



SNOWY OWL

Twilight Park
Winter-Spring 2013

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A BIT OF MOUNTAINTOP HISTORY

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Haines Falls: The first settler of this village was Aaron Haines, who came from Connecticut on horseback. Haines Falls is formed by the waters of the West Branch of the Kaaterskill falling over a precipice of 150 feet, and its waters continuing on their way leap from rock to rock and ledge to ledge, forming numerous other and smaller falls and cascades until they reach the “Village of Falling Waters” at the foot of the Clove. The village of Haines Falls is the farthest eastern village out-post of “Hunter Town” and the first to greet the traveler at the top of the Clove.

Tannersville: The name is a relic of tannery days, when tanneries were on almost every stream where hemlocks grew, and were the gold mines of the Catskills. It has been her native place was in the Kaaterskill Clove, where if you follow the trail of the first turnpike you will see the ruins of a village, and a few gnarled and knotted apple trees. In this village at one time were two tanneries and two hundred people.

A Few Websites to Visit:

The Mountain Top Arboretum
<http://www.mtarboretum.org>



The Arboretum is open dawn to dusk, year round and admission is free. The activities are wonderful all year round. The Arboretum is a preserve and a garden where native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers live side-by-side with exotic transplants hardy enough to survive the elevation and harsh climate. Bird watching, painting, drawing and photography are encouraged. The website offers weather, webcam, walks, maps, etc.

Mountain Top Historical Society

<http://www.mths.org/>



The Mountain Top Historical Society is dedicated to discovering and preserving the rich and unique history of the Catskill High Peak. The Society maintains a Visitor and Art Trail Center and the Ulster and Delaware train depot on their campus in Haines Falls.

Catskill Mountain Foundation

<http://www.catskillmtn.org/>



The mission of the Catskill Mountain Foundation is to provide educational opportunities in the arts for youth and lifelong learners, to bring the experience of the arts to our Catskill community, and to support artists and arts organizations in the development of their work through residencies. Their website includes events, trails, news and the Catskill Mountain Region Guide.

New Volunteer Positions

TWP Calendar

Ellen Gibson McGinnis has taken over from Bonnie MacKenzie and Art Tressler

Design Review Committee

Joe Keiffer has taken over as Chair from Sandy Gooder

Twilight Owl

Kim McMenamin & Susan West have taken over from Ariana Tadler Peterson & Penelope Tadler

Snowy Owl

Terry Douglass has taken over from Terry Emmerich

TWILIGHT PARK SUMMER RENTALS

Here is the first cottage rental posting from Joanne Ainsworth for the 2014 season. If you are interested in learning more or know someone who is interested please contact Joanne 973-701-7550 (home), 973-738-3450 (cell) or jlainsworth@optonline.net.

AULT "Sans Souci"

Well maintained, lovely home with wainscoting, diamond-paned windows in living and sitting room; stained glass windows in dining room, kitchen, large deck and covered porch. Four bedrooms; 1 and ½ baths. Second Level, near Pebble Rock Road, halfway between pool and tennis courts. Woodland view.

July 1 – 30 \$4600; August 2 – 30 \$4600

BARISH/STERRET "Benkorah"

Among the first cluster of cottages built in Twilight, this is a pretty cottage with lots of wainscoting and golden birch accents. Newer kitchen and bathroom with stall shower on first floor; 4 bedrooms and bath on second. Covered porch overlooking a spacious gently sloping lawn. Located halfway up Pharmacy Hill Road. Woodland and lawn view.

July 1 – 31 \$4800; June & September TBA

BEHLKE "Far View"

This cottage, built by the founder of Twilight Park to be reminiscent of a Japanese tea house. Set back from the road; surrounded by the remnants of a once cultivated Japanese garden. Comfortable living room with large stone fireplace, inviting covered porches for relaxing and dining. Five bedrooms; 3 full baths. Second Level, near All Angels Church, Wingate Field and pool. Woodland view.

July 1 – 30 \$5800; August 2 – 30 \$5800

COLLINS

A Cotswold cottage in the Catskills. Classically furnished living room with massive stone fireplace, dining room, kitchen and half bath on first floor. Second floor has 3 bedrooms; 1 bath with claw foot tub. Covered porch and sunny deck on the back of cottage takes advantage of the extensive view of Prospect Mountain. Outside shower. Well-landscaped grounds on third level with "charming rookeries and legends!" Third level. Mountain view.

