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## Editor's letter:

This issue of Our Country Home is different from, well, all the others.

This spring, driven by coronavirus, one of the usual fault lines here re-opened.

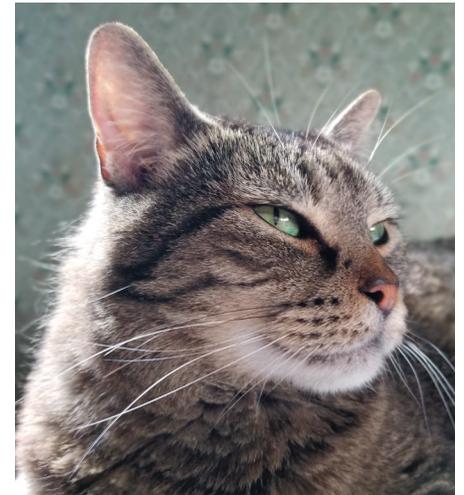
There's always been a split between locals and city people. Sometimes it's a peaceful division—everyone's aware of it but nobody much minds. And sometimes it gets mitigated—think of all the city natives who moved here a long time ago, settled in and stayed, contributing to the community in a number of vital ways. Even the locals were newcomers at one point or another.

My aunt, Norma, who spent long summers here from 1905 on, used to say that the only ways you could be considered local would be 1) to be born here and 2) to be buried here. She couldn't do much about the former, but the latter... Well, she asked to be cremated and her ashes scattered here. She wanted, more than anything, to be grounded in the land she loved.

People want to be part of something larger. We are, as a wise friend of mine said, all links in a chain, and those chains are knitted together into chainmail. If the links start breaking, so does the whole.

The schism, this time, settled down fast. We all realized that the problem was lack of medical capacity and that the loudest and angriest were also, probably, the most scared. But the fear is still there because the problem driving it is still there.

We wanted to explore the larger matter of our country home. The greater place we live. Our community. So, Linda Doyle English talks about her experiences growing



RR photo by Annemarie Schuetz  
Cat Number Two, Kiba. Moved here from Alabama and loves the sun, the cat food and the bath mat.

up here in the 1950s. Michael Schleifer describes his time as a camp brat in the '60s and '70s and how he hasn't really left the area. Jude Waterston, a long-time city native, moved here full-time a few years ago; read her story and try out her recipe for cherry tomato clafouti.

Ramona Jan offers a talking stick DIY to encourage conversation.

And because we are still Our Country Home, let's welcome Jonathan Charles Fox back to these pages. He's photographed Dr. Joe D'Abbraccio's new house, created as a haven in an uncertain time. And finally, Barbara Winfield is back, too, with a list of tips to beautify our homes in pandemic days.

May we all keep talking to each other.  
Annemarie Schuetz  
Editor, Our Country Home

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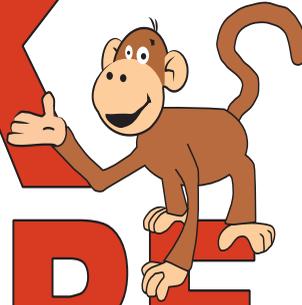
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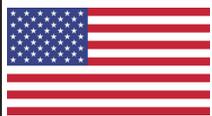
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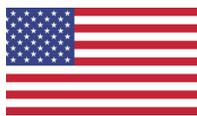
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# Building with the future in mind

*Dr Joe D'Abbraccio and his pet-friendly, change-friendly 'eternal home'*



RR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox

The kitchen's easy to move around in and the island with sink means no wasted effort as you cook. With all that space, plenty of storage and a view, what more can you ask for?

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

The house may have taken almost two years start to finish, but done it is, and veterinarian Dr. Joe D'Abbraccio can finally relax and enjoy his home... When the pets and farm animals and their owners give him time off, anyway. (He also writes a monthly veterinary column for the **River Reporter**.)

Dr. D'Abbraccio was "born and raised in Sullivan County," he said, and founded Catskill Veterinary Services, which has a full-service animal hospital in Rock Hill, NY and handles multiple aspects of veterinary care, including ultrasounds and digital x-rays, hospice, large animal care and even house calls.

