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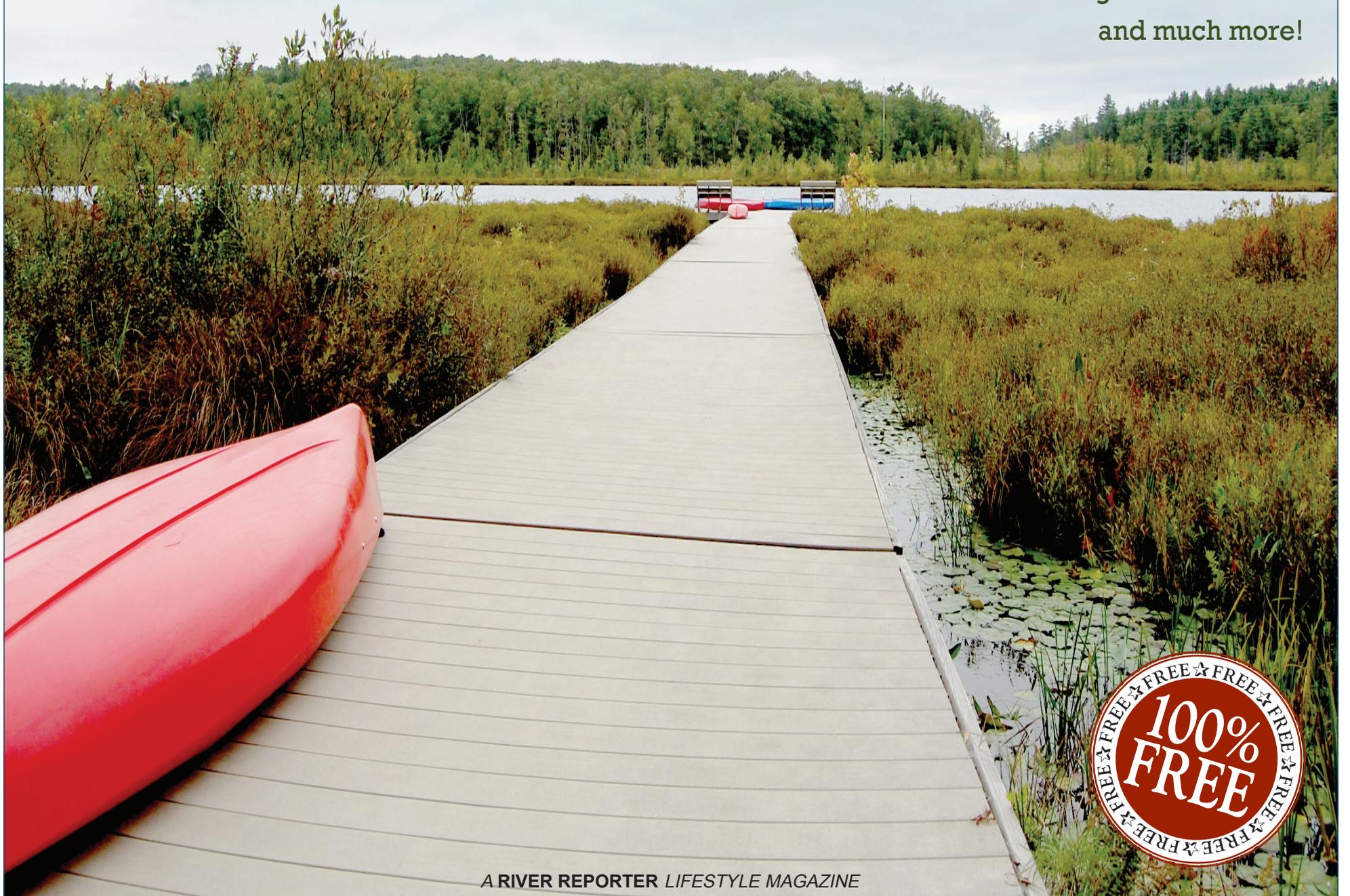
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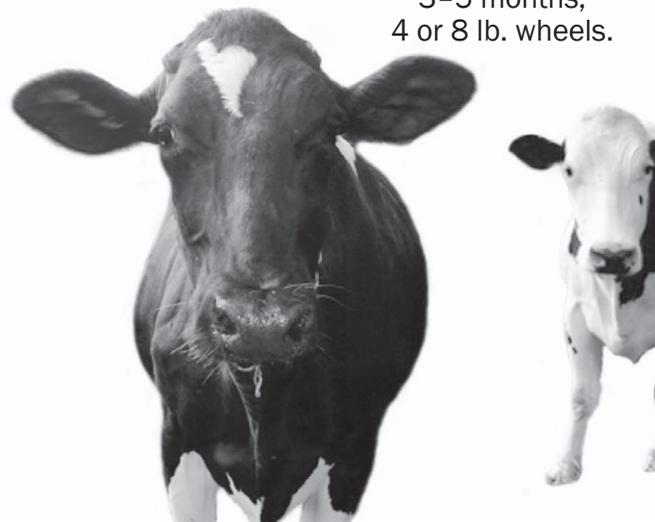
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The changing weather provides an endless sense of adventure here in the Upper Delaware River Valley, and adventure is the theme of this issue of **Upper Delaware Magazine**. We hope you will use the ideas, places and people in this guide as signposts for your own passage into the fall and winter seasons, and the holidays. We invite you to tour the classic, award-winning Catskills hamlet of Roscoe, NY, where you can shop, dine out and soak up a bit of trout fishing culture. We invite you to dinner at the Bluestone Grill in Hancock, NY, with adventurous cuisine using local ingredients. We invite you for a ride on the Stourbridge Line Railroad out of Honesdale, PA and to sip some cider at Rickard's Cider Mill. Get into the mind of a teenage vegetarian as she makes suggestions on good local spots for veggie cuisine. Fall into a trance at the Crystals Well Being Center with its vast array of gems and workshops. Don't miss a night out at the new Dancing Cat Saloon or a bottle of their

soon-to-be-available locally produced spirits. And if the spirit moves you, get thee down to the Lodge at Woodloch for a rejuvenating day at the spa where every vista looks out on trees, rocks and sky. This issue also provides a listing of holiday happenings and winter festivals to blast away those winter blues and banish cabin fever.

Eat, drink, be merry, be well and enjoy.

Mary Greene

Mary Greene
Section Editor

"There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."

—Jawaharlal Nehru

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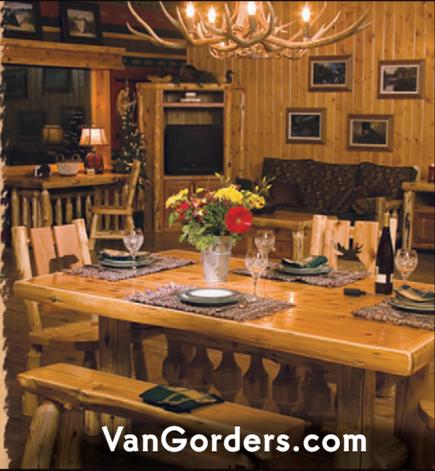
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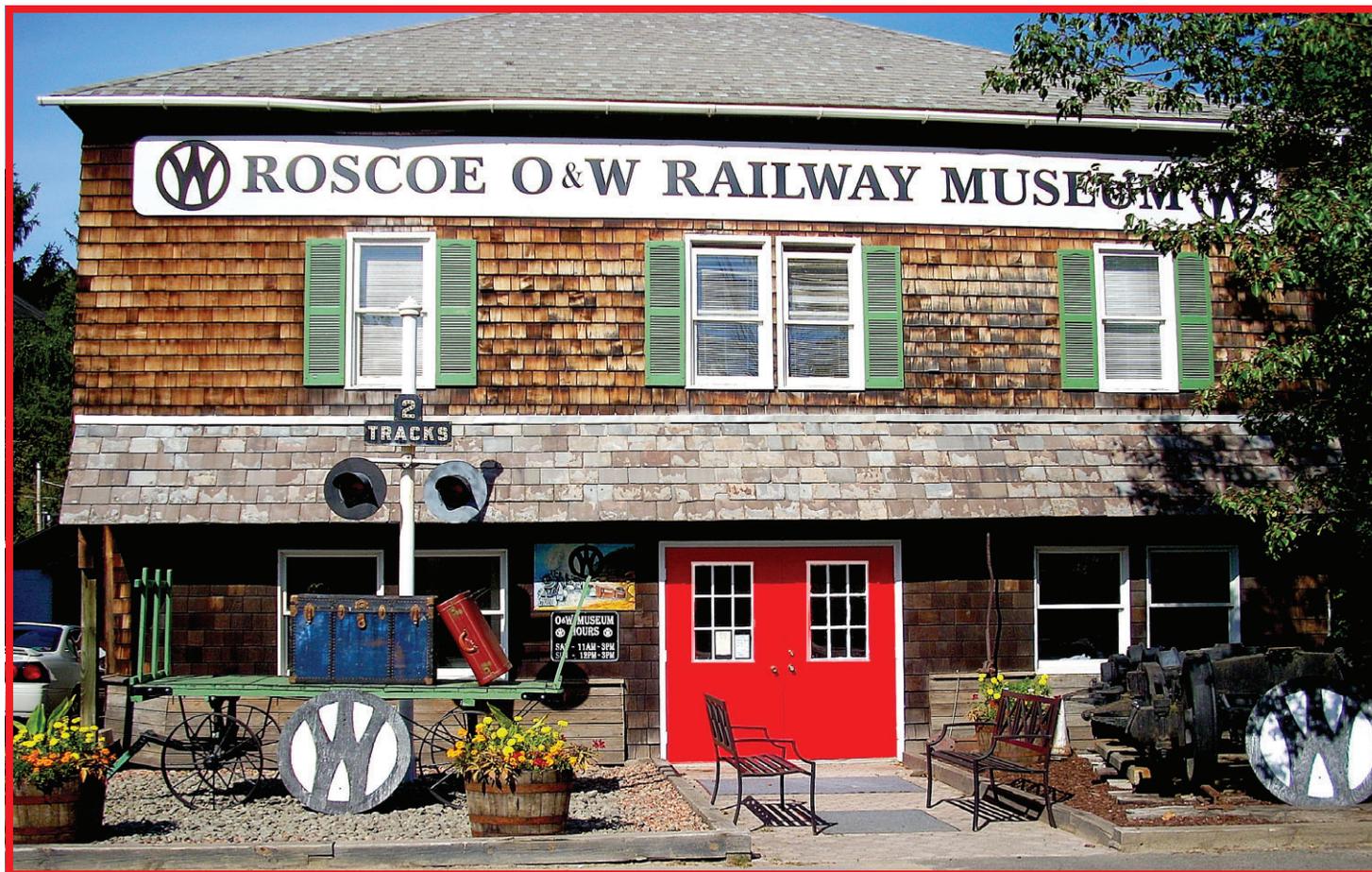
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Roscoe, New York

A small town with a big spirit

Text and Photographs by Jonathan Fox



Roscoe is located at the intersection of the Beaverkill and Willowemoc rivers, which in turn feed the many springs, creeks and waterways that provide the oh so abundant opportunities for trout and fly fishing. Trout images are everywhere, on banners, shops, restaurants, even trash receptacles. The trout culture of the town is further enhanced by the nearby **Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum** (www.cffcm.net, 1031 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor, NY, 607/498-6146). Education is at the heart of this center, as well as preserving and celebrating the tradition of fly tying and trout fishing in the region.

