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## Holiday Gift Guide is all local

By Curtis Schmidt

The 2022 holiday season has arrived and our local businesses are reaching out to residents and visitors.

Check out the Holiday Gift Guide from the Northern Dutchess News, Southern Dutchess News and Beacon Free Press with special pages throughout our papers on Dec. 7 and 14. You will find a tremendous variety of gift ideas and great reasons to shop with them this year.

The main point is to “shop local” and patronize your local businesses –the businesses that thrive right here in the Hudson Valley. They are also your friends and neighbors.

- Williams Lumber and Home Centers starts it off with its seven locations across the Hudson Valley. But you will also want to visit the Rhinbeck store where the employees have again carefully constructed the Holiday Train Display.

“The display is a gift from our family at the store to the people of the area,” said Kim Williams, Senior Vice President of Retail Operations. She adds that the annual display involves the effort of over a dozen employees and each year attracts thousands of children and adults from all over the Hudson Valley and beyond.

- If you are looking for clothing for the entire family, check out the Pleasant Valley Department Store on Rt. 44 in Pleasant Valley. Caroline Dolfi and her staff will impress you with their tremendous selection.

- Make sure to check out the Parade of Lights in Red Hook on Dec. 10.

- Visit Daffodils Gift Shoppe in Eastdale Village to learn about for Brighton ENewton/Jellycat events, plus a huge selection of gifts.

- Discover great gift ideas with candles, Harney Teas and much more at Ye Olde Gift Shoppe in Eastdale Village and Your CBD Store in Wappingers Falls offers a full line of CBD products for you and your family and even your pets.

- S&S Vac, Appliance and Sewing Center is one of Hyde Park’s hidden treasures. Uncover the hidden treasures and visit Bunny and Stu Davis and their incredible staff and find your next great gift.

- Triebel’s Garage in Red Hook offers all services for cars, trucks & motor homes.

- Hackett Farm Supply & Country Store in Clinton Corners carries a full line of Christmas gift items, plus Christmas trees and wreaths. But there is so much more – from farm, pet and car/truck supplies to local ice cream and treats, coffee, pies and kitchen and household items. Hackett has it all.

- If you love honey, maple syrup, beeswax candles and jewelry, plus the absolute best selection of White Mountain puzzles –you have to visit Debbie and Rich at the Hummingbird Ranch store in Salt Point.

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## Go back in time during Mount Gulian Holiday Tours

By Kristine Coulter

Take time to relax and take in the beauty of the season at Mount Gulian Historic site, 145 Sterling St. in Beacon. Tours at the historic home, which once housed the Verplanck family, will be offered Saturday and Sunday, December 10, 11; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 14, 15, 16 and on Sunday, December 18. Each day the tours will be offered at Noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are required but prepayment is not necessary. To make a reservation call 845-831-8172 or email at info@mountgulian.org.

Elaine Hayes, executive director of Mount Gulian, said the site’s historic rooms will be beautifully decorated in different styles. According to Hayes, the opulent Victorian style décor will adorn the dining room; rustic decor will highlight the study; and contemporary holiday displays will feature the home’s main room.

“Folks who come and visit are impressed with the kitchen itself, even without the decorations,” said Hayes. They are impressed with the size of the hearth, how people cooked. Kids are surprised at the lack of appliances and are surprised people had to get water from the well or the river.”

A live Christmas tree, from Sunny Garden Greenhouses on Route 9D in Wappingers Falls, will be decorated.

“How beautiful the rooms are and how beautiful the decorations are puts people in a good mood,” noted Hayes.

Admission is \$12 for adult; \$10 for seniors; \$6 children 6-18. Children under



Holiday Tours will be offered at Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon. Pictured is one of the rooms in the historic home decorated for the holidays during a previous year.

-Courtesy photo

6 and Mount Gulian members are free. The public may sign up for membership.

When the Verplancks lived there, said Hayes, they would host an open house and invite the community in. The Verplanck family had one of the first Christmas trees in the area. They would have the doors closed to the room where the tree was located, and at the right time, the doors would be opened, and the tree unveiled – lit with candles, said Hayes.

The tree “would be beautifully decorated,” said Hayes.

Tours will be between 15 and 20 people, though there is no minimum number for a tour.

Hayes thanked volunteers from the Verplanck Garden Club for their assistance in decorating the home. Antalek & Moore Insurance, LLC in Beacon is underwriting the tours.

“Antalek & Moore is proud to sponsor (underwrite) the 2022 Mount Gulian Holiday tours. As a business in Beacon, we love tradition and supporting local events,” commented Susan Pagones, a partner with Antalek & Moore Insurance.

“We found that people need to get back to normal. When they come to Mount Gulian, the house is decorated beautifully, and they get to relax and enjoy. It’s calm and not rushed. That’s what we’re striving for,” remarked Hayes.

## Stockings being collected for veterans by Libby Funeral Home

By Kristine Coulter

This is the 5th year staff at Libby Funeral Home in Beacon is organizing a stocking drive for veterans. Stockings may be dropped off until December 20th at Libby Funeral Home, 55 Teller Ave., in Beacon. Among some of the items on the wish list for the stockings are hand sanitizer, lip balm, reusable masks, hand-warmers, disposable masks, eye drops, candy bars and playing cards.

“The first year was for the overseas, active-duty soldiers, and since then we’ve been keeping the stockings local to our area; since we have two veteran hospitals near not far (Castle Point Campus in Wappingers Falls, and the Montrose Campus in Cortlandt Manor),” said Joseph Schuka, a funeral director for Libby Funeral Home. “We have even added those veterans in the local nursing facilities,” and those residents of area in assisted-living facilities. “The staff at all the facilities are so appreciative and gracious for our donations to the residents,” he said.

Schuka noted the feedback from the veterans who receive the stockings “is



Libby Funeral Home in Beacon is collecting stockings for veterans from now until December 20.

-Archive photo

always very gracious.” He explained staff at the facilities usually distribute the stockings.

“Sometimes we see the veterans and residents when we are delivering, and the joy on their faces to know that the pack-

ages are for them from the community, it’s priceless,” he remarked.

Schuka commented, “The Stocking Drive is a very important motive for the funeral home [staff] and I. To speak

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# 'Captain America' Tyler Adams leads U.S. team in World Cup appearance



A sign outside of Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School wishing USMNT Captain Tyler Adams good luck in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Adams is a 2017 RCK graduate. -Courtesy photo RCK webpage

By Kristine Coulter

The United States Men's National Team (USMNT) captain Tyler Adams, who grew up in the city of Poughkeepsie and town of Wappinger, had support from Dutchess County residents as he played in the FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Wappingers Central School District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said about Adams, "We are so proud of Tyler and the manner in which he represents Roy C. Ketcham High School and the Wappingers Central School District!"

On the RCK High School Twitter page, on November 20, a tweet reads: "Captain America" with an American flag, "@tyler\_adams14We are so proud!" and a soccer ball.

"Wishing Good Luck to our RCK Grad @tyler.adams as he competes in the @fifaworldcup playing with @usmnt next week!!" reads another tweet on the school's Twitter page. It continues, "Ketcham Nation is very proud of all your accomplishments!"

The USMNT team lost 3-1 to the Netherlands on December 3 in Qatar.

