winter garden is ready to create interesting shapes in the snow.

The winter garden:

creating a graceful off-season tableau

By ROSEMARY MANDEVILLE

Fall cleanup in the garden is a task I find deeply satisfying. Not only do I have the excuse to get out into the garden on a beautiful fall day after the first hard frosts, but by leaving plants with winter interest in place, I have an opportunity to sculpt a brand new garden that will be attractive through much of the winter. This new garden has a limited color palette of browns, with accents of evergreen, but that is what enables me to focus more on shapes and textures, seedpods and branch structure. Morning frosts and snow will soon make the garden as beautiful as it was in summer, but in a quieter, more subtle way.

There are no hard and fast rules to garden cleanup. I start by removing things like soggy hosta leaves that have succumbed to the frost. Weeds have to go too. It's surprising how late in the season they will continue to grow and set seed to sprout next year. By cleaning them out now while I'm tending the garden bed anyway, I'll be saving a lot of trouble in spring. After removing the most obviously unattractive foliage and flower stalks, creative license comes into play. At that point, I begin to go through the bed slowly, removing most annuals completely, and cutting down perennials whose shapes are not contributing to the winter garden. The stems of the perennials are cut down, leaving the leafy crown at the base. If there is no leafy crown, I leave a few inches of stem intact, so that, in spring, I know that there is a plant occupying that spot. Hedge clippers make short work of multi-stemmed perennials like phlox and grasses, while scissors, pruners or even loppers are useful for other plants.

The old flower stalks of black-eyed-susan and purple coneflower will be left standing, as well as the spiky leaves of Siberian iris, if they are in good shape. Not only do they have interesting shapes, but the seedpods are beneficial as a food source to over-wintering birds. Ornamental grasses will be left until they flop over and break down. The tall

sedums look almost as good through winter as they did in full bloom. I'll leave them too.

Sometimes a lot of plants with good fall/winter interest will be grouped together in one part of the bed, leaving another section looking a little barren after cleanup. In that case, I'll cut down more of the perennials in the crowded area, even if they still look nice, to create a better balance in the bed as a whole.

When the bed is cleaned up and looking ready for winter, it's time to make sure the plants will have a good start in the spring. If the bed didn't grow as well as I'd hoped this year, despite proper watering and fertilizing, I might take a soil test to make sure the pH is in the proper range. If it's not, now is the time to correct it with the addition of lime (if the soil is too acid) or sulphur (if it's not acid enough). If the pH is too far out of the proper range for the particular plant, the plant will not be able to absorb the nutrients that are in the soil, or that are added to it. Fertilizer can wait until spring. Applied now, it's likely to either leach out of the soil before the plants can use it, or, if we have a late warm spell, cause a new growth spurt that will freeze off when cold weather returns, wasting the plants' energy reserves.

I don't usually bother with plants that need extra winter protection, but one or two may benefit from a winter mulch of pine boughs or straw. The idea here is to cover the plant with something loose and fluffy to break the wind and moderate temperatures. Summer mulches of shredded leaves or shredded bark piled onto the crowns of plants will do more harm than good, by holding in moisture and rotting the crown. In any case, winter mulches aren't put down until cold weather sets in for good—by about Thanksgiving.

In all the excitement of the fall cleanup, I'm reminded that spring blooming bulbs need to be planted now, but that is another story, for another time.



Contributed Photo

A future barn home starts with good “bones” like these century-old hand-hewn timbers.



Photo by Randy Harris

Modern energy-efficient windows are combined with the elegant textures of time-worn woods.

BORN AGAIN BARNNS:



TRR photo by Sandy Long

Extensive handwork similar to that employed in fine-furniture-making is typically required in the process of repairing and restoring beams and joinery.

By SANDY LONG

In days gone by, when a barn reached the end of its useful purpose, it was typically left to collapse, bone by wooden bone, back to earth, or hastened through this process by demolition or fire. Today, an unwanted barn can be reclaimed and refashioned into a fabulous country home.

One firm performing this work in the Upper Delaware region is Lumberland Post and Beam (LP&B) of Pond Eddy, NY. After purchasing and converting an old barn into his current family home, founder Hall Smyth discovered an appreciation for timber frame structures that prompted the establishment of LP&B as an alternative to today’s housing options. “There is much more character inherent in these barns and their salvaged materials,” said Hall, who takes a special interest in integrating large-scale architectural elements into a converted barn’s living space.

George Whitehouse, LP&B’s head timber framer, particularly appreciates the opportunity to experience the rich history of each barn. “People develop a personal relationship with their barns, because they often have a family history associated with them,” he said. “They want to see that preserved in some way.”

While dismantling a barn in Mount Cobb, PA recently, George was surprised at the number of people interested in the project. Initially, neighbors didn’t know what to think. Then people began stopping by to ask questions and to share information about other barns in the area in need of shoring up or relocation.

One day, an 85-year-old woman drove up in a limo, hobbled over on her cane and announced, “My great-grandfather built this barn.” She expressed great interest in the process and in the barn’s future. Such encounters are part of what attracts George to the work. “I enjoy retooling these barns for the next go-round and being part of the process of making them last another 80-100 years—or even longer,” he said.

Oftentimes, barns within a region have common characteristics due to the fact that the same individuals created them and left their trademark style. George reads this information for what it reveals about the handwork of each timber framer.



TRR photo by Sandy Long

Underneath this 5,000-square-foot home's modern exterior is the timber frame that once provided structure for a barn relocated from Livermore, Maine.



Photo by Randy Harris

Recycled materials like this former exterior barn siding are creatively re-used to enhance a barn home's interior.

homes with a history —and a future

"Frames were often hand-hewn. You can see the marks of the broadax, can tell this was a right-handed strike, for example. Within an area, you'll find that a signature joinery identifies each framer," he said.

From another perspective, architect Kent Johnson works to transform the individual timber frames into modern homes while keeping in mind the lore that lies behind each structure. "Using new technology, we're continuing the tradition of expanding a barn," he said. "In the past, one farmer would ask another for a beam and piece together a new addition. We've got a different set of tools to work with and we're taking a unique approach to building and design. It's not typical; it tends to attract people interested in the unconventional."

To further define a home's characteristics, Kent draws upon his digital catalog of items and materials salvaged from earlier renovations and relocations to uncover just the right farmhouse sink to set the tone for a reborn barn's kitchen, or to incorporate the wavy glass often found in old windows as an interior feature in the new home.

Much like the history embedded in a barn home, its timber frame structure provides a sense of solidity, of something tested by time and found to have value worth preserving. Reborn barns have good bones and possess a sense of soul or character that is often absent in today's newly constructed homes. Like wise old elders, barn homes are rooted in their individual stories. But as they are re-envisioned, they become a new home unlike any other.

"This is something good," said George. "It's an opportunity to be part of an alternative building movement, creating spaces that feel different, with varying textures and details. It's both progressive and respectful of the past at the same time. We're extending the history of a building that already has a history."

The born again barn: how it happens

First, a barn is located, like this Mount Cobb, PA, barn that was offered for sale in September 2006.



Contributed photos

Timber lengths and joinery are carefully measured; parts are labeled and tagged; then siding and beams are removed.



Architect Kent Johnson plugs the barn's dimensions into a CAD program to begin re-designing the timber frame structure into a home. Kent is standing in a former chicken barn that is being renovated into a livable studio.



As the barn is dismantled, many components are salvaged and stored for future re-use.



The barn's tagged "bones" are stored in a beamshed, which can accommodate beams up to 50 feet in length.



*Personal Organizing & Design
Solutions for your Home or Office*

Reasonable Rates
Results in as little as 2-hours

It's not as hard as you think...



