



Snowy Owl Twilight Park

Winter – Spring 2015

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Check these out !



Mountain Top Historical Society

Walk back in time on one of our popular hikes through the High Peaks of the Catskills. These were America's first hiking trails whose beauty was immortalized in the novels of James Fenimore Cooper and romanticized in the poetry of William Cullen Bryant. The breathtaking views seen along these trails today were first captured in the 19th century by the premiere artists of the Hudson River School of art, our country's uniquely American school of landscape painting.

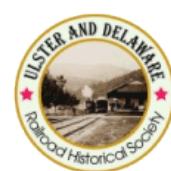
MTHS hikes are conducted by volunteers knowledgeable about the area and include historical narrative and insider information, the result of years of study about the area's trails, overlooks and historic sites. Robert Gildersleeve, author of the *Catskill Mountain House Trail Guide*, is a frequent hike leader. Bob Titus, the *Catskill Geologist* and author of *The Catskills: A Geological Guide*, leads a few hikes every season as well.

The trails, the views and the history are still here, preserved by New York State's designation of the Catskills as lands to remain forever wild. A walk through the woods with MTHS makes the past come alive for those who are adventurous and want to see and hear the story of America's first wilderness for themselves. **All hikes are free and the public is invited.** Please wear proper hiking attire and boots (no sneakers!), pack a lunch, don't forget rain gear or sunscreen, and bring plenty of water. Check their website for the 2015 Hike Schedule. **For more:** <http://www.mths.org/>

The Mountain Top Historical Society of Green County

The Society was organized to promote the increase of knowledge of and interest in that portion of the Catskill Mountains referred to generally as the "Mountain Top" through the study and preservation of its art, literature,

history, culture, folklore, legends and environment by means of a variety of programs, activities and projects.



Ulster & Delaware Historical Society
The Ulster & Delaware Railroad Historical Society is a chapter of the NRHS (National Railway Historical Society), focusing on the history of the railroads and related social, economic, and cultural institutions of the Catskill and Hudson Valley regions.

A Town Called Olive

A personal perspective by Camilla Calhoun on the old town of Olive and it's removal for the construction of the Ashokan Reservoir.



At The Gateway Of The Catskill

by Ernest Ingersoll from May 1877 Harper's New Monthly Magazine For more:
<http://www.catskillarchive.com/links.htm>

The New York Times

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Resort Is 100 (But Keep It Quiet)

By CONSTANCE L. HAYS

Published: June 27, 1988

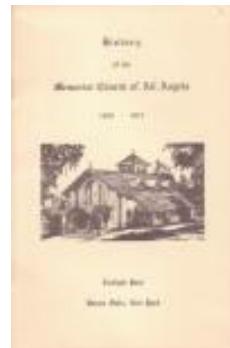
HAINES FALLS, N.Y., June 24— For all of its hundred years, Twilight Park, a resort that clings to a rocky mountainside near this village in the Catskills, has kept quietly to itself.

Now, though, "the park," as everyone here calls it, is preparing to step out. New begonias have been planted in a "1888-1988" configuration just inside the entrance to the resort. A time capsule containing written reminiscences, a commemorative poster and a videotape of events planned to mark the centennial will be buried beside the All Angels Episcopal Church, where most of the summer residents - known as cottagers - worship, regardless of denomination. There are even special tennis balls and book bags with the centennial dates printed on them.

But make no mistake; Twilight Park remains fiercely committed to the principles upon which it was founded, one of the most emphatic of which is privacy. The centennial events, which include a community picnic next weekend for cottagers as well as townspeople outside the resort, are by invitation only.

"It is kind of a secret place," said Bruce Dayton, president of the board of directors, who has been summering here for 42 years. **For more:**
<http://www.nytimes.com/1988/06/27/nyregion/resort-is-100-but-keep-it-quiet.html>

History of the Memorial Church of All Angels 1896-1971



Twilight Park, Haines Falls, NY

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http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygreen2/history_of_the_memorial_church_of_all_angels_twilight_park_haines_falls.htm



President's Note:

It the midst of our snow filled frigid winter, we shouldn't lose sight of the march of the calendar! Daylight savings is here, but more importantly, we are only about 75 days away from Charlie's Earth Day Birthday, featuring our very own Pete Bailey on the tap, the coals and the tap again. Soon, we will be seated on the Clubhouse lawn, beer or soda in hand, hotdog at the ready, chips at the taking, with several adroit tree climbers laughing and cheering while we ponder, "Should we take a nap before powering through to the Rectory party"? I say no! Have some birthday cake, chat with a Hersey, top off at the tap, and make your way up the hill! As anyone who knows anything about Rectories will tell you, Saturday is not a day of rest!