July 1 – 30 \$5600

DECKER "Tumble Rocks"

Large, stately home with 6 bedrooms; 4 baths. First floor has open floor plan of living room/dining area with stone fireplace. French doors lead to patio and expansive lawn and rhododendron garden. Large kitchen has adjacent bath with shower. Second floor features a sitting room with large stone fireplace, a master suite with shower,

2 bedrooms and bath with claw foot tub; third floor includes 3 bedrooms and a bath. Located across from All Angels Church, adjacent to Wingate Field and is near the pool. Second level. Woodland view. **No animals.**

July 1 – 30 \$5000; August 2- 30 \$5000

J. & S. FISHER

Charming country cottage with modern conveniences on spacious lawn, with views down the clove. New kitchen and bathrooms. Open concept first floor with living room, den/br, dining room, laundry room, bathroom with shower. Large stone fireplace with wood burning stove. Extensive deck with a hot tub overlooking the view. Second floor has 3 bedrooms and bath with claw foot tub.

August 1 – 30 \$6000

JANEWAY

The cottage of one of the founding families of Twilight. Adjacent to the living room is a window-seated music and game room. Dining room, kitchen, laundry and full bath on first floor, 4 bedrooms and bath with claw foot tub on second. Wrap around porch with deck extension to catch the sun. Driveway leads directly to the deck. Second Level. Woodland and rock view.

August 1 – 31 \$3800

POREMBA "Bear Loga"

A comfy cottage, filled with wainscoting and golden birch inside; covered porch on rear of cottage. Stained glass windows in living room and dining room. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths. road near Pebble Rock, halfway between pool and tennis courts. Second level. Woodland view.

July 1 – 30 \$2900; August 2 – 30 \$2900

SWANSON

First level cottage with commanding view of the Clove, Prospect & South Mountains. Open concept kitchen and seating area face the view. Living room with colored stained glass windows and brick fireplace. The "Washington" dining room has several large lithographs of George Washington! Second floor has master suite with full bathroom and shower, plus washer and dryer. Two bedrooms; full bath with claw foot tub/shower. Third floor has 2 bedrooms, one sleeping nook and play area.

TBA

HOUSES FOR SALE:

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| Ault | \$325,00 |
| Clare | \$425,00 |
| Decker | \$419,00 |
| Hay | TBD |
| Graves & Morilla | TBD |

CHURCH OF ALL ANGELS

Lessons and Carols Service December 2013: On December 26th, the community found a comforting warmth at the Campbell cottage where we convened for the service of Lessons and Carols. Quite a crowd came out on a frigid afternoon -- over 35 adults and children in attendance! A satisfying potluck dinner was served along with much good cheer after the service.

Many thanks to the Campbell family for opening their beautiful home to this service, to Barbara Swanson for leading the service, and to Linda Nicholls for her piano accompaniment.

Schedule of Church Services for Summer 2014:

The Ferris family is planning a Memorial Service for Bart Ferris at All Angels on Saturday, June 28th. Please mark your calendars.

Regular worship services for the season will begin on Sunday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Jonathan Huyck presiding. Sunday services continue through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31st. The Vestry is happy to report that Revs. Sean Cavanaugh and Jacob Smith have each agreed to return in the summer of 2014.

Jimmie Martocci has graciously agreed to direct our music program again. All are welcome to participate in our spirited choir. Just come down to the church at 9:30 on the morning of services to practice with us.

Flowers and Lemonade on the Lawn schedule for 2014:

As a reminder, here is the schedule for the upcoming summer. Thanks to those who have volunteered to support our fellowship in this way!

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| 29-Jun | Swanson | 3-Aug | J. Breck/ Manix |
| 6-Jul | Smith | 10-Aug | M/B Fisher |
| 13-Jul | FitzGerald | 17-Aug | Janeway |
| 20-Jul | Basini | 24-Aug | MacGahan/Spitko |
| 27-Jul | Weber | 31-Aug | Hulse |

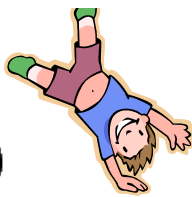
THE ALL ANGELS AUXILIARY

Saturday, May 26 -- Annual open house cocktail party at the Rectory, back by popular demand. Hosted by the All Angels Vestry and Auxiliary. All Twilights and their house guests are invited to see how their support of the Rectory has paid off.