Roscoe is home to another museum, the **Roscoe O & W Railway Museum** (www.nyow.org/museum.html, 7 Railroad Ave., 607/498-4346). Just a few miles from where the “golden spike” was driven in to complete the state-spanning O & W line, museum director Wilmer Sipple welcomes visitors and keeps the tradition alive. Historic railroad enthusiasts can enjoy meetings and events, models, a “virtual” O&W, scrapbooks, become museum supporters, participate in restoration projects and join in the fun with the museum’s annual “Railroad Day.”

Stores include several antique and vintage shops as well as **Morning Star Creations** (www.morningstarny.com), a working craft studio attached to a retail gift shop. And if you are looking for a reason to drive through the beautiful autumn hills around Roscoe, look for a brochure about the pottery trail and pay a visit to **Duke Pottery** (www.dukepottery.com, 855 County Road 93,



Regardless of the season, it seems that a visit to the Catskills is always on someone’s mind.

This fall was no exception. I received a call from an old friend in Los Angeles, who had read about the resurgence of Roscoe, NY (www.roscoeny.com), and asked if I would be willing to show her around upon her visit to the region. I was pleased to oblige, since I hadn’t been to “Trout Town, USA” for a while and that this would provide an opportunity to see what all the excitement was about.

On a perfect autumn day, we set out to explore the hamlet that has been a regular recipient of the much coveted Sullivan Renaissance awards, a regional beautification program (www.sullivanrenaissance.org). As we strolled the streets of Roscoe, it was evident that this town at the northwestern edge of Sullivan County is being lovingly restored. Attractive storefronts bedecked with potted plants, a visitors center, restaurants and specialty shops abound as folks stroll, admire and—because of Roscoe’s proximity to some of the best trout fishing in America—fish, fish, fish!

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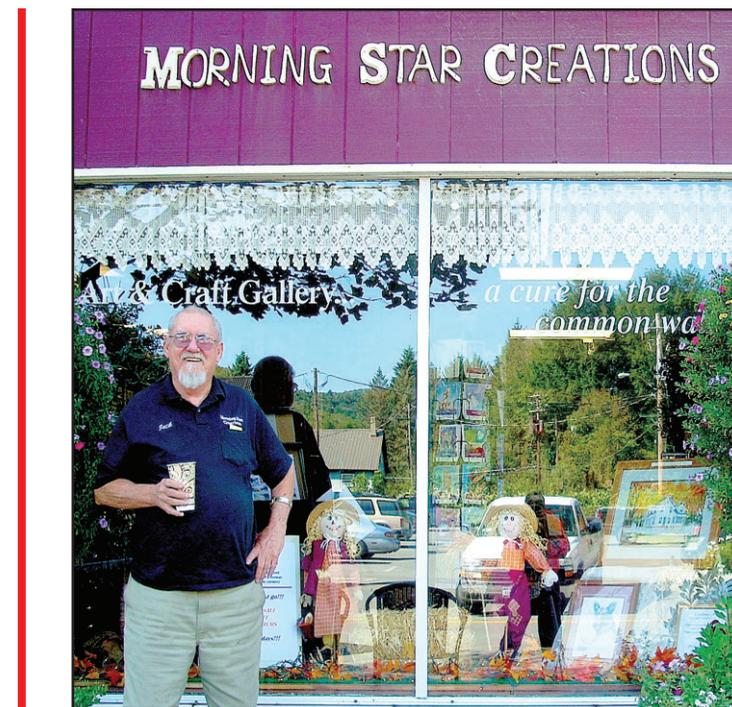
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607/498-5207). Prolific artist Carolyn Duke is a familiar face in the region, and the award-winning potter is always happy to explain her hand-built process to visitors. In addition to pottery, Duke's studio carries a selection of artwork, jewelry, furniture, books and other crafts made by regional artisans.

The hamlet has many eateries for casual and fine dining, and visitors might want to make a special trip to the **Roscoe Diner** (1908 Old Rte. 17, Roscoe, NY, 607/498-4405), a sort of rite of passage for upstate New York college students, first-time visitors to Roscoe and fly fisherman. (It's a hot spot with the locals as well.) Its sign is now surrounded by beautiful flower garden, thanks to the efforts of Sullivan Renaissance volunteers.

There are lots of places to stay, from campgrounds to creekside cabins to bed and breakfasts and elegant country inns. The town keeps things moving year round with a number of special fairs, festivals and expos. Yearly celebrations revolve around the seasons and there is always something just around the corner in Roscoe. A Farmers Market continues through late October every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **The Roscoe Outdoor Expo in Fireman's Park** is already planning for next year... and there is still time to attend the annual Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. More information on these events, and the annual Two Headed Trout Dinner being planned for next spring, can be found on the website.

Much of the beautification and enhancement of the streets, parks, businesses and shops of Roscoe is a result of Sullivan Renaissance grants. "The efforts of our residents have directly led to the Sullivan Renaissance awards," says Pat Yelle, past president of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. Yelle has been involved with Renaissance from the beginning, "for over ten years" she says. Roscoe was awarded the Silver Feather in 2008,



Artist Jack Yelle

and the Golden Feather in both 2009 and 2010. These generous grants, along with the volunteer efforts of many devoted townfolk, have created a virtual flower explosion in Roscoe, as well as improvement to parks, sidewalks, the town center, signage, shops and streets.

Grant administrator Patricia Pomeroy is also enthusiastic, saying, "The Renaissance awards are key to the success of the overall goals of not only Roscoe, but neighboring communities as well. The awards are fantastic, but more importantly, they lead to other grants that infuse more dollars into the community projects, which, in turn, spur more excitement and spirit."

As my guest and I were quick to discern, there is much beneath the surface to be gleaned from an afternoon in Roscoe. Pat Pomeroy summed it all up, explaining the "Domino Effect" taking place through the region. "People who left the area for one reason or another are returning," she says. "Their fresh perspective and new set of skills have enabled us to achieve our goals. It is that energy that has infused the area with a new vitality, and the proper tools to rebuild, regroup and renew."

The chance for some fabulous fishing may bring many people to Roscoe, with its beautiful streams, mountains and untethered countryside. But it's the people that make a town—and Roscoe, NY is a glorious example of what can happen when inspiration meets ideas and good plain sweat equity. As local resident and beautification volunteer Darlene Beers strolls downtown Roscoe in her constant attention to watering the potted plants, she takes pride in knowing that visitors return year after year, if for no other reason than to stop for a moment and admire the flowers.

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TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY ERIN VANDERBERG

It doesn't take a railroad expert to know that Honesdale, PA has a meaningful place in railroad history. Over 180 years ago, in 1829, the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company's Stourbridge Lion, built in England, was the first locomotive to run on rails in the Western Hemisphere. It was a small trip to Seelyville and back, but a giant leap for the region's industrial prominence.

You don't have to go to a museum to appreciate this piece of history. You can experience it firsthand by taking a trip via the **Stourbridge Line Rail Excursions** (www.waynecountycc.com, www.thestourbridgeline.com, 32 Commercial St., Honesdale, PA, 866/637-2457 for tickets, 570/253-1960 for information). The Stourbridge Line is the result of a partnership between the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the trips and owns the brand; the Morristown & Erie Railways, which provides the crew and maintains the track; and the Ideal Steel Supply Company, which owns the tracks and provides the Line with its day job, hauling manufactured steel.

"It's a big, big partnership," says Morristown & Erie Railways General Manager Al Siebold.

The Stourbridge Line is a short-line railroad, one of 535 now operating in the U.S., according to Siebold. Its tracks follow the Lackawaxen River from Honesdale, wind through White Mills, turn east at Hawley and end in Lackawaxen.

"It's probably the most spectacular ride in the lake region," says Siebold.

Passengers board the train at the site of the old D&H Canal Company's boat basin in Honesdale, where a gravity railroad dumped coal from the company's

mines in Lackawanna County before it was loaded onto canal boats for the 108-mile journey to New York City.

As the Stourbridge Line rolls along this historic track, unique views of the old coal industry come standard, but passengers can also expect scenic vistas of woods, the river and, if lucky, wildlife—buck and bear have been the most frequent sightings. A Fall Foliage ride, offered the second and third weekends of October, is one of the Line's best-sellers.

But the Stourbridge Line isn't just for history buffs and nature lovers. The popular themed excursions cater to festival-goers, wine tasters, weekenders, families and holiday merrymakers.

On October 23, costumes are encouraged on a "Halloween Fun" trip that includes a visit to the Hawley Station Pumpkin Patch. As the holiday season gets underway, the railroad brings Santa and Mrs. Claus aboard for a "Santa Express" trip on December 4, 5 and 12. Another trip, on December 11, takes passengers to Hawley's Winterfest celebration.

In 2011, the schedule resumes in the spring with Easter-themed rides, a trip to the Honesdale Festival of the Arts in May and—the Line's other best-seller—the Great Train Robbery ride, which enlists local cowhands and law enforcement to simulate the stick-up.

The train also offers mid-week rides for bus groups, in conjunction with Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort. There are often a few seats available for the public for a one-and-a-half-hour trip to Hawley and back.

