JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651
400 Jay St, Katonah, NY 10536

**Family stories**  Visit our website to check out this month’s blog about Douglas Chandler, a Jay relative who was a radio broadcaster and Nazi sympathizer during World War 2.

**Red Barn Discovery Center** - Our most popular discovery center is available for private reservation. Two 90-minute exploration sessions are available every Wednesday, Thursday at 10am and 2pm. Each session is a private experience for your family group of up to 15 people. These experiences are free, but reservations are required. Open to all on Friday and Saturday, 9-4

**Virtual Thematic tour- John Jay and his Huguenot Heritage.**
Discover the history of John Jay’s Huguenot roots and why his grandfather fled France for America. Do you want to learn more about John Jay and Bedford Farm? Join us for a guided tour of the historic landscape offered Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through October. Tours leave at 11:00am from the Visitor Center. Space is limited; Reservations are recommended. Go to our website, www.johnjayhomestead.org to reserve you space.
August 13 from 11-1
Join Living Historian and native interpreter Drew Shuptar – Rayvis as he leads an interactive experience about the lives of the Algonkian people in 18th century New York.

Saturday, August 20th - Bee Day:
Meet our beekeeper at the Homestead’s apiary to learn more about our bees and beekeeping.
11:00 am Introduction to Beekeeping
1:00 pm Westchester Beekeepers Network monthly meeting
3:00 pm Gardening for Bees

The FARM MARKET at John Jay Homestead
Every Saturday now thru October 9am-2pm
Shop from local farmers, bakers, and craftsmen who provide a variety of fruit, organic produce, meats, fish, dairy products, baked goods, and handcrafted products.

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

Weir Tour
Saturday, August 6, 2022 - 10:00am
Meet at the benches in front of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133) (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk). (Parking lots nearby) After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history.
Required: pre-registration (limited number); masks, and social distancing. Walk will be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Register: https://aqueduct.org/events

Weir Tour
Thursday, August 25, 2022 - 4:30pm
Meet at the benches in front of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133) (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk). (Parking lots nearby) After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Less than a half mile and two hours.
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Rockefeller is a designated State Park Preserve. A Park Preserve is a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation purposes. We are recognized as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society and have a diverse population of animal residents. We are also part of the Old Growth Forest Network and are home to several rare and protected plants. We welcome passive recreation such as walking, jogging, photography or wildlife viewing but please leave the picnic and park games at home. Thank you! Please note: we follow NY State guidelines for COVID at all events.

Sunset Yoga at Rockwood
Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Relieve stress during an outdoor yoga session with instructor, Shivani Singh. Explore the connection between breath and movement and learn the fundamentals that will help keep your practice safe and sustainable. Classes are appropriate for all levels of experience, ages 18+. Please wear sunscreen, bring a yoga mat and water, and arrive 15 minutes early. Be prepared to walk 10 minutes to the site. Cost: $5 per class + Eventbrite fees. Max: 20 people. Photo courtesy of Shivani Singh. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Wildflower Walk
August 6 from 11 am – 1 pm
Join wildflower expert, Patty Butter, for a leisurely walk and learn about the identification of summer wildflowers. Contribute as a citizen scientist to increase our knowledge of the ecology of the Preserve by logging your observations in the iNaturalist app. Bring a camera or cell phone to take pictures and add the iNaturalist app to your phone before attending. Recommended text: Newcomb’s Wildflower Guide by Lawrence Newcomb. Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 12 people. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Camping 101
August 7 from 10 – 11:30 am
Have you ever thought about going camping but weren’t sure where to start? Join Stephen Sciame of Blue Campfire Experiences, LLC and learn the basics to get you started! We’ll cover equipment, fire building, and some of the best places to camp in our area. Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes; the program will include a short walk. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy. Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 15 people. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events
Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably
August 9 from 8:30 – 9:30 am
Start your day with movement! Get energized in this virtual session with postural therapist, Joey Zimet, and learn exercises to improve posture and function. The class will incorporate unique standing, sitting, and floor exercises. These methods are well-studied and based upon neuroscience, biomechanics, the myofascial system, and other variables. Treat yourself to some maintenance and self-care! This event is virtual; you will receive a link to join via Zoom. You do not need to be on camera to participate.
Cost: FREE, registration required. Max: 100 people.
Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.
RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Tree Identification Walk
August 10 from 9:30 – 11 am
Join conservation steward, Devyani Mishra, on a stroll through the Preserve to learn more about trees and other plants in the area and how to identify them. The hike will be short with frequent stops for discussion. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy.
Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 15 people.
RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Full Moon Hike: “Sturgeon Moon”
August 11 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Tickets available on July 18 at 10 am
Experience the Preserve after dark! Join us for a 4-mile hike on carriage roads lit by moonlight. We walk at a brisk pace; some hiking experience is recommended. Meet in the Visitor’s Center courtyard. Please bring water, a flashlight or headlamp, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy. Leashed dogs are welcome.
Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 40 people.
Photo courtesy of RangerSu. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Painting En Plein Air
August 13 from 9 – 11:30 am
Experience nature through painting! Learn the watercolor technique under the guidance of award-winning artist, Anne Johann, as you absorb the beauty of the landscape before you. You may bring your own supplies if you have them; if not, supplies will be provided. Recommended supplies include: a watercolor set, paintbrushes, watercolor paper, pencil, eraser, and a couple small jars of water. Bring water to drink and a lightweight chair that you can carry to the site.
Cost: $8 per class + Eventbrite fees. Max: 10 people.
Photo courtesy of Anne Johann.
RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events
Rockefeller continued...