**"An immaculate custom build that exudes the ease of country living."**

— Alec Martell

D'Abbraccio used Martell Home Builders from Sparrowbush, NY, which builds everything from a basic ranch to complicated custom designs, said vice president Alec Martell.

You'd expect a vet's house to be pet-friendly, and this one is. D'Abbraccio has a dog and a cat. At 2,500 square feet,

"the house is roomy," he said. So it's great for the feline frenzies or a playing dog. Plus "the floor is engineered hardwood," which makes it less likely to be scratched.

Of course, there's pet hair and dust to think about, and decreasing dust was something he kept in mind. A central vac makes cleanup easy.

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The fireplace draws the eye in the living room and promises warmth come winter.

What else did he have in mind? Something “very highly functional, low maintenance, some kind of rusticity,” he said.

The house is easy to maintain and easy to clean—useful when you don’t have a lot of time to spend at it.

“Joe’s house started out as a modular plan,” said Martell. Then they worked with the plan to create something that blends design and craftsmanship. Martell calls it “an immaculate custom build that exudes the ease of country living.”

Ease it may have, but it’s also “handicapped accessible, including the half bath,” Dr. D’Abbraccio said. Originally, he’d hoped to have older family members stay there. Accessibility also matters when it comes to his job. Injury is always a consideration, and a handicapped-accessible house makes things a lot easier. One less thing to worry about if life throws you a curveball.

“We are custom builders and can accommodate handicap accessibility when it is required,” Martell said. That means wider doors, wider bathrooms, showers with no step, grab bars and fewer steps to get to the door.

“By planning for the future, we were able to build the house with eventual changes and modifications in mind, so when the time comes, the process won’t require significant renovations. It’s as simple as that,” Martell said. “Handicap accessible homes can be beautiful, functional and customized to a person’s specific needs.”



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Thinking about building your own house? Dr. D’Abbraccio and Martell have some suggestions.

Always keep your budget in mind, D’Abbraccio said.

Alec Martell added, “Work with the land to maximize their budget. It is best to find a lot they are happy with and work with the lay of the land to design the home.”

Then, “We suggest they put a binder on the site that is contingent upon builder review.”

Then they visit the site and provide feedback on the best style options that also fit the budget.

“Plan for extra time,” Dr. D’Abbraccio said. Weather issues slowed construction, and like sick animals, weather doesn’t go away, either.

Under normal circumstances, said Martell, custom homes take around 6 to 7 months to build, modular about 4 to 5 months and others about 5 to 6 months.

Research. “Look at as many houses as you can.” Dr. D’Abbraccio does house calls, so he sees a lot of different places. “I talk to [the owners] about why they did what they did.”

“Plan for the future.” You never know what could happen, as Dr. D’Abbraccio said more than once. Fate has twists.

If you want easy, keep it simple. “You should be able to enjoy it,” says Dr. D’Abbraccio.

Ultimately, he built for both present needs and future possibilities because, “this is my eternal home,” he said. “I don’t plan to leave.”



In daytime, light streams in through the windows; the lamps brighten the room at night.



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# DIY: The Talking Stick

*Speak and be heard!*

By RAMONA JAN

The stick doesn't talk, the person holding it does. The stick gets passed around the room and each person gets a chance to be heard without interruption. Wouldn't that be grand? I once went to a therapist who used a pinwheel as a talking stick. I was very tempted to blow it, but I resisted.

Aside from its practical use, a talking stick can be fun to make because you can turn it into a piece of art. The process of making the stick is said to teach the subconscious mind to perceive it as something special. Be sure to use your favorite colors, unique style and choice of additional decorations. The stick, of course, will also give a greater impression when it looks good.

If picking a stick from nature, you will need to remove the bark, sand it and then base coat it with white gesso or paint before applying color. If, however, you are in a hurry to be heard, you can just buy a dowel from your local hardware store.