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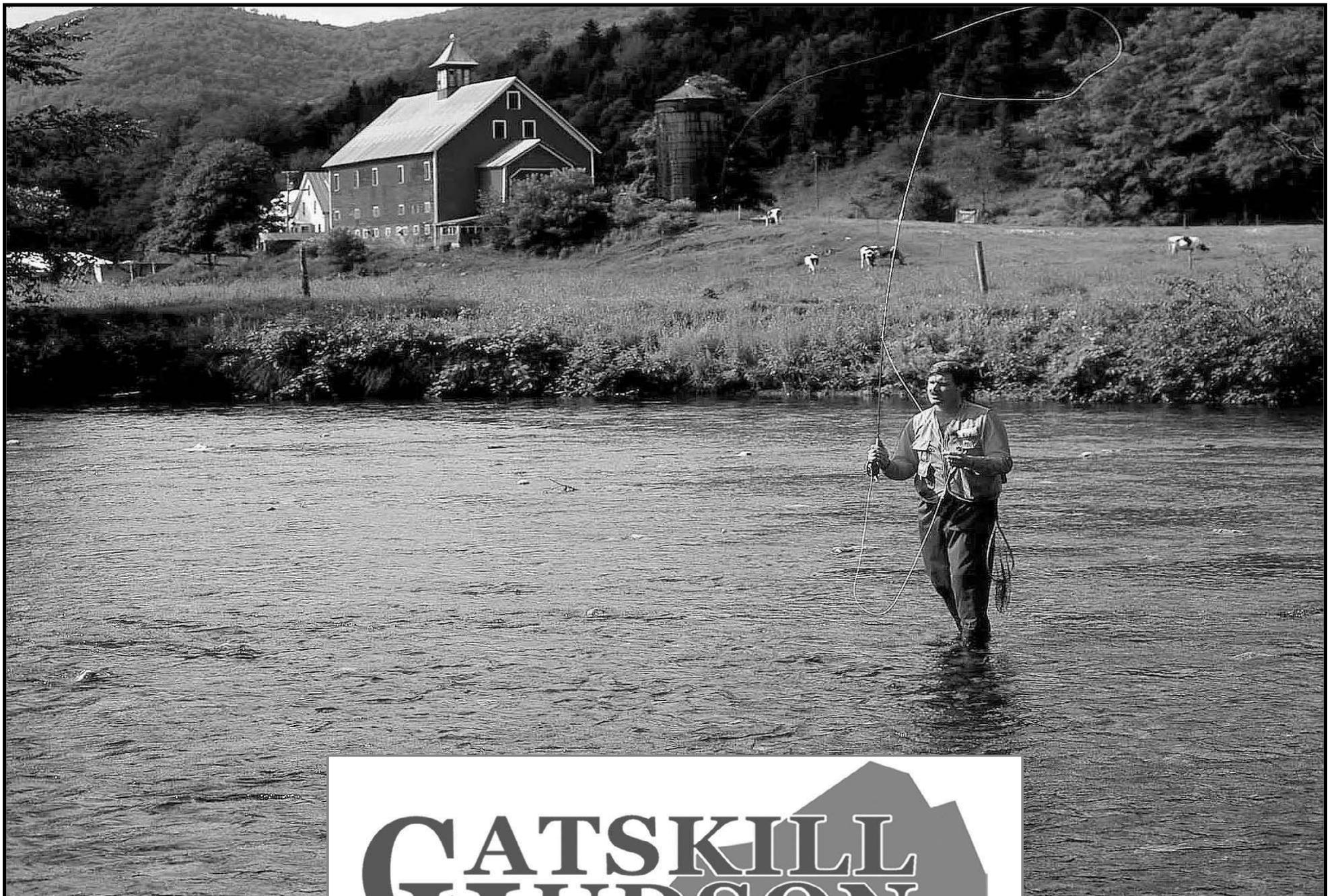
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'Still' Having Fun at The Dancing Cat Saloon

Text and Photographs by Cass Collins



Tommy Wasserman, bar manager

The renovated farmhouse that is now The Dancing Cat Saloon, where Stacy and Friends have a regular Thursday night gig singing rhythm and blues from the '60s and beyond, was almost demolished. But it is now the heart of the agribusiness that is Catskill Distilling Company. With an antique bar from New Haven and art on the walls from local artists, this saloon has a lived-in feeling that is not at all shabby—comfortable, but chic, says a young Manhattan resident with a bit of real estate to compare it to. An impressive blackboard list of mixed drinks, beers and liquors completes the ambiance.



Sachs and Cohen are taking advantage of a new New York State liquor law that allows small distilleries to sell their product on-premises. The law is designed to boost agribusiness, and was modeled after the Farm Winery bill that encouraged vineyards to create tourist destinations in New York State.

The couple sees the venture as a boon to Sullivan County and the Town of Bethel, and an exciting new endeavor for both of them. Sachs is a horse veterinarian who has traveled all over the world. His thirst for adventure has brought him back home to be a part of the renaissance of the Catskills. Cohen is a force of her own. A talented musician, she manages an insurance agency specializing in unusual risks. And although their business is a new one to this area (at least the legal version), the risks have been tempered by state and local cooperation.

As an indication of the changing climate and its increasingly savvy attitude toward tourism and new ventures, the county has welcomed this business. "From the Sullivan

County Partnership [for Economic Development] to the IDA [Industrial Development Agency] to the town supervisors and the building department, people have flooded to help. There has been no opposition to the project," says Sachs.

The learning curve demanded of running a distillery would stymie most people, but Sachs and Cohen are a rare breed. They race to a challenge, and helping to rebuild the economy of Sullivan County is a challenge they warm to. They are getting their feet wet running the saloon, which opened its doors unceremoniously in June and quickly drew a following. Sachs expects the distillery to be "up and running in a month or so." In the barn-turned-distillery, two giant 650-liter copper vats are connected to equally mammoth stainless steel holding tanks. The whole thing looks like some huge copper pipe-organ, housed in a ski lodge. The distillery has a bar of its own, rescued from the old Lake Jeff Hotel in Jeffersonville, NY and reconstructed on site in Bethel. The bar once did duty at the 1939 World's Fair.

Sachs won't be alone when it comes time to fire up the alcohol. A master distiller, whose fame does not permit him to be named yet, will be at the controls with him as the Catskill Distilling Company makes its first batch of liquor. They expect to use a ton of grain a day from the local Cochection Mills. And when the process of distilling spirits is over, the end grain can be re-used as feed. The partners intend to provide the grain free to local farmers, many of whom have helped them in the process of opening.

In the meantime, a menu of Catskill favorites from the old days and new dishes with locally grown ingredients are available six days a week (Tuesday through Sunday) at The Dancing Cat, which opens at noon and closes "whenever," according to Sachs. Look for the artist-carved sign outside a cayenne pepper-colored building on 17B as you approach Hurd Road. And bring your banjo (or flute, or guitar) to participate in full as the stage is set for a new kind of Catskills fun.

"It's like this place was always here," says Monte Sachs, the new owner, along with wife Stacy Cohen, of The Dancing Cat Saloon and Catskill Distilling Company (www.dancingcatsaloon.com, 2037 Route 17B, Bethel, NY, 845/583-3141). Indeed, nestled in rolling pastureland in Bethel, NY within view of the entrance to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the new/old saloon and distillery borrows a lot from the past and catapults it into the future.



A Taste of Fall at Rickard's Cider Mill

Text and photographs by Erin Vanderberg

If you love having an excuse to drive through the beautiful autumn hills near Honesdale, PA, put a visit to **Rickard's Cider Mill** (1397 Owego Turnpike, Honesdale, PA, 570/253-9677) on your list.

The Rickard family settled in Honesdale in 1842. For Bert Rickard, who keeps up shop today, those original settlers were great-great grandparents. In 1929, Bert's father Louis Rickard started the mill. It was a "custom-ground" mill, which meant B.Y.O. apples.

The Rickardsgottoknowgenerations of farmers through the annual tradition of Cider Days, as they called them then. But the practice of community milling was curtailed by modern agriculture laws. On this subject,

Bert speaks like a farmer who has seen the changing landscape of the business for 40-odd years: "Everything changes, and not always for the better."

Bert, his brother Richard, wife Inez and son Jason are the team that runs Rickard's Cider Mill today. During the weeks that the shop is open for business, the Rickard family meets and greets visitors from both the local region and afar. Their customers are offered a wide variety of harvest crops, many grown on family land and some imported, like the apples from New York State. Among the offerings this season are squash, pumpkins, potatoes, cornstalks, hay bales, honey, syrup and, of course, sweet cider. A gallon or two, along with the magical

fruits of fall, makes the trip into a destination.

Chances are you'll have the opportunity to see the cider mill working when you visit, using many of the same parts you'd find in 1940 but with the necessary modernizations. One thing that hasn't changed is the mechanism: a tractor still runs the mill the same way it did when Louis Rickard began 80 years ago—on belt power.

The farm is nestled in the rolling hills of Cherry Ridge, southwest of Honesdale, at the intersection of Owego Turnpike and Schoolhouse Road. The shop is open from the last week in September through the second weekend in November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

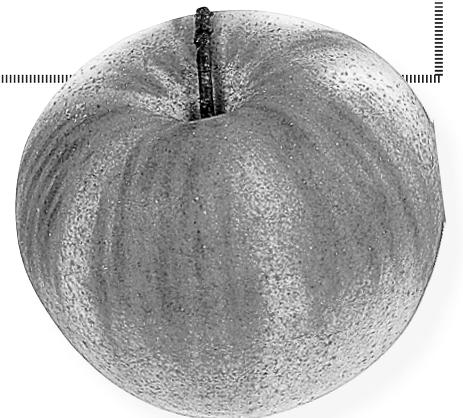
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If you live or are visiting near Livingston Manor, NY, the gateway to the Catskills Park, stop by the **Sonoma Falls Cider Mill and Country Market** (140 Old Liberty Road, Livingston Manor, NY, 845/439-4949 or 607/498-6008, www.sonomafallsny.com).

You'll find harvest bounty in a Catskill mountain setting centered around a seven-tiered waterfall that was once the inspiration for a Salem cigarette ad.

The recently renovated shop is housed in a historic old barn. Watch the Sonoma Falls cider mill in action or take a hayride to a two-acre pumpkin patch. Browse confections, jams, maple syrup, honey and, in the cooler, the bestsellers: local meats and sweet cider. Sonoma Falls cider never tastes the same twice, and that is by design.

The shop is open year round, seven days a week, and the proprietors offer a variety of seasonal outdoor activities. Call ahead to see what is available on the day of your visit.