"What a ride. So honored to be a part of such an amazing team, these boys are something special. Came up short, but the work continues to show the world what we are made of. Thank you everyone for the support in the past weeks it's meant everything to us. We'll be back," Adams tweeted on December 4 with red, white and blues hearts.

During a nationally televised interview after the game, Adams told the interviewer, "I'm super proud of the boys' performance today."

Adams also remarked about the

team's future. "We're moving in the right direction. We're not there yet but were close. We're close."

Bonk remarked on Adams' character – on and off the field.

"In addition to his phenomenal soccer skills, as he has demonstrated in his role as captain and in his numerous press conferences, Tyler is a person of high character and integrity and serves as a role model for all!"

Adams, who plays for a Premier League club, recently helped give back to the local community in Dutchess County. He had two mini pitches installed in the city of Poughkeepsie. The City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County government and the U.S. Soccer Foundation each contributed financially to the project.

When Adams was picked as captain of the USMNT, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said in a statement, "Dutchess County is proud to have Tyler Adams represent us in the World Cup, leading the United States Men's National Team into the most-watched sporting event in the world as our nation's captain. Tyler is the epitome of the determination we in Dutchess County all share: He found his passion, worked hard to achieve his goal, and he's now one of the best in his field worldwide. Regardless of their own passion, every child in Dutchess County can learn from Tyler's example – there are no shortcuts to success, and only hard work and perseverance will help them achieve their dreams."

According to his bio on the USA Soccer website, <https://www.usoccer.com>,

- Adams made 59 MLS Regular

Season appearances for New York Red Bulls between 2016-2018, helping the club lift the 2018 MLS Supporters Shield

- Joined English Premier League club Leeds United on July 6, 2022

- Made his Leeds debut in a 2-1 win against Wolverhampton Wanderers on August 6, 2022.

- Spent three-and-a-half seasons with German side RB Leipzig, making 75 Bundesliga appearances and helping the club lift the 2021-22 DFB Pokal title.

- Joined RB Leipzig from sister club New York Red Bulls following the 2018 MLS season.

In the first game, the USA team and Adams played Wales, which resulted in a 1-1 score on November 21. It was a draw for the 23-year-old and his team against England on November 25 with a score of 0 – 0 in their second 2022 World Cup game. During the game on November 29 against Iran, the U.S. won by a score of 1 – 0.

On the USA Soccer Facebook page, Adams is interviewed about his family. He grew up with his mother, Melissa Russo, who was a single mom. He called the day he met Darryl Sullivan, a former classmate of Adams' mother, whom she would later marry, and his future three stepbrothers, Darryl Jr., Dylan and Donovan, "the single best moment of my life."

Adams, a midfielder, was heralded for his response to an Iranian journalist during a press conference before the American team played Iran in the

World Cup.

"You know there's discrimination everywhere you go. You know, one thing that I've learned, especially from living abroad in the past years and having to fit in different cultures and kind of assimilate into different cultures, is that in the U.S. we're continuing to make progress every single day." Adams responded to the Iranian journalist.

Adams continued, "Growing up for me, I grew up in a white family, and with obviously an African American heritage and background as well, so I had a little bit of different cultures. And I was very, very easily able to assimilate in different cultures," he said. He noted education is important and as long as one sees progress, that is the important thing.

Joseph Cavaccini, a member of the Dutchess County Legislature who represents Wappinger, graduated with Adams from RCK in 2017. They were neighbors and friends.

"We are proud of our own "Captain America," Tyler Adams! This couldn't have happened to a better person; since we were young, he has worked so hard for this very moment," said Cavaccini.

Molinaro said Adams "takes with him the faith and pride of Dutchess County into the World Cup" and that would delight soccer fans "throughout our country and within his home county."

Cavaccini noted, "On behalf of our hometown, we thank him for representing us with honor, humility, and respect. He truly is a class act."

## Howland Cultural center performance Dec. 9



James Keepenews and Billy Stein will perform on December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Admission is \$20 at the door. -Courtesy photo

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# Nurse, refugee from Ukraine arrives safely in Millbrook

**Hardship, tragedy are common threads in stories**

By Jim Donick

The war in Ukraine has spawned hundreds of thousands of refugees. They are spreading throughout much of Europe and coming to the United States and Canada. A growing number are arriving here in Dutchess County.

The asylum process has been developing over the course of the conflict. In April 2022, the United States committed itself to welcoming 100,000 Ukrainian citizens and others fleeing Russian aggression in the region. (source Statista)

The Wall Street Journal reported progress in an article on Nov. 24: "Ukrainians who qualified were granted immediate humanitarian parole to live and then work in the U.S. for two years as long as they had sponsors here vowing to support them financially. There were many who wanted to come—and even more Americans who wanted them here. The numbers behind the program called Uniting for Ukraine were staggering: 171,000 applications to be sponsors, 121,000 travel authorizations for Ukrainians and roughly 85,000 arriving since April, said a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services spokesman."

These initial 85,000 seeking safety have come from all over Ukraine. Their backgrounds and stories are varied. They include young people and the elderly, families with children, and college and university students. Though the stories vary, the common denominator is too often hardship and tragedy.

In Millbrook today, Maryna Kysla and her mother, Tetiana, are examples in Dutchess County. Maryna had been in USA for quite some time, studying at Bard College as a concert pianist. Her mother, Tetiana, was home in Ukraine when the Russians invaded in February of 2022.

Home for her was the town of Merefa, very close to the city of Kharkiv and, thus, very close to the Russian border. The Russians occupied much of the Kharkiv region (It's called an "Oblast") almost immediately after the invasion of Feb. 24. Merefa was not occupied, but, being close to the fighting, the shelling was brutal and, often, intense.

Ukrainian forces pushed back the invaders six months or so after the invasion. Those months were horrific for Tetiana. Her mother, living further to the east, had survived the Nazi onslaught of World War II. She didn't survive the Russian invasion.

Tetiana is a nurse. She worked at the local hospital on what were often 24-hour shifts.

"There was a curfew every evening," she says. "I had to have a special pass to get to work."

She recalls one night around 2 a.m. "We would sleep a little in the night when things got quiet," she says. "One night there was a tremendous explosion right



Maryna and Tetiana and Kysla are pictured in Millbrook along with Tetiana's now well-traveled cat, "Bubbles." Tetiana is a nurse who was living in Ukraine when the country was invaded by Russian forces. They are being hosted by a generous local family.

-Photo by Jim Donick.

next to the hospital. The Russians had shelled the school next door. There were Ukrainian troops sleeping there. Collaborators must have told the Russians about them."

Soon there was another explosion. This time it was from a community center on the other side of the hospital.

"There were some troops there, too," she remembers.

"Less than an hour later we started getting some of the wounded boys," she recalls. "Limbs were blown off and the wounds were horrible. I remember one

young man," she continues, "who had most of his arm and hand nearly gone. We couldn't save it. But, he had a wedding ring. I managed to save his ring and put it on a cord around his neck so he could still have it if he made it home to his family."

"Life was so hard for my mother," says Maryna. "I called her from here nearly every night and kept her talking. I could hear the shelling in the background."

As the Russians got pushed back it became possible to extract Tetiana. Her sister and brother-in-law got her onto a bus near Kharkiv with only a backpack

and her cat, "Bubbles," and nothing else. She began a 24-hour trip across the entire width of Ukraine to the Polish border. The journey was difficult.