We should have an enjoyable and event filled Twilight season ahead of us. The Camp is gearing up with a host of new and fun activities. The pool will sparkle and feature a renovated ladies room. The tennis court furniture is being enhanced thanks to a very generous gift from Britt Fisher and family. It will be easier than ever to get around the Park as we continue the road pavement project. Unfortunately, for all of you who enjoy the taste of chlorine in your drinking water, the recent water filtration upgrades are likely to mean there will be less of that additive. Please, no drinking the pool water as a substitute!

The new Fun Committee (Bruce West, Casey Barrett and Steve Foote) is working to add a Twilight adult event or two to the summer calendar. Ideas that are being tossed around include a whiskey tasting, wine tasting, and if we can find a way to finance it, a jazz night. This will all be additive to the traditional ladies' nights, the newly added men's night (backgammon – we are counting on you Peter B) and a soon to be announced "Texas Holdem" evening that I will host.

If anything written here is a surprise to you, it's time to visit the Twilight website! After every Board meeting, we post Board of Directors Meeting Notes. These notes are relatively detailed and are our attempt to keep you better informed.

See you soon!

Alex



2015 SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND "LIVE IN" CAMP COUNSELORS

Live in" Camp Counselors

Twilight Park Day Camp expects to have several Counselors who would like to be "Live in" Counselors in Twilight, Onteora or Elka Park for a few weeks or more from late June thru mid- August. We have both adult counselors as well as college students who in exchange for housing can help with babysitting, household chores, or errands.

We have had very good experience over the past few years with our "Live in" Camp Counselors and are looking forward to helping to find the right fit for your family. Our Counselors have background and reference checks and receive CPR, safety and child management training.

Families interested in housing a Live in Counselor should contact Mary Jane Meherg at Mehergmj@centurylink.net or Sarah Post at spost123@aol.com for further details. You will be able to interview and meet these individuals before committing.

Job Opportunities Camp Counselors, Life Guards & More

The Twilight Park Day Camp needs Senior Camp Counselors 18 years and older with at least 1 year of college and experience with children's activities. These jobs have competitive pay and are ideal jobs for college students and teachers needing a summer position. The hours are Mon-Fri 9am- 3pm & weekly overnight camp outs from June 29 thru mid-August (4, 6 and 8 week sessions available). Must be available for training on June 20-21 and June 27 &28.

Our paid 16-18 year old Counselor and Junior Counselor positions will most probably be filled with returning Counselors... but just in case we have an opening you should complete the job application.

The Camp also needs a Nanny for infants and toddlers (min 18 years old with experience) and a part time Operations person to help with general maintenance, errands and odd jobs (min 16 years old).

Our 15 &16 year old Counselor Assistant positions have both paid and volunteer opportunities. Counselor Assistant application is attached

Twilight Park also needs life guards with lifeguard and CPR certifications- contact Sandy Knapp deadle8@yahoo.com

For more information on Camp positions contact MJ Mehergmj@centurylink.net

All Angels Women's Auxiliary News

Sunday, May 24

Auxiliary meeting at Manix cottage, 11:00 a.m. to discuss benefit.

Annual beginning of season cocktail party at the Rectory in the afternoon.
Details to come.

Benefit, August 1st

Next year's benefit will include entertainment, a cocktail party and identical dinners at Auxiliary members' cottages. The theme of the entertainment will be "Step Right Up" given along with a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres at the clubhouse.

Sheila Webber will coordinate the entertainment with Greg Dayton that will be a structured open mike event. At the clubhouse, there will be an open bowl with a suggested donation.

Cocktails will be served, with a repeat of the popular "Over The Falls" cocktail.

Ticket price for the dinner will be \$45 per person.