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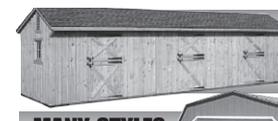
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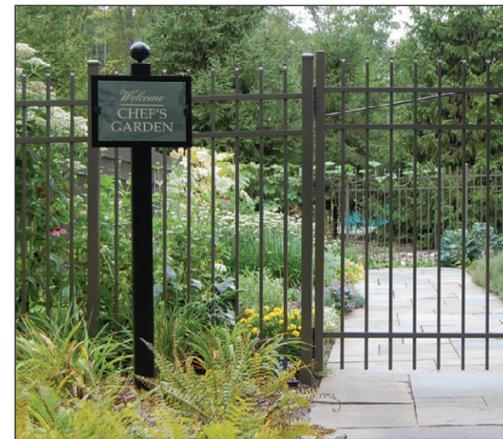
Text by Mary Greene
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We drove over to The Lodge at Woodloch on a cool, misty, early autumn morning and were greeted by a sunny young man who asked after our trip (not too tough, driving twenty minutes from downtown Narrowsburg, but his would have been a welcome face after any journey). We entered a spacious hall and were greeted again by three magnificent chakra bowls with hammers and a note explaining how

to play them. Upon signing in, we were given a tour of the extensive spa services and how to proceed through our time there. We headed immediately for the fabulous steam room, where I coughed a few times in the intense eucalyptus heat and then felt my lungs opening up and expanding. We grabbed an ice towel to keep from overheating and a refreshing glass of lemon water on the way out.

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We explored and delighted in all of the elements of the truly magnificent spa services at the Lodge at Woodloch in between our scheduled massages, facials and body wraps. There is also a dry sauna, whirlpools and the Aqua Gardens, a generous exercise pool with twin waterfalls that are designed to massage shoulders and neck, head and knees and any other part of the body that needs attention. The Lodge at Woodloch has a private men's section and women's section, as well as the communal pool and a very inviting outdoor whirlpool surrounded by sky, trees, rocks and friendly chipmunks.

My hot stone massage, with practitioner Nicole, was a little piece of heaven. At times it was hard to distinguish between her hands and the magic of the hot river stones, and when it was done I felt like a pool of melting honey. Later on I had a luxurious facial with Niki, who chastised me about my nighttime regiment but told me I had decent pores. This was punctuated by a delicious and healthful lunch prepared with care and diligence by head chef Peter Schott, which we ate in (wonder of wonders!) our spa robes. Guests are encouraged to stay in robes

for breakfast and lunch, to complete a feeling of relaxation.

The destination-spa Lodge at Woodloch cultivates a culture of friendliness and renewal. The idea is to de-stress through relaxation and a connection with nature that invites through every portal and window. The Whisper Lounge, where spa guests can ground after a spa procedure, is equipped with comfortable lounge chairs, waffle weave blankets, a selection of teas and snacks and cucumber water—a most refreshing drink, as I discovered.

The Lodge has 58 rooms for overnight guests and, according to rooms manager Jamie Fox, is “really taking off now, which is great.” The Lodge will soon have a Triple-A rating, about which Fox is optimistic, with good reason. Part of the distinctive charm is a hallway gallery lined with original regional art for sale, which changes every few months. The rooms all have balconies that look out into the 73 acres of private woodlands, where “there are no lights, so you can sit and enjoy the night.” There is a mile-long nature trail, and a sweet and wild lake where guests can kayak and commune with frogs, ducks

and other birds. The Lodge has programming for overnight guests which includes yoga, tai chi, meditation, nutrition and herbal classes and chef demonstration classes, and art classes with local artist John Leone, who, we were told, “brings out the artist in everyone.” There is a chef's garden filled with herbs, flowers and pumpkins for viewing, and a fire pit for nighttime sharing. There are also full salon services available, and a large cardio weight studio with personal trainers who will help overnight guests receive the optimum workout.

For local visitors, there are day packages that, at the basic level, include an hour of free time at the whirlpools, steam room, sauna and Aqua Gardens both before and after any treatment. You can also opt for other, longer packages that include a meal and use of the cardio weight studio.

The Lodge at Woodloch is a sister organization to Woodloch Pines Resort (familiar to many local residents), where guests play golf and enjoy a full range of resort activities. Children under 16 do not enter the Lodge, which lends to its peacefully muted and sophisticated atmosphere. Part of the secret, says

Fox, is the symbiotic relationship between the Pines and the Lodge. “We give guests a very personalized experience,” he says. “But there's nothing stuffy about it. Guests can come to Woodloch to be on a strict plan, to meditate and renew at the Lodge, or they can come to play golf and drink wine at the Pines, with a trip to the spa for a massage and a whirlpool in between. Moms and dads can get a time away at the Lodge, while their children are well cared for and happy at the Pines.”

Whether you come from far or near, for a few hours or a few days, the Lodge at Woodloch will not disappoint. Its philosophy is that by disconnecting from stress, surrounded by comfort and nature, you will reconnect with yourself. I have to tell you, it worked for me. Even though I see trees and sky out my every vista at home, I'm inspired to dream of river pebbles between my toes and my next visit to the Lodge. I'll take a stroll down the path, visit the mallards at lake's edge and work out the kinks in my neck. I'll have lunch in my robe and a cup of tea in the Whisper Lounge. In the words of Robert Frost, “I sha'n't be gone long—You come, too.”

'Eat, drink, laugh' at the Bluestone Grill

Text by Kristin Barron

Photographs by Danielle Gaebel

"The luxury of fall is that we can experiment with new recipes."

—Chef Susan Alper

When I met chef Susan Alper, she was carrying a ripe winter squash in each hand to make butternut squash ravioli—a new recipe for the weekend crowd and possibly the upcoming fall menu at the **Bluestone Grill** (www.bluestonegrill.com, 62 West Main Street, Hancock, NY, 607/ 637-2600).

"The luxury of fall is that we can experiment with new recipes," says Alper, who describes the Bluestone as an eclectic bistro, with a menu of all homemade dishes (including breads, soups and desserts) ranging in ethnicity and an inspired mix of flavors. From an appetizer of elote (a Mexican street food featuring grilled corn on the cob slathered with chili lime mayo and sprinkled with queso fresco), to an entrée of crunchy pork chops served with Himalayan red rice, organic peas and a basil lime blueberry salsa, or the tried and true Bluestone Burger with onion rings and cole slaw, the Bluestone offers each dish as a creation, made to individual order.

Owned and operated by Lauren Speisman and Alper, the Bluestone Grill opened in May 2006 after the pair moved to Hancock at the top of the Delaware River in search of "a better, calmer way of life," says Alper. Previously, they had operated a restaurant serving breakfast and lunch near Boston.

With the Bluestone, the owners have expanded to make a whole package, says Alper, a complete dining experience.

The individuality that characterizes the menu also extends to the atmosphere and even the hours of operation at the grill. "Let's say some visiting fly fishermen were running late coming off the river," says Speisman. "They can call ahead to say 'we're coming,' and the restaurant will stay open to accommodate them."

The Bluestone Grill also features the unique Birch Bar, named for its white birch bark and log motif. "Eat. Drink. Laugh," the restaurant's motto, fits this comfortable space. The owners say they purposely didn't include a television set in the bar to encourage conversation among the patrons.

Prior to renovation, the building, built in the 1890s, was a doctor's office and later an antique store. People also can remember coming for piano lessons in the building, says Alper, and one local patron even recalls it

as a childhood home. All good conversation starters for sure.

This fall, the restaurant will partner with the Hancock Community Education Foundation to help local school kids prepare a harvest dinner as part of a program in Michelle Obama's initiative to promote healthy nutrition for children. Nutritional and healthy foods are a priority at the Bluestone, which utilizes produce from a local farmer.

"It's a lot of fun," says Speisman, who values the role the restaurant can provide in the community by introducing new foods to children. "It's an educational process," she says. "New foods do not have to be scary."

The restaurant has also held festive holiday cookie decorating programs in conjunction with the local after-school program.

The menu at the Bluestone Grill changes every two months. New fall hours will be Tuesday through Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.



Popular dishes from the summer menu include the Argentine aged New York strip steak with burnt tomatoes and cheesy bacon baked potato chunks, and the pan seared sea scallops with parsley, sweet pea spaetzle and lemon butter sauce. "Our biggest appetizer is the crispy crab-filled won tons," says Alper.

The Bluestone Grill can accommodate a crowd of 85 and includes three upstairs dining rooms available for parties and private meetings, as well as a front porch for outdoor dining in season. The restaurant is available for hosting rehearsal dinners and weddings.

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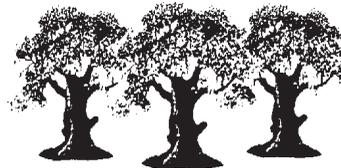
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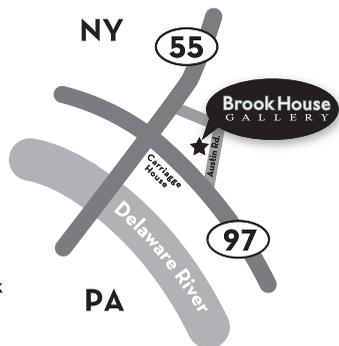
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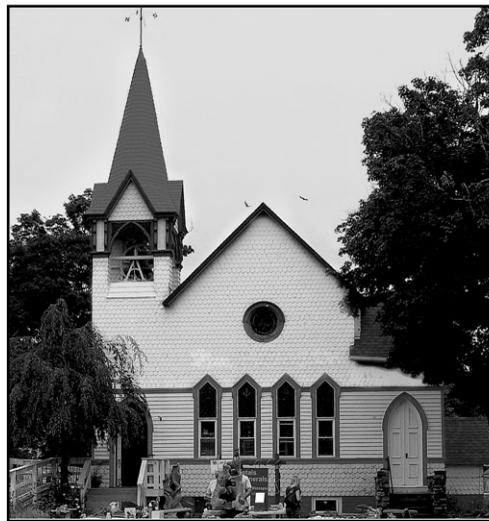
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Wurtsboro's Crystals & Well Being Center

Text and Photographs by Jonathan Fox



Having had a lifelong obsession with the paranormal, I was unsure that I would be able to locate a venue which would allow me to actively pursue those interests when I relocated from Los Angeles (home of the weird) to the Catskills (home of the wild). To my delight and amazement, I discovered just such a place, practically in my own back yard, in the **Crystals and Well Being Center** (www.thecrystalscenter.com, 845/888-2547), located at 116 Sullivan St. in the heart of Wurtsboro, NY.

