



THE TWILIGHT OWL

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Twilight Park Winter Awards

Here we are again for the first time with the Twilight Park Winter Awards.

- 1) The Woolly Mammoth Award: to Tom and Annie Braunstein for having their house turned into an ice fortress
- 2) The Yeti Award: to Whitney Janeway for his ghostly apparition arising from the icy mist scaring the pants off anyone in the vicinity
- 3) The Icy Pinnacle Award: to Judy and Bob Sheridan for braving the steps
- 4) The Save a Life Award: to Claire Zabel for keeping a cricket alive though the wintry months
- 5) The Save a Life Award Part 2: to Joey Zabel for feeding that cricket to his pet lizard, Moses
- 6) The Winter Cultural Award: to Skip and Anne Pratt for having attended all the performances at the Catskill Mountain Foundation
- 7) The Imperious Award: to Eleanor Alter for having stared down a squirrel at a bird feeder
- 8) The Now You See Him Now You Don't Award: to Dave Maurer for almost having been seen on several occasions
- 9) The Gourmet Award: again to Eleanor Alter for having been able to avoid eating at the Village Bistro all winter
- 10) Gourmet Award 2: to Peter Swords for attempting the Buffalo Burger At the Cheese Shop

There you have it folks, the first, and probably last, Twilight Park Winter Awards. Welcome, welcome spring.

Allan Lans

The deadline for the next Owl is Sunday, June 14. Submissions may be dropped in my mailbox at the gatehouse (call to confirm that I will be there if it is time-sensitive) or e-mailed to me at TwilightParkOwl@gmail.com.

This Weekend's Events

Friday, May 22

7:00 pm – Drop-In Dinner at the Clubhouse. Rick Manix serves up his famous spaghetti dinner.

Saturday, May 23

1:00 pm – Earth Day Picnic on the Clubhouse lawn.

5:30 pm – Annual "Kick off the Season" cocktail party at the Rectory. Hosted by the All Angels Vestry and Auxiliary.

Sunday, May 24

10:00 am – Start the day at the Church Columbarium helping with the gardening and general clean up. John Ainsworth is coordinating this effort and will appreciate any help you can provide. All are welcome!

10:00 am – Mountain Top Library Update with cookies and coffee at the Clubhouse.

11:30 am – All Angels Auxiliary meeting at the Rectory. Light working lunch and refreshments will be provided to feed the body as we roll up our sleeves and dig into our plans for the 2009 Season.

1:30 pm – Path cleanup with the Twilight Pathfinders. Meet at Wingate Field.

Join the Twilight Pathfinders

Sunday, May 24, 1:30 pm

The Twilight Park Pathfinders will get a head start clearing paths this year. We will meet at Wingate Field this Memorial Day weekend, on Sunday at 1:30 pm. We will also update Cottagers on where we are with the paths at the Earth Day Picnic. We hope to see you there!



News from Georgia Gelmis

I am completing my second year working for the University of Florida, from which I graduated in 2007 with an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. Recently I was promoted to senior writer and editor for the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program (FFL), a DEP-funded extension program that teaches safe environmental practices to homeowners, builders and developers, and landscape maintenance workers statewide. I have helped to revise the *Guide to Florida-Friendly Landscaping* and am designing a Florida-Friendly workbook for children.



Georgia in the Everglades, Christmas 2008

I published a short story ("Cremation Day") in *Crab Creek Review* and two poems ("E.M. Forster Eats Conch in Key West, 1909" and "How to Get Across the Room") in *Main Channel Voices* and *RHINO*, and I am at work on a novel set in 1977. I spend as much time as I can outdoors: birding, hiking, biking, and tramping around my friends' farm. I have made many enduring connections in Gainesville but still miss my family and Twilight!

News from Ernest and Joyce Lowrie

Our latest news, hot off the computer screen and the phone:

Michele Lowrie has just accepted an appointment to Full Professor of Classics at The University of Chicago, in Chicago, Illinois, starting this fall. Our grandson, **Lucas Fagen**, will be attending the LAB School. This is a prestigious appointment for Michele, and we, her parents, are very proud of her.