Saturday, August 2, 2014 – The All Angels Auxiliary will once again host a Silver Tea. This classic Twilight fundraiser will offer tea and tea sandwiches as well as a chance to bid on or purchase antiques, handicrafts, furniture, musical instruments, old prints, art work, paintings, quilts, silver, china, stemware, baked goods. And not to be missed: a chance to purchase (or offer) the ever popular “mystery” dinner, brunch, or luncheon.



Twilight Park **Youth Programs 2014**



Our Mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, fun and learning environment for the children of the Tri Parks (Twilight, Onteora & Elka) that helps build a love and appreciation for our community and its heritage. We support **Twilight Park Youth Program expenditures** thru collection of participation fees and fund raising and the Twilight Park Cottagers (and the Board) help provide facilities / equipment, adult volunteers and encouragement.

Twilight Park Day Camp (9 am- 3:00 pm) a private day camp that provides an age appropriate mixture of swimming, tennis, archery, games, sports, boating, arts and crafts with a special emphasis on nature, hiking and camping in a caring and nurturing environment. Supervision is provided by experienced adult educators and camp professionals supplemented with teens & young adult Counselors from our Park communities. A 4-hour program is offered to the 3-5 year olds.

After Camp Programs (3:00 – 4:30 pm) Optional After Camp fun – daily / weekly options will change and may include: Tennis, Archery or Swim Clinics, Special nature activity, Arts & Crafts, Variety of Clubs and other interests identified by parents & campers.

Programs for Teens and Tweens

- **Leaders in Training (LIT) Program** for 12-14 year olds, is a leadership development and counselor readiness program with team building activities, leadership & counselor training and hands on experience with community projects and camp programs. The LIT's are led by adult Leaders with teen leadership experience in camp settings.
- **Teen Counselors** – whenever possible our teen Counselors are hired from the Tri-Parks and spent their entire day with the Camper or working on Camp functions
 - **Counselors Assistants** are minimally 14 with experience as a LIT. Experienced teens may earn a small weekly stipend for their work with the Day Camp or they can be volunteers working for volunteer credits.
 - **Counselors** are minimally 16 years old with 2 years successful experience as a LIT /CIT or one year as a Counselor Assistant and earn a competitive weekly salary.
 - **Senior Counselors** are minimally 18 years old with 1 year of college (preferred) and at least 2 years' experience with camping or other youth programs.

Please go to www.twilightpark.com for additional information and links to registration forms or contact Sarah Post spost123@aol.com or MJ Meherg (Youth Director) mehergmj@centurylink.net

Need a Fun Summer Job! - Consider becoming a Camp Counselor or a Lifeguard

- We offer competitive pay and provide opportunities for supplemental pay with our after camp program and overnight trips.
- If you just want to work part-time we can also offer positions as a substitute Counselor
- Requirements
 - Camp Counselor (all filled but you can be on back-up list)-16 or older and have experience with children. Min. pay- \$240 per week- 6 hour program
 - Senior Camp Counselor (still need one more)- 18 years and older with 1 year of college and have experience with camp or a youth group. Min. pay \$300 per week- 6 hour program
 - Counselor Assistant (paid positions are filled but volunteer positions available)- 14 & 15 year olds who have attended our Leadership program or equivalent.
 - Life Guards 16 or over and have a current Life Guard certification

Go to the Twilight Web site www.twilightpark.com and find job application forms and Mail to Mary Jane Meherg at 410 Citrus Lane Maitland, Florida, 32751 or electronically to mehergmj@centurylink.nets.

Life Guard job applications should be forwarded to Sandy Knapp 11 Valleyview St. Oneonta NY 13820 or electronically to deadle8@yahoo.com.

Under 15 and want something fun and rewarding? We will be continuing our “**Leadership Program**” for our 12-14 year olds this year that combines developing leadership and team building skills with the normal fun aspect of a camp program. More information on the Twilight website



Just a reminder from a previous email:

During the past year, the Town of Hunter's Building Inspector has written Allan Lans to remind the Park that we are subject to local building code regulations and that the Town expects permits to be filed for new buildings or changes to existing ones. It is up to your architect or contractor to get either a building permit or an exemption. In addition, he reminds us that his office requires that the contractor pay Workmen's Compensation to New York State - and the Building Inspector may order that a project may be stopped if this requirement is

not met. The Workmen's Compensation requirement includes insurance (paid by the contractor) for injury sustained on the job and not to be covered opens the homeowner and the Park to liability claims. (Many homeowners' insurance policies include liability claim coverage, but most exclude claims made by workmen who were not covered by Workmen's Comp. but who should have been.) In view of this letter, the Board and the Design Review Committee have no option but compliance.