In Poland papers were acquired to allow her to come to USA and rejoin her daughter. They are in Millbrook now with generous friends looking after them. Tetiana needs more stability here, though, and additional support. She would like to find work. She is learning English quickly. Her daughter speaks nearly perfect English, as she has been here some time.

Tetiana is one of now 85,000 of her countrymen who have been welcomed to the United States and to safety. That's a very important step, but only a first step. Much more help is needed to settle these refugees and to support their loved ones still in Ukraine.

Assistance opportunities are available to those wishing to help. Jobs and language training are important. So is economic support.

Some well established support organizations include:

- The Ukrainian Catholic Church's Metropolitan in Philadelphia.

The Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia (tel. 215-627-0143) has a Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. One may mail a check to the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia and send it to the office at: 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123

People are asked to write on the check "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine."

It is also possible to donate on the Philadelphia Archdiocese's website [www.ukrarcheparchy.us](http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us), and click on Donate through PAYPAL and select "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE." According to Father Ivan Kaszczak of the local Ukrainian Catholic community, "They, like Catholic Relief Services (CRS), have very little overhead and most of the donations go directly to those in Ukraine or refugees, who have gotten out."

- United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Inc.

1206 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111

They can be found online at [www.uuarc.org](http://www.uuarc.org) 'Donate Now'

United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC) is a non-profit organization recognized by the IRS under Article 501(c)3, every gift is tax-deductible and the donor receives an acknowledgment for the donation.

- An organization with information and assistance on how to help refugees arriving in US as a sponsor, an employer, or other supporter is [ukraine.welcome.US](http://ukraine.welcome.US).

- Anyone wishing to offer help or support to Tetiana Kysla may reach her via this writer at the Northern Dutchess News: [jpd@sdutchessnews.com](mailto:jpd@sdutchessnews.com).

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## Stockings collection for veterans

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personally it's because of my patriotism and desire to give back; and my staff feel the same. I often say when we have services for a veteran; we hold the veteran in high-esteem, and we truly mean it. It's always a real honor to give back and serve now, those that have served. We do not host this event for any business gain, we do it because of the satisfaction we get for giving back."

"It's always heartwarming to see our community come together during the holiday season to show our Veterans how much they're appreciated, and even more encouraging to see organizations like Libby Funeral Home support them year after year. Thank you, Libby Funeral Home, and everyone in our community who understands the incredible joy you get from giving back to those who sacrificed so much for us," commented Dawn

Schaal, Medical Center Director for the VA Castle Point campus.

My life as a funeral director is rooted in service, service above self," said Schuka." He stated "And the holidays mean a lot to me, it's a time that can be hard for many reasons. Anything I can do to ease that burden or worry, I'm there, especially for the veteran. Ever since we started this stocking drive five years ago, I look forward to it every year, it helps to get me in the holiday/Christmas spirit."

Other items being asked for are gloves, candy canes, scarves, chewing gum, activity books, vitamins, moisturizer and crossword puzzles.

Libby Funeral Home is also hosting the Wreaths Across America event in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, 801 Route 9, in Fishkill on December 17 at 2 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony then laying of wreaths. "We were able to raise more than 300 wreaths for the veteran sections at the cemetery," said Schuka.

## Molinaro to give Farewell Address Dec. 16

The public is invited to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's Farewell Address on Friday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 a.m., in the Dutchess County Legislature Chambers in the County Office Building, 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie. An Open House celebration in the County Executive's Office will follow until 2 p.m.

RSVP is required by Dec. 13 at dutchessny.gov/RSVP or (845) 486-2000.

Molinaro was elected to represent New York's 19th District in Congress.

William F.X. O'Neil, who currently serves as Deputy County Executive, will assume the County Executive position when Molinaro vacates the office as he is sworn in as Congressman, in accordance with the Dutchess County Charter.

O'Neil will serve until the expiration of the current term of the County Executive, which ends on Dec. 31, 2023. A general election for the next county executive will be held in the fall of 2023 for a new four-year term to begin January 2024.

## BeAcon SongSmiThS perform Dec. 10

A benefit concert for the Howland Cultural Center by three friends, BeAcon SongSmiThS, will be held on December 10 at 8 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon.

The concert will feature Rick Aparicio, Carla Springer and Susan Wright. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

For more information, visit Facebook or go to [www.howlandculturalcenter.org](http://www.howlandculturalcenter.org).

## Theatre on the Road to present 'A Christmas Carol' at Beekman Arms



Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the other Dickens characters will interact with guests at The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck on Dec. 13 and 14, when Theatre on the Road brings its interactive dinner performance of "A Christmas Carol."

-Courtesy photo

Theatre on the Road presents its 23rd annual interactive, dinner theater version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck.

Hudson Valley residents have seen Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Ghosts of Christmas from a theatre seat. This season Theatre on the Road, a local production company, is inviting local residents to dine with them. This is an opportunity to kick-off the Christmas holiday season with song, laughter and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol to life. The historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, New York will present this unique dinner show and they are offering a three-course dinner with entrée choice, the show, which includes Victorian carolers at table-side, for \$75 per person.

Schedule dates and times for A Christmas Carol at the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck are Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm and Wednesday, December 14th at 7 pm. Reservations for either dinner show can be secured by visiting calling 845-876-7077 ext. 361. For information visit [cafe.net and the December calendar page.](http://www.murder-</a></p>
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The dinner show will include Victorian carolers at table-side, before the show and during the dinner break, and the performance will be preceded by a reception where guests will meet Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas, the Cratchit family including Tiny Tim and Nephew Fred

"Frank and Kristen's show continues to gain critical praise for every detail including authentic costumes, musical interludes and in depth characterizations", says Nancy Marcellus, marketing manager of Lawry's Prime Rib Restaurant.

This production is a tribute to the spirit of a traditional holiday. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters, as they settle in for a fine dinner and evening of celebration. Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, the script was written by Frank and Kristen Marquette, and she is also providing her handmade costumes.

This is the 23rd season the Marquette's version of "A Christmas Carol" is being produced.

### NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINES

Due to a holiday press schedule, the Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 issues will have early deadlines.

The editorial deadline for the Dec. 28, 2022 paper is Thursday, Dec. 22, at noon. The ad deadline is Thursday, Dec. 22, at 5 p.m.

The editorial deadline for the Jan. 4, 2023 paper is Thursday, Dec. 29, at noon. The ad deadline is Thursday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m.

Email [cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com](mailto:cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com) for more information.