Upon learning of an upcoming UFO discussion group at the center, I jumped into my pickup (secretly wishing it was a flying saucer) and zoomed off, excited to know that there were others...

As soon as I entered the beautifully restored church that houses the center, I felt that the center was something special. Owner Cephora greeted me warmly and toured me around a bit before the UFO group gathered.

"I am very fortunate that I've had the opportunity to travel the world," she told me, as we strolled through the space, looking at the gems and crystals that browsers are encouraged to pick up, examine, or simply admire. Cephora, who was born in France, came to the U.S. some years ago to continue her education. "As I traveled," she said, "I discovered the world-wide, age-old fascination with the various properties associated with different natural crystals and stones... and fell in love with them. I decided that this would be my life, examining the unusual, the unknown and the spiritual path that accompanies such a

journey. I also knew that I wanted to bring these concepts to the Catskills, instinctively believing that the community would embrace them—and me."

On a lower level of the center, people had begun to introduce themselves, mingle and meet local Ufologist Bill Wiand, who facilitates discussion groups on a variety of out-of-this-world topics at the center and throughout the region. I sat, observed and actively participated in what turned out to be a lively debate on the existence of extraterrestrial life, visitations, abductions and sightings in a setting described by the center's web site as a "safe and nonjudgmental" environment where "like-minded individuals" can come together and share thoughts, theories and experiences.

Lest you think you might not be a "like-minded individual," think again. The Crystals center has a huge staff and many workshop offerings, from psychic readings to drumming circles to meditation workshops to women's circles. Jewelry making, nutrition and cooking classes and farmer forums are offered along with therapeutic massage and how to prepare herbal infusions. There are fairy workshops, pendulum dowsing and activities for kids. You can communicate with your animals or learn to channel your angels. And, if you just like rocks, you will love the vast array of crystals, gems and mineral stones on display at the Crystals center. If you want to delve a little deeper, the website has extensive information on the properties and healing benefits of different crystals and rocks, as does Cephora herself.

How fortunate, then, that we have such a haven, tucked away in the mountains, a glorious gem in and of itself. When not scouring the planet for the new, the unusual and the beautiful, proprietor Cephora is often on hand to share her excitement and expertise. The shop holds an excellent selection of crystals, jewelry, ceremonial tools and other items for purchase, to treat yourself or a friend. Visiting the center is a true adventure of the cerebral, the spiritual and the sensuous.

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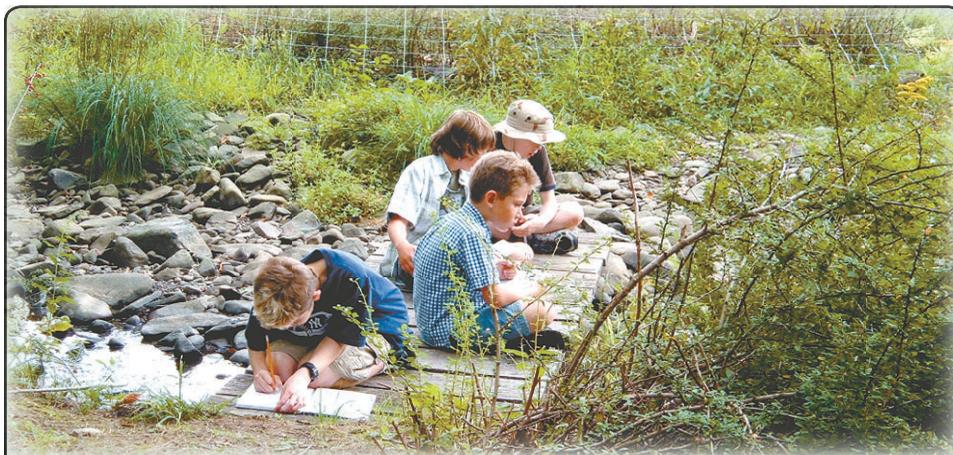


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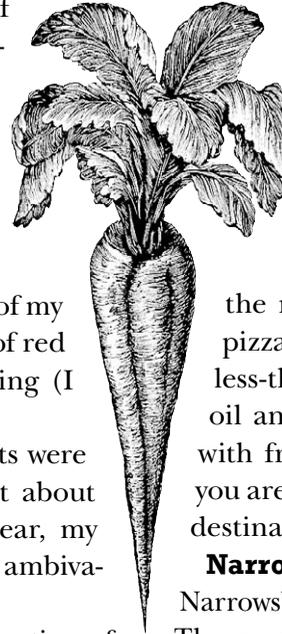
“Vegetarian: A person who eats only side dishes.”

This quote by Gerald Lieberman exemplifies the struggle of any vegetarian. In the years I have been a vegetarian, I have often felt like this. Most restaurants and family dinners have presented me with this struggle: either I can eat meat (a most obvious no), or my dinner is a combination of side dishes: an assortment of vegetables, bread, maybe some salad. But sometimes, when I am lucky, an entree is served that is completely vegetarian and delicious. I became a vegetarian several years after learning the horrors of factory farming. Other reasons came later. Health reasons. Environmental reasons. But whether someone agrees with me or not, being a vegetarian is an innate part of my being. I can no more see myself eating a piece of red meat than I see myself enjoying public speaking (I am absolutely terrified of public speaking).

When I first became a vegetarian, my parents were horrified. How would I sustain myself? What about protein? As the answers made themselves clear, my parents gradually came to a feeling of general ambivalence.

Many restaurants offer a meal that is a combination of three of the most important things I look for when I go out to eat: vegetarian, appetizing and, of course, not an accumulation of side dishes. Here is a sampling of restaurants that fit my criteria and make my list. And, you know a restaurant has good vegetarian food if my dad, a meat and potatoes guy, orders a meal without meat.

One of our favorite restaurants to visit, regardless if we are ordering vegetarian fare or not, is the **Rolling River Cafe** (www.rollingriver.net, 845/747-4123, 25 Cooley Road) in Parksville, NY. Rolling River Cafe offers delicious crepes (the nutella crepe is my favorite), paninis, salads with cranberries and melted brie and tapas. Whenever I go, I make sure to order the baba ganoush with pita bread. It’s fantastic. Rolling River uses only fresh ingredients, organic if possible, and its bread is supplied through **Flour Power Bakery** (www.flourpowerbakery.net, 87 DeBruce Rd. Livingston Manor, NY, 917/747-6895). Rolling River also doubles as a bar, gallery and inn. As the proprietors put it, Rolling River is a place “where people can eat, drink, relax, talk, listen to music, and enjoy or buy art.” That may seem like a lot, but Rolling River pulls it off seamlessly.



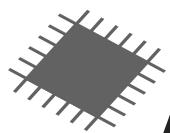
Branko’s Patisserie du Jour (www.brancos-patisserie.com, 570/253-031, 501 Main St.) in Honesdale, PA is the perfect European cafe. With crunchy bread and fresh ingredients, Patisserie du Jour is delicious. Their sandwiches are especially good. My personal favorite is the Patisserie du Jour Specialty Sandwich, which they aptly call a “Vegetarian delight!” Start the meal off with a cup of cappuccino or cafe latte and end it with a European pastry, like a Parisian chocolate dome or a tangy-sweet lemon tart.

Bakers Tap Room II (845/557-8558, 184 Yulan Barryville Rd., Barryville, NY) is among the better pizza places in our area. Although the menu includes soups, salads and sandwiches, the real star is their thin crust pizza. Bakers’ artisan pizzas include the traditional Margarita pizza pie, the less-than-traditional Potato Head Pie with white truffle oil and Gorgonzola cheese, and The Happy Gardener with fresh grilled roasted vegetables and mozzarella. If you are in the mood for pizza, defiantly make Bakers your destination.

Narrowsburg Roasters (845/252-6688, 25 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY) is a “hip little cafe,” as one reviewer states. The menu features sandwiches, soups and salads made with local ingredients, perfect for a light, but tasty, lunch. While there, enjoy a cup of gourmet coffee or tea, and pick up some locally produced bread, baked goods and dairy products.

For a more upscale experience, two other restaurants deserve a mention: **The Front Porch** (www.thefrontporch.us, 845/583-4838, 1577 Rte. 17B, White Lake, NY,) serves delectable dishes featuring ingredients like risotto, winter squash, mushrooms and spinach, and their bread and side dishes (yes, side dishes) are delicious. Also check out **Korean Arts Village** (845/583-1010, 2572 Rt. 17B West, Bethel, NY) for a taste of authentic Asian vegetarian cuisine.

Going out to eat is one of the trickiest parts of being a vegetarian. I can no longer order chicken salad at the local cafe, or dine on Chicken Parmesan at the Italian restaurant. Part of the challenge is that there aren’t a lot of choices; there are no strictly vegetarian or vegan restaurants in the Upper Delaware River Valley that I am aware of. Most restaurants cater to meat eaters, and offer limited choices for diners that want to omit meat. But, there are exceptions to every rule. The longer I’ve been a vegetarian, the easier it has become. I’ve found my niche in each of the restaurants my family frequents. Soon I had vegetarian favorites. And, hopefully, you will too.



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Things to do in the New Year

Text by Emily Grillo | Contributed photographs

Once the Christmas lights are taken down from our houses and towns, and the lake ice thickens into a full milky slab, we begin to feel the deep chill of winter. The doldrums set in along with our credit card bills and extra pounds. January, February and March become an excuse to cuddle up on a couch, blankets in tow, and wait for spring.

The dictionary says that those who hibernate “pass the winter in a dormant or torpid state.” Sound about right? But now more than ever, a variety of events will get us out and about during the long slow cold season.



Eaglefest

The American bald eagle, which won out over the turkey to become our national bird, relishes the frigid temperatures of the Upper Delaware, and the open water available in the Big Eddy in Narrowsburg, NY provides abundant food supply. Narrowsburg is the Eagle Capital of New York State, which makes it an ideal location for Eaglefest.

2011 will mark the 10th anniversary of this day-long celebration of eagles and other natural wonders of the region. The January 15 festival is organized by The Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance (www.dveaglealliance.org). Throughout Narrowsburg, there will be wildlife exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, photography, films, a poster auction, ice carving, food booths and more. Most activities are free and fun for the whole family.

An annual highlight of Eaglefest is the raptor presentation by the Delaware Valley Raptor Center. And throughout the day, an eagle cam is set up on the viewing deck on Main Street to allow visitors to view and observe eagles in their habitat. Volunteers from The Eagle Institute are on hand with additional binoculars and to answer questions.