Tackle Anything: Learn to Fish!
August 13 from 9:30 – 11 [or] 11:30 am – 1 pm
Join Nicole Byrnes in this family-friendly event and learn about the positive aspects of fishing from both an environmental and mental health perspective. After a brief educational session, attendees will be guided through a fishing session at Swan Lake, rods and artificial lures will be provided. This program is intended for a youth audience. All individuals under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a guardian at least 21 years of age, but please only register those who intend to participate. For those interested in fly fishing, visit our table in the courtyard to chat with Len Savanella about the basics including equipment, best practices, and locations to fish in our area. You can also observe Len tying flies, which is an art form in and of itself! Max: 10 people per session. Cost: FREE.
PLEASE NOTE: individuals over the age of 16 intending to fish must have a New York State fishing license, which can be acquired on the DEC’s website: https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html (Those under the age of 16 do not require a fishing license.)

Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society
August 14 from 7 – 9 am
Get to know our feathered residents! Join experts from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society on a bird walk around the Preserve. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Rain or shine except if very low temperatures, heavy precipitation, or high winds are forecasted and/or if travel is not advised. If so, you will receive a cancelation email two hours before the scheduled walk. Completed vaccination required. Bring a mask in case of close contact with other visitors. Ages 8+. Cost: FREE. Max: 25 people. Photo courtesy of Kevin Kelly.
Please register at: sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/

Nature Under a Microscope
August 14 from 1 pm – 2:30 pm
Discover the micro-world that exists beneath your feet! Observe leaves and insects under a microscope, as well as rocks, flower petals, feathers, and more! Samples will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own as well. Capture photos to take home with you using a special attachment on the microscope. The program will be held in the art gallery at the Visitor’s Center, rain or shine. Appropriate for ages 6+. No pets please. Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 16 people. Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.
RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Sunset Hike at Rockwood Hall
August 18 from 7 – 8:30 pm
Come join us for a 3-mile sunset hike at Rockwood Hall for what we hope will be a spectacular view over the Hudson and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please bring water and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy. Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 40 people. Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott.
RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events
Hike with Mike: Pocantico Lake & 13 Bridges
August 20 from 9 am – 12 pm
Join historian, Mike Miernik for a moderate 5-mile hike and venture outside the Preserve to Pocantico Lake, back to 13 Bridges, and then up Eagle Hill (depending on conditions). Please bring water and wear sun protection and comfortable shoes; we hike at a steady pace. Leashed dogs are welcome. Meet in the Visitor’s Center courtyard. The hike will continue in light rain; however, in the event of heavy rain, the hike will be canceled. You will be notified via email the day before. Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 20 people.
Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

History of Rockwood Hall
August 21 from 10 am – 12 pm
Join Rockwood docent, David Teich, on an adventure into the past as we explore the Rockwood Hall area and its rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Former estate of William Rockefeller, this site boasts scenic views overlooking the Hudson, lush forests, and remnants of 19th century luxuries. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes; the hike is about 2 miles roundtrip. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy.
Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 40 people. Artwork by Frederick William Mielatz, 1911. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Shakespeare at Sunset
August 26 from 7 – 8:30 pm
As William Shakespeare famously wrote, "All the world's a stage." Join us on the lawn at the Rockwood Hall foundation and have fun with the Bard’s work as it was meant to be experienced: outdoors and out loud. Bring a picnic and a blanket and come ready to read or just relax and listen. Feel free to bring your favorite monologue or scene to share. Sunglasses and a hat are recommended.
Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 20 people, ages 12+. Open-source photo and artwork by Camille Butterfield. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Monarch Habitat Hike
August 27 from 12 – 2 pm
Explore the habitat of monarch butterflies with Shayla and Hailey on a family-friendly hike at Rockwood Hall. Learn about the monarch life cycle and their transcontinental migration, why their numbers are in decline, and what we can do to help them. The hike will be about 2 miles with frequent stops for discussion. Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy.
Cost: $3 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 30 people. Photo courtesy of Julia Jardine. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events
Sound Healing
August 28 from 5 – 6 pm
Tickets available on July 18 at 10 am
Join Marissa for a therapeutic and restorative sound healing experience. Envelop yourself in the sounds of crystal singing bowls, chimes, and a variety of soothing instruments as you allow your mind to drift from an active state to a relaxed and meditative state. The event will take place in the art gallery at the Visitor’s Center. Please bring a pillow, blanket, and/or yoga mat, and arrive 10 minutes early so you can settle in. To avoid disturbing the group, the door will be locked at 5:05 pm and latecomers will not be allowed to enter. Ages 10+. No pets please. Cost: $5 + Eventbrite fees. Max: 18 people.
Please note: sound healing is not a substitute for medical treatment or diagnosis. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

JAY HERITAGE CENTER // 914.698.9275
210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580

The Jay Estate Gardens are open to the public every week in August at the following times:
- Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
No reservations necessary.