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# View artwork by Thursday Painters at Howland Public Library



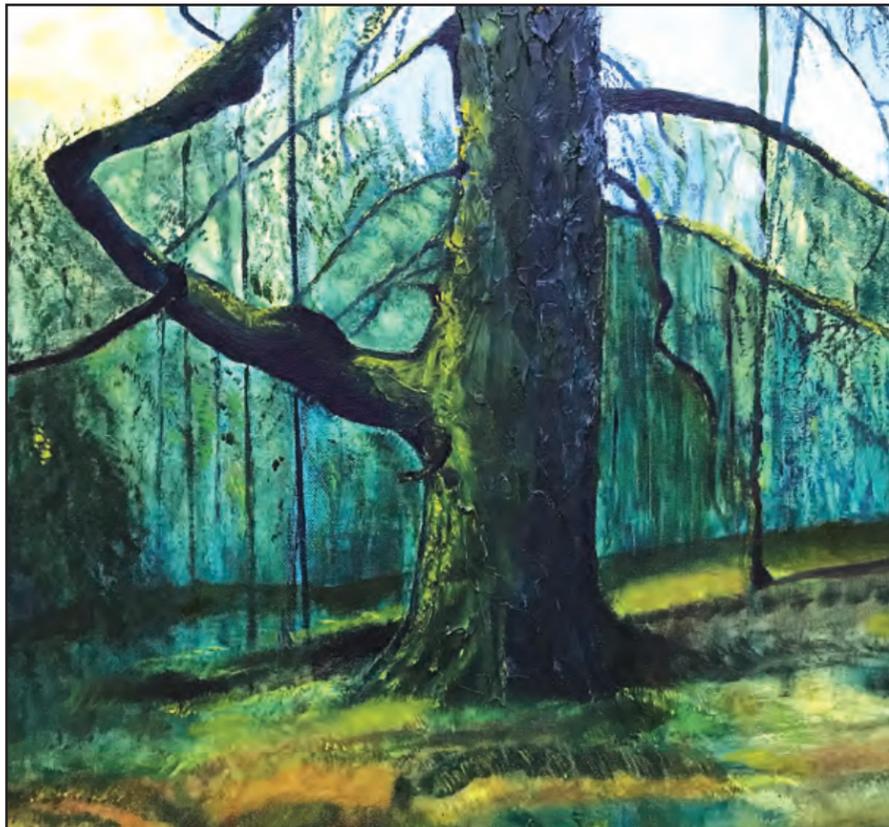
“Light,” a group exhibit from the Beacon Thursday Painters will be at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., in Beacon. The exhibit will be on view in The Community Room Exhibit Space from December 10th - January 15th. An Artists’ Reception will be held on Saturday, December 10th, from 2 - 4 p.m.

The Thursday Painters, led by teaching artist Jan Dolan, is a group of senior artists who have been meeting to paint every Thursday at the Beacon Recreation Center since 2014. During the three-hour class, participants work on independent projects in a supportive environment. Jan

encourages the students to explore new options while developing and improving their own style. Occasionally, the students find inspiration in a group theme or work together on a collaborative project.

For this new exhibit, the class chose “Light” as creative inspiration for their work. Each artist chose to interpret the concept of light and its effect on the environment in a unique way.

The Community Room Exhibit Space is open during regular library hours. Note the gallery may not be accessible during library programs. Please consult the library calendar at [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org) before one’s visit.



Artwork by Thursday Painters will be on exhibit at the Howland Public Library beginning December 10. Clockwise from top left, artwork by Angela Antunes, Luza Ahumada and Tena Cohen. The exhibit runs through January 15.

-Courtesy images

## Holiday Gift Guide all local

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- The holidays are a great time to visit Corey, Abigail and Maranda Stratton at the Red Hook Diner. It is conveniently located just four miles north of the intersection of Rts 9 and 9G with accessible parking for all and is open 7 days a week.
- From a full line of snow-throwers snow-blowers and Ice B Gone to and toys and caps, Keil Equipment Company in Red Hook is ready to serve you.
- Accuprint Pack 'N' Ship in Beacon is your local ship shop & go-to resource for

packing, shipping, printing, graphic design and business service needs.

- The staff at Dutchess Animal Clinic in Summerlin Plaza on Route 376 in Wappingers Falls is ready to serve you and your pets and offers great safety information for pets during the holidays.
- The Woodstock School of Art offers a wide array of online and in-person classes –that make great gifts.
- Check out Hop + Shop in Beacon for two great days of shopping with great holiday deals on Dec. 8-9.



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# Opening reception for photographs, landscapes artwork December 10 at Bannerman Gallery



Hudson Valley Landscapes and Photo Mixed Media works by painter Virginia Donovan and photographer Mary Ann Glass will be on display at Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main Street, Beacon. A public opening reception will be held on December 10, from 4 – 6 p.m. Smaller paintings and photo mixed media works feature the Hudson River Valley and Bannerman’s Island. Artwork sales benefit restoration projects on Bannerman’s Island.

Pictured “The Armory (Bannerman Castle),” an infrared photo by Mary Ann Glass and “Serene Waters” painting by Virginia Donovan.

-Courtesy images

Exhibition to open at Bannerman Gallery December 10

An exhibition of Hudson River Valley paintings and photographs by painter, Virginia Donovan and photographer Mary Ann Glass can be viewed at The Bannerman Island Gallery, at 150 Main Street, in Beacon. Many works feature the Hudson Highlands region and Bannerman’s Island. A public opening reception for the show will be held on December 10th from 4 – 6 p.m. at the gallery. The show will continue through February 5, 2023. Gallery hours are Sat. & Sun. from Noon – 5 p.m. and weekday afternoons and evenings by chance and appointment by calling 845-416-8342.

Painter Virginia Donovan began painting in New York’s Hudson Valley where she continues to work in watercolor, pastel, acrylic and oils. In the early 1990’s, while still working a full-time career, she enrolled in drawing and watercolor classes

and her new passion for art grew from there. Born and raised in the Hudson Valley, one of Virginia’s passions is supporting the Bannerman Castle Trust, a non-profit in Beacon dedicated to the preservation of historic Bannerman’s Island and Castle on the Hudson River. As a young girl, her mother lived on the historic island and it has always held a special fascination for Virginia. As a working artist, she has participated in numerous art shows, benefits, and Plein Air events on Bannerman’s Island.

In 2003 Virginia co-founded RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon, NY, with four other artist friends. RiverWinds was a multi-faceted art space offering traditional and contemporary paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics and fiber arts. The gallery closed in 2020 due to the impact of the pandemic, and since then Virginia has concentrated on painting full-time. Virginia’s talents as a working artist

have taken her beyond the Hudson Valley. In 2007, she was one of only two Americans invited to participate in the Jean-Paul LaPointe International Symposium in Chicoutimi, Quebec, along with 41 other artists. From 2001 - 2019 she has participated in many workshops, residencies and events in the USA, New Zealand and in Europe. Currently Virginia serves on two gallery jury committees.

Photographer Mary Ann Glass’s work has been described as spiritual, sensual, serious and elegant. She enjoys experimenting with range of medium from acrylic to watercolor, digital to infrared photography, manipulated Polaroids, solarized etching plates, encaustics, cyanotypes and other mixed media. Her new focus is on iPhoneography, and she has been teaching the phone apps to students for several years. Mary Ann was also a co-owner of RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon.

Originally from Ohio, Mary Ann attended Ohio State University and the American Graduate School of International Management. After a corporate career in Manhattan, she took a leave of absence and attended a summer intensive program at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography in Montana. In

1999, she left her corporate job and settled in the Hudson Valley as a professional photographer.

Mary Ann has studied with photographers Eric Lindbloom, Dan McCormack, Joel Meyerowitz, Joyce Tenneson and Arlene Collins. Her works have been exhibited in several juried group shows selected by curators from major museums including; the Guggenheim Museum of Art; the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Dia:Beacon. She has participated in International Artist Residencies in Myslenice, Poland, and in Beacon, NY and has exhibited in many galleries in NYC and throughout New York State. She recently won a Red Ribbon at the Front Gallery in Patterson, NY. She has also taught photography at Barrett Art Center in Poughkeepsie and at other galleries and has led workshops in Italy and photo tours of the Hudson Valley. She has now judged and curated more than 130 exhibitions!