Livingston Manor Ice Carnival

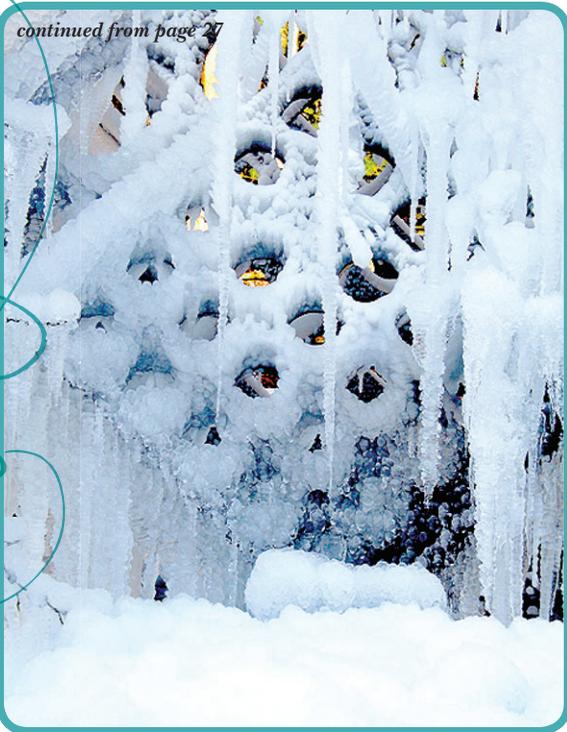
Livingston Manor, NY knows how to celebrate its beauty. The Catskill Park, which borders the Manor, is home to six major water systems, 98 mountain peaks 3,000 feet and higher, and some of the world's best trout streams. The town slogan, “Gateway to the Great Outdoors,” sums up the love affair of this quaint hamlet with the countryside that surrounds it.

The Livingston Manor Ice Festival (icecarnival.com) takes place on January 16 and 17, drawing some 2,000 visitors. This genius of the Livingston Manor Rotary Club has for 52 years been a celebration of ice and winter. Business owners and residents create snow figurines as a backdrop for Saturday's Ice Carnival, which includes a giant themed snow sculpture competition, a favorite of local high school students. Competition is stiff and winning first place is coveted among the teens. When evening arrives, festivities continue with a dance where the Ice Carnival King and Queen, also high schoolers, are crowned.

Rotary Park's ice skating rink becomes the focus for Sunday's events. Those in the Manor take their ice-skating seriously. Olympic medalists and national ice skating champions are featured attractions on the rink. Amateur skating performances and competitions take place on the ice, and the Ice Carnival King and Queen make their grand entrance on a sleigh pulled by their court. Horse-drawn sleighs and dogsledders glide around Rotary Park, and hot chocolate and hot dogs are served free as homage to the festival's beginnings as a children's carnival.

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Milford's Winter Lights

An influx of second-home owners and day trippers have helped turn Milford, PA into a charming mix of art, antiques, fine shopping and historic landmarks. The once sleepy town has become home to posh restaurants and bars.

The third annual Milford Winter Lights Festival (winterlightsfest.com), beginning January 29, devotes itself to celebrating Milford's art scene and winter charm. The town is decorated in beautiful white lights, and an ice rink is installed in Ann Street Park for public skating and weekend performances. Artist Tom Holmes decorates Milford with his haunting and sublime ice sculptures. Planned performances include the Ice Theater of New York, The Bond Street Theatre and the Mask & Puppet Theater Company. Styles and topics will range from the experimental to the environmental and will also feature Milford's own award-winning skater, Jordan Hartey, whose antics on the ice are nothing short of show stopping.

The festival continues until February 6, when closing festivities will take place. Activities throughout the week will include a snow sculpting contest, live music, an ice slide for kiddies and a bake-off competition that will feature that classic comfort food: mac & cheese.

Crystal Cabin Fever

Sculpted Ice Work's Crystal Cabin Fever each winter creates a display all in ice. From February 11 through 28 in Lakeville, PA, you can walk through 100-plus tons of ice molded into a Wild West theme.

In its fifth year, Crystal Cabin Fever will include a replica of an old western town complete with a covered wagon pulled by horses, a giant locomotive and ice slide, a coal mine maze and ice animals. Wild buffalo, wolves and birds, carved in amazing detail, will surround the town. A luminescent effect is created by the winter sun shining on the ice.

Sculpted Ice Works offers ice carving shows and demonstrations throughout the period, and on February 19 and 26, professional ice carvers will compete for cash prizes on a multi-sculpture event.

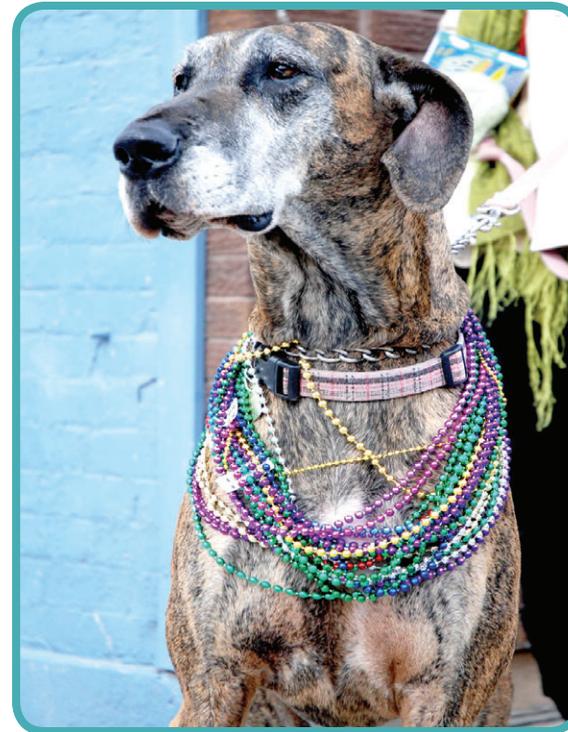
Hot chocolate and other goodies are available at the concession stand. Remember to dress warmly. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids. Visit www.crystalcabinfever.com.

Mardi Gras on Main

Mardi Gras, anyone? Well, more like Mardi Gras on Main, an idea of The Greater Honesdale Partnership as a way to "stomp out the winter hum-drums." This year's Mardi Gras celebration will brighten Honesdale, PA's Main Street on March 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Masks and traditional New Orleans Mardi Gras colors of rich golds, vibrant purples and lively greens paint the town during the event. Krewes, or decorated floats with attendants dressed in colorful costumes, hats, masks and beads, parade up and down the sidewalks throwing strands of Mardi Gras beads. Just as in New Orleans, visitors catch as many beads as possible—for the joy of it, and because they might have special store discounts affixed to their strands. Dixieland music and strolling operetta singers, provided by Honesdale High School students, and Cajun cooking in area restaurants, featuring classics such as Jambalaya, complete the atmosphere.

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Chili/Wing Cook off

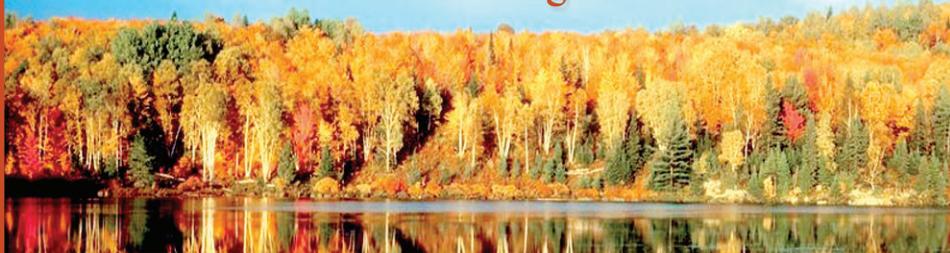
In winter, hot and hearty dishes warm the body and soul. The Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce became hip to this nine years ago when it created its annual Chili/Wing Cook off to benefit the chamber.

Ehrhardts Waterfront Resort banquet hall hosts the event. The chefs du jour of some 25-plus regional restaurants are set up around the hall with their spicy creations, each year pushing the envelope with unusual ingredients and spices. Some might add pulled pork to their chili, or create a white hot wing, go vegetarian or even add game meats, such as elk, to their creations. Old standbys are at the ready for tasting, such as Shanghai Wings or Rusty's Three Alarm Chili. Visitors get to vote for a favorite in each category. And with a turnout of roughly 1,000 people, these area chefs have their game faces on. First-place winners capture a traveling trophy and \$100 in cash. Second- and third-place winners, as well as the recipient of the People's Choice award, receive an engraved plaque.

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Holiday Spirit:

Celebrations, Festivals and Art Openings

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As the holidays draw near, we sometimes need a little communal merry making to get us into the spirit. More and more, our towns and hamlets are celebrating the season in unique and special ways. Visitors flock in to buy gifts, become inspired and join in the festivities. Here are a few to watch for.

Art in Sixes and Valley Artists Holiday Show

The Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY, home to two galleries and the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, is always a popular destination during the holiday season. The arts center hosts an opening for two shows on November 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. Art lovers will get an eyeful at the **Art in Sixes** show, a small works show where the idea is to present quality art at affordable prices. Many artists are represented in mediums such as painting, drawing, fiber art and sculpture.

Simultaneously, Signature Gifts will present its annual **Valley Artists Holiday Show**, when the always interesting selection at Signature Gifts expands into the Loft Gallery. Jewelry, pottery and many other works by local crafters will be for sale, as well as books by regional authors and a selection of cards, calendars, candles

and other gifts. Unusual items include antique ornaments, hand painted silk scarves and an array of artful gifts for children, including wooden toys, art supplies, books and games.

Both shows run through December 22. Visit www.artsalliancesite.org or call 845/252-7576.

Holiday happenings in Jeffersonville

Tradition is a valued commodity in Jeffersonville, NY, and one of the hamlet's great traditions is the annual **James Dworestsky Memorial Holiday Parade**, arranged by the Jeffersonville Fire Department. Held the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26 at 7 p.m., the whole town turns out to see the parade, which features theme floats and other celebrants. Following the parade, visitors can enjoy a visit with Santa inside the firehouse to help kick off the season. For information and to enter a holiday float, call 845/482-4151.

November 26 also marks the beginning of town-wide festivities that last through December 24, including sleigh rides, breakfast with Santa, hot chocolate and cider and local holiday shopping. Visit www.jeffersonvilleny.com.