LightSpace

917-597-6669 • lightarts@hvc.rr.com

WM

CALL Our Friendly Customer Service Today

**A Full-Service
Waste Removal Company**

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Recycling Services

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Beach Lake Transfer

800-225-5930



Customize your dream home with Barden.

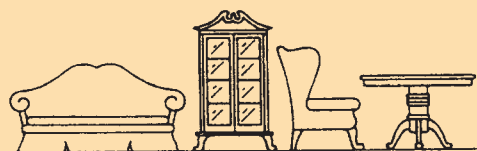
- Customize your home from over 190 designs or use your own.
- Financing is available to qualified buyers through 3rd party providers.
- 30% more energy efficient—giving you more home for your money.
- Act as your own general contractor and build “sweat equity.”



An Independent Dealer Featuring
barden
Better. Faster. Smarter.
HOMES • COMMERCIAL • CHURCHES
www.bardenhomes.com

Call Aaron of Vision Building Services Inc. for more information or to set up an appointment. 845-858-8604

Make your home in the country
a well decorated one



The Furniture Find

has found exciting new collections and new styles of furniture for you. We offer the finest selection of country and traditional furniture at affordable prices. Visit us, Linda and Janice will make your decorating task an enjoyable one.

Nestled in the quaint town of Milford. Come and enjoy the day.

- Financing Available •

888-296-6099

570-296-6099

321 Water Street
Milford, PA

Over 10,000 square feet of showroom

www.thefurniturefind-pike.com

www.klimchok.com
a special place in the country



KLIMCHOK REAL ESTATE

Callicoon, NY • 845-887-4444

Residential

Shop Online at
www.supbldsup.com

SUPERIOR BUILDING SUPPLY "WWW.SUPBLDSUP.COM"

Commercial

Visit our **Do it Best** Center
Our Name Says It All!



Trimax Quality Vinyl Decking!

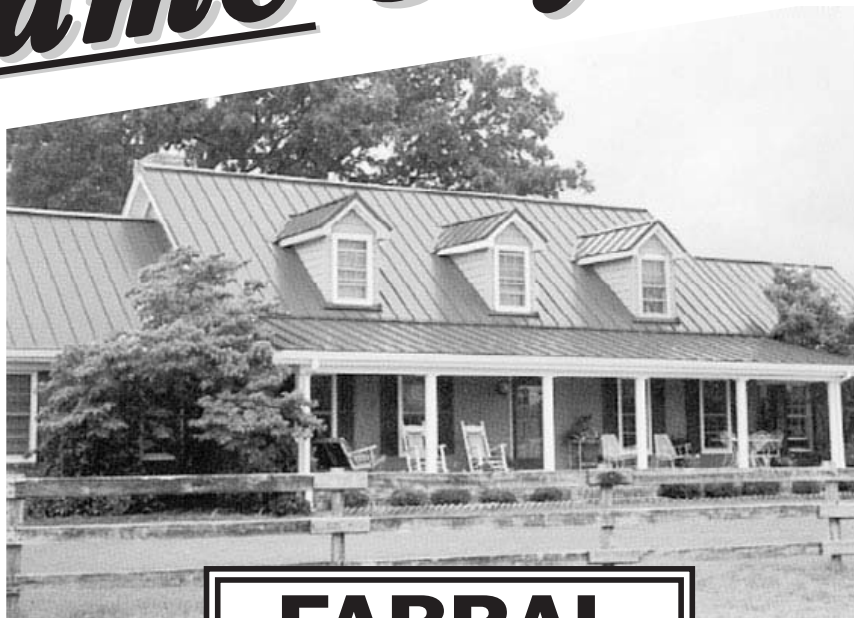
Now there's a real alternative available. Our Carefree Decking System™, made of recycled plastic, is the maintenance-free material of choice for homeowners.



Get The Strength & Security of Steel

- Premium steel doors feature a tough semi-gloss white finish
- Virtually maintenance free
- Revolutionary B15 door lite frame never needs painting and can withstand a storm door, sun exposure and dark-colored paints without cracking or warping

THERMA TRU®



FABRAL

Grandrib 3®

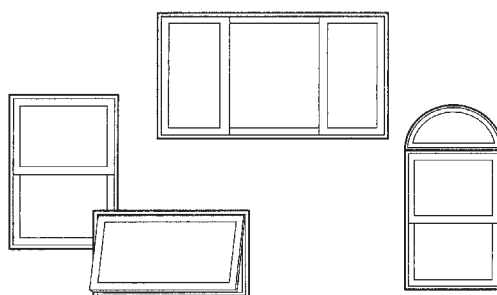
- 29 ga. industrial quality full hard steel
- Standard galvanized coating
- 20 Super Alurite® 25 colors

NO MORE PAINTING BLUES!

You can forget about the back-breaking scraping, sanding and expensive painting required to maintain your home's exterior with quality siding products from Alside. Premium Vinyl Siding & Soffit™ are available in a variety of designs and colors to give you the look you've always wanted for your home. Alside products are covered by a Lifetime Limited Warranty.



Alside
First On America's Homes



SURVIVOR Door & Window Systems

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS
Custom made-for easy, snug fit!
Call now for maximum SAVINGS!

Any size.
Any shape.
Any budget.

**"CONTRACTOR"
REFERRAL
FOR ALL
PROJECTS**

STORE HOURS
7:30 am-5:00 pm Mon.-Fri.
8 am-1 pm Saturday
845-985-7693
Rt. 55 Mutton Hill Road
Neversink, NY

SBU-058498

HOLBERT BROS. BLUESTONE COMPANY

237 MASTHOPE PLANK ROAD
LACKAWAXEN, PENNSYLVANIA

WALLSTONE ~ IRREGULAR FLAGGING
BRIDGES ~ LANDSCAPE BOULDERS
NATURAL STEPS

~ WE BUY BLUESTONE RUBBLE PILES ~

WAYNE HOLBERT, PA *BLUESTONE FARMER*

570-685-4405 • FAX 570-685-3141



Eagle Valley Realty

6569 State Route 97 • Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Phone 845-252-3085

Licensed in New York & Pennsylvania

Visit us on the web: www.eaglevalleyrealty.com



REDUCED! Country Charmer!!

Situated On A Corner Parcel In A Quaint Town, This Home Features A Great Room With Vaulted Ceilings, Sky Lights, Corner Wood Burning Fireplace, Big Bright & Sunny Rooms, Bedroom, Sliding Glass Doors To Yard, Full Bath, Two Person Jacuzzi Tub, Loft Style Second Bedroom. New Upgrades, Move-In Condition. \$144,000 #6076



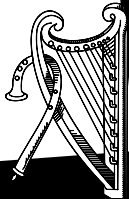
Country Ranch!!

Come & Pick Your Colors!! This Turn Key Home Will Be Built On A Lovely 5.67 +/- Parcel. Features Include A Large Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Oak Cabinets, Three Bedrooms, Two Full Baths, Plus A Half Bath, Including A Master Suite W/ Jacuzzi Tub. There Will Be A Full Basement & An Attached Two Car Garage. \$319,000 #6141

Michael Parker Custom Carpentry

Specializing in
Remodeling • Finished Basements
Additions • Custom Deks
Replacement Windows & Doors • Trim

Shohola, PA
570-559-7583



"WE DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME."

Building a Better Home

Specializing in
Custom Built Homes

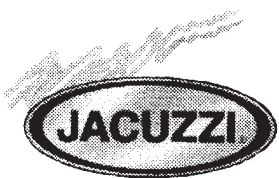
We offer quality
construction that you
will be proud of.

Terry Tenbus
99 Parker Road
Narrowsburg, NY
845-252-3500

Continuous
Service
Since 1930

FRITZ BROS., INC.

WELL DRILLING
WATER SYSTEMS
PIPES AND FITTINGS
SALES & SERVICE



570-253-2660
Fax 570-253-4788

Cliff Street & Route 6
Honesdale, PA

MONTICELLO WOOD FLOORS INC.