Overlooking Long Island Sound, the 23-acre Jay Estate was once the land of the Lenape before it became the family seat of nation-maker John Jay, who helped abolish slavery in New York State. Today the Jay Estate is a home for ideas, civil dialogue, and action about social and environmental justice and much more. Operated by the nonprofit Jay Heritage Center (JHC) for the benefit of the public, the land—particularly its stunning viewshed—gives context to the stories of its diverse inhabitants and stewards going back thousands of years.

Thanks to NY State Parks REDC grant, the Jay Estate Gardens were recently reimagined by award-winning landscape architect Thomas Woltz, whose other projects include Olana State Historic Site. In the spring, the gardens were named one of New York Cottages and Gardens magazine’s “Home-Grown Beauties.” Stop by any time for docent-led tours or a stroll through on your own! For volunteer opportunities please email Lucia at hortdirector.jhc@gmail.com.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

Fri., August 26, 7:30PM
Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party
The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. RSVP is required at least one day beforehand. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so Park Management and Police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More info at https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/
Registration: Required. Note that rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.
OLANAS OUTDOOR + INDOOR TOURS
Olana State Historic Site’s 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. Guided tours of the landscape and Olana’s main house are offered Tuesday-Sunday from 10AM-4PM. See tour listings at OLANA.org for tickets and details.

OLANAEYE SKYCAM
Virtual visitors can experience the iconic view from Olana’s Studio Tower at any time and from around the world at OLANA.org/OLANAEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAEYE on social media to share your amazing screen captures. Follow us @olanashs

VIRTUAL TOURS
Learn about Frederic Church’s Olana and explore the 250-acre landscape from the comfort of your own home. Virtual tours are available on the Olana website at https://www.olana.org/virtual

Under the Surface: Lake Explorers at Olana
August 13, 1:00-2:00pm
Join Columbia Land Conservancy’s Jenifer Rosete for an afternoon of lake exploration. Take a closer look at Olana’s man-made lake to learn what macroinvertebrates are living below the surface and what they can tell us about water quality. Waders, nets and field guides will be provided. The Columbia Land Conservancy works with our community to conserve the farmland, forests, wildlife habitat and rural character of Columbia County, strengthening connections between people and the land.

Jenifer Rosete joined CLC in October 2020 and is a Columbia County native with a degree in Environmental Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Jenifer enjoys connecting to nature through hiking, bird watching, photography, and searching for geocaches.

$15 person, $10 members. Advanced registration required. For more information, please contact education@olana.org.

The Adventures of Prince Achmed
Evening Film Screening with Live Music!
Friday, August 19, 7:00-9:30pm (doors open at 7 with pre-screening presentation and film to follow at sunset)
Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy a film under the stars at Olana! Watch one of the oldest animated films during this special evening film screening in partnership with Upstate Films. Take in the timeless story of Prince Achmed and groove to a
lively score by vibraphonist and composer Bill Ware, performed live by Sam Bardfeld (Bruce Springsteen) on violin and Steven Bernstein (Sexmob) on slide trumpet[1]. This beautiful 1926 silent film by the groundbreaking animation filmmaker Lotte Reiniger is based on _One Thousand and One Arabian Nights_, a text which Frederic Church had several copies of in his own library.

The film score will be performed live by: Bill Ware – Vibraphone; Steven Bernstein – Trumpet; Sam Bardfeld – Violin; Philip Mayer – Percussion; and John Murchison – Gimbri/Bass.

For all ages; $14 adults/$10 members; free for kids 12 and under.

Tickets can be purchased on Upstate Films website at https://www.upstatefilms.org/the-adventures-of-prince-achmed.

Young at HeArt: Outdoor Artmaking Tour of Olana
Tuesday, August 23 - August 26, 2022
and Tuesday, August 30-September 2, 2022
9:00am-12:00pm

During this eight-session course, participants will be invited to explore Olana's famous views, making art at the sites and viewpoints once experienced and designed by Frederic Church himself. Each class will begin with a demonstration (all demonstrations are done by teaching artist Shawn Dell Joyce in pastel and oil paint). Pastel painting materials and basic sketching supplies will be provided as the central tools to guide participants in learning key principles about outdoor artmaking or painting "plein air". The course will focus on the key principles of depicting a landscape, such as harnessing perspective, composition, and detail, while also covering important information on how best to prepare for artmaking outdoors. The course is open to participants ages 55+ in all skill levels and participants without a background working outdoors are encouraged to participate. Each class will meet at a designated outdoor location onsite in Church's designed landscape, offering students a unique opportunity to learn from a living practicing artist while walking in Church's footsteps. The course will culminate with a final display of student's artworks.