Michele's second book, *Writing, Performance, and Authority in Augustan Rome*, is being published by Oxford University Press.

Report from Savannah

Damn, these chiggers can bite. Well, this was a quiet season for us Gordons this winter, so the report will be brief. A Congressional Committee was down here on one of them junkets and a gator ate the one from Delaware. Get too close and it happens. **Alice** spoke to the gator and he of course denied it. Gator said the story was a "croc" and he was just "Biden" his time. Hey, gator with a sense of humor. What's bad? Gator said it must have been a Republican 'cause the skin was so thin.

E. Alter came to visit, but we warned the residents in time so everybody was safe. Damn, these chiggers itch. We have lots of fun "hangin'" at the bird sanctuary. Those guys can sure fly. We came in 2nd in the golf cart races but only because the winner souped his cart up and got away with it. Anyway, 2nd Prize was a generous supply of DEET, which sure comes in handy. The Swamp Critters have been active this season so we try to stay indoors as much as possible.

Well, that's about it. See y'all real soon.

John "Gordo" Gordon

News from the Braunsteins

The Braunsteins seem to have weathered the winter fairly well, though our Twilight house was another story. A broken furnace in the fall led to an immediate shut-down of the house. When Tom went up to check on the new furnace and open the house in March, he discovered that not only did the new furnace not work, but there was a foot-thick sheet of ice in our "basement," encasing the hot water heater. With a pick-axe, a few warm days, and a lot of determination, Tom freed the water heater from the glacier, and we have been able to get our house up and running. Hooray for spring!

Charlie is finishing up his first year at the Brotherhood Nursery School, where he excels at block building. If you foresee any home improvement projects within the next few years, you may want to put your name on his list. We have high hopes for his building skills.

After seven long years, **Annie** is finally finished with her coursework to become a dietitian and has been accepted into NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital's Dietetic Internship Program. She has also been honing her newsletter skills as co-editor of *The Greater New Yorker*, the newsletter of the Greater New York Dietetic Association, a position which she will continue this year.

Tom is overworked, underappreciated, and sorely in need of some golf therapy. All qualified therapists should contact him at 589-6284.

Entries Wanted for the Twilight Park Artists' 62nd Annual Art Exhibition

Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th

On August 8, the 62nd Annual Art Exhibition sponsored by Twilight Park Artists at the Twilight Park Clubhouse in Haines Falls, NY will open to the public for a small admission charge. The Exhibition is open to artists and photographers from the Mountain Top, surrounding areas, and invited guests. Last year's exhibition featured over 200 pieces of art on exhibit.

A special feature of this year's show is a **Guided Gallery Walk** at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 8, when Show Chairman, Gracia Dayton, Immediate Past President of the New England Watercolor Society, will discuss the judges' choice for the prizes awarded.

In addition, on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 pm, **Phillip DePoala** of Saugerties, currently enrolled at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, will demonstrate his approach to collage. DePoala was a Merit Award winner for his collage in the Twilight Art Show in 2008 just after completing a mixed media installation at Munson-William-Proctor Art Museum in Utica, NY. A mixed media installation featured on the Pratt Campus in Brooklyn during November and December of 2008 included metal, wood, painting, and neon light constructions averaging 8 feet in height.

A **Children's Art Show** for children 14 years of age or younger is also part of the show. In 2008 twenty-six children participated as "Emerging Artists."

Additional works, framed and unframed as well as a selection of crafts will be for sale at the "**Corner Store**" of the Twilight Park Clubhouse.

The first art exhibit hosted by Twilight Park was held August 16-23, 1947. It was then exclusively for Twilight Park residents and was started as an experiment. The show featured 13 artists and 60 works of art. It was strictly an amateur show with no professional judges or prizes. According to Rev. Bradford Burnham, a member of the 1947 Exhibition Committee, the paintings were rather casually leaned against the walls and center columns of the Park's Clubhouse for viewing.