Third Generation
Serving Sullivan County

Installation of
pre-finished and
unfinished
hardwood flooring

Sanding, staining and
refinishing of existing
hardwood floors

Floor finished and
cleaning supplies
available

Let us be your
full service
wood floor company

Call for
estimate appointments
Mondays through Fridays
845-791-9930

John (Shawn) Laufersweiler, *Proprietor*
68 Saint John Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Jerico FINE ARTS GALLERY

21 Lower Main Street (next to Matthew's on Main)
Callicoon, New York 12723

Featuring Paintings, Prints,
Photography and Sculpture

The Very Best
of the Delaware River School

Callicoon - Home of Jay Brooks

Winter Hours:
Friday thru Sunday
11 am to 5 pm

845-887-5990

www.jericogallery.com

Hands On!

buying functional art for the home



Contributed photo

A playful simplicity distinguishes “Earthgirl” pottery, by Jill Wiener in Callicoon Center, NY.



Contributed photo

Gorgeous colors and weaves run through rugs, shoulder bags and other products of “Dyberry Weaver” Charles Blanchard in Narrowsburg, NY.

By JENNIFER O'REILLY

There are many reasons to purchase art: for decoration, enjoyment, inspiration, investment and prestige. And, there are many kinds of art, from paintings to fabric art to sculpture to textile art to pottery. Some art is merely for gazing at on the wall; other kinds of art are more functional—made to be used.

The best reason for indulging in some original, one-of-a-kind ceramic art is what potter Jill Wiener said: you look at it and “it speaks to you.” Wiener, who founded Earthgirl Pottery in Callicoon Center, NY (845/482-4976 or online at www.earthgirlpottery.com), has vases, bowls, pitchers, cups and many other functional creations for kitchen and hearth. Additionally, she creates many commissioned pieces and, in fact, finds that customer requests “inspire great adventure.” While working to fulfill a whimsical request for a dachshund-shaped dog biscuit holder, an idea for penguins popped up. Jill said, “I make things I love, things that make me smile.” In the spirit of adventure, she “will try just about anything.” She once made a “devil” cookie jar that generated much laughter from everyone who viewed it, exemplifying her philosophy that artwork can be utilitarian but also “have an effect on a person.” Wiener has been making pots in her studio for ten years, and she also has a home-grown flower business for weddings and other occasions.

Another ceramic artist, Anthony N. Biancoviso of Hillside Studio and Gallery in Barryville, NY (845/557-3640 or email hillsidestudios@frontiernet.net) said that usable art such as pottery or textiles, “functions, but you interact with it in more than just a functional way. Unlike mass production, with hand-made functional art—whatever its outermost use—there is another level of interaction.”

Making the decision to buy what Anthony calls “daily use” art can be as simple as discovering a mug handle that perfectly fits in your hand, that feels just right in heft and balance. Anthony said, “With use, an increased awareness of self in relation to the object comes to the fore.” It’s that moment of enhancement, that sensual awareness of the rising quality of life and the respite it provides, that defines art. His functional art is earthy and handsome, using dark colors and simple, pleasing shapes that can adapt to anything from a fine vase to a toothbrush holder.

Anne and Edward Nocera, of Nocera Art Tile in Milanville, PA (570/ 729-7946 or online at www.art-tile.com) avail clients with a variety of custom art using tiles. The tiles themselves can be used for flooring and decorative flourish; objects can be made from tile and glaze paintings created on tile. The couple strives to provide “natural things to exercise a good effect.” Anne said that she and her husband study ceramic/tile history, and this appreciation contributes to their earthy creative focus. Thus, their “process has become more intuitive,” and their high standards have resulted in craftsmanship that speaks so well that color, size and spatial specifications are often the “last things considered” by their customers. The underlying purpose, along with function, said Anne, “is making a home a happy place through art.” Moreover, she and Ed “think visually” and are able to key into trends indicated by their customers while practicing “good design principles that create harmony in design. Then, that harmony spills over into the soul.”

Charles Blanchard, aka “The Dyberry Weaver” in Narrowsburg, NY (845/ 252-7289 or www.dyberryweaver.com) learned his trade through practice, practice, practice. He made useful items that his friends and neighbors requested, such as horse blankets, yoga mats, placemats and prayer rugs. In doing so, he found his creations reflecting the livelihood and interests of his community. Today, when you visit him in his studio on Main Street (where you can also see his mammoth Harrisville Rug loom), the appeal of his weavings reflect a depth of process inherent in their creation. Charles said “adapting and making each different one” is a spiritual quest. His products include rugs, wall hangings, table runners, shoulder bags and other containers and coverings.

Likening the process to composing a sonnet, Charles said, “creating the pattern and size of an area rug, for example, is limited by the size of the loom, texture of the fiber—and my energy level.” He hopes those who buy his work are making “feel good, emotional decisions that recognize, at some level, the perspiration factor of making something completely by hand.”

There is nothing so satisfying as filling your home with beautiful, functional art and craft pieces that will increase in meaning as time goes by. In doing so, you are supporting your local artisans. So when the time comes to spend a bit of extra money for yourself or a friend on that really nice rug or bowl, don’t hesitate. It will bring joy for months and years to come.

WESTCHESTER MODULAR HOMES Celebrating our 20th Anniversary



Two Ways To Win with Westchester Modular

1. Hurry, visit our model today and Register To Win a Trip to Orlando, FL*



All you need to do to win is visit our model and register for a fabulous trip to Orlando, Florida that includes accommodations, plus a \$2,000 travel voucher.

* No purchase necessary. Only one entry per household, must be 21 to be eligible for free vacation. Register by December 15 — official drawing will take place on January 6, 2007.

2. **\$8,000** Buy Now and Save up to **IN FREE OPTIONS**** ON YOUR NEW HOME

During our 20th Anniversary Celebration, Westchester is giving away up to \$8,000 in FREE OPTIONS on all homes ordered by December 4, 2006. Choose from over 60 different floorplans or custom design the home of your dreams. The fireplace, jacuzzi or cathedral ceiling you've always dreamed of can be yours now . . . it's your FREE option!

Remember, there are two ways to win! Just visit our model today, register for the free trip, and order your new home by December 4th to receive beautiful options and upgrades as our anniversary bonus to you.

QUALITY CRAFTED HOMES

County Road 25 & Rt. 52 • Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(845) 252-7301

The above photo is an artist's rendering only. Actual house being built may vary slightly from the rendering.



Featuring High-Quality Andersen® Products



** Discounts on Free Options will vary according to week your home is ordered and built from the factory. See your participating Authorized Westchester Builder for details. Advertised discount based on 4-unit colonial. On line production slots are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Halloween's Heritage: the delight of fright

By NANCY DYMOND

Say "October," and people think of pumpkins, cornhusks, apple cider... and Halloween. The icons of the season—jack o' lanterns, bonfires, scary costumes and masks, parades of trick-or-treaters—all recall a mysterious past steeped in both religious and secular customs.

Unlike the Mexican *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead), when families honor their ancestors, Halloween is not a time to memorialize dead relatives. Edgar Allan Poe, the 19th century American author and prolific maven of the macabre, is widely read at this time of year. His poem, "The Raven," sends delightful chills up the spine by its winged harbinger's enigmatic comment, "Nevermore." Another favorite piece of scary literature is Bram Stoker's "Dracula," which offers a tale of entanglement between creatures of the polite world of daylight and the human-seeming, blood-draining denizens of the night world.