## Supplies:

Foot-long dowel with about a one-inch diameter  
Lots of colorful markers or paints  
Ribbons or long shredded scraps of material  
A circle of fabric at least six inches in diameter  
Cotton balls or some type of poly-fill  
Assorted feathers  
Trinkets optional



RR photos by Ramona Jan  
Markers, cotton balls, ribbon or strips of fabric, a stick—everything you need to create your own talking stick.



Decorate your dowel.

## Steps:

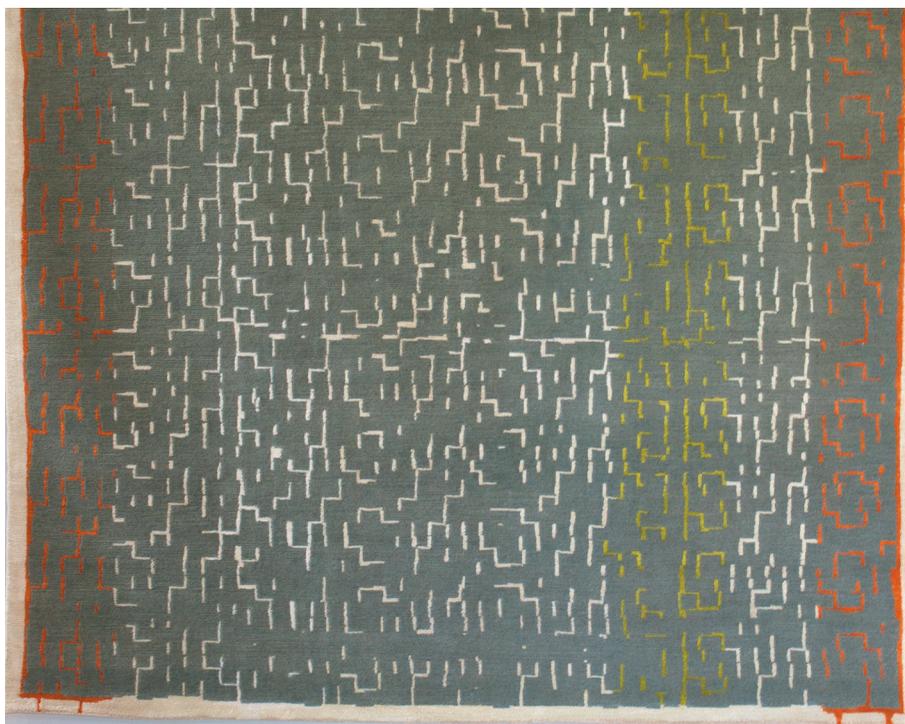
1. Decorate your stick with favorite colors and motifs—anything goes!
2. Stuff the cotton balls or poly-fill into the circle of cloth.
3. Using a rubber band attach the stuffed fabric onto one end of the stick forming a ball.
4. Cover the rubber band with ribbons or cloth strips as shown.
5. Add feathers, bells, shells or other trinkets.
6. Hold the stick and see if your partner shuts up, I mean listens

If you just appear with the stick—say in the kitchen by the stove—then the person with whom you'd like to communicate might say something like, "What's that?"

And you'll say, "It's a talking stick that doesn't talk." This statement will either pique their attention, giving you a chance to introduce the idea or get you sent to the looney bin. Hopefully, the former. Good luck!



Attach the stuffed ball of fabric to the end of your stick.



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A finished talking stick

### A bit of cultural context

The traditional Talking Stick has been used by Native American tribes for hundreds of years. Whenever a council was called, the Native Americans used a Talking Stick as a tool to allow all council members to present their Sacred Point of View within their Sacred Space of Council.

As a tool, the stick set in place the requirement for listeners to listen closely in order to avoid repeating unnecessary information or asking irrelevant questions. It was also used when teaching children, making decisions regarding disputes and engaging in a storytelling circle.

Whoever held the council was responsible for making the Talking Stick. Each tree represented and brought its own Medicine; for example, oak for strength, maple for gentleness and elm for wisdom. The person making the stick would consider which Medicine would best aide the meeting they planned to use it for. Added ornamentation also brought meaning depending on the color of the materials used—yellow for knowledge and green for harmony. Any skins, hair or hides used would add the talents, gifts and abilities of those creatures to the talking stick's Medicine. The Medicine and qualities attributed to the materials used in the crafting of the Talking Stick varied from tribe to tribe.