Shawn Dell Joyce began teaching plein air classes in 2000 and continues weekly to this day. She founded a plein air school with an arts and agricultural mission based on the historic Hudson River School, called the Wallkill River School of Art. It still exists today as a nonprofit arts organization with a mission of bringing cultural tourism to the Hudson Valley region through plein air painting workshops and events on local farms, historic sites and open spaces. Her work is included in museum collections in the Georges Pompidou Museum in France and the Museum of Modern Art in NY.

$200 person, $150 members. Limited capacity; Advanced registration required at OLANA.org. Scholarships are available upon request. For more information, please contact education@olana.org or call (518) 751-6938.

During the COVID-19 crisis, The Olana Partnership will refund registration before this program upon cancellation for any reason. Please note that The Olana Partnership reserves the right to cancel this program due to extreme weather or other dangerous conditions. This course is funded by EM Michelson Philanthropies.

Learn to Sketch Like Frederic Church:
A One-day Workshop for All Ages
Saturday, August 27, 2:00-3:00pm

Ever wonder how artists like Frederic Church captured detail, contrast, and perspective? Visitors of all ages and skill levels are invited to sketch Frederic Church’s artist-designed landscape and main house, learning basic artistic principles in the process. During this hour-long program led by teaching artist Shawn del Joyce, participants will be given sketching materials, watch a short live demo with a professional teaching artist, and experiment with sketching their own view of Olana’s famous landscape.
Shawn Dell Joyce began teaching plein air classes in 2000 and continues weekly to this day. She founded a plein air school with an Arts and Agricultural mission based on the historic Hudson River School, called the Wallkill River School of Art. It still exists today as a nonprofit arts organization with a mission of bringing cultural tourism to the Hudson Valley region through plein air painting workshops and events on local farms, historic sites and open spaces. Her work is included in museum collections in the Georges Pompidou Museum in France and the Museum of Modern Art in NY.

All materials will be provided. Advanced registration required. $20 per person ($15 for members).

Phoenicia Flea: A Summer Market at Olana
August 27-August 28, 11:00-5:00pm
Phoenicia Flea is a nomadic market of makers and merchants from the Catskills, the Hudson Valley and beyond. Each month Phoenicia Flea pops up at extraordinary places in the Northeast. During the last weekend in August, they’ll be setting up shop at Olana! In the spirit of Olana’s Summer Market, the Phoenicia Flea will bring over 20 of their vendors to the historic site. Stop by for a walk along Olana’s historic carriage roads and enjoy stellar views as you shop. This free market will take place rain or shine. The Olana Partnership will be collecting suggested donations of $5/per person to support their work and mission to inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Frederic Church’s OLANA. To learn more about this event, email education@olana.org.

Free LIVE MUSIC Concert
Saturday, August 13, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Town of Northeast Millerton Library Presents Twilight Music on the Pond Concert Series with The Mia Brazilian Jazz Ensemble. Saturday, August 13 from 6:30pm-8pm. Bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy free live music at sunset on Rudd Pond. No fee after 6pm. Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond is located at 59 Rudd Dr, Millerton, NY 12546

