



# THE SNOWY OWL

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2016 Winter – Spring

## WINTER NEWS & ACTIVITIES AROUND THE AREA ...

### Biking and skiing at the same time ?? WHAT !!!

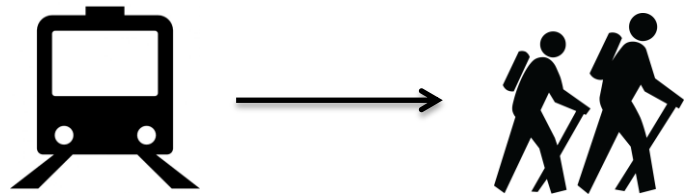


V rozkošném údolí švýcarského Grindelvaldu v bernském kantonu pořádali se každoročně zajímavé závody „rohačských bicyklů.“

#### Windham Mountain

Windham responded to the warm temperatures creatively: It re-opened its mountain bike park even as it made enough snow to open four ski trails. On Saturday, Dec. 20, Windham offered mountain biking, skiing and snow boarding trails simultaneously.

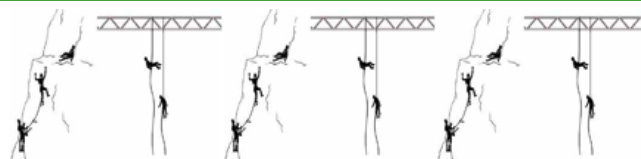
### Rail to Trail



On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Ulster County Legislature unanimously voted to approve Resolution 488, a plan that both the Catskill Mountain Railroad (CMRR) and the Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail have agreed to work together to split the corridor between trails and trains as best they can in a “segmented rail with trail plan”.

The railroad will keep its tracks in Kingston, where it has recently started a popular event series that includes the Polar Express, Thomas the Tank Engine and other specialty train rides.

The county and the trail boosters will turn 11.5 miles of track alongside the Ashokan Reservoir into a public walking trail that will allow people to enjoy the spectacular vistas on the shore without a permit for the first time in 100 years. Full article available at <http://www.watershedpost.com/2015/trains-and-trails-make-peace-ulster>.



### ROPE RESCUE TEAMS RECEIVE \$150,000 GRANT

An important service of six area fire and rescue units has been recognized by the state with a \$150,000 grant from its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The six units are the Tannersville Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Haines Falls Fire Company, Palenville Fire Department, Hunter Fire Company No. 1, H.D. Lane Fire Company, and Centerville-Cedar Grove Fire Department, all of whose rope rescue members operate jointly as the Twin Cloves Technical Rescue Team.



## Twilight Park Camp 2016 Summer Programs

Camper registration and job applications now available on [www.twilightpark.com](http://www.twilightpark.com).

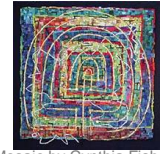
**CAMP MISSION** is to educate and build character, love of nature and community in children and youth who live in the Tri-Parks of Hunter Township by providing safe, nurturing, and learning youth programs & summer camps.

## The Catskill Mountain Foundation

Where the Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Crafts, Movies, Books, and Good Friends Meet



Vase by Shiro Otani



Mosaic by Cynthia Fisher

Registration is now open at the Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts.

See their website and sign up for the latest activities. [newsletter@catskillmtn.org](mailto:newsletter@catskillmtn.org)



## Mountain Top Historical Society Buildings and Grounds Update

The MTHS is now planning programs and hikes for the 2016 season and are looking at a need for volunteers to help us keep our Haines Falls campus looking as pristine as it has looked for the past 20 year. We need help with the tasks of mowing, trimming, clearing sticks and branches.

If you can give a few hours a week or a few hours a month, we welcome the help.

To volunteer or if you'd like more information, please e-mail the director at: [mthsdirector@mths.org](mailto:mthsdirector@mths.org).

## Twilight Winter Gatherings Planned for:



**Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
The Liberty NYC



**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Dianne & Joe Butt's

## SUMMER RENTALS 2016

As of February 11, the following cottages are available for rent:

AULT	June 28 - July 14	\$2450	
	July 17 - 31	\$2450	Rented
	August 3 - 31	\$4900	
BEHLKE	July 1 - 15	\$3000	Rented*
	July 17-31	\$3000	Rented *
	August 3 - 31	\$6000	Rented*
COLLINS	July 6 – August 5/10	\$5900/7,375	Rented*
J. & S. FISHER	July 24 - August 3	\$3100	Rented*
JANEWAY	July 1 - 31 August 1- 31	Temporary Rectory for All Angels Church	
FOOTE	July 1 - 29	\$8000	
	August 2- 31	\$8000	
J.& D. MAURER	August 1 - 31	\$4500	
POREMBA	July 1 – 29	\$3100	
	August 1 – 31	\$3100	
TALLMADGE	July 1 – 31	\$5800	Rented *
SWANSON	August 18 - 26	\$1550	
	Can extend days on both sides		

\* Prior renter returning.

\*\* Owners of cottages listed as monthly rentals may consider two week rentals.

### ***THE FOLLOWING COTTAGES ARE FOR SALE:***

AULT	\$325,000	DECKER land parcel	\$19,900
CLARE	\$450,000	GRAVES	\$440,000
HAY	\$200,000	POREMBA	\$189,000

Email Joanne Ainsworth for more information  
jlainsworth@optonline.net

## News from Skip Pratt:

The Pratt's have a new post office box: PO Box 269, Haines Falls, NY 12436.

FOTO and its associated entities, the 23A Arts Initiative and Catskill Jazz factory, listed various anticipated programs for 2016. (See *attached PDF*). Visit their website at [www.23arts.org](http://www.23arts.org).

The Hunter Foundation, which owns the Villa Maria property on 23A in Haines Falls, has discussed use of this property with 4 interested parties. There is nothing further to report.