A remarkable exhibition featuring smaller fine art works, all works in this show will be available for purchase. Artwork sales benefit restoration projects on Bannerman’s Island.

For more information, please call Exhibition Coordinator Laurie Clark at 845-416-8342.

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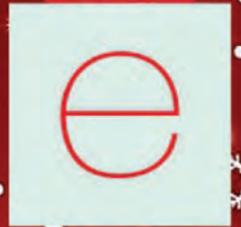
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# 'The Nutcracker' returns to the Bardavon Dec. 10-11



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Tickets are \$36 for adults and \$30 for students (Members get \$5 off).

This classic holiday event features dancers from the New York City Ballet. Peter and Lisa Naumann, co-directors of the NPBT, have brought many fine regional artists together to create this beautiful production. Dancers, designers,

and technicians have all contributed to make this Nutcracker a visual delight. Come along with Marie as she dreams of a fierce battle between giant mice and toy soldiers followed by a magical journey through the Land of Snow to the Kingdom of Sweets.

The Bardavon is at 35 Market St. in Poughkeepsie. The Bardavon and UPAC box offices are open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Bardavon at (845) 473-5288 or UPAC at 845-339-6088 or email at [boxoffice@bardavon.org](mailto:boxoffice@bardavon.org) to purchase tickets, or go through [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) (additional fees will apply).

New Paltz Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker" returns to the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie on Dec. 10 and 11.

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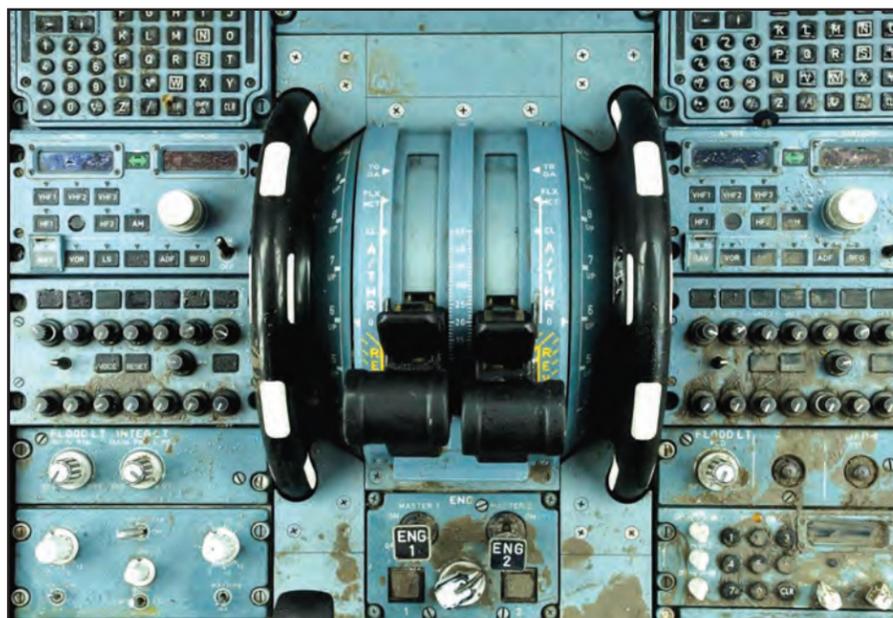
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# New exhibit at Rhinebeck Bank branch



Rhinebeck Bank welcomes Stephen Mallon to its Beacon Area branch to exhibit his collection of photographs.

This collection of Mallon's work will be on display at the Bank's branch at 1476 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls between Tuesday, November 22 and Tuesday, January 17th, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to visit the branch during regular business hours to enjoy this new art exhibit.

Over the past twenty years, Mallon has amassed numerous awards on local, regional and national-level awards and has participated in over 75 solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe. His photography has been included in collections located Harvard

Business School, the Cleveland Museum of Art Library and the American Society of Media Photographers. Mallon has been featured in numerous TV, online and print media, including CBS, CNN, National Geographic, National Public Radio (NPR), Popular Science, Slate and Smithsonian Magazine.

Mallon holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mallon lives in the Hudson Valley with his wife and daughter. For more information about him and his photography, please visit his website at [www.stephenmallon.com](http://www.stephenmallon.com). Stephen is represented by Frontroom Gallery in Hudson.

*Rhinebeck Bank will host an exhibit by Stephen Mallon through January 17, 2023 at its Beacon area branch.*

*-Courtesy image*

## Jazz legend DeJohnette to play UPAC Dec. 15

Jazz drummer Jack DeJohnette will perform with Jon Batiste and Matthew Garrison at UPAC in Kingston on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m.

Legendary drummer and 2012 NEA Jazz Master DeJohnette is celebrated for his work with Miles Davis Bitches Brew

Band, Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Bobby McFerrin, Bill Evans, and as a band leader and composer. He is joined on this show by Jon Batiste - Academy Award, Golden Globe and five time Grammy Award winner (including 2022 Album Of The Year - WE ARE), and former

bandleader and musical director of The Late Show With Stephen Colbert; and bassist Matthew Garrison, co-founder of ShapeShifter + and one of the most critically acclaimed electric bassists of our time, having played with Herbie Hancock, Mahavishnu, John Scofield and Whitney

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Tickets are \$60/\$80/\$100/\$120, available at Bardavon and UPAC box offices Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Bardavon (845) 473-5288, UPAC (845)-339-6088 or email at [boxoffice@bardavon.org](mailto:boxoffice@bardavon.org).

## Cary Institute launches 10th annual Hudson Data Jam competition for students in grades 4-12

The Hudson Data Jam competition is an opportunity for students in grades 4-12 to explore ecological datasets, creatively communicate the stories they tell, and win cash prizes. Write a song, record a video, create a book, paint a mural - your imagination is the limit!

The 2022-2023 Hudson Data Jam will be 100% virtual. Students can participate individually or in groups - from two children working together, up to a whole class. Projects will be judged by scientists, artists, and educators. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top elementary, middle school, and high school projects. Register by January 20, 2023 to participate.

### For Teachers

Cary educators are available to support

students' Data Jam journey with virtual or in-person classroom visits. Teachers, please register by December 16 to secure a classroom session. Slots are limited.

### Junior Data Jam

For grades 4-5, they are offering 'Junior Data Jam'. With this modified program, students will create a single graph, provide a brief interpretation of the patterns they observe, and produce a creative project with a short explanation. Students can work individually or in groups.

### The Data

Scientists are collecting data around us all the time. Hidden in those numbers are stories that reveal how the world works. Are birds arriving earlier in the spring?

How does salinity shape fish diversity in the Hudson River estuary? Students can access these and many more ecology datasets on Cary Institute's website. Datasets fall into three levels of complexity: 1 - easy, 2 - moderate, and 3 - challenging. Cary educators can help students select an appropriate dataset; email Ashley Alred at [alreda@caryinstitute.org](mailto:alreda@caryinstitute.org) for assistance.

### Webinar series

Whether one is new to Data Jam or a seasoned participant, check out the 'Data Jamming: Creatively Sharing Science Stories of the Hudson Valley' recorded webinar series for teachers, parents, caregivers, and interested students. These freely accessible webinars are available online to help participants learn more about the Hudson Data Jam competition, plus tips for engaging and supporting students as they develop questions, explore their local environment, and communicate what they find.