Crafty Kids Story Hour
Friday August 5, 2022
10:00 am
Visitor Center
Crafty Kids Story Hour
Attention families with children ages two to six! We will be offering children’s story time, with a complementary craft and snack, on a variety of historical themes. Check out Clermont State Historic Site’s Facebook page for weekly themes and previews of the craft!
All children must be accompanied by adult, all adults must be accompanied by a child.
Admission is free for children; adult admission is $5.00.
Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events
Saturday August 6, 2022
2:00 pm
Walled Garden
Summer Garden Tour
Our gardens are gloriously in bloom! Join a guided tour of our formal and informal gardens. Learn about the varieties of flowers and plants that blossom in the Walled Garden, Wilderness Garden, and the Cutting Garden. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Sunday August 7, 2022
2:00 pm
Visitor Center
Art is Awesome Story Hour
August is American Artist Appreciation Month, and the Hudson Valley is home to several very famous American artists! Frederic Church and Thomas Cole – both members of what’s known as The Hudson River School – lived nearby and made their living painting landscapes of this area. Clermont even had a few artists of its own! Montgomery Livingston was a painter and Alice Delafield Clarkson Livingston a talented sculptor. This story hour will celebrate American art and the artist in all of us.
All children must be accompanied by adult, all adults must be accompanied by a child.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Friday August 12, 2022
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Little Sprouts Day
Teaching Garden
Little Sprouts is back for one fun-filled day this summer! Join us for an informal playgroup in our Harvesting History Teaching Garden, led by garden educator Leslie Reed. In addition to making many worm friends, children will have the opportunity to plant, water, harvest, and snack on summer veggies. We will wind down the day and cool off in the shade with garden-themed stories, songs, and finger play.
Please note: Recommended for children ages 2-4. This is a family program, so children must be accompanied by an adult and adults must be accompanied by a child. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Saturday August 13, 2022
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Visitor Center lawn
Colonial Children’s Life and Games
Come join us at Clermont and play games that would’ve been played by children in the 1700s! We’ll have hoops, the game of graces and even stilts! Staff will bring a variety of artifacts to share what it would’ve been like to be a child in the 18th Century. So come unplug for a bit and reminisce about the REALLY old days! All children must be accompanied by adult, all adults must be accompanied by a child.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Sunday August 14, 2022
2:00 pm
Visitor Center
Mrs. Livingston, I Presume?
Join the last matriarch of Clermont, Alice Delafield Clarkson Livingston (or at least someone who claims to be her) as she reminisces about her childhood, her daughters when they were young, and her time at Clermont. This event will be held in the Visitor Center.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events
Thursday August 18, 2022
6:00 pm
Arryl North Lawn
Harmonies on the Hudson Featuring The Gold Hope Duo
When Ameripolitan Award winning artist Lara Hope teams up with internationally touring, upright bass-slapping pro Matt “The Knife” Goldpaugh, they become…THE GOLD HOPE DUO! This husband-wife team are hitting it hard, spreading “Merry-Cana”, a term they coined to describe their genre. They will be bringing their unique brand of stripped-down, upbeat Rockabilly, Rhythm & Blues, Country, Folk and a pinch a humor to a town near you! Living by the motto “If you can’t do it, kazoo it!”, this pair is sure to make you laugh, dance, and sing along!
You can also find the GHD playing worldwide with their full band, Lara Hope & The Ark-Tones, supporting acts such as The Brian Setzer Orchestra, Reverend Horton Heat, and The Blasters.
Due to mansion restoration work, this season of concerts will be held adjacent to the main parking lot, near the Arryl House ruins. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, as seating will not be provided. Picnic dinners are welcome, but please leave your alcoholic beverages at home. This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

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10:00 am
Visitor Center
Crafty Kids Story Hour
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All children must be accompanied by adult, all adults must be accompanied by a child. Admission is free for children; adult admission is $5.00. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Saturday August 20, 2022
2:00 pm
Visitor Center
Clermont and Construction
Since the 1730s, everyone who has lived or worked at Clermont has left their mark on the mansion. Over nearly 300 years, Clermont has been rebuilt after a fire, had wings added, had its flat roof pitched, had porches added and torn off, and has been repainted hundreds of times! Join Educator Emily Robinson for a presentation about Clermont’s construction history, from the first generations of the Livingston family to today.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

Sunday August 21, 2022
2:00 pm
Visitor Center
Landscape Highlights: A walking tour of Clermont’s grounds
Have you ever walked the grounds and wondered what the ruins once were? Or why there are two driveways? What’s with all the cottages? Led by Clermont’s staff, this moderate walking tour will take you to sites of interest all over the property. A great introduction to the property and the history of Clermont! Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events
Friday August 26, 2022
10:00 am
Visitor Center
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Sunday August 28, 2022
2:00 pm
East Lawn of the Mansion
The Livingstons and Their Community in the Revolutionary War
Join one of Clermont’s interpreters for a walk-and-talk tour of Clermont’s grounds. The tour will discuss the important role Clermont and the Livingston family played during the American Revolution, culminating in the British army assault on Clermont in 1777. Hear stories of the residents of the manor—the Livingston family, the enslaved people, local Palatine tenants and free holders. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
This program is free. Registration is required at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events

BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.6346
Take a magnificent boat ride from the Beacon, NY dock to Bannerman Island aboard the BCT’s Estuary Steward Tour Boat. Enjoy a guided, or self-guided walking tour of the island. Visit the famous Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman Residence - now a museum where you’ll learn about all things Bannerman! For tickets and information visit www.bannermancastle.org or see: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/ Please call BCT Executive Director Neil Caplan at 845-831-6346 for discounted rates for larger tours. Tours continue through October.

Friday, August 5 - Bannerman Island Movie Night! Take an early evening tour of Bannerman’s Island and enjoy the 1998 off-beat and classic comedy/crime film “The Big Lebowski” directed by Ethan and Joel Coen and starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi and Julianne Moore. Enjoy the film with the Bannerman Castle as your backdrop! Please visit www.bannermancastle.org for tickets or see: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/movie-nights/
Saturday, August 13 – September 25th
The Art of Johan Ayoob” Fine Art Exhibition at the Bannerman Island Gallery
Located at 150 Main Street in Beacon, NY. Art Exhibition featuring the imaginative and intricate drawings, paintings and mixed media works of Beacon, NY artist Johan Ayoob. The exhibition opens on Saturday, August 13th with an opening reception from 4:00-6:00pm. The show remains on view through September 25th. Art - work sales benefit restoration projects on Bannerman’s Island! Gallery Hours: Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00-5:00pm and most weekdays afternoons and early evenings by chance and appointment. Please call 845-416-8342 for more information.