According to Firstpeople.us, the Native Americans taught their children from the age of three to listen and respect another person's viewpoint. "That is not to say that they may not disagree, but are rather bound by their personal honor to allow everyone their Sacred Point of View."

It is this message and intention that inspired this tutorial. We can all use better listening and deeper understanding with respect to those who hold opposing viewpoints. "The Talking Stick is the tool that teaches each of us to honor the Sacred Point of View of every living creature."

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# Love thy neighbor

By JUDE WATERSTON

In the summer of 1996, my sister, Janet, and I rented a house in Callicoon.

I was such a city girl at that point that it took me a while to realize more than a few facts of country life. One of the first was that the cows we passed on the way to our house, no matter how masculine-looking, were all female.

The corn growing right by the road would not be tasty—were we to feel an urge to grab an ear or two—as it was grown for animal feed.

Nothing was in walking distance and a trip to the local supermarket could end up taking close to two hours between driving back and forth and strolling through a store where, as the years passed, we became acquainted with folks from the neighborhood with whom we would stop to chat. The lines to pay at the grocery store, pharmacy, post office, Agway and hardware store moved more slowly than they did in Manhattan, primarily because people living in a small town have connections with each other and take the time to acknowledge that intimacy.

When we first rented the house, there was not a stick of furniture in it, save for a plain wooden table we covered with Mexican oilcloth and shoved under a kitchen window. On it, we kept a vintage breadbox and toaster oven and used it to set down gro-

ceries when we entered the house, which was through the kitchen. The neighbor who'd told Janet about the availability of the house lent us some mattresses and furniture. And we soon spent weekends at yard and estate sales, auctions and antique shops looking to fill the house with chairs, coffee tables, bookcases and the like.

We quickly took to country living and asked our landlords if we could extend our time. Eventually, they suggested we rent it year-round and we jumped at the chance. Except for the winter months of January, February and March, when we retreated to our apartments in the city, we not only came up every weekend but also spent all of our vacation time there as well. Through the neighbor we knew, we met another couple around the corner and became close friends. They, in turn, introduced us to their friends, who were warm and welcoming. Though invited to gatherings and celebrations, we pulled back on socialization primarily because the house was a quiet and peaceful haven from the crowds and bustle of Manhattan. We looked forward to spending the weekends immersed in our hobbies; eating our meals outdoors; soaking up the beautiful surrounding landscapes; and enjoying sightings of deer, wild turkeys, donkeys, alpacas and other fauna in the area.

Food was always a unifying component of life in the country. Even though our time

each weekend was short, I almost always invited one or another friend or small group for dinner. Any leftovers from meals I made for me and Janet were brought round to one of them. And may I say, my leftovers are nothing to sneeze at.

Sometimes, when we were on vacation, I would bake a savory breakfast dish and Janet would jump in the car and bring it, piping hot, to our friends around the corner. Whenever we or any of our neighbors were headed to the grocery store or farmers' market, we would check with each other to see if anyone had requests. We looked out for each other. It was just how it was, and is, in the country.

Though we were weekenders until just four years ago, when we gave up our apartments in the city and moved to Callicoon full-time, we had, after more than 20 years, been feeling like we were more than part-time inhabitants.

We knew instinctively to drive more slowly than in the city, unlike the guests at the nearby Villa Roma, who often move on the winding country roads as if they are on a racetrack. And we always wave a hand out the car window when passing motorists or folks taking a walk.

The farmers' market has become almost a social outing, as we run into friends and acquaintances with which we share a brief conversation and maybe a recipe. We take

the time to talk to the vendors about what they're growing and how to utilize their produce to best advantage.

In late summer, last year, I bought big, purple-streaked radishes from Lucky Dog Farms. I pickled them, Asian style, in rice vinegar, sugar, sake, salt and sweet chili sauce and brought a small batch to the owner to show him how I'd used his crunchy root vegetable.