Halloween History – A Harvest Celebration

In the northern hemisphere's dark half of the year, ancient Celts of northern Europe, forced to confront the frightening aspects of dwindling resources through the savage winters, held a harvest ritual called Samhain. Samhain marked the return of the cattle to the barns for the winter and was celebrated by feasting and huge fires of cattle bones (later called *bonfires* in English). The Samhain bonfire was the source of every household's new fire for the coming year. Community members relit their hearths by carrying a burning Samhain ember home in a hollowed out gourd or turnip.

At this time of year the *sidhs*, or faeries, living in the mounds and barrows of the countryside, could enter the human world through the thinning veil between the worlds. Their mischief could lead to a person's disappearance into the other world for years, or even forever. Roaming spirits could inhabit the bodies of animals, especially black cats. By dressing up as creatures of the night themselves, people hoped that they could avoid being carried off into the other world.

Celtic society, whose roots date back to 800 BC, eventually succumbed to Roman conquest. With the Romans came the celebration of the goddess Pomona, who ruled fruit and trees and whose symbol was an apple. Christianity gained a foothold over Samhain by re-dating All Saints' Day from May 13 to Nov. 1, and establishing All Souls' Day on Nov. 2, thereby creating a "Hallow Tide" of two evenings and two days. Hallow's E'en was the evening before the beginning of the Hallow Tide.

Continuing Folk Traditions of Halloween

The modern American and Canadian celebrations of Halloween derive in great part from customs the Irish brought when they fled the Great Potato Famine in the mid-nineteenth century. Others were brought by the Scots and English. Each custom can be traced back to one or more tales of early origins.

Poor Jack O' (the) Lantern, a notorious drunkard and trickster, doomed himself to wander the earth endlessly when he tricked the devil, trapping him in an apple tree by carving a cross into the trunk. He let Satan come down after Satan promised not to tempt Jack any more. Denied entrance to both heaven and hell, Jack was forced to wander the earth through eternity with only a burning ember carried in a carved turnip (later the indigenous American pumpkin) to light his way.

The tradition of wearing costumes is thought to have originated with an ancient Celtic custom of setting a Samhain banquet for returning spirits of the dead; then, costumed and masked to resemble the spirits, villagers went in a torch-flanked procession to the edge of town to bid the spirits farewell. In medieval England, costumes were worn by parades of children who, on the eve of All Souls' Day, went house-to-house offering to pray for dead relatives in return for a currant bun, called a "soulcake," or a donation of money.

"Who will I marry?" the burning question of youth, brought customs of divination that evolved into fun party games like bobbing for apples or biting apples suspended on a string. First to bite the apple was said to be first to marry. Less familiar fortune-telling techniques that accompanied the season in Ireland were: dropping a single apple peel onto the floor to reveal the initial of the future spouse; throwing a lock of hair into the fire to stimulate a dream of the future beloved; or finding the ring (romance), the rag (financial woes), or the coin (prosperity), planted in the traditional Halloween Irish Barnbrack (fruit) cake to reveal the fortunes of the coming year.

Halloween Today

Halloween has become a favorite holiday of merchandisers. The sale of Halloween-themed candy, cards, costumes and decor items has morphed into a multi-million dollar industry. Hallmark Cards reports that 65 percent of Americans will decorate their homes and offices for Halloween. This percentage is exceeded only at Christmas-time.

Haunted house attractions, manned by eager volunteers, "scare up" money for worthy community projects. Local historical societies offer cemetery tours that emphasize history over horror. (Visit www.horrorfind.com to find haunted attractions nationwide.) And, of course, on Halloween, as dusk descends, the parade of costumed children continues in neighborhoods all over the nation.

So, whether you want to have your fortune told, beg your neighbors for some soul cakes, contact the dearly departed or dress up for a masked ball, make it a spooktacular celebration!



Contributed photo

Regional Haunted Events and Attractions

DAMASCUS, OCT. 27 - 28 – Haunted trail walk at the Damascus Community Center and indoor activities for kids from 7 to 10 p.m. \$3 adults, \$2 children under 12. 570/224-6671 or 570/224-4352.

LIBERTY, OCT. 26 - 28 – Haunted house and scare trail at Hanofee Park Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from dusk to 11 p.m. \$10 per person. 845/866-4801.

CUDDEBACKVILLE, OCT. 28 – Neversink Valley Area Museum hosts Halloween fair and haunted boat rides from 3 to 7 p.m. \$5 general admission, \$3 for members. 845/754-8870.

LAKE HUNTINGTON, OCT. 28 – Masked Ball Gala Event – The Nutshell Art Center presents the First Annual Masked Ball Gala Event at 8 p.m. Saints of Swing, entertainment, food, haunted house. \$25. 845/647-5087.

MILFORD, OCT. 28 – The American Reader's Theatre Co. presents a dramatic reading of "Dracula" at 6 and 8 p.m. at Grey Towers. \$10 per person. 570/296-9630.

STARLIGHT, OCT. 28 – Halloween Costume Contest, The Inn at Starlight Lake,

289 Starlight Lake Road. Starlight dinner or bar check is entrance to the contest. Grand prize \$200. Contact: 800/248-2519.

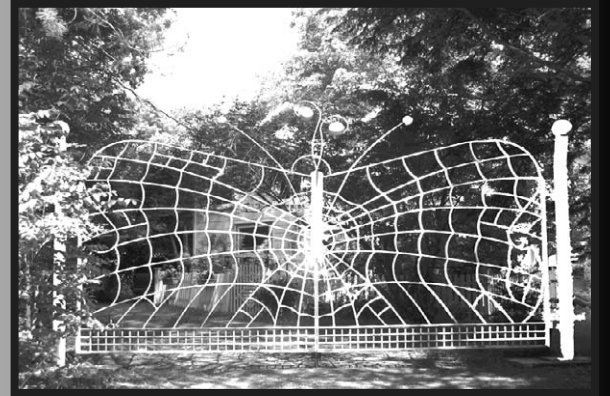
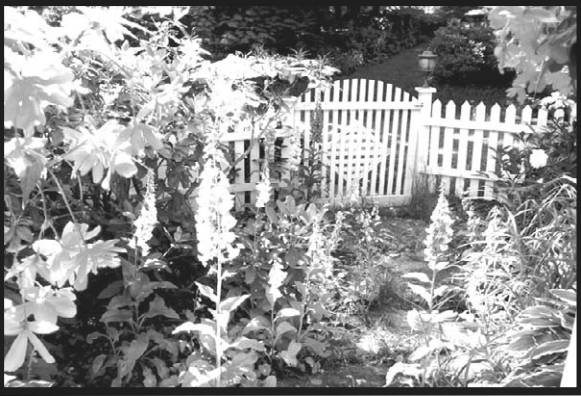
ELDRED, OCT. 28 – The River Reporter's Ghoulishly Good Halloween Party, The Eldred Preserve, Rt 55, Eldred. 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.. No cover charge. Food and drink available for purchase. Prizes for best costume, games and more.. All are welcome. For reservations or more information call 845/557-8316.

ELDRED, OCT. 29 – Halloween Hoedown at Eldred Preserve – Steges Lake, 10am-4 p.m., Rain or Shine. Costume Parade at 2 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person (under 2 free), includes hayride and free ticket chance for great prizes.

JEFFERSONVILLE, OCT. 29 – Halloween brunch crawl. Main Street Merchants offer tasty samples from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JEFFERSONVILLE, OCT. 31 – Halloween parade on Maple Avenue and party at the Firehouse, starts at 6 p.m. 845/482-3330.

LIBERTY – OCT. 31 – Downtown Liberty holds a Halloween parade at 6 p.m. 845/292-7690.



MARION THOL
 DAMASCUS TWP,
 TYLER HILL, PA
 PRESENTS A FEATURED HOME



A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED 1890'S VICTORIAN FARMHOUSE SITUATED ON 45 PRIVATE ACRES WITH LOVELY 2AC POND AND BARN.