Cocktails and Entertainment at the clubhouse from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Dinner at individual cottages at 7:45 p.m.



2015 All Angels Altar Flowers and Lemonade on the Lawn

June 28	Haik
July 5	Martocci
July 12	Swanson
July 19	FitzGerald
July 26	Handte
August 2	Spitko/MacGahan
August 9	Underwood
August 16	Tarnowski
August 23	Weber
August 30	Smith
September 6	Hulse

SUMMER RENTALS

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As of February 4, the following cottages are available for rent:

AULT	July 1 - 31 August 1 – September 7	\$4600 \$5750	Rented Rented
BARISH/STERRETT	June 27 - July 31	\$5400	
BEHLKE	July 1 - 30 August 1 -31	\$5800 \$5800	Rented*
COLLINS	July 6 – August 5	\$5600	
DECKER	July 1 – 30 August 1- 31	\$5000 \$5000	
J. & S. FISHER	August 1 – 31	\$6000	
JANEWAY	July 1 - 30 August 1- 31	\$3800 \$3800	
POREMBA	July 1 – 30 August 1 – 31	\$2900 \$2900	
TALLMADGE	July 1 – 31	\$5500	Rented*
SWANSON	TBA	TBA	

* Prior renter returning.

THE FOLLOWING COTTAGES ARE FOR SALE:

AULT	\$325,000	CAMPBELL	\$750,000
CLARE	\$450,000	DECKER	\$399,000
GRAVES	\$499,000	HAY	\$250,000

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Speir Family News

The sophisticated Speir girls have been enjoying skating, skiing, and the much celebrated, historic, artistic, Neapolitan Christmas tree at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC.

Dayton Family News

Bruce & Gracia report that they escaped Boston and environs just before the big snow storms.....they are finding the weather in Vero Beach delightful and will enjoy it until the end of March.

In the fall and now as spring (?) approaches they along with some Wilsons and the San Francisco Daytons have enjoyed watching Jackson playing soccer for the University of Vermont.

On one road trip to Albany to see Jackson and make a stop at Union College for Tommy Wilson's Chi Psi initiation, Bruce managed to take a face first fall down a flight of stairs to make things exciting!!

Bruce says he has recovered !

Butt Family News

Joe and Dianne Butt welcome grandson Thomas Joseph Butt, born November 18, 2014. Proud parents are Sam Butt and Leila El-Azem, and proud big brother James.

Manix Family News

Last year, Rick and Leslie decided to pursue an impossible (so it seemed) goal for 2014. We had decided to hike the final 112 kilometer portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain. For those who don't know about it, the Camino is a centuries long pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Rumor has it that Charlemagne followed the Camino into Spain. Rick found the least expensive plane route to Madrid was on Turkish Airlines through Istanbul... so we spent a week in Istanbul...a wonderful, magical city, a week in Madrid and then took a train to Sarria, Spain to commence our hike on the Camino. After walking about 75 miles, with full back packs on, we went from Santiago to Finesterre...literally the "end of the earth" in ancient times. This is the furthest point west of Europe. We hiked to the lighthouse and watched the sun set over the Atlantic. We just spent three weeks skiing in the Northeast, Stowe, Vt., Cannon Mountain, NH, Waterville Valley, NH, Sunday River, ME, Atatash Mountain, NH, Bretton Woods, NH. We've also had about nine days skiing at Hunter Mountain.

Can't wait to see everyone in May!
Leslie and Rick

Douglass Family News

Mary, Chris, MaryEllen, Jimmy & Terry Douglass traveled to Savannah to visit family. Of course, it was during the November Arctic Blast. Just preparing us for winter weather to come.





Underwood Family News

We all gathered together for Christmas and to celebrate my birthday on March 1st. Megan and I attended the opening day (Feb. 28th) of the Philadelphia Flower Show. The Show Theme was Celebrate the Movies.

Unfortunately the smell of popcorn over powered the beautiful floral displays.

I am looking forward to spending some time in NYC in April.

Stephanie and kids (Ian 5 and Liliana 3) will be in Twilight for a few weeks and both will be in camp. Yeah!

Megan will finish her Masters at NYU in May and Steve plans to retire this year.

Best wishes to all!

Looking forward to a wonderful 2015 season !!