### Deadlines & Dates

December 16, 2022 - \*For educators: Early registration deadline to be consid-

ered for a classroom visit. (Sessions can be in person or virtual. Offered on a limited basis.)

January 20, 2023 - Competition registration deadline.

February 24, 2023 - Student consent forms due.

March 10, 2023 - Project submissions due online by 11:59 pm EST.

April 11, 2023 - Virtual Data Jam Awards Ceremony & Celebration. All prizes will be awarded during the virtual event.

All Data Jammers may visit The Hudson Data Jam Facebook page for updates: [www.facebook.com/HudsonDataJam](http://www.facebook.com/HudsonDataJam)

If one has questions, email Ashley Alred at [alreda@caryinstitute.org](mailto:alreda@caryinstitute.org), or message through the Hudson Data Jam Facebook page.

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# 'It's A Wonderful Life' in Rhinebeck

Up in One Productions rings in the holidays with a presentation of the heart-warming classic "It's A Wonderful Life," adapted for the stage from the popular and beloved Frank Capra film. The production runs Dec. 2-18 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

"It's A Wonderful Life" tells the story of George Bailey, a small-town everyman who forgoes his big dreams and ambitions to remain in his hometown to help others. One Christmas Eve, despondent and facing ruin, he is rescued from near-suicide by Clarence Odbody, an unconventional angel second class looking to earn his wings. Together, they retrace George's life in Bedford Falls. Clarence shows George the shadowy world of what his hometown would look like had George never been born. As they spin through flashbacks and could-have-been scenarios, we meet, in turn, his family and colleagues and see how the strands of George's influence, weave among people and events until George comes to realize that one man's life touches all around him. And, that he did, indeed, have a wonderful life.

The town of Bedford Falls comes to life through the set construction of Bryan Mechtly, lighting design of Scott Tunkel, and the scenic art of Dan Chester. The period costumes are fashioned by Kim-Denise Barnett.

The Up In One production is pro-



Mike Risio portrays George Bailey and Madison Anthony plays Mary in Up In One Productions' "It's A Wonderful Life," running through Dec. 18 at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

-Courtesy photo

duced and directed by Diana di Grandi. The cast includes Michael Risio (George), Lou Trapani (Mr. Potter), Jim Hammill (Clarence), Madison Anthony (Mary), Tom Starace (Uncle Billy), Stephany Hitchcock (Mrs. Bailey), Ian Magee (Young George), Michael Clark (Mr. Gower), Kirstin Horn (Violet) Elaine Young (Aunt Flora) and a large, supporting cast of seasoned veteran and young actors.

Performances will take place on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at [www.centerforperformingarts.org](http://www.centerforperformingarts.org) or by calling (845) 876-3080.

The Center is at 661 Route 308 in Rhinebeck.

# Dr. Joseph Felice of Nuvance Health named NYS 'Unsung Hero'

Dr. Joseph Felice, Assistant Director, Ultrasound Division of Emergency Medicine, Nuvance Health Emergency Medicine Residency, has been named a New York State Emergency Medicine "Unsung Hero."

When asked about Dr. Felice, Marianna Karounos, DO, Emergency Department Director said, "Dr. Felice stands out as embodying the very nature of this award and what it takes to be an excellent emergency physician, an unsung hero. He is kind, caring, incredibly astute, but mostly, one of the most humble individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing."

Dr. Felice is a graduate from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. He completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is currently the Assistant Director of the Ultrasound Division of Emergency Medicine at the Nuvance Health Emergency Medicine Residency as well as the Medical Director of EMS for Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine and is a Clinical

Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

A New York State Emergency Medicine Unsung Hero goes beyond simply being the embodiment of what it means to be an emergency physician. They are a stalwart of the emergency department, who is deeply committed to the mission of the emergency department, their colleagues, co-workers and patients.

Emergency medicine encompasses planning, oversight and medical direction for community emergency medical response, medical control and disaster preparedness. Emergency physicians possess a unique body of knowledge including the initial evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, coordination of care among multiple providers and disposition of patients requiring expeditious medical, surgical or psychiatric care.

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians represents over 3,100 dedicated professionals committed to speaking out for broad access to quality health care, including and especially emergency health services for all citizens.

## Town of Wappinger Annual Christmas Tree Lighting rescheduled Dec. 9

The Town of Wappinger Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 9 starting at 6 p.m. at Schlathaus Park. The tree lighting was originally scheduled for Dec. 3 but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

There will be cookies, hot cocoa, a craft

and game for the children, and a visit from Santa Claus. There will be gift bags available for the first 300 children who visit Santa!

For more information, call 845-297-4158.

## Upcoming events at Howland Library

The following are upcoming events at Howland Public Library in December.

### Let it Snow-Globe

December 8th, 6 p.m.

Get into the winter season by making a glitter globe! Glitter, decorations, and globe provided. Registration is required for this event. Spots are first come, first served.

### Lil' Owls Storytime

December 13th, 4:15 p.m.

For children 4 years old - 2nd grade

Join Miss Stephanie to hear winter themed stories! Stories are geared toward children who are 4 years old - 2nd grade, but all are welcome.

### Switch Smash Club

December 8th, 6 p.m.

For youths in 4th grade - 12th grade

The first Super Smash Brothers Program!

Spots are limited, registration is required.

### Winter Mug Program

December 15th, 3:15 p.m.

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Learn how to marble dip mugs! Dip and design a mug using nail polish and water to make a holiday gift.

Spots are limited and registration is required. If one has any questions, please feel free to email Brian at [ysassistant@beaconlibrary.org](mailto:ysassistant@beaconlibrary.org).

To register, or for more information, visit Howland Public Library is at 313 Main St. in Beacon. <https://beaconlibrary.org>.

## Hudson Chorale Holiday Program Dec. 10, 11

Hudson Chorale Holiday Program, with two live concerts -- Camille Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio and Benjamin Britten's St. Nicolas Cantata -- will be performed on December 10 and December 11, at Christ Episcopal Church, 43 South Broadway, Tarrytown, Westchester County. The concerts will take place at 3 p.m. on both days.

Hudson Chorale, under the baton of

Artistic Director David Baranowski, will perform with soloists including acclaimed tenor Nils Neubert, who will sing the lead role of Nicolas in the Britten.

They will usher in the season of light and rebirth with these performances, featuring an ensemble including harp, tympani, violins, organ and piano. The Saturday concert will additionally be recorded for streaming on YouTube, fulfilling Hudson Chorale's promise to maintain community access in the time of COVID.

"We are delighted to bring this program to the community before the holidays," said Baranowski. "Through nearly two years of pandemic, we have nurtured our music through remote and, recently, live rehearsal. We can't wait to hear these beautiful works soar in this church."

It is recommended that audience members be masked during the performance.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each from members of the Hudson Chorale, or through this website link. For further information, please visit [www.HudsonChorale.org](http://www.HudsonChorale.org) or email [info@hudsonchorale.org](mailto:info@hudsonchorale.org).

Hudson Chorale is grateful to the New York State Council on the Arts, which awarded it funds to support its work and community outreach this year.