Friday, August 19 - Bannerman Island Movie Night! Take an early evening tour of Bannerman’s Island and enjoy the 1966 classic film “Madame X” starring Lana Turner and John Forsythe. Enjoy this classic tearjerker drama on Bannerman’s Island in the Hudson River! Please visit www.bannermancastle.org for tickets or see: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/movie-nights/

Sunday, August 21 – Third Sunday Music Concert on Bannerman’s Island featuring “Guitarist Extraordinaire” Tony DePaolo. – Take a tour on Bannerman’s Island and enjoy a concert by this world class guitarist! Performance during 11:00am and 12:30pm tours only. Please visit www.bannermancastle.org for tickets or see: . https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/self-guided-tour/

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

August 4 – 28: 11am – 4pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Mansion Tours
Mansion tours by advance reservation only. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: $8/Adults, $6/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free.

August 5 & 14: 10am
Slavery, Segregation & Staatsburgh: From Black Service to White Servants
In 1810, there were nine Black people enslaved on the Staatsburgh estate. In 1910, there were no recorded Black employees working inside Staatsburgh – with only one documented Black resident in the entire hamlet. What happened? Join Staatsburgh Interpreter Zack Veith for a conversation about this transition from a Black presence at Staatsburgh during the early 19th century to a total absence during the Gilded Age. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS Cost: free

August 6: 10am
Nature Walk and Craft
A one-hour presentation that will explore wildlife in Staatsburgh’s park. Historic site staff will guide parents and children through the park, learning about the local wildlife and collecting materials from nature. The collected leaves, sticks, and pinecones will be used to make a craft at the historic powerhouse overlooking the Hudson River. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: $2 per child
August 7, 21, 27: 10am
Guided Landscape Walk of Staatsburgh’s Grounds: What You See and What You Don’t See
A guided walk through the estate’s grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh’s owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: $5 per person

August 12, 19, 26: 10am
Interpretive Walk for Children: The World of Horses at Staatsburgh
From spirited thoroughbreds to sturdy work horses and gentle cart ponies, Staatsburgh was an equine world. Join us for a children’s hike on the grounds of Staatsburgh and learn the many roles that horses played on a Gilded Age estate. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: $2 per child

August 13 & 20: 10am
Staatsburg Village Walking Tour
This 90-minute walk in the village of Staatsburg will explore the estate’s close relationship with the nearby village of Staatsburg and its connection to the Mills family. The walk leader will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburgh’s vibrant past and the lasting legacy of Ruth and Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: free

August 28: 11am
Children’s Nature Program: Skull & Bones
An hour-long fun nature program for children ages 6-9. What can you tell by looking at a skull? Children become detectives, examining animal skulls to learn about predator and prey animals. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check in will be at the mansion; the program will be held at the estate’s powerhouse overlooking the Hudson River, the perfect place to picnic afterwards. Reservations required: www.bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS
Cost: $2 per child

Explore Staatsburgh’s Beautiful Grounds Along the Hudson River
Self-Guided Walking Tour

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

FREE LIVE MUSIC CONCERTS with
Hudson Valley Folk Guild
Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00pm
Ulster Welcome Center
Come sit for a while & listen to our friends, the Hudson Valley Folk Guild, share great tunes from a different performer each Thursday night. Free live music concerts at the Ulster Visitor Center (Highland side) every Thursday from 6-7pm, now throughout the summer. Feel free to bring a lawn chair!
FRIDAYS – August 5 & 19 @ 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
FLOW LIKE A RIVER – Qigong on the Walkway
Join us for a Qigong session at the Ulster Welcome Center. The “meditative movement” practices of Qigong (pronounced “chee-gong”) combine easy, fun, flowing exercises, gentle breathing, and meditation to help us relieve anxiety, release stress, and feel more energized and peaceful. The natural movement of water reflects natural wellness within us. We are healthiest and happiest when the body is relaxed and flowing like the tide of the river, and when the mind is quiet and deep like the sea. All practices can be done seated or standing and are adaptable to suit individual comfort levels. Everyone is welcome to participate. These events are free for Walkway members, while non-members are asked to consider donating at the event ($5 suggested). All proceeds support Walkway Over the Hudson and its mission to bring dynamic programs like this to the Hudson Valley community.

SATURDAY – August 6, 2022 @ at 7:30
Movies Under the Walkway – Chang-Chi & the Legend of the 10 Rings
Who’s ready to watch some movies under the Walkway?! Dutchess County Parks and the Walkway Over the Hudson are proud to partner with the Millman Harris Romano Foundation to bring family-friendly movie nights back to Upper Landing Park! These are free, ticketed events that will take place in sunshine only, and pre-registration is required. To register go to: Dutchessny.gov/ParksMovies

THURSDAYS – 5:30pm-7:30pm
August 4, 11, 18, 25
Drumming Circle at East Gate Plaza.
The quality of the music produced in a drumming circle is not based on the rhythmical expertise of the players, but on the quality of their relationship with the other people in the circle. The result is those magical musical moments where one powerful voice is created out of the many. In those moments, the players stop worrying about keeping time because time, as they know it, has stopped. In its place is a living breathing entity, expressing timeless joy, passion and release through the power of rhythm.