In Tannersville, the Hunter Foundation is working on various 2016 projects with the Village. (1) Make major improvements to the Rip Van Winkle Lake area. (2) Create a new park area across the creek from the American Glory BBQ in the center of the Village.



## News from John McCarrick...

Dawn's father, Jim McQuade, peacefully passed away at our home in Valhalla in early December surrounded by his children. He was quite a character and had a full life. Jim ran away from home at the age of 15 and, using a neighbor's birth certificate, joined the Army in 1945. When he finished up his service to the Army, he joined the Marines and served there too. He lived with us for many years, and our kids grew up with him around the house.

Following his passing, we brought his Marine Corps portrait up to Twilight, where his 18-year-old self now resides in our first floor study. Jim loved Twilight and relished his visits here. Twilighters are welcome to stop by and say "Semper Fi" to the father of my bride or, as I liked to refer to him, that magnificent bastard.





## News from the Mannix Family...

*Catherine Mannix & Jon Feintuch*

Announce the Birth of Elizabeth Louise Feintuch.  
Granddaughter to Leslie and Rick Mannix.  
She is an angel and we are so blessed to have  
her in our lives. We can't wait to bring her up to  
Twilight this summer!



*Leslie Mannix*

This is Elizabeth Louise Feintuch, daughter of Catherine and Jon ...Rick and Leslie's first grandchild! She is a sweet child, and obviously a potential Rhodes scholar. She is 14 weeks old, recognizes us with a huge smile, rolls over and shakes her rattle!

Other news is that we had a delightful Christmas in Lancaster with Catherine, Jon, Elizabeth and Jamie all here. Rick and I continue enjoying hiking with the Lancaster Hiking Club and plan to test our abilities in April, going to Nepal and hiking to the Mount Everest Base Camp. We look forward to seeing you all this summer. We won't be able to be at the Memorial Day weekend fun because we will be celebrating Jamie's graduation from the Cornell Johnson School with his MBA. We do sneak up to Twilight for skiing, actually made a couple of runs at Hunter on New Years Day and plan to go skiing this week and in March.



## New from Patty Spitko...

2016 will be a life-changing year for me.

It started with a delayed Christmas celebration with Susie, Kevin, both my kids and 3 two year olds. Exhausting joy! Later in January Susie and I will continue our tradition of Sisters In The City weekend where we go to NYC and see a show or two. Then in February Kevin and I are flying to Florida to meet up with some of my college friends and celebrate 2 of us turning 65 (I'm one of them!) March is (hopefully) the annual St Patrick's Day celebration in Twilight.

And I retire April 1st (no joke). Although I will continue to work per diem I plan on being in the park a lot more this summer

## News from Penny Tadler...

Nanny aka Ida Vallo (Diana Tadler's mother) celebrated her 100th birthday on January 3rd! She enjoyed eating pizza and drinking Coke with her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. After cake and champagne she watched "Funny Girl."

A good time was had by all! See you on the mountaintop!

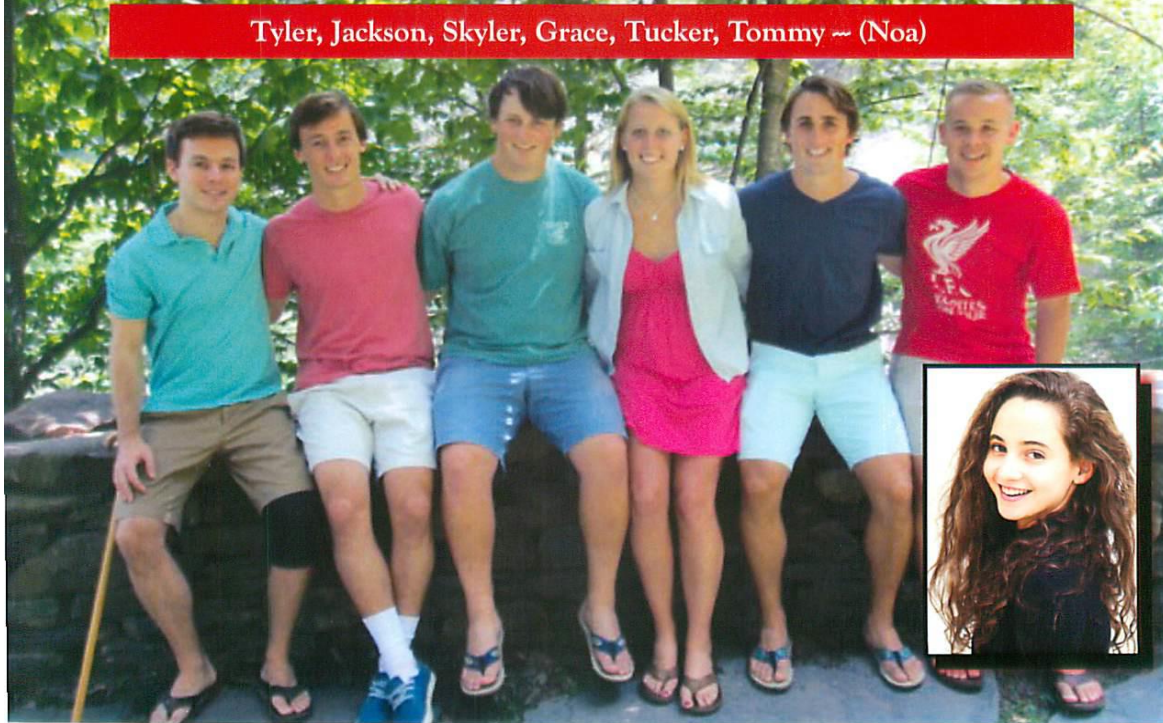


## News from Ariana