Home for the Holidays in Honesdale

The wonderful town of Honesdale, PA has great shopping, history and art, and it celebrates the holidays with an array of special events. On November 20, you can attend the opening reception for the Christmas Collection Exhibit at **The Hanson Gallery** (www.thehansongallery.com, 570/253-2525) from 5 to 8 p.m. November 26 and 27 will usher in **Home for the Holidays**, with events continuing through December. Home for the Holidays is sponsored by the Greater Honesdale Partnership and features carriage rides, visits with Santa, open houses and special shopping opportunities, tree lightings, luminaries, caroling and much more. Also, don't forget to ride the Santa Express on the **Stourbridge Line Rail Excursion** (www.thestourbridgeline.com, 866/637-2457) on December 4, 15 and 12.

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Hawley Winterfest

Downtown Hawley, PA does it up right during its annual Victorian-style **Hawley Winterfest** celebration, sponsored by the Downtown Hawley Partnership. The festivities begin on December 10 with an opening bonfire and celebration. Performances through the weekend include the Virgin Consorts, Jingle Bell jazz, presentations by Native American Little Bear, harp music and a bell choir. Authors will be on hand to sign books and the Ritz Theater will present a children's show. There will be ice carvings, carriage rides and craft demonstrations. Mix with artists in the local galleries and join in the fun during the cookie walk, Victorian luncheon and holiday house tour. Shopkeepers will host special discounts and exhibits, and area restaurants will be serving regional feasts, lasagna and lobster. The festival runs through Sunday, December 12.

Visit www.hawleywinterfest.com or call 570/22604064.

Grey Towers

A visit to **Grey Towers National Historic Site** (www.greytowers.org, 570/296-9625) in Milford, PA, the eclectic summer mansion of Gifford Pinchot, founder of the U.S. Forestry Department, is a destination all its own, and at the holidays it becomes even more compelling. The Milford Garden Club will decorate the mansion, and visitors can tour all three floors. In addition, a traditional dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Joe Plummer and Son will take place on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5. The Gifford Pinchot Audubon Annual Holiday Tea will be held on Saturday, December 11, with a free program and refreshments provided.

Deck the halls

Narrowsburg, Barryville and Port Jervis in New York, along with many other towns on both sides of the Delaware, participate in the season with tree lightings, carolings and Christmas parties for the kiddies. It's a perfect way to get into the holiday spirit.



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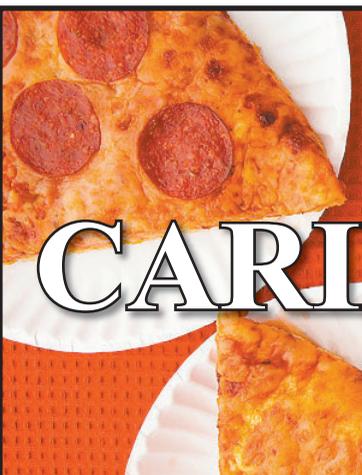
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EVENTS CALENDAR



Sat., Oct. 9

'Antiques, Collectibles & Memorabilia' – thru 10/10

CALLICOON – Villa Roma Resort, 10am-5pm.

Beading workshop – thru 10/30

LIVINGSTON MANOR – Jewelry beadwork class on 4 consecutive Sat. at CAS Arts Center, 1-4pm, members \$150, non-members \$165, single class \$40. 845/436-4227.

Country Market

NARROWSBURG – Main St. behind Bank of America, 11am-2pm, rain or shine. 845/292-8286.

Craft Fair

LIVINGSTON MANOR – Firehouse, 9am-4pm.

Falling Leaves Tree ID

DINGMANS FERRY – What trees produce what colors & why at PEEC, 1-4pm, \$10, \$5 ages 10 & under. 570/828-2319.

'Fall Foliage Ride'

HONESDALE – 4-hour Fall Foliage Stourbridge Line train ride with a stop in Lackawaxen. 10/9, 10, 16, 17. www.thestourbridgeline.com.

Flea market

GALILEE – Old & new items at Unity Grange Hall, 9am-4pm. Lunch available. 570/224-4661.

Gallery opening

BARRYVILLE – Brook House Gallery Grand Opening reception, 4 – 7pm. 845/456-0066.

'Harvest & Heritage Days' – thru 10/10

HONESDALE – Vendors, music, farmers' market, exhibits & more on Main St., Sat. 9am-6pm; Sun. 10am-4pm. Vendors wanted: 570/253-5492.

'Harvest Quilt Show'

PLEASANT MOUNT – Demonstrations, raffle, food and lots of quilts at Community Center, 9am-4pm. 570/785-3047.

'Mixed Media Creative Workshop'

LIBERTY – Combine elements of collage, painting, drawing, transfer & more on a 2D surface at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 9:30am-3:30pm, \$60. RSVP: 845/292-5250.

'Photoshop: All You Need to Know'

NARROWSBURG – Hands-on workshop for photographers at Delaware Arts Center on 10/9 (basics), 10/23 (intermediate) & 11/13 (advanced), 11 am, \$60/session. Free demonstration 9/11, 11am.

RSVP: 845/252-7576.

'Pop goes the modern art!' – thru 11/13

LIVINGSTON MANOR – Course in modern art on 6 consecutive Sat. at CAS Arts Center, 11am-1pm, members \$100, non-members \$120. 845/436-4227.

Pumpkinfest

BARRYVILLE – Pumpkins, fireworks, vendors, & contests at Springhouse Commons, 10am-5pm, barryvilleney.com.

Rhett Miller of the Old 97s performs

BETHEL – Event gallery performance at Bethel Woods, 8pm, \$25 advance, \$30 day of show. BethelWoodsCenter.org.

'The Awakening Tales'

LIVINGSTON MANOR – Ann Krupski & Kazzrie Jaxen perform at CAS Arts Center, 5pm, members \$5, non-members \$8, under 18 free. 845/436-4227.

The Bronx Opera performs

CLARYVILLE – Performance in historic Forstmann Castle at Frost Valley YMCA, 8pm. RSVP: 845/985-2291.



Wayne County Churches bus trip

HONESDALE – Wayne County Historical Society event, all day. 570/253-3240.

Sun., Oct. 10 Envirofest

MILFORD – Free environmental films as part of Black Bear Film Festival at Grey Towers. See blackbearfilm.com for schedule & details.

Farmers Market

ROSCOE – Food and craft vendors. 10am – 2pm 10/10, 17, 24, 30. www.roscoeny.com.

'Fall Foliage Walk'

LAKE ARIEL – Easy 1-mile walk through Lacawac Sanctuary fields & woods, 10am, members

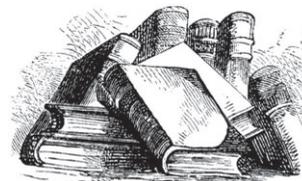
\$3, non-members \$5, under 12 free. RSVP: 570/689-9494.

Pancake/French Toast breakfast

CLARYVILLE – All-you-can-eat breakfast at Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept., 7am-12noon. Adults \$7, ages 5-11 \$3, under 5 free. Take-out avail. 845/985-7270.

Sunday for singles hike

DINGMANS FERRY – Meet people & enjoy nature on PEEC trails, 10am-12noon, free. 570/828-2319.



Tues., Oct. 12

Edgar Allan Poe readings & discussion

PORT JERVIS – Greg Giblin performs dramatic readings at Port Jervis Free Library, 10/12 & 10/19, 7:30-8:30pm. RSVP: 845/856-7313.

Practical positive thinking for a better life

GLEN SPEY – Gain confidence to let go of stress & problems at Kadampa Meditation Center, 7:30-9pm, \$10. 845/856-9000.

Thurs., Oct. 14

Chicken & biscuit dinner

GALILEE – Grange Hall, 5-7pm, adults \$9, under 12 \$4.50. Take-out avail. 570/224-4542.

Fri., Oct. 15

Autumn skies star watch

MILANVILLE – Join local astronomers who will share telescopes & sky charts at Butterfly Barn, 8:30pm. Bring binoculars & folding chairs. 570/226-3164.

Halloween-themed weekend – thru 10/17

CLARYVILLE – Haunted tours, hay rides, apple cidering, games & traditional camp activities at Frost Valley YMCA, check-in 5pm. RSVP: 845/985-2291.

Horror films of the 1960s

BETHEL – 10/15: "Night of the Living Dead;" 10/22: "The Haunting;" 10/29: "Mothra" & "The Three Stooges in Orbit;" 11/5: "Psycho" at The Museum at Bethel Woods, Fri., 7pm, \$8/\$12 double feature. Discussion follows. BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Sat., Oct. 16

Contra dance

GALILEE – Folk dance style: couples dance in 2 facing lines

at Unity Grange, 7:30-10pm (pre-dance beginners workshop 7pm), \$5/person, \$10/family. 570/729-7141.

Craft bazaar

POND EDDY – Methodist Church, 9am-4pm. Vendors wanted: 845/856-6004 by 9/15.

'Fly a Kite for Troops Day'

ROSCOE – Outing for the entire family at Firemen's Field, 12noon-4pm. Prizes, raffles, vendors, food, music. 845/439-5143.

Harvest moon volunteer feast

DINGMANS FERRY – Potluck dinner & refreshments at PEEC, 6-9pm, free. Bring a dish to share. 570/828-2319.

Horror silent film: 'Nosferatu'

PORT JERVIS – Vintage vampire silent film at Port Jervis Free Library, 2-4pm. RSVP: 845/856-7313.

Make a leafy-T

NEW JERSEY – Decorate a T-shirt w/ leafy prints while learning why leaves fall for families w/ children ages 6-12 at High Point State Park, 1:30-3:30, free. RSVP: 973/875-1471.



Weekend of Chamber Music concert

LIVINGSTON MANOR – Music from the 1830s at Livingston Manor Central School followed by contemporary music at CAS Arts Center, 3pm, first-come, first-served. 845/436-4227.

Sun., Oct. 17

Basket Landing performs

HIGHLAND LAKE – Folk music & dance for the whole family at NACL Theatre, 3pm, pay-what-you-may. 845/557-0694.

Grupo Pagan performs

BETHEL – One World Culture Concert Series celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at Bethel Woods, 2pm, free (ticket required). High energy, family-friendly performance. 800/745-3000.