August 14 @ 3:00 – 5:00pm
Walkway West (Highland entrance)
The Great Connector Series: Double Dog Dare – How Communities Can Partner With Animal Shelters
Join us on the bridge for a presentation from Lynne Melaccaro from the SPCA.

SUNDAY – August 21, 2022 @ 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Flag Changing Ceremony
The American Legion Post 739 organize and present monthly Flag Changing Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region’s veterans and their service to our country. These events, organized and presented by these local veterans’ organizations, are open to all who wish to attend.
Contact: Ross Hartlipp with American Legion Post 739 for information and updates.
Location: Center Overlook of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park
Event Organizer: American Legion Post 739
FRIDAY – August 26, 2022 @ 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Walkway at Night
The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization is pleased to once again offer the opportunity to enjoy amazing Hudson Valley views after dark from 212 feet above the Hudson River at Walkway at Night.
Everyone, including children, must reserve a ticket for entry at walkway.org/walkwayatnight and check in at the appropriate gate upon arrival.
As always, Walkway members are welcome to attend at no cost. Non-members can register for $5. Members have been emailed a special discount code to use upon registration providing one complimentary admission to Individual members, and up to five complimentary admissions for Family members. We can’t wait to see you on the Walkway!

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2022 NYS Taconic Region Geocaching Challenge Now through November 11
The Taconic Region welcomes our 5th Annual Geocaching Challenge. Please join us by searching for hidden caches in Taconic Region’s parks and historic sites. Be one of the first 120 participants to complete the challenge and receive a 2022 limited edition geocoin.
For more information on geocaching please visit www.geocaching.com.
Pick up a copy of the 2022 passport at participating parks and historic sites or download a copy from

Interested in joining our mailing list? Please contact Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov
I grew up in the suburbs outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (PA). I enjoyed spending time playing outside and exploring the neighborhood and the woods with my brother and other neighborhood kids. I have always loved science and biology and been interested in identifying what is around me. We often went to the Carnegie Science Museum as a family. As a teenager I started walking with my mother at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve and would spend hours there with her soaking in all the sounds, sights, and smells of nature. The world of biology is so vast, and it took me some time to settle down and figure out where I wanted to focus my interest.

Initially, I pursued an undergraduate degree in Biology focusing on medical research, at Edinboro University of PA near Erie. I enjoyed exploring the natural areas there, including Presque Isle State Park, which is a phenomenal birding spot. I had a professor who mentored me and opened my eyes to the world of zoology, and it was in one of her classes that I developed an interest in amphibians (salamanders and frogs/toads) and the environment. Under her encouragement, I pursued my graduate degree in Biology at Indiana University of PA (IUP) with a focus on conservation and ecology. While there, I worked with the State-Threatened Allegheny woodrat for a summer and became interested in how the environment supports the wildlife around it, such as plants providing food and rocky areas providing shelter. Acid mine drainage was a major issue around Indiana, PA, and I wrote an in-depth literature review on how humans impacted amphibians through acidification of the streams and wetlands, including effects from acid rain.

After graduating with my Master of Science in Biology, I made my way to Canaan Valley in West Virginia. It is a beautiful area with a wonderful community, and you should visit there if you ever have the opportunity. During my first year, I spent hundreds of hours volunteering for tree plantings, wildlife surveys, ecological monitoring, and environmental education outreach events and nature walks. The next year I served as an AmeriCorps member at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge as a biological technician in the largest, highest elevation wetland complex in West Virginia. This gave me an appreciation for the importance of wetlands and the wildlife within them (e.g. macroinvertebrates, amphibians, fish, beavers) and exposure to land management techniques and different types of wildlife and habitat surveys. After my AmeriCorps service, I was an invasive species technician at the Albany Pine Bush and later returned to New York to join the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wildlife program.

What do you do here at NYS Parks?
I am the Stewardship Specialist for the Taconic Region and joined NYS Parks in February of 2020, one month before the pandemic hit. I am involved in anything related to environmental stewardship and protection of our natural resources and rare species in the Taconic Region and occasionally other regions as well, mostly Palisades. You may see me out in the field surveying for wildlife or assessing habitat to inform environmental review and stewardship efforts and provide guidance on natural resource issues. I manage the invasive species program for the region, so reach out if you notice any unusual plants or insects taking over at our Parks and Historic Sites! I also assist with Emergency Management efforts, including wildland firefighting, storm damage, and pandemic response. At the beginning of the pandemic, I was a tent manager at the Anthony Wayne Covid Testing Site for a month and a half, where I managed nurses and national guard staff and kept the tents stocked with supplies. Prior to joining NYS Parks, I was a wildlife technician working with rare, threatened, and endangered species for almost three years with the DEC in Region 3, based in New Paltz. My primary duties...
involved New England Cottontail and bat work, but I also assisted with rare reptile, amphibian, and bird surveys, responded to nuisance wildlife inquiries from the public, and helped with deer aging.