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This week's answer

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Suguru solution

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# Obituaries

## Christopher Ditullio



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Christopher Ditullio, 62, of Wappingers Falls, passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Ferncliff Hospital. A local resident, and previously of Springfield, MA, he was the son of Ray Ditullio and Lucille Beverly. Christopher was born in Poughkeepsie on December 15, 1959. He received his BA in Journalism and Communications. He then worked as a photojournalist prior to working for IBM. He is survived by his mother Lucille Beverly and his sister Cindy Hafenbrack. He is also survived by his children Allyson, Nicole, and Christopher. Calling hours were held on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. A Mass

of Christian Burial was held Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls and burial followed in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com).

## Carl M. Hessick



FORMERLY OF EAST FISHKILL - Carl M. Hessick, 66, of Lancaster, PA and formerly of Hopewell Junction, NY entered into eternal life peacefully with his family by his side on November 27, 2022. Carl was born on November 26, 1956 to Bruno and Stella Hessick in Detroit, MI. After graduating from Austin Prep High School in 1974, he went on to study English at the University of Detroit. It was there that he met the love of his life, Mary Sue, whom he married on May 16, 1980 and together raised three wonderful children. He continued his education and earned a MBA from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY in 2005. Carl was a caring and loving father and husband who dedicated

his life to his family and God. He valued education, helping others, and taking every opportunity for a teachable moment. Carl was a car enthusiast and spent numerous days joyfully basking in the sun at car shows with his award-winning Pontiac Trans Am GTA. As a member of St. Columba Catholic Church in Hopewell Junction, Carl served as a lector and an adult leader in his sons' Boys Scout Troop 40. Moving to Lancaster in 2014, Carl and his wife became parishioners at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church where he participated in the liturgical ministries. Carl was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue, children, Dr. Christopher Hessick of Albany, NY, Dr. Catherine Hessick of Lancaster, PA, and Michael (Allison) Hessick of Allentown, PA, and beloved furry friends, Heilani and Scout. Visiting Hours were held on Friday, December 2 at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 3 at St. Columba Catholic Church followed by the Rite of Committal and burial at St. Denis Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donation be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation ([www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org)). Please visit his Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Cleon J. Sawyer



FORMERLY OF EAST FISHKILL - Cleon Josiah Sawyer, 93, a resident of Myrtle Beach, SC, died on November 28, 2022. He previously lived in Hopewell Junction, NY. Born on October 4, 1929 in Yonkers, NY, Cleon was the son of the late Harold and Bridget (Tobin) Sawyer. He proudly served in the US Army in Austria during the Korean War. On June 25, 1950 in Millerton, he married Marjorie C. (Coons) Sawyer who predeceased him in 2010. He was employed in the printing industry for over 45 years until his retirement. Cleon had been a member of the Hopewell Reformed Church in Hopewell Junction, NY. Cleon is survived by his son, Gary Sawyer and his wife Frieda of Myrtle

Beach, SC; his son-in-law, Chuck Irving of AZ; his grandchildren, Kelly and Nathan Fears of Clover, SC and Amanda and Jeremy Carlin of Myrtle Beach, SC; his great-grandchildren, Oliver and Eva Lynne Fears; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Cleon was also predeceased by his daughter, Dianne Irving in 1978; and his granddaughters, Ellie and Emma Fears in 2013. Visitation was held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY on Tuesday, December 6 with a service. Burial followed at Iroindale Cemetery in Millerton with military honors. Donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. Please visit Cleon's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Ruth Schwartz



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Ruth Schwartz, age 87, a longtime resident of Yonkers, NY and recently of Wappingers Falls, NY, passed away on November 29, 2022 at the Pines at Poughkeepsie. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on September 23, 1935 to parents Louis and Molly (Geller) Lowatsky. On October 16, 1955, she married her loving husband Sherman Schwartz in Farmingdale, Long Island. He predeceased her in 2021. Ruth greatly enjoyed being a homemaker and creating a lovely and inviting atmosphere for friends and family. She loved to cook, watch the news, and loved her neighbors. Being a grandma was one of the greatest joys of her life, and she adored her grandchild-

dren. She is survived by her beloved children: Michelle Pantori, Michael Schwartz (Sue), and Stacey Dylewski (Eric); her cherished grandchildren: Anthony, Daniel, Amanda and Dianna Pantori, Michael Schwartz, and Hunter and Sean Dylewski; as well as a great-grandson Logan; her siblings Burton Lowatsky and Esther Lerner, as well as nieces and nephews. In addition to her loving husband Sherman, Ruth is predeceased by her brother Stanley Lowatsky and her sister Maxine Steinberg. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date to be determined by the family. Memorial donations may be made in Ruth's name to either the ASPCA [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org) or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Please visit Ruth's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

# Blue Christmas Service at Beacon Goodwill Church

By Kristine Coulter

The holidays can be a hard time for those who have experienced loss of any kind.

For many, it is difficult to have the joy and excitement others do during the Christmas season. That is why the Beacon Goodwill Church will host a Blue Christmas service on December 15 at 7 p.m.

"We hope that our Blue Christmas service provides an opportunity for people to bring their grief and sadness to God and receive the comfort found in the birth story of Jesus Christ," said Rev. Marcos Ortega, the Lead Pastor of Goodwill Church Beacon.

Asked what the goal of holding this type of service is, Rev. Ortega replied, "Many people enter the holiday season feeling a mixture of joy and grief. For some, the music and lights of the season are a painful reminder of loved ones gone, relationships broken, or jobs lost. We believe that Jesus is especially near to those who are hurting, therefore our goal is to demonstrate the love of Jesus to those who need to hear that message most."

The Reverend noted, "Jesus calls everyone to a life of loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. During the

holidays, we can best demonstrate our love for our neighbors by meeting practical and emotional needs. The holidays are a perfect time for the community to lift one another up in love. We hope to be a part of that effort through our Blue Christmas service."

If one wants to attend the service, there is no need to sign up, said the reverend. "All are welcome to join," it was stated, and stay after service for a reception of light refreshments.

"Many of the movies and songs of the season, as well as the celebrations of others, can make people feel out of place when they struggle with grief or loss. Some remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Others grieve strained or broken relationships. Still others face financial hardships that add extra pressure to holiday celebrations," remarked Rev. Ortega.

The feedback in previous years from people who have attended, said Rev. Ortega, has been "accepted in their grief, and comforted. They are grateful for the opportunity to feel their pain without guilt or shame. The comfort of the service helps people approach the holidays with hope that they are not alone, for God is with them and loves them."

# Newburgh Symphony to offer Holiday Concert December 10

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra (GNSO) presents a Holiday Concert – O Night Divine -- on December 10, starting at 4 p.m. at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. The program, which always attracts large audiences, includes much loved seasonal favorites as well as dancers from local studios performing Tchaikovsky's classic Nutcracker Suite.

Russell Ger, Music Director of the GNSO, said "The GNSO has set the standard in our region for creating musical Holiday magic. In addition to our classic favorites, such as The First Noel and The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting), this year we are adding a wonderful new element! Young students from local dance studios will join the orchestra onstage to perform Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker. It's sure to be a joyous celebration for all."

The dancers participating in O Night Divine represent High Definition Dance of New Windsor, Ballet Art Studio of Beacon and Take the Leap dance studio of Gardiner.

Ger also reminded GNSO supporters that the Holiday Concert is the best-attended of the year and has sold out in the past. "Get your tickets early," he enthused.

Now in his seventh season of GNSO leadership, Ger has led the orchestra to new attendance records and artistic heights. The full 2022/23 season is listed on the website noted below.