Full moon walk & campfire

LAKE ARIEL – Guided 1-mile walk to see a full moon at Lacawac Sanctuary, 10/23, 7-9pm, members \$5, non-members \$8, under 12 free. RSVP by 10/21: 570/689-9494.

Rummage sale – thru 10/22
SWAN LAKE – Firehouse, 10am-2pm, bag day Fri. 845/292-7554.



Fri., Oct. 22

'Dracula'

SOUTH FALLSBURG – Gripping, sensual & seductive show at the Rivoli Theatre, 10/22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 31. scdw.net.

Homemade soup sale

ELDRED – Take-out only, 4-7pm, quarts \$6, pints \$4. Choice of 7 soups/chili. Sponsored by Highland Lake Fire Dept. Aux.

Moonlight legends & tales from the past

MILFORD – An evening of storytelling, local lore, legends & ghost stories accompanied by a 3-course dinner at Muir House, \$35. RSVP: 570/296-6373.

Yoga on the mountain

NEW JERSEY – Enjoy the view while relaxing mind & body at High Point State Park Interpretive Center, 5:30-6:45pm, free. RSVP: 973/875-1471.

Sat., Oct. 23

Evolution of the Grey Towers landscape

MILFORD – Landscape tour with horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke at Grey Towers, 1:30pm. Regular tour fees apply. 570/296-9630.

Halloween Fun Ride

HONESDALE – 2-hour Stourbridge Line train ride with a stop at the Hawley Station Pumpkin Patch. 1pm. www.thestourbridgeline.com.

Haunted hayride

LORDS VALLEY – Blooming Grove Township Volunteer Fire Dept. #25, dusk, adults \$3, children \$1. Rain/snow date: 10/30. 570/775-9527.

Los Lonely Boys perform

BETHEL – Event Gallery performance at Bethel Woods, 8pm, \$58 advance, \$63 day of show. BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Parallel Exit performs

HIGHLAND LAKE – Moments of simple magic blending theatre, dance & music at NACL Theatre, 8pm, \$12-15. RSVP: 845/557-0694.

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'The Ghost Detective'

PORT JERVIS – Journey into the heart & soul of ghost hunting at Port Jervis Free Library, 2-4pm. RSVP: 845/856-7313.

Sun., Oct. 24

Fall-Fest fundraiser

HAWLEY – Food, music & games at PPL Environmental Learning Center, 2-6pm. Benefits Community Center renovations. 215/479-1965.

Pancake breakfast

EQUINUNK – Pine Mill Community Hall, 7:30-11:30am, adults \$6.50, child's 1/2-portion \$3, 570/224-4876. Ride horses from C&S Stables to breakfast, 570/224-4842.

Tree & shrub walk

WURTSBORO – Join John Kenney for a walk through Basha Kill. Meet at Haven Rd. Parking lot, 10am. 845/436-6046.

Mon., Oct. 25

Jay Steveskey performs

LAKE ARIEL – Classical guitar in "Tribute to Segovia" at Lacawac Sanctuary, 5pm, \$20. Optional buffet supper, 6:30pm, \$25. RSVP: 570/689-9494.

Short story discussions

w/ Wendy Dembeck

PORT JERVIS – Three short stories of Edgar Allan Poe at Port Jervis Free Library, 7-8:30pm. RSVP: 845/856-7313.

Tole painting workshop

HONESDALE – Paint tin ware at Wayne County Arts Alliance Arts Center, 10am-12noon, members \$20, non-members \$30, material fee \$15. RSVP: 570/253-6850.

Sat., Oct. 30

'Bats in the belfry!'

DINGMANS FERRY – Dress in costume & learn about bats at PEEC, 8pm, \$40 party only, \$99 incl. overnight w/breakfast. RSVP: 570/828-2319.

Dramatic reading

MILFORD – Halloween dramatic reading by American Readers Theatre Company at Grey Towers, 6 & 8pm. Fee applies. 570/296-9630.

'Halloween Mystery Dinner Theatre'

ROSCOE – Join actors of the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber for a class reunion & murder at Wolf's 1910, Tennenah Lake Golf & Tennis Resort, 6pm, \$30 incl. appetizers, dinner, show, live music, dancing & dessert. RSVP: 845/439-3990, ext. 306.

Halloween party

BETHEL – The Gays of Sullivan Cty. social gathering at Dancing Cat Saloon, 8pm-12midnight, \$10. Cash bar, finger foods, costumes encouraged. Guests eligible for 10% dinner discount. thegaysofsullivancounty.com.

PEEC-a-Boo

DINGMANS FERRY – Non-scary, family-oriented Halloween guided trail at PEEC, 4-7pm, \$5. Rain date: 10/31. RSVP: 570/828-2319.

Sun., Oct. 31

Cemetery walk

MILFORD – Local historian Peter Osborne shares Laurel Hill cemetery history, 1:30pm, free. Meet at Grey Towers visitor pavilion. 570/296-9630.

Sat., Nov. 6

Christmas craft fair

ROSCOE – Vendors, baked goods, lunch avail. at United Church of Roscoe, 10am-4pm.



Italian buffet

GLEN SPEY – Lumberland Town Hall, 4:30-7pm, adults \$10, ages 3-10 \$5, take-out avail. Hosted by Pond Eddy United Methodist Church.

Night hike

CLARYVILLE – Join Frost Valley YMCA personnel on a hike at Frost Valley YMCA, 6pm, free RSVP: 845/985-2291.

Pucho & The Latin Soul Brothers

BETHEL – Event gallery performance at Bethel Woods, 8pm, \$45 advance, \$50 day of show. BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Fri., Nov. 12

Leon Redbone performs

BETHEL – Event Gallery series at Bethel Woods, 8pm, \$38 advance, \$43 day of show. 800/745-3000.

Sun., Nov. 14

Holiday bows & boughs

DINGMANS FERRY – Create & make stunning holiday decorations from natural materials at PEEC, 2-4pm, \$10. RSVP: 570/828-2319.

Martha Redbone performs

BETHEL – Event gallery performance at Bethel Woods, 8pm, free (ticket required). BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Sat., Nov. 20

Art opening

HONESDALE – Christmas Collection Exhibit opening reception at Hanson Gallery, 5 – 8pm. www.thehansongallery.com.

Contra dance

GALILEE – Folk dance style: couples dance in 2 facing lines at Unity Grange, 7:30-10pm (pre-dance beginners workshop 7pm), \$5/ person, \$10/family. 570/729-7141.

Holiday art show openings

NARROWSBURG – Art in Sixes and Valley Artists Holiday Show opening receptions, 2 - 4pm, Delaware Arts Center. 845/252-7576, www.artsalliancesite.org.

Fri., Nov. 26

Holiday parade

JEFFERSONVILLE – James Dworetsky Memorial Holiday Parade, 7 pm. Organized by Jeffersonville Fire Department. 845/482-4151.

Art opening

HONESDALE – Christmas Collection Exhibit opening reception at Hanson Gallery, 5 – 8pm. www.thehansongallery.com.

'Home for the Holidays'

HONESDALE – Carraige rides, visits with Santa, open houses and much more. Sponsored by Greater Honesdale Partnership through December. www.visithonesdalepa.com.

Sat., Nov. 27

Full moon hike

DINGMANS FERRY – Hike a trail at night at PEEC, 5-7pm, free. 570/828-2319.

Holiday open house

HONESDALE – Wayne County Historical Society, 4-7pm. 570/253-3240.

Sun., Nov. 28

Pancake/French toast breakfast

CLARYVILLE – All-you-can-eat breakfast at Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept., 7am-12noon. Adults \$7, ages 5-11 \$3, under 5 free. Take-out avail. 845/985-7270.



Sat., Dec. 4

Santa Express

Stourbridge Line holiday train ride with a visit from Santa and friends. 12/4, 5, 12. www.thestourbridgeline.com.

'A Christmas Carol'

MILFORD – Reading of "A Christmas Carol" by Joe Plummer and Son. Grey Towers National Historic Site. 12/4, 5. www.greytowers.org.

Fri., Dec. 10

'Hawley Winterfest'

HAWLEY – Hawley Winterfest Celebration, sponsored by Downtown Hawley Partnership. Through 12/11. www.hawleywinterfest.com.

Sat., Dec. 11

Holiday tea

MILFORD – Gifford Pinchot Audubon Annual Holiday Tea, Grey Towers National Historic Site. www.greytowers.com.



Ongoing

Autumn treats

HONESDALE – Rickard's Cider Mill offers cider, pumpkins, cornstalks, honey and much more. Through 11/28. 570/253-9677.

Book discussion

NARROWSBURG – Tusten-Cochecton Public Library, 3rd Thurs./month, 6-8pm. 845/252-3360.

Crafting classes

HAWLEY – Various crafting classes available at Crafting with Friends, 845/499-0741.

Dancing Cat Saloon

BETHEL – Stacy and Friends sing rhythm and blues. www.dancingcatsaloon.com.

'Dessert with Mr. Q'

JEFFERSONVILLE – Unique & delicious book club with dessert meets 2nd Wed./month at Jeffersonville Public Library, 6:30-7:30pm. RSVP: 845/252-3360.

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NARROWSBURG – Open mic (sign-up 7pm) followed by readings by visiting authors at Tusten-Cochecton Public Library, 1st Fri./month, 7:30pm, free. Public welcome. 845/252-3360.

Friday night chess

NARROWSBURG – Learn, play & enjoy the secrets of chess at Tusten-Cochecton Public Library, 6-8pm, free. Open to all levels. 845/252-3360.

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'Knit-N-Stitch'

NARROWSBURG – Knitters, stitchers & crocheters meet at Tusten-Cochecton Public Library, Mon., 6-8pm. 845/252-3360.

Story time

NARROWSBURG – Tusten-Cochecton Public Library, last 2 Wed./mo., 2pm, for ages up to 5, free. 845/252-3360.

Story time

HONESDALE – Stories, songs, art & fun at Wayne County Public Library, Mon., 10:30-11:30am for ages 3-5. RSVP: 570/253-1220.

Story time

JEFFERSONVILLE – Jeffersonville Public Library, last 2 Tues./mo., 12noon, free. For ages up to 5. 845/482-4350.

Story time

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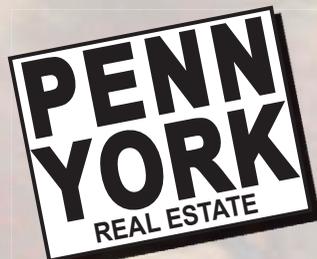
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