In 1948 outsiders were invited to exhibit as well, and in 1949 the Woodstock Artists Association provided a three-person Jury of Awards. Since that time a number of well known art and photography judges, including museum directors from Williams College and Skidmore College's Tang Museum of Art, have evaluated the show's entries. Currently prizes are awarded for the judges' selection of Best in Show, as well as Awards of Excellence and Honorable Mention.

Entry forms for the show can be obtained:

- At the Haines Falls Free Library
- At Twilight Park's gatehouse
- By calling Gracia Dayton at (518) 589-5119
- By visiting the Twilight website www.twilightpark.com and clicking on ART SHOW

Entries are due by Wednesday, July 8th – no exceptions.



All Angels Vestry and Auxiliary 2009 Schedule

The Vestry and Auxiliary are looking forward to an active summer schedule, including not just the "something old" but also featuring "something new."

MAY 2009

Saturday, May 23, 5:30 pm – Annual "Kick off the Season" cocktail party at the Rectory. Hosted by the All Angels Vestry and Auxiliary.

Sunday, May 24

10:00 am – Start the day at the Church Columbarium helping with the gardening and general clean up. John Ainsworth is coordinating this effort and will appreciate any help you can provide. All are welcome!

11:30 am – All Angels Auxiliary meeting at the Rectory. Light working lunch and refreshments will be provided to feed the body as we roll up our sleeves and dig into our plans for the 2009 Season.

JUNE 2009

Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday services begin for the summer season and continue every Sunday through September 6. The Vestry is adding a new dimension to our Sunday services with a social hour following our first service of the summer -- **Lemonade on the Lawn**. We will have our first "Lemonade" social after the June 28 service, and others will be announced month by month. All are welcome! After the benediction please join us outside for light refreshments on the church lawn before you return to your homes. In case of rain, John and Joanne Ainsworth will host the Lemonade social at their cottage. **The Vestry will meet in the church following the Lemonade social on June 28.**

AUGUST 2009

Saturday evening, August 1 – BEATLES CABARET! Entertainment from the Beatles era starring Twilight's brightest stars combined with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. More information to come but for now SAVE THE DATE!

See the 2009 Summer's Events on the Twilight Web Site

The Twilight Web calendar, which lives at the Twilight Park Web site, supplements the hard-copy calendar that is available in cottagers' boxes each Memorial Day weekend. The Web calendar provides detailed descriptions of Twilight events and is a way to notify cottagers in addition to word-of-mouth, flyers, and the Owl.

To see the events posted to date, log on to www.twilightpark.com, click on the tab for 'calendar' (in the top grey bar), and bring up whatever month that interests you using the drop-down box titled 'month'. To view the full description of each event, rather than its summary, just 'mouse over' it (place your mouse over the event summary - but don't click on it).

To see only the events that are listed in a particular category, select a category under the drop-down box 'category.' Categories include Park or All, All Angels Church, Camp, Clubhouse, Garden Club, Golf, Linger-Nots, Pool, and Tennis.

John Galatti and Nora Monaco manage the calendar, and people with 'permission' to update each separate category are: John and Nora and Bonnie MacKenzie (all categories), and Scott Graves (tennis). If you would like to take charge of a particular category, please contact John at igalatti@twilightparkrock.com.

If you would like to post a one-time event on the calendar (e.g., Ladies'/ Men's Night Out), contact John, Nora, or Bonnie.

Bonnie MacKenzie

June at the Mountain Top Arboretum

Route 23C in Tannersville
Call (518) 589-3903 for more information

Garden Fair

Saturday, June 13, 10 am – 3 pm

A day-long event featuring select hardy trees, shrubs, herbs, wildflowers and native plants for sale, plus our annual plant exchange (bring a plant, take a plant), and advice from Master Gardeners. Delicious refreshments available. Come meet your fellow gardeners and neighbors. Free Admission to Fair.

