



THE TWILIGHT OWL

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Summer Days in the Catskills Thousands of Visitors are There and Many More are Expected

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Away up in the breezy Catskills the last week has brought ideal Summer weather, and the people who have fled from the sweltering heat of the city to the charming little villages in the valleys and on the hillsides of that historic range of mountains have greatly enjoyed the sunny skies and cool, bracing atmosphere. Several thousand people are already in the Catskills, and many more are coming daily.

In beautiful Twilight Park, on the brink of the famous Kaaterskill Clove, nearly all the cottages have been opened. Many prominent people will spend the Summer at Twilight. The Yorkshire Cottage, owned and now occupied by Albert Pritchard, a New-York lawyer, who has his family with him, is one of the most delightfully-situated of all the cottages in the park. It is on a rocky ledge overlooking Palenville, far down the clove, the Hudson River and the distant Berkshire Hills. The Eagle's Nest will be occupied this year by Miss Frances Willard, President of the National Woman's Temperance Union, and Lady Henry Somerset, who is visiting Miss Willard. Miss Livingston and Mrs. Harrison of New-York will this Summer live in the cottage owned by Miss Stella King of New-York. Cairn Brae, which is occupied by the Misses Mackie of Newburg, N. J., is the largest and one of the most beautiful of the cottages in Upper Twilight Park. Mrs. Clement Smith of Philadelphia, who spent last Summer at her pretty villa, The Clematis, is expected at Twilight soon. Two new cottages have been built in Upper Twilight this season, one by Miss Congdon, and the other by Miss Minnie Dwight of New-York. Miss Dwight's cabin has been named The Skylight, because of the large skylight in the roof, which lets floods of light into her studio.

The Laurel House, situated at the brink of the Kaaterskill Falls, directly across the clove from Twilight, opened for the season this week, and Landford Palmer is now entertaining a number of guests. Far up the mountain from here the famous Kaaterskill, with its wild and beautiful surrounding scenery, looks out upon the waters of the Hudson. Its wide halls and spacious parlors will be full of life and gayety next Saturday night, for on the day George Harding, its proprietor, will open wide its hospitable doors. The three days' excursion trips that have been arranged with the West Shore and Ulster and Delaware Railroads by Mr. Harding promise to become very popular with New-York people.

Twilight Park Father of Doo-Wop and Table Tennis Deemed Grumpy Grampy

Old age and treachery reared its ugly head in Twilight Park on Tuesday evening. According to eye witnesses at the scene, John "Gordo" Gordon refused access to "his" Ping-Pong table to future Twilight Park Twelka Cup stars Ryan Clare, Brendan Clare, and Jake Maurer. Following this disturbing display of selfishness, he was said to have exclaimed, "Alexander will catch up to these whippersnappers if I have to ban their practice myself." His comments concerning the \$100 offer to have dining privileges at Onteora are not fit for print and clearly do not represent the opinion of decent Twilight Park Cottagers.

Mother-Son Tennis Tournament Friday, July 17 at 5:00 pm

Twilight Park is pleased to announce its first annual Mother-Son Tennis Tournament, open to all levels and all ages. Come on out for some fun on the courts and camaraderie on our tennis deck!

Play will be followed by barbeque on the deck. Food will be provided. BYOB.

\$10 per team.

Finals will be held on Sunday, July 19

Sign up with Daren by Monday, July 13

Events at a Glance

Saturday, July 4

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Board of Directors cocktail party on the Clubhouse lawn

8:00 pm – 12:00 am – Fourth of July dinner dance at the Clubhouse

Sunday, July 5 – deadline to register for Twelka Cup

Wednesday, July 8 – deadline for Art Show entries

Saturday, July 11

6:00 pm – Tri-Park Cocktail Party at Onteora

Friday, July 17

5:00 pm – Mother-Son Tennis Tournament at the Twilight courts

Sunday, July 19 – GARDEN CONSERVANCY TRIP CANCELLED

Last Chance to be a Part of 2009 Ping-Pong History



The ultimate Ping Pong competition of the season is rapidly approaching: Twilight Park versus Elka Park on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:15 pm in the Elka Park clubhouse, in pursuit of the vaunted TWELKA CUP!

Now is the time for Twilight Cottagers and renters to sign up to play in the preliminary matches which will determine who will represent Twilight Park in the finals.

Please call or e-mail one of Twilight Park's Twelka Cup Co-Captains to register, providing your name, phone number, email address, and tournament category (men (age 17 to whatever); women (age 17 to whatever); kids (age 12 through 16); and kids (age 11 and under).

John Gordon (518) 589-6540 or jrg07@aol.com
Ellen Lasch (212) 579-6483 or elasch@nyc.rr.com

Twelka Cup participants should **register with John or Ellen no later than Sunday, July 5, 2009**. Those registering must be available for the finals on July 26th, and should also be (somewhat) available for practice and play during late June and most of July.

Let's return the Twelka Cup to Twilight Park in 2009!

July at the Mountain Top Arboretum

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

Pruning Workshop: Deciduous Trees Saturday, July, 11 am

Kyle Byrne, licensed arborist and owner of T.R.E.C. Arbor Works, will conduct a workshop on when, why, and how to prune to help assure healthy, safe trees.

The Gardens of New Netherland Saturday, July 18, 11 am

Mountain Top Historical Society, Haines Falls
Firth Haring Fabend, author of the historical novel *Land So Fair*, set in the Hudson Valley during the period of the American Revolution, will discuss the gardens of New Netherland and the orchards, produce gardens, flower gardens, and crops that were planted in New Netherland when New York was a Dutch Colony of that name. This is a joint program with the Mountain Top Historical Society.

The deadline for the next Owl is
Sunday, July 12. 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.

Come Together Right Now

The All Angels Annual Benefit
Saturday, August 1st

Beatles Cabaret Revue

Time: 6:30 food/ refreshments/ dessert
Show time: 7:30 p.m.
Price: \$35 per person

Special patrons' names will be printed in the program:

Angels: \$100 per person
Archangels: \$250 per person
Heavenly Hosts: \$500 per person

Yellow Submarine sandwiches
Strawberry Fields desserts

and other goodies will be served
along with iced tea, sparkling water
and hors d'oeuvres for your refreshment pleasure
BYOB

Please fill out the form below and leave it in Barbara Swanson's box at the gatehouse with your check(s).

All Angels Benefit Reservation Form

Name _____

Number in party _____

Check off one:

_____ Regular Admission: \$35 per person
_____ Angel: \$100 per person
_____ Archangel: \$250 per person
_____ Heavenly Host: \$500 per person
_____ Special Contribution: \$ _____

Make check for benefit payable to **All Angels Women's Association**



Baby Sitting Option in Camp House

Senior counselors Sandy Truesdell and Beth Carlson will offer group childcare in the Camp Building, next door to the Clubhouse.

- 6:30-9:30 pm
- \$20 for the first child; \$15 for each additional child in the same family
- Includes expert entertainment, pizza, and juice

Number of children _____

Ages of children _____

Total Amount _____

Make check for baby sitting payable to **Cash**