THIS UNIQUE 2 STORY HOME FEATURES 4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, AN INTIMATE KITCHEN/DINING ROOM AND LARGE OFFICE AREA, MULTI-DECKING AND CARPORT. ALSO FEATURED IS A WELL APPOINTED SEPARATE SUITE WITH PRIVATE ENTRANCE AND DECK.



ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES INCLUDE VAULTED CEILINGS, FIREPLACE, HANDCRAFTED PINE AND GLASS CABINETS, RANDOM WIDTH PLANK FLOORING ALL HAND TONGUE-AND-GROOVE FROM LOCAL PINE, MAHOGANY FLOORING, IMPORTED HANDCRAFTED TILES, DORMER WINDOWS AND LARGE PICTURE WINDOWS OVERLOOKING THE LUSH GARDENS, DECKS, AND POND, THREE VERMONT CASTING PROPANE STOVES. ALSO FEATURED IS A LARGE HEATED 40X60 MODERN BARN.



THIS WONDERFUL ACREAGE IS LOCATED ON A QUIET COUNTRY ROAD, MOSTLY WOODED WITH OPEN AREAS OFFERING AN ABUNDANCE OF WILDLIFE AND TRAILS. THE POND IS PRIVATELY NESTLED. APPROXIMATELY 4 ACRES OF PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE HOUSE IS ENCLOSED WITH AN INCONSPICUOUS 8 FT DEER FENCE TO PROTECT THE GORGEOUS PERENNIAL FLOWER BEDS, RAISED BED VEGETABLE GARDEN AND FRUIT TREES, THESE INCLUDE APPLE, PEACH, PEAR., PLUM, CHERRY, MULBERRY, MANY BLUEBERRY BUSHES AND GRAPES, ADJOINING 35 ACRES ARE AVAILABLE.



ENTER THIS UNIQUE PROPERTY THROUGH A HAND FORGED WROUGHT IRON BUTTERFLY/SPIDERWEB GATE TO PERSONALLY EXPERIENCE THE WARM CHARM AND SERENE CHARACTER THIS QUALITY HOME OFFERS.



For further inquiries or to view this exclusive home please call
Marion Thol
 Gold C Realty
 SR Route 371, P.O. Box 162
 Tyler Hill, Pennsylvania 18469
 Business (570) 224-7653
 Fax (570) 224-4870
 Residence (570) 224-4033
 Marion@thpagoldc.com
 www.thpagoldc.com



Marion Thol
 Sales Associate



TRR photo by Mary Greene

College student Cassie Valentin learns how to do some down-home canning during her summer vacation in Narrowsburg, NY.

Savoring Summer: one jar at a time

By MARY GREENE

Every vegetable gardener knows the feeling of panic that comes when there are too many vegetables to eat or share. The cucumbers ripen all at once, and the refrigerator fills up with the clunky little beasts whose shelf life is only a week or so. The fat long pods of green beans that you so eagerly anticipated as a mid-summer treat are now on overkill and no longer welcomed by your family at the dinner table. Oh yes, and here come the tomatoes, the summer squash, the basil, the beets, the carrots, the sweet peppers and hot peppers. Not to mention the summer fruit that won't quit, from strawberries to peaches to late-season blackberries.

Many of these vegetables and fruits stand up well to freezing. Berries and fruits are best frozen without cooking, placing the fruit first on a cookie sheet in a single layer. (Once it has frozen that way, it can be placed in a deeper container and placed in the freezer.) Most vegetables do well with blanching (a minute's emersion in boiling water) before freezing.

Freezing is easy, convenient and effective. But, let's face it: it has no magic. For magic, one must turn to the older, alchemical process of canning.

Canning was invented in France in 1795 when Napoleon Bonaparte, concerned about feeding his armies in the field, offered 12,000 francs to anyone who could develop a method for keeping food fresh. Chef Nicholas Appert answered the call by canning meats and vegetables in glass jars sealed with pitch. In 1804, he opened the first vacuum-packing plant. Knowledge of the method soon spread, and in 1810, Peter Durand, an Englishman, patented a method for sealing food in unbreakable tin containers. At that time, it took about six hours to properly process a can of food.

Although that time has been reduced to 30 minutes or less, the basic principals of canning have not much changed. The air we breathe and the food we eat contain microorganisms such as molds, yeasts and bacteria. During canning, food is heated at sufficient temperatures to destroy microorganisms and then processed, or heated, in a boiling hot water bath. After processing, during the cooling period, the lids "pop" (you will hear them) and the jars become vacuum sealed. The jars are then left undisturbed until fully cooled and settled. Once that has taken place, they can be stored like any canned food.

It is best to choose fruits and vegetables at, or near, peak freshness for canning. Home-grown garden vegetables preserved this way have more nutrient value, even though they have been processed, than "fresh" vegetables that have been picked and shipped from long distances, then placed on supermarket shelves. Also, with home canning, you can control the amount of pesticides and other products used on your foods during growth or to promote shelf life.

Home canning is not complicated—it just takes the right equipment, attention to detail and a sense of fun and adventure. To begin, you need a set of Ball, Kerr or similar-brand canning jars with lids and rings. It is best to get two sizes—both quart and pint—as you may want one over the other, depending on what you are canning. You will also need a canning kettle with its inside ring to hold up the jars in the hot water bath. These products can be found, in season, at department stores such as K-Mart and Target.

You will also need a book that explains the process step by step (some cook books will do this) and recipes. If you can find someone who knows how to can, see if you can apprentice with her a time or two, which will ease anxiety about making a mistake and cut down on the learning scale until you gain confidence and experience.

Simple recipes are widely available for marinara sauce, tomato soup, salsa, pickles of all kinds, chutneys and fruit preserves, peaches, berries, apples and cherries.

There is nothing like the magic of bringing a jar of home-canned good to the table as temperatures dip and the days grow short. You, your family and friends can savor a bit of the goodness of summer gone by.

It's like hope in a jar.



The following recipes have been adapted from "Summer in a Jar: Making Pickles, Jams & More" by Andrea Chesman.

Chilly Dilly Green Beans (one quart jar)

4 cups green beans, trimmed
2 cup white vinegar
1 cup water
1 teaspoon pickling salt
2 cloves of whole garlic, skins removed
1 dill head or sprig of fresh dill
1 small fresh hot pepper or 1 Tablespoon crushed red pepper flakes

Combine vinegar, water and salt and bring to a boil. While brine heats, place garlic and dill into bottom of clean, sterilized jar. Pack with whole beans, leaving ½ inch head room. Pour hot brine over beans, leaving ½ inch head room. Seal and process in boiling bath 20 minutes. Cool undisturbed for 12 hours and store in a cool, dry place. Open in six weeks once flavors have had a chance to develop.

Cranberry Relish (4 pints)

2 12-ounce packages fresh cranberries
2 ⅔ cups of honey
1 and ¼ cups water
2 apples, quartered
2 Tablespoons lemon juice

Combine all ingredients in a large non-aluminum kettle. Bring to a boil and cook until cranberries are quite soft, 15-20 minutes. (If jellied sauce is desired, strain cranberries through a food mill. Return strained pulp to the kettle and boil 2 more minutes.)

Ladle the hot relish into sterilized pint jars, leaving ½ inch head room. Seal and process in boiling bath 10 minutes. Set to cool undisturbed for 12 hours. Store in a cool, dry place.



HOUSING HINTS

Professional builders build more than just good homes... they build trust!