**What or who inspired you toward a career in Natural Resource Conservation?**

My supervisors at Canaan Valley NWR were so passionate about preserving and restoring the land, and I realized that was my passion as well. I initially joined NYS Parks because I was interested in becoming more involved in habitat management and the stewardship and protection of our natural resources rather than just monitoring wildlife. Jesse Jaycox, formerly the Taconic/Palisades Biologist and now the Statewide Wildlife Biologist for Parks, has been a great mentor and role model. I see nature as a puzzle... I have loved solving puzzles since I was little. Nature has so many bits and pieces, and it is intriguing to figure out the nuances of how those pieces fit together and what makes ecosystems ‘work.’ By doing so, we can figure out how to help improve the habitat to benefit our native wildlife and plants.

**What experiences have you had that are unusual or unique?**

In September 2019, I was deployed out west for two weeks to California as a wildland firefighter on a crew of 20 people, many of them NYS DEC Forest Rangers. This was an incredible experience and I loved getting to see western habitats and ecosystems. I saw acorn woodpeckers, Steller’s Jays, western fence lizards, and a gopher snake. I also found some native succulents in their natural habitat! We were first assigned to a small fire in Klamath National Forest where we monitored for smoldering/hot spots to put out and were able to see helicopters flying overhead to drop water on the fire. Then we were sent to a large fire (> 50,000-acres) in Plumas National Forest where we were put on ‘night ops’ and searched for and put out fires popping up across the fire line and helped with clean-up after the fire.

**What’s new or coming up for the Taconic Region?**

Currently I am working on compiling natural resource information at Clermont State Historic Site to inform stewardship planning and identify areas/resources to protect during the master planning process. As part of this effort, I organized an 8-hour BioBlitz event in June where people with different areas of expertise, including birds, plants, insects, fish, lichens, and fungi came together to identify as many species as they could. My seasonal stewardship staff are currently working on compiling the data from the BioBlitz. We will be doing more work there as well, including setting up trail cameras to monitor for mammals and macroinvertebrate surveys to assess stream quality. I would love to be able to expand these efforts to other parks and sites to expand our knowledge and understanding of the natural resources throughout the region.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work?**

I love going hiking and exploring, especially in the mountains. I am always looking at and identifying plants and take a lot of nature photos. Prior to having my daughter, most of my pictures were of plants! I like backpacking trips as well, my first of which was when I worked for the DEC so we could do a rattlesnake survey in a remote area. I have been enjoying watching my now 7-month-old daughter grow and change, and I can’t wait to introduce her to the natural world. She has already visited Taconic Outdoor Education Center, Mills Norrie, and Clermont. We recently took her on her first long hike at Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, and I can’t wait to take her up her first mountain. She already hiked up a few mountains with me before she was born, including Slide Mountain in the Catskills!
NEW YORK STATE PARKS—TA康IC REGION FACILITY LOCATIONS & PHONE NUMBERS

Please contact the park/site for information regarding fees & availability

STATE PARKS
Clarence Fahnestock Memorial
Carmel (845) 225-7207
Fahnestock Winter Park
Administration (845) 225-7207
Snow conditions (845) 225-3998
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Yorktown Heights (914) 245-4434
Hudson Highlands
Peekskill to Beacon (845) 225-7207
James Baird
Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489
Lake Taghkanic
Antrim (518) 851-3631
Margaret Lewis Norrie/
Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills (Mills-
Norrie)
Staatsburg (845) 889-4646
Rockefeller Preserve
Pleasantville (914) 631-1470
Taconic/Copake Falls
Copake Falls (518) 329-3993
Taconic/Rudd Pond
Millerton (518) 789-3059
Wonder Lake
Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

STATE HISTORIC SITES
Clermont
Germantown (518) 537-4240
John Jay Homestead
Katonah (914) 232-5651
Olana
Hudson (518) 828-0135
Philipse Manor Hall
Yonkers (914) 965-4027
Staatsburgh
Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
(OPRHP) By Group Reservations Only
Cold Spring (845) 265-3773
Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)
Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

STATE HISTORIC PARKS
Old Croton Aqueduct
Dobbs Ferry (Park Office) (914) 693-5259
Walkway Over the Hudson
Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

PROPERTIES OWNED BY NYSOPRHP AND
MANAGED BY NON-PROFITS
Bannerman Island
Beacon, (845) 831-6346
Clinton House State Historic Site
Poughkeepsie, (845) 471-1630
Jay Heritage Center
Rye, (914) 698-9275

Note: The historic houses at John Jay Homestead and Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Sites are currently closed for renovations. Grounds are open at John Jay.