TWILIGHTERS WINTER NEWS

The Dayton's

Bruce & Gracie Dayton Bruce and Gracia have been enjoying the weather in Vero Beach for February and March. Gracia broke her right wrist slipping on black ice in Lexington just before departing for Florida...so no swimming.

Bruce has been very active in arranging a multiple mini reunion for the Williams Classes of '55-'59 in Vero.

The entire Dayton and Wilson clan gathered with friends as Jon arranged for a box at the Williams Trinity hockey game played outdoors at Fenway

Art Tressler & Bonnie MacKenzie

The major winter story for us was a trip to the Pearson home in west suburban Chicago for a party to celebrate Art's 85th birthday. Susan and Fabio came from Yonkers as did Martha and Anthony from England. And, of course, the two granddaughters, Natalie and Sarah, home from college, were there.

An interesting trip will take place in April after the Snowy Old deadline. We will visit Martha and Anthony in their new home in Southampton, England. Their home is a short distance from Highclere Castle which we have plans to

Park as a birthday party for Hendy. It was quite a thrill for Tucker, one of Williams teams captains, to play and win (Pete Bailey and John Gordon take note!)

Bruce and family celebrated his 80th birthday and retirement after 53 years in the financial service industry starting with the Wall Street Journal in 1956. (With a three year break for Naval Service.)

Bruce and Gracia want to remind everyone to invite guests for the weekend of the Twilight Art Show August 9-10...guests are usually good buyers and entertainment is provided by the show

visit. Perhaps we will get to meet the current occupants, Lord and Lady Carnavon. Those of you who follow PBS's "Downton Abby" will know the significance of this.

We will also be in driving distance of Winchester Cathedral and Portsmouth which has a naval museum that includes Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose. It will be a busy few days.

Perhaps a report on this trip, with pictures, will find its way into an early issue of the Summer Owl.

Peter & Brenda Swords

Peter and I spent a fascinating, highly enjoyable week in Cuba early in December. We went on a person-to-person cultural exchange (the easiest way to go) with a group of architects and artists. There are many groups going down now legally - school, church, interest groups - and we encourage anyone who's interested to make the trip before the beautiful old buildings disappear. The old cars are magnificent too - and the music!!!! We spent five days in Havana, right next to Old Havana, and a two-day trip south to two centuries-old cities, Cienfuegos (French classical) and Trinidad (colonial), and a sugar plantation. We'll be happy to tell anyone about it this summer, over mojitos (which were ubiquitous there) or Peter's famous rum drinks!



Peter and Brenda in front of the Bay of Pigs museum in Cuba in December - the tank was used to repel invaders



Peter Swords having lunch in Havana high above the famous Hotel Nacional and the Malecon - the 8 km oceanside drive

The McCarrick's



Here is a photo from our Day-after-Thanksgiving trek to TP to inspect the never-ending construction project at our cottage. From left to right: Kyle, Grace, Clare and Conor - with our two dogs Libby and Casey delighted to have everyone home for the holiday.

We look forward to moving back into our cottage in late spring and seeing everyone this summer!

The Underwood's

Greetings from the Underwood family!
I had laparoscopic surgery on February 20th at HUP (Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania) to remove a large rare fast growing tumor from my colon. After finding it on a routine colonoscopy, my doctor said I was his number one priority and referred me to a top surgeon. All the cancer has been removed and I am all connected back together recovering at home after six days in the hospital. I am truly grateful to have such good medical care through Penn Medicine.

Stephanie, Lou, Ian and Liliana Mazero will be here on March 1st, to help celebrate my 70th birthday. They are looking forward to spending

time in Twilight this summer. Megan is at NYU in Madrid this year and will finish her second year in New York this fall. She is getting a Master's degree and will be certified to teach Spanish and English as a Second Language. I plan to spend 3 weeks in Spain in June. Megan will be done with classes but still has her placement until the end of June so she will have a fair amount of free time. Steve does not wish to travel out of the country but I love it. I expect to be recovered in time for a two week trip to Rome and Sicily which leaves April 22nd.

We are so glad we got a new roof on our cottage last fall before all the snow arrived.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2014 season!