We spent this past winter in Oaxaca, Mexico, returning to find COVID-19 beginning to rear its ugly head. We were relieved that we had left the city behind and were safely ensconced in the relative isolation of life in upstate New York. Friends from the city reported surreal experiences there and were fearful of leaving their apartments. I eventually came to feel that we were almost living in a bubble; I felt removed from the more intense dangers lurking in the city.

We realized, a couple of months ago, that more weekenders were taking up residence in their second houses in our area and working from their homes rather than being stuck in the city with all of its horrors. Similarly, inhabitants of the Hamptons out on Long Island, Cape Cod, Provincetown and other areas popular for second-home owners were reporting a surge in the populations there.

Some year-rounders were angry. At first, it looked like the weekenders — Page 13



A gang of cows eye a passerby.

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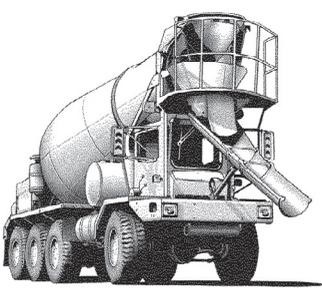
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A field of corn like a green sea.

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flocked to the supermarkets to stock up on (and perhaps hoard) everything from toilet paper to butter and milk. Others wondered what would happen in regard to our local health services and hospitals if they became overloaded with people contracting the virus.

I didn't see these people as intruders. I understood their fears and anxiety regarding remaining in the city. And they had purchased a second home for a reason, if not necessarily this one.

But I will say, they don't seem to have picked up on the culture of country living. Often, they don't wave back when we extend an arm out the car window. Sometimes they ride their bikes in the center of the road, unaware that the road is for everyone. When stranded momentarily behind a tractor moving slowly toward its destination, they impatiently honk rather than sitting back to wait a moment when the vehicle can pull over to allow them to pass. There is definitely an etiquette to get used to when you make a home in the country. We were lucky that we adjusted many years back. Let's hope the newcomers get the hang of it.

I continue to cook for friends, partly because it calms me, but mostly because it is who I am. Though socially distanced get-togethers might take a little more planning, it's worth it, for I feel as the chef Eric Ripert does when he says, "I place food at the center of our humanity, as it nourishes not only our physical bodies but also our emotional and spiritual lives... I genuinely believe that food connects us all."



A mouthwatering sun gold cherry tomato clafouti.

### Savory cherry tomato clafouti

Serves four as a side dish

This is a perfect breakfast or brunch dish, served with a fresh fruit salad.

- 1 cup grape or small cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup (packed) grated parmesan cheese
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 4 tablespoons half and half, heavy cream, or whole milk

10 large basil leaves, stacked, rolled up tightly, then sliced into thin strips (this is called a chiffonade)

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Butter for greasing the baking dish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a shallow ovenproof baking dish (approx. 9x6x2") with butter. In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add flour and whisk to incorporate. Add sour cream and milk and combine well. Stir in basil and three-quarters of the cheese, salt and pepper. Pour batter into prepared dish. Plop in the tomatoes, spacing them evenly. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top and bake for 25 minutes, until puffed and golden.

# Growing up here

## Stories of life, death and being home

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By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

LONG EDDY, NY — Linda English is telling me about her life here, but let's begin this story with her second tale: the one about the house.

Linda Doyle English was born and raised in Long Eddy, NY, a tiny town on the remnants of Sullivan County's only city. Her father, Henry, ran a grocery store and her mother, Alma, had been a teacher. And they lived in a former boardinghouse.

To be human means to be the keeper of stories, even if you don't think you have any or if you think they aren't important. The stories ground people, the land, the buildings we walk past—they root it all in our collective memories and they tell us who we are.

So, Linda English tells me her stories.

### House story

"I grew up in the Kellam boardinghouse," she says. It wasn't a boardinghouse at that point; that was when her grandmother, Minnie Doyle, owned it. (It was the Kellam boardinghouse because the Kellams lived there first. If you buy an older home here, you too will realize that your house may bear the name of someone long gone, someone who is not you and not connected with you.)