"Contractor Quality Commitment"

Sponsored by:



PIKE COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

Please visit our website at www.pikecountybuilders.com
570-296-5589

FRANK SMITH & SONS

Established Since 1961

WELL DRILLING PUMPS & WATER SYSTEMS SERVICE & REPAIR

Rotary Driller and/or Pounder Driller

130 Matt Smith Road • Cochecton, NY 12726
845-252-6642

SERVING THE TRI-STATE AREA
FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED

cochectonmills

30 Depot Road, Cochecton, NY 12726 • 845-932-8282 or 570-224-4144

complete home hardware lawn & garden supplies

- bird seeds
- wildlife game products
- wood pellets
- lime fertilizer
- lawn seed
- pet foods
- snow removal rock salt & calcium chloride
- muck boots

...and much, much more.

D.J.M. HAS A HUGE SELECTION OF MATERIALS TO SPRUCE UP YOUR LANDSCAPING, FOR CONTRACTORS AND DO-IT-YOURSELFERS!

MULCH

- Deep Red
- Red Hardwood
- Red Cedar
- Brown
- Dark Blend
- Blue

BUY BULK AND SAVE

STONE

- Decorative Stone: White, Yellow, Red, Jade Tiberlite, Victorian Pink
- Semi Decorative Stone: Pea, Salt & Pepper, River
- Driveway and Drainage Stone
- Wall Stone
- Blue Flagstone: by the pallet or by the piece
- Cultured Stone

HAY

SAND

- Mason
- Concrete
- Beach
- Play

CONCRETE ORNAMENTS

SCREENED TOP SOIL

PEAT MOSS

AUTHORIZED UNILOCK & GRINNELL PAVING STONE & RETAINING WALL DEALER

D.J.M. DEALERS MATERIALS UNLIMITED
462 Twin Bridge Rd. • Ferndale, NY
845-295-6984

Owners John & Tony of T.B.R.
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!
WE DELIVER
Or you can pick up in our yard!

A Family owned business serving Sullivan County for over 50 Years from generation to generation

Luhrs

AS ALWAYS • GREAT SERVICE AND FREE DELIVERY

The name you have trusted for more than 35 years!

Our New Home Improvement & Installation Program helps install many of the fine products that we sell.

One-Stop Convenience-Quality Workmanship by Professional, Reliable, Trusted and Experienced Craftsmen employed by Luhrs.



OPEN 7 DAYS
MON-FRI 7:30-6
SAT 7:30-5; SUN 8-3
Route 6 & 209 • Milford, PA
570-296-7012

MAJOR APPLIANCES • LUMBER • PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL • RENTALS & MORE

The perfect tractor for your lifestyle.



Grand L30. Equipped with a powerful, yet quiet 31 to 50 HP diesel engine, responsive transmission, IntelliPanel™ and full line of quick-attach implements, the Grand L30 was made just for you and your acreage.

MARSHALL MACHINERY, INC.

Route 652, Honesdale, PA 18431 • 570-729-7117



www.kubota.com



JS Electric

Serving Sullivan County

HEAT • LIGHT • POWER

Residential / Commercial



James A. Sackett

Licensed Electrical Contractor

845-252-7461

EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Mold: a growing concern

After the June flood in the Upper Delaware River region, mold has been a growing concern to many home and business owners. The following interview was conducted between Danielle Gaebel, Assistant Publisher of **The River Reporter** (and resident of Youngsville) who experienced basement flooding, and Dave Lounsbury, an indoor air quality HVAC contractor in Narrowsburg, NY. Dave is the Operations Manager of Narrowsburg Mechanical, Inc. (NM), which specializes in the quality of indoor environments, including mold detection and the cleanliness of HVAC systems as it pertains to mold.

TRR: What exactly is mold?

NM: Mold is an organic growth.

TRR: How does my home acquire mold?

NM: Water leaks, areas that are greater than 40 percent humidity and warm, wet environments all promote the growth of mold.

TRR: Why should I be concerned about mold in my home?

NM: It can seriously affect your health. People with conditions like asthma or skin-sensitive medical conditions can be affected by it.

TRR: Can you name some specific health symptoms and problems that identify a mold condition?

NM: Itchy eyes, nose, throat, skin, congestion and frequent headaches are just a few.

TRR: Where, specifically, in a house can mold be found?

NM: Any areas that are wet – basements, bathrooms, in some cases attic overhangs, heating, cooling and ventilation systems.

TRR: Can you recommend any resources for homeowners in reference to mold?

NM: The American Lung Association “Partners Program” helps homeowners find solutions to their indoor air quality concerns (www.lungusa.org). Other good sources are the EPA (www.epa.gov) and Honeywell (<http://yourhome.honeywell.com>).

TRR: After the summer flood, I experienced four smells coming from my basement, which had about three to four feet of water. Should I be concerned?

NM: Yes. You can remediate the water by venting, using a light bleach solution and removing any products that wicked up the water in the basement.

TRR: I did all of the above and still had the smell. Should I be testing for mold?

NM: At this point, yes. If you still have odors and have done the simple remediation recommended by the EPA and FEMA, mold testing is the next step.

TRR: How does mold testing work?

NM: As a professional environmental tester, Narrowsburg Mechanical uses air sampling to gather mold spores. These spores identify to the homeowner that they have mold growth. After the samples have been sent out to a certified lab, the remediation procedures for the intensity and level of mold in the home can begin. The reason for this is that there are so many different types of mold, including: penicillium, aspergillus, cladosporium and alternaria and each of these have multiple sub species.

TRR: In closing, what is the best advice you can offer homeowners?

NM: As a first step, quickly identify areas that are wet. Secondly, as homes are made more energy efficient with windows, insulation, and so on, there is a greater need to vent homes properly so that they don't create poor air quality conditions.



TRR CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Mold can grow on ceilings...



in corners...



and in wet areas such as showers and basements.



Put your money to work with a Dime Bank CD!

5.15% APY
6 Months

5.31% APY
9 Months



Honesdale 253-1970
Hawley 226-3506
Damascus 224-6300
Greentown 676-8390
Dingmans Ferry 828-1200
www.thedimebank.com



APY= Annual Percentage Yield. \$5,000 minimum with penalty for early withdrawal. Limited time offer.

Make your home beautiful... for less.



Home Accents & Gifts

Featuring:

*La-Z-Boy • Sealy • Stearns & Foster • Quoizel
AA Laun • Richardson Bros. • Hooker • Mobel*

RASMUSSEN FURNITURE

Open Mon. - Sat. 9-5
90 MAIN STREET • NARROWSBURG, NY • 12764
PHONE: 845-252-3901

A community of distinction
in Lakeville, PA - just minutes
from Lake Wallenpaupack!

Model Open
Saturdays 10-4
Sundays 12-4

**SUNSET
TERRACE**

A Community of Distinction

Relax

Your new home is by Clemleddy



CLEMLEDDY CONSTRUCTION
570.226.2899 www.clemleddy.com



Luxury Home Packages - only 8 remaining!

Narrowsburg Electric

Serving Sullivan County and PA area

25 Years Experience

All Forms of Electrical Work

Clean, Courteous & Honest

Richard Maloney 845-252-6640



S&M AUTO SALES

1175 RTE. 52, LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY • 845-436-9447



Cars, Trucks & SUVs
from \$2,495



GARAGE

18'x21' All Metal • \$3,745 Installed • 20-Year Warranty

"FINANCING HELP AVAILABLE"

Kubota Jeffersonville Garage Inc.



4992 Route 52
Jeffersonville, NY

Phone: 845-482-5321 • Fax: 845-482-5334

E-mail: jvillegarage@hvc.rr.com

Sales, Parts & Service

STAY WARM THIS WINTER

RON LENZ
HEATING &
AIR CONDITIONING, INC.



LOCAL TRANE DEALER

SALES & SERVICE OF:
HEAT PUMPS • OIL & GAS HEATING SYSTEMS
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING • SHEET METAL WORK
FREE ESTIMATES
570-729-8533



Preferred Homes & Properties

Serving all of Sullivan County when buying or selling a quality home or property.