Mushroom Growing at Home

Saturday, June 20, 11 am

Bob Beyfuss will lead a workshop on how to grow mushrooms. Participants will get to inoculate bolts of wood with Shiitake spawn and take home a bolt with them afterwards. Call or email to register.

Ping Pong Tournament Finals: In Pursuit of the Twelka Cup

Sunday, July 26, 2:15 pm
Elka Park Clubhouse



The finals of the Ping Pong tournament between Twilight Park and Elka Park in pursuit of the famed Twelka Cup will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at 2:15 pm in the Elka Park Clubhouse. Yes, Twilighters, the Twelka Cup Finals will be contested in July this year, after months of difficult negotiations! The date change benefits Twilight Park... we will leave it at that.

Refreshments will be served (provided **free** by the promoters). All Twilight Cottagers are cordially invited to attend this momentous battle of Mountain Top Pong Titans. The winning team gets their name inscribed on the vaunted Twelka Cup for posterity, along with the winning score, and also enjoys the right to display the trophy for one year at their home Park, for all the world to see. The bragging rights that accompany a victory are incalculable!

Please join your fellow Twilighters at the Elka Park Clubhouse on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at 2:15 pm. There will be great Ping Pong, lots of trash talking, and a surprise or two in store for attendees.

Twelka Cup Co-Captains John Gordon & Ellen Lasch

Update on the Mountain Top Library

Sunday, May 24, 10 – 11 am
Twilight Park Clubhouse

Please join members of the Haines Falls Free Library Trustees and representatives of the Friends of the Library for a light breakfast at the Clubhouse.

In one hour you will:

- Get an update and progress report on the status of the new Mountain Top Library and Learning Center.
- Meet the President of our new, community based, Library Friends group and find out about the exciting events the Friends have planned for Spring/ Summer 2009.
- Have an opportunity to give your input into what programs and services you would like to see at the new facility.
- Find out how to make sure the books you want to read this summer are available at the Haines Falls Free Library.



Twilight and area information

Summer 2009

Garbage Pick-up

May 19 – June 30: Tuesdays

July 4 – September 8: Tuesdays and Saturdays

September 15 – October 20: Tuesdays

Please keep in mind that garbage removal is billed **by the bag**. Please try to consolidate smaller bags of trash into a larger bag before putting it in your trash bin.

Recycling Guidelines

Recycling is mandatory in Greene County! Please separate your recyclables and prepare them for collection as follows:

- Glass bottles and jars: clean, with metal and plastic neck bands removed
- Metal cans: clean
- Plastic bottles: clean, with caps and metal rings removed. Only soft plastic with recycling number 1, 2, 3, or 5.
- Newspapers: tie with cotton twine or put into brown paper bags. Glossy supplements and telephone books can be included.
- Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper: tied with twine
- Office paper, envelopes, junk mail: separated into brown bags
- Corrugated cardboard: flattened and bound. No waxed cardboard or pieces larger than 3' x 3'.

Appliances, car batteries, tires and other items should be taken to the Hunter Transfer Station on Hylan Road.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Sun: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Wed: CLOSED

Adirondack Trailways Bus Schedule

New York City → Haines Falls/ Hunter

8:30 am → 12:00 pm –HUNTER (no stop in H. Falls)

2:00 pm → 5:36 pm – Haines Falls

2:30 pm → 5:36 pm – Haines Falls

Haines Falls → New York City

8:49 am → 12:35 pm –HUNTER (no stop in H. Falls)

5:50 pm → 9:35 pm – Haines Falls

More frequent service is available to Kingston

Call for schedules: (800) 776-7548

Haines Falls Free Library Hours

Phone (518) 589-5707

	September - June	July - August
Monday	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	10:30 am – 5:00 pm	10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday	10:30 am – 5:00 pm	10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday	closed	10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	9:30 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday	closed	closed

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