Tickets – Balcony \$50, Reserved \$40, Open \$35, Senior Citizen \$25 – can be purchased online or at the door.

Call 845-913-7157 or visit [www.newburghsymphony.org](http://www.newburghsymphony.org). Students are admitted free to Open seating.

# Handel's Messiah set for Dec. 10, 11

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, Taconic Opera invites all to its December holiday concert, performing the oratorio that has survived almost three centuries since first presented in Dublin in 1742: George Frideric Handel's magnificent Messiah.

Conducted by the company's Artistic Director, Dan Montez, the program will include professional soloists and the Taconic Opera Orchestra and Chorus. Hear the Messiah in a whole new way - not as sung by soloists and chorus, but as sung by opera soloists and chorus.

This masterwork in English, from the Baroque period of music, still thrills audiences worldwide and remains a quintessential holiday concert favorite. You will want to stand and sing Hallelujah with the

whole audience!

Two weekend matinee concerts will be given in central Westchester: Sat., Dec. 10, and Sun., Dec. 11, 3 p.m., Holy Name of Mary Church, 110 Grand St., Croton-on-Hudson. This beautiful venue is handicap accessible and ideally suited for live sacred music of this caliber due to its acoustical and architectural properties.

For tickets call toll-free 855-886-7372 or visit <https://taconicopera.org/Tickets/>

Ticket Prices:

Advance Sale: \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$12

Door Sale: \$30, Seniors \$25, Student - \$15

Groups of five or more: deduct \$5 per ticket

Discounts can be taken together.

# Wappingers Falls National Guard soldier receives new rank, responsibilities

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Ariana Pacheco from Wappingers Falls and assigned to the Company G, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, received a promotion October 4, to the rank of private.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential. These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit [www.dmn.ny.gov](http://www.dmn.ny.gov) or [www.1800guard.com](http://www.1800guard.com).

# Diversions

## SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

		2			7	1	4	
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9		1		6				2
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## Suguru

	1		5	2	
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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

### ACROSS

1. Family member
5. Hayley \_\_\_
10. Auctioneer's cry
14. Pairs
15. Vast expanse
16. Maple, for one
17. Word at an intersection
18. French investor's income
19. Enlarge a hole
20. Surprising occurrence
23. Hightails it
24. Rip off
25. Analyzes a sentence
28. Sharp-pointed instrument
33. Revolving rapidly
34. Back part
35. Pronoun
36. Deposited
37. Toss
38. Drop of perspiration
39. Fragile edible
40. Path
41. Rudely brief
42. Plates
44. Job
45. Half and half
46. Prairie schoolteacher
47. Statement from one who is fed up
54. Money, slangily
55. Mr. Allen
56. Tragic fate
58. Intricate network
59. \_\_\_ from; with the exception of
60. Malarial fever
61. Small building
62. Fyn folks
63. Variety

### DOWN

1. Pill prescribers, for short
2. Cougar or Jaguar
3. Celestial body
4. Baptized by sprinkling
5. Airheads
6. Wine-chilling buckets
7. Fast season
8. Rafter piece
9. Contemptuous
10. Flashing light
11. Creme-filled snack
12. Trickle
13. Cleveland and Clinton: abbr.
21. Coal or gas
22. Tree trunk
25. Faded
26. In \_\_\_; furious
27. Rule
28. Revolving meat holders
29. Pitchfork part
30. Word with after or by
31. Rib
32. Tell the waiter what you'd like
34. Turn on a pivot
37. Brow
38. Some shorts
40. Ladder part
41. Tropical tuber
43. Recommended highly
44. City on the Riviera
46. Civil War general
47. Shade providers
48. Boatbuilder
49. See 12 Down
50. "\_\_\_ Small World"
51. Part of the leg
52. \_\_\_ dancer
53. Time period
57. Encountered

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# get growing!

by mark adams



# Gifts for gardeners

Santa gave me a pound of butter for Christmas. I was a fussy kid, always refusing to eat my vegetables if mom put margarine on them. I also got an erector set and a 1959 diary (I was nine) in which I wrote a few months later, "planted peas and carrots in my garden."

Here are a few gift suggestions for your gardening friends and family:

• Garden Tools – Top of the line pruners, clippers and hand tools from Felco and A.M. Leonard can be found at the Phantom Gardener in Rhinebeck. In fact, everything at Phantom is top quality – gifts, unusual houseplants like alocasia jacklyn or anthurium radicans, and garden seeds from the Hudson Valley Seed Company. For big garden tools like shovels, rakes and even pitchforks, check out Hackett Farm Supply in Salt Point.

• Garden Themed Clothing – We found a treasure trove of gifts at the Locust Grove Estate gift shop, many from local crafters – hats, dish towels, purses from Poughkeepsie artist Manjo Papaya, glazed ceramics by Marilyn Price or Elena Goldman. And what gardener wouldn't love goat's milk or soy based hand cream from Hudson Valley Skin Care? Gardening books and a do-it-yourself flower press add to the excitement.

• Books – Walter Effron, iconic bibliophile and owner of The Three Arts bookstore in Arlington, recommends "Romantic Gardens – Nature, Art, and

Landscape Design" by Elizabeth Rogers, which details the rise of the naturalistic or sublime landscapes made famous in the Hudson Valley. And how about Sue Adams' brand new book, "What Do Your Flowers Say Today?" Available on Amazon or at a local garden center that shall remain nameless. Sue says "Use this book to unlock the meaning of flowers that catch your eye and as a tool to provide inner guidance and wisdom."

• Toys – I found a pile of toys for young gardeners and farmers at Hackett Farm Supply. Owner Ed Hackett tells me he sells "tons" of the little Melissa and Doug peg puzzles. I also found "Paint Your Own Garden Decor," 1,000-piece farm and garden jigsaw puzzles and John Deere matchbox tractors. Hackett's stocks everything you could possible need for gardening, farming, beekeeping, canning or caring for dogs, cats, horses, goats and camels.

• Jewelry – This holiday season, the perfect stocking stuffer is a pair of earrings or a necklace made from dead spotted lanternflies. I think they're only available online, from Etsy. On a recent trip to Zimmer Brothers jewelry store in Arlington, we saw some nice garden-themed earrings and brooches, but none made out of lanternflies.

• Membership – The New York Botanical Garden is just an hour south of Dutchess County. Anyone who visits more than once a year could save with a \$95 membership. The only trouble with buying a membership for a friend – they require an email address. Check with the friend first. The NYBG holiday train show is show-



Pictured are Doctoroff's Cookies.

- Photo by Mark Adams

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cased until January 16.

• Cookies – Mark Doctoroff, famous for his handmade sourdough bread, creates holiday cookie platters that he personally delivers. Contact him at [theeducatedchef3@gmail.com](mailto:theeducatedchef3@gmail.com).

• Mouse Traps – Gardeners beware – I caught mice eating my pepper and salvia seeds right after I sowed them in seed starting trays. Bait your traps with peanut butter. Hackett Farm sells all kinds of mouse traps, including tiny Hav-a-Hart mouse-traps. These allow you to catch the mice

and then let them go in, say, Port Jervis. Hackett's also sells larger Hav-a-Hart traps for squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, and woodchucks (I have three of the largest size). In the works – Hav-a-Hart Bear Traps. Sure to make everyone's holiday wish list.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.



Pictured are purses at Locust Grove.

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