"It was two houses attached in an L



Doyle family photos from the boardinghouse years.

shape, and the other half was 'the other side,'" she said. That used to be the side with the boarders, and when Linda was young, it was rented out. "You could go upstairs and there was a door to the other side." The other side had lots of things to interest a kid, but what catches the imagination is the locked room. A boarder had died and her room was closed off. There was no key.

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The old Kellam house, with Betsy Kellam on the left in a chair, and her brother, Preston, in the chair on the ground to her right.



Photos contributed by Linda English

Three photos of the boardinghouse now. Linda English and her friend, Dink, pictured clockwise from left, in the large dining room where the boarders ate. The photo at the top is of a room in the renovated Kellam boardinghouse. The new owner "returned it to the way the walls may have looked when the house was young," Linda says. On the bottom right, a picture of visitors in front of the former boardinghouse.

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One day in the late 1950s, Linda's mother and Marian English found a skeleton key and tried it. It worked, and they held a dramatic opening of the locked room, revealing the space just as the occupant had left it, belongings intact. "Time stood still," Linda says. It was a snapshot of life early in the century.

### Summer friends

The Goulden family lived nearby "four homes on the lot plus a bowling alley. It looked like a Great Gatsby estate." There was a swimming pool and the Doyle kids and the Goulden kids could swim together. "They were well-to-do and lived in Westchester," Linda said.

Or she played with her friend, Dink, who stayed on the other side of the boardinghouse.

If it got hot, there was always Delaware Lake. Her godmother, Anna Kenney Voigt, had a cabin there.

### The school story

Linda started kindergarten in 1951 "in the basement of St. James, then spent the rest of the year at Delaware Valley Central School, in the nice new building." Later, she and the other Catholic kids took the bus to Holy Cross in Callicoon for school.

"The bus," she says. It must have been a cranky bus. "We'd all hold our breaths getting up a hill."

Now realize this: Back then, kids didn't have playdates in other towns, she says. Parents didn't have time to drive their children around. You saw your school friends at school, your home friends at home.

But one day, Linda got to have friends over for a birthday party. "I invited seven girls to take the bus home with me. You wrote a note for the driver." Harold Kellam was the bus driver, she remembers. And it was Harold Kellam who got the cranky bus up the hills with seven extra girls on board.

"We were a tight-knit group," she says. They still are.

Along the way, Craig English and his family came home. "Craig's dad was a Navy commander and they spent three years in Japan," Linda said. "Our families were always friendly," and when they moved back to Long Eddy in the early '60s, the friendship picked up where it left off.

Marian English, from the locked room story, was his grandmother. And so, stories and lives separate and then weave back together.

### Growing up

Because if we're lucky, we do.

So Linda Doyle grew up, worked in her

father's store, went to Woodstock with a ticket provided by Max Yasgur himself (but that's another story) and married Craig English. Craig became a maritime lawyer and practiced in New York City. They lived and had kids in New Jersey.

The years passed. The kids grew up. Linda's mother died and the boardinghouse was sold in 2002.

### Another boardinghouse story

There was a mark, a line, on the wall by the stairs in the Kellam boardinghouse. Old houses are full of strangeness like that, marks like shadows of the people who lived there. Usually, we don't know what they mean; often we just wipe them away or paint them over.

In this case, the new owner noticed it, but it took his tiny mother to give it meaning.

"The line on the wall was about where her shoulder would be," Linda said. The owner remarked, "I think I was told your mother had trouble getting up the stairs... Was your mother short?" he asked. "Yes," I said. "Just under five feet."

"My mother must have steadied herself there," going up and down the stairs, Linda says.