Diane S. Deutsch, Licensed Real Estate Broker

3995 State Route 52, Youngsville, NY • 845-482-4300 • Fax: 845-482-4433

Email: diane@preferredhomes.net • Website: www.preferredhomes.net



SNUG & COZY LAKE FRONT CHALET
This chalet perched on the lakeside makes this a perfect year-round getaway. In the summertime enjoy sitting on your dock and BBQing on your deck overlooking the lake. Boat, fish & swim in your backyard. A pellet stove makes a toasty retreat from the ice skating/fishing in the winter months. Close to Performing Arts Center and conveniently located for easy commute, shopping, etc. **\$199,000**



CHARMING 1890s FARMHOUSE
Take in the view from the rocking chair porch, wide plank floors, 2 woodstoves, stone foundation, new furnace. Great year round weekend getaway. Three miles from future Performing Arts Center. Renovations have been done. **REDUCED \$189,000**



VERY PRIVATE
Down long winding drive to this neat raised ranch on 5+ private acres. 3BR/2BA with room for expansion. **MOTIVATED SELLER REDUCED \$209,900**



PRIVATE WATERFRONT
Contemporary house in mint condition. 4BR/2BA, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, skylights, master suite, patio and porch. Private pond for boating. Long driveway off private road insures privacy. Sun-filled landscaped front lawn overlooks your private waterfront paradise. A must-see. **Offered for \$669,900.00.**



COMFORTABLE YEAR-ROUND 2BR/2BA IN LAKE COMMUNITY
LR w/WS, large family room (or could be DR), also large 3 season enclosed porch. New roof & appliances. Great for starter or retirement, 2nd or primary use. Short walk to private lake - fish, swim or boat. Conveniently located. **Only \$138,500**



PRIVATE LOG HOME
Built in 2001 with 3 BR/2 BA on 8 secluded acres. Wood floors, wood-burning stove, cathedral ceiling and large front porch are some of the many features gracing this wonderful home near the river and quaint town. **Offered for \$389,000.**

C.M. Pallaghy Inc.

REAL ESTATE

Residential • Commerical

"We Serve You Better"



NO MORE COMMUTE

Work at home in this Large 3 bdr, 2 story w/ Office that offers separate Entrance. Lot's of extras. Call for more details. Priced at: **\$319,000**



4 BEDROOM CAPE

Lots of new. Hardwood Floors, 1.5 baths. **\$219,000**



LOOKING FOR BIG?

2 Story unique home w/ open floor plan. 3 bdr, 2 bth. Massive fireplace. **\$210,000 RHPP-1694**



POSSIBLE LEASE PURCHASE

Open the French doors to this 1200 Sq. ft. ranch in beautiful Wallenpaupak Comm. It's just a walk to the beach, 3 bdr., 1 bth, stone fireplace And screened in deck w/ bar. **Just \$155,700**

Check out our website for all our listings:
www.cmpallaghy.com

1036 Pennsylvania Avenue
Matamoras, PA 18336
570-491-4513

123 Pike Street
Port Jervis, NY 12771
845-858-2500

399B Clove Road
Montague, NY 07827
973-293-7722



FOR ALL YOUR FLOORING NEEDS

Ceramic
Porcelain
Stones
Countertops
Carpet
Vinyl
Laminates
Hardwood Floors

Monticello Ceramic Tile & Marble Floor, Inc.

*Gary & Angela Sortino, Owners
Paul Sortino, President*

28 Raceway Road
Monticello, NY 12701
Phone 845-794-1187 • Fax 845-794-1186
www.mcttiles.com



Tegeler & Pfanstiel
REAL ESTATE, INC.
4917 Main Street • Jeffersonville, NY 12748
Established over 50 Years

WELCOMES YOU TO SULLIVAN COUNTY
Looking for that special home in the country?

We have prime acreage and properties throughout Sullivan County. Let us help you find the home of your dreams...

Visit our website at
www.tegelerandpfanstiel.com
E-mail us at tprei@usadatanet.net
Call us at 845-482-5191 for our latest brochure

Please think of us when considering buying or selling your home or property.
Professional & Courteous Service to All



American Storage Buildings

Sheds, Garages, Cottages, Cabins, Horse Barns, Gazebos, Rustic Log Furniture, Plaques, Pictures, Painted Saws, Candles, Shelves, Lamps, Rockers, Swings, Indoor Furniture, Lawn Ornaments, Outdoor Furniture, Picnic Tables, Arbors, Bridges, and so much more...



Cottages



Sheds



Cabins



Garages



Multi-car Garages



Barns

Largest selection of Amish buildings in stock and many new models arriving daily.



Horse Barns


\$ale on all Display Models or custom build yours today.




Gazebos

Conveniently Located:
Rt. 17W exit 97, Parksville, NY
Toll Free: 1-866-244-9744
Local: 1-845-292-0222
www.americanstoragebuildings.com


We are also the home of American Mini Storage. Store with us, it's the American way...



River Gallery
The Art of Living
Art • Antiques • Home



Distinctive original art featuring many Delaware River Valley artists.
American and Asian Antiques.
An eclectic selection of gifts for the home.
Open Friday–Monday, year round.



8 Main Street/P.O. Box 440
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(845) 252-3238
email: bbecker@galleryriver.com

845-482-3200
Fax: 845-482-3403

4920 State Route 52
Jeffersonville, NY 12748



Catskill Sales Associates Inc.

Email: sales@catskillsales.com • Website: www.catskillsales.com



Country Estate
Magnificent, private 52 acre country estate with stocked stream fed pond. This circa 1910 5 bedroom home is totally renovated with great attention to detail throughout and is spacious light and airy, with huge decks overlooking manicured lawns and pond. Minutes to The Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts and less than two hours from New York City. This property is a jewel and represents the very best in country living.
(Listing 18174:) \$879,000



Swan Lake Cedar Home
Lake Front Home on Swan Lake with deeded lake rights. This five bedroom 4200 sq ft home has approx 100 feet of lakefront on this 350 acre lake and boasts an absolutely EXTRAORDINARY view of one of Sullivan County's most pristine lakes. Eagles soar and wildlife abounds. Thrill to your own piece of paradise. Just minutes from the new Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts.
(Listing 18099:) \$695,000



Narrowsburg Investment
Sixteen apartments, (potential for more) and 9 room 2500 sq ft renovated farm house make for wonderful investment opportunity on seven commercial acres. Minutes from Narrowsburg and Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts.
(Listing 15792:) \$1,500,000



Jeffersonville Village Home
Quaint 3 bedroom village home in excellent condition. Walk to everything in town. New roof and updated kitchen cabinetry.
(Listing 18162:) \$199,000

HOME TIPS:

inexpensive ways to increase the value of your home

By SARAH MILLER

Did you know that you could drastically increase the value of your home without having to invest heavily in having your home remodeled or refitted? Yes, it's possible – and you won't even have to spend much to make it happen!

If you are selling your home, getting a good value for it could prove troublesome. But before you throw in the towel and sell your home for a price well below your expectations, you could try doing some inexpensive renovations to increase your home's value up to 20 percent. That's not a bad figure, is it?

Here is a brief walkthrough of the steps you can undertake to make your home worth more than it is today.

The Kitchen: bigger is better. The kitchen is one of the critical areas to address in your efforts to increase your home's worth. Homebuyers are looking for spacious kitchens that are clean, in good repair and have the necessary furnishings for cooking and cleaning up.

To make the kitchen look more spacious, try installing lights that will make it look brighter. You could also redo the windows to remove clutter and allow more light. Make sure the floorings and the table tops are in good repair. If it is not beyond your budget you could even replace the current flooring with stone or tile, which is much better than linoleum that cracks and tears.

Keep the kitchen in good repair. It doesn't cost much to have scratches and bumps fixed. If you have broken fixtures or electrical outlets, have them repaired with good materials.

A paint job will do wonders, not just for your kitchen but for the whole home. So consider adding a good layer of paint to your home.

The Yard: simple gardening will do much to make your home more appealing. Keeping the yard in order and tending to the garden would result more in a yard that would most likely attract buyers.

To stress the significance of a good yard, mature trees will typically add about \$1000 to the value of your home. So imagine the impact of a well-tended garden to the value of your home!

The Living Room: like the kitchen, living rooms must give the impression of space. Some people do so by installing mirrors. This technique is also suited to the bedroom. Keep up with little repairs – light bulbs and electrical outlets.

Make sure the living room is airy. A coating of light colored paint, installation of good lamps and a general cleanliness of the living room will contribute much to this effect.

The Bedroom: like the other rooms, the bedroom has to be particularly spacious, airy and bright. Mirrors are particularly effective at accomplishing this effect. Most five-star hotels have to project an impression of space, and they employ this technique to its full effect.

Make sure the rooms have a sufficient number of electrical outlets. The flexibility this offers will add much to the value of your home.

If you plan to install new surfaces, you might want to consider using natural materials such as stone, marble, quality wood and tile. Studies have shown that many people react favorably to these materials. They also add a feeling of cleanliness to the rooms. Make the cabinets and closets as large as possible without making the rooms they are in look cramped; you may have to employ a few illusionary tricks here, but the results are astounding.

The Bathroom: use fluorescent lighting instead of incandescent lighting to provide your bathrooms with a light feel. Installing inexpensive amenities to your bathroom like towel holders, racks, shower curtains, shower fixtures and others will enhance the appearance and appeal of your home.

You can mix, match and experiment with the tips given here. The principle of the whole is that you should make your home look spacious, airy and light. You should also make sure your home looks different from the other homes in your neighborhood. There are other tricks and illusions you could employ to achieve this – tricks that do not have to be expensive at all. So go ahead give your home a good look and start increasing its value today!



TRR CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



You're leading in Industry because you are taking advantage of technology, so why build your house the old-fashion way?



Better Homes By
SHORTEN

More than 30 Modular Homes on Display • Fully Decorated

1,000 to 3,500 Plus Sq. Ft. • Over 6 Quality Manufacturers

10 Year Home Owner's Warranty • Bank Financing

Take Advantage of Technology
Call Shorten Homes
ask for the
DESIGNER GROUP

1-800-458-0249

"Living High with Low Prices"

SHORTEN
HOMES

1110 Scranton-Carbondale Hwy. • Scranton, PA 18508 • www.shortenhomes.com

Bella Lago

LUXURY LAKE FRONT HOMES



Your Exclusive Opportunity to Own a Piece of Paradise

- *Club House*
- *Beach*
- *Swimming Pool*
- *Sport Court*
- *Marina*
- *5 miles from Monticello Gaming & Raceway*
- *2.5 miles from Bethel Woods Center for the Arts*

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

SHAYOVITZ REALTY

Barry Itzkowitz
917.566.4856
Michelle Todd
917.805.6553

1622 Route 17B & Rodeo Drive
White Lake, NY 12720
(exit 104 off Route 17)

www.bellalagocatskills.com

FREE PHOTO BROCHURE

HONESDALE OFFICE

1-800-278-3424

Local: 570-253-4191

Visit our website: www.chantre.com

251 Willow Avenue
Honesdale, PA 18431

Davis R.

Chant



REALTORS

WAYNE COUNTY'S BEST BUYS

Widest Selection of Farms, Acreage, Country and Lake Homes



STATELY LAKEFRONT HISTORIC VILLAGE

Dramatic 4 BDR, 3 BTH easy maintenance home designed for convenience and entertaining. Nestled on 1+ AC landscaped parcel w/frontage on pvt lake in highly desirable area. Feat. open floor plan, eat in country kit., sep. dining room, 2 car garage & more. (21716) \$ 349,000.



VERY PRIVATE

6 ACRES - VIEWS - ADJ. to STATE GAMELANDS

Just listed! Outstanding acreage tract with blend of pines, hardwoods, fields & views. Walk to trails, thousands of acres of state game lands, yet only minutes from town & the Del. River. Add'l acreage available. (21008) \$60,000.



PRIVATE 14 ACRE ESTATE

PICTURESQUE POND

Long pvt lane leads to this spacious 3 BDR, 2 BTH country contemporary overlooking you own spring fed pond. Features bright & airy living area w/beamed ceiling, huge country kit., sep. dining rm, family rm, library, plus det. 2 car garage & more. (21593) \$ 440,000.



NATURAL LOVERS DREAM

100 AC - POND - VIEWS

Long private lane leads to this outstanding tract with perfect blend of rolling fields & woodland, plus 20 +/- acre fishing pond, great for kayaks & canoes. Plus adjoins thousands of acres of state lands. Magnificent unspoiled setting! (21351) \$ 550,000.



TRUE LOG HOME

PVT 4 ACRE HIDEAWAY

Long private lane leads to this 3 BDR Northern Maine Log home with full basement that offering room for expansion. Only mins to interstate highway, close to game lands & fly fishing on the Delaware River. (21804) \$ 199,000.



COUNTRY VILLAGE HOME

OVERLOOKING RIVER

Tastefully restored 2 BDR, 2 BTH country charmer nestled on 3 parcels overlooking scenic river. Features bright & airy living area, new siding, roof, windows, plumbing, wiring, walk out basement & more. (21619) \$114,900.



NEW! REAL LOG HOME

5 ACRES - POND - PRIVATE

Brand new 3 BDR, 2 BTH "Daniel Boone" log home nestled on heavily wooded parcel w/frontage on picturesque pond. Feat. living room w/vaulted ceilings, stone frplc, custom country kit., full finished basement, garage, covered porch plus expansive deck. (21784) \$ 369,000.



COUNTRY HIDEAWAY

VIEWS - STREAM - PRIVATE

Pride of ownership is evident thru out this bright & airy 3 BDR country hideaway nestled on 2 ac post card setting. Offers open floor plan, cntry kitchen, spacious kitchen, full walk out bsmnt, expansive sun deck & lots more! Sacrifice! (21746) \$169,000.



BROOKSIDE COLONIAL

SACRIFICE!

1870's 4 BDR, 2 BTH Colonial nestled on roaring creeks edge in quiet country hamlet in Northern Wayne County. Features spacious living room w/frplc, formal dining room, country kitchen w/pantry and more! Needs some restoration! (21811) \$70,000.



SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN LAKE HOME

Stately 4 BDR, 3 1/2 BTH mountain lake contemporary nestled on 5.5 acre landscaped parcel with easy access to private boat slip on 200 acre glacial lake. Offers dramatic living room with vaulted ceiling, fireplace, entertainment size dining area, spacious screen porch, family rm, exercise room, 2 car garage & more. (20789) \$449,000.



NEW! NEW! NEW! 6 ACRES - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

Top quality stone & frame newly constructed home nestled on choice 6 acre site with beautiful neighboring properties. Features 3 BDRS, 3 BTHS, master suite with walk in closet, living room with stone fireplace & vaulted ceilings, custom kitchen, dining area, family room with bar, expansive deck, 2 car attached garage and more. (21538) \$ 349,000.



COUNTRY MTN RETREAT

81 ACRES - BROOK - VIEWS

Tastefully remodeled 6 BDR, 3 BTH colonial w/spacious living area w/frplc, huge country kitchen, air conditioned conference/studio building, attractive barns & outbuildings, all in excellent condition. Nestled on an incredible parcel w/ blend of rolling fields, woods, plus trout creek traversing property. Offers many alternatives! (21340) \$ 575,000.