### Homecoming

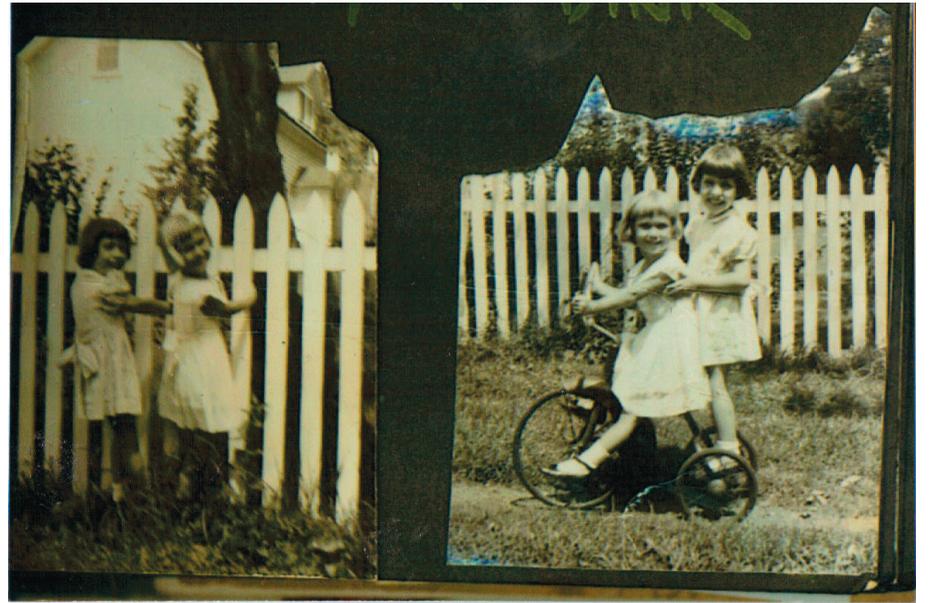
In 2001, of course, 9/11 happened. Craig was on Staten Island that day, but he worked near the towers and was back in a week. "After 9/11—that hit us dramatically—we didn't have a way to get out of the metropolis" if they needed to, she said.

What do you do when your world is upended? You go home.

"Craig was always a fisherman... In 2004, we were able to buy a cabin at Delaware Lake." It had belonged to Linda's godmother.

Then her husband found he could work remotely and they moved home for good. Not to the boardinghouse; the new house is different, but "I still have my grandma's boardinghouse, just in a different location."

Linda paused. "Those five years were the happiest of our lives," she said.



Linda and her friend, Dink, who stayed on the other side of the house in the summer.

Craig became ill. He passed away last year.

When a loved one dies, there really are no words. You get through the time after, slowly. There is a story. Sometimes it feels cavernous, empty.

But this is what it means to live here, whether you're local, newly arrived, or a summer person. Those classmates from years ago? Recently, they started holding reunions for anyone who could make it. The kids visit. Friends from long ago visit.

"I truly have this tremendous joy of living in this river valley," Linda English says. "I feel so held by this whole area... I look up at the sky and I just feel so blessed."

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# A foot in each world

## Being a second-home owner in Sullivan County

By MICHAEL SCHLEIFER

I turned 65 this past February, which makes this summer my 65th in the Catskills. Yeah, we missed one. My father was a public school teacher, later guidance counselor in the NYC system. Dad was a jock, told everyone he met that he was voted most athletic boy in his class at Brooklyn's Eastern District High School.

He wanted to teach physical education, but when that wasn't an option he chose summer camp. Delmar before I was born, then Monroe (1955-59), Tannersville (1961-62), Mountindale (1962-64), Ellenville (1965) and Swan Lake (1968-81). In 1970, fed up with living at camp with nothing to do all summer, my mother convinced him to buy in While Lake Homes (née Estates). The land and construction cost him

**But as we grew older, we came to love coming to "the mountains," especially after our parents bought the house.**

\$19,500. Of course, his annual income was \$15,000; it must have been daunting for a depression-era child to take on a \$95 a month mortgage.

But here we are, more than 50 years later. In 1999, just moments away from selling it, my parents gifted the house to my wife Jamee and me under the condition that we start paying the taxes and upkeep. Seemed like a reasonable offer. Kauneonga Lake has been my primary residence for the past few years since semi-retirement and technology made my physical presence in Brooklyn less necessary.

It's hard to believe now, but my sister and I hated going to camp. Staff brats usually do. Bugs, bad food and no radio reception for Yankee games. We would have been happy staying in the city, which she did once she old enough to stay there on her own.

But as we grew older, we came to love coming to "the mountains," especially after our parents bought the house. My wife,



The values of the Sixties live on in these donors.

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Michael and Jamee in 1980, en route to Rocky Horror in Manhattan

son Gabriel and I, as well as my sister and her family, vacationed in Kauneonga Lake during both winter and summer. We also spent many weekends there throughout the year. It was the peace and quiet of the "off-season" that was always alluring—and still is.

If my fate as a lifelong Catskillian wasn't already certain, Woodstock sealed it. Not so much the original festival that took place when I was 14 and was surely a seed, but when the plans for Bethel Woods were drawn. With a concert venue, arts programs

and a museum devoted to my favorite era two miles from our front door, any talk of leaving ended. We have been members of Bethel Woods since its inception.

What else brings us back? Four years ago we became involved in the Bethel community. I emceed the Kauneonga Block Party from its inception in 2016 through 2019, am on the board of the BCA and a member of the Bethel Democratic Committee. My son and I play at open jam night at Dutch's a few times each year (thank you, Steve Schwartz). As a result, we are, for the first time, cultivating relationships here.

I am loathe to characterize the relationship between second homeowners and locals in generalizations. There has always been a shred of resentment felt, but I attribute that to the small-mindedness of some from both camps. On an individual basis, I have never felt that long-time residents were resentful of myself or my family. Perhaps that community involvement has diminished any sense of that.

Good thing, because we love Bethel, and as I am fond of saying about many aspects of my life, I won't be leaving here until they're looking down at me and saying "boy, don't he look natural." After that, good luck trying to get Gabriel out of here.



Michael's father umpiring a game at Camp Sunrise in Ellenville, 1965



Michael at Chipinaw, 1974



Camp kitchen and maintenance crew, 1973.

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# Twenty-five ways to update your home without a major remodel

By BARBARA WINFIELD

Now that most of us are spending more time at home, we are beginning to notice areas of the house that need freshening up. Rather than feel overwhelmed, the best way to tackle these projects is to concentrate on those that are more doable—ones that add beauty and value without requiring a major overhaul.

Here is a list of 25 easy fix-ups that will change the look of your home and keep you from going stir-crazy.

## Exterior

1. Refresh the yard by replacing overgrown or unhealthy plants.
2. Brighten up bald spots on the lawn with colorfully painted rocks.
3. Paint the front door, add decorative hardware and some green ornamentation.
4. Add a burst of color with bright window boxes placed on windows or porch railings.
5. Paint window and door frames a bright color that blends in with the color of your house.



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## Front Hall / Entry

1. Tile the floor with brightly colored or patterned vinyl tiles. Because of the size of the space, it's an easy project to tackle.
2. Wallpaper one wall with a patterned print.
3. Create a mini-gallery. Mount picture rails along the wall for a changing display of artwork and photos.
4. Add a small decorative table and a chair, place a flower arrangement or plant for a touch of color.
5. Hang a large mirror on the wall to reflect light and provide a primping-up area.



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**Bath**

1. Replace the sink and faucets with a new decorative style.
2. Add a towel warmer.
3. Install beadboard wainscoting to the bottom half of the wall.
4. Replace accessory items like the shower curtain, toilet seat, towels, rugs, hardware and lighting with new decorative ones.
5. Hang a large decorative mirror and inexpensive framed prints.

**Add Value**

1. Install energy-efficient ceiling fans to cut back on air-conditioning costs.
2. Replace worn floors or area rugs with new products.
3. Update dingy or scratched kitchen and bath countertops with new laminate, solid surfacing or stone.
4. Replace and upgrade lighting fixtures indoors and out.
5. To save floor space replace a standard door with a pocket door.



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**Kitchen**

1. Install decorative hardware to your cabinets
2. Hang a small chandelier over your kitchen table
3. Paint your bottom cabinets a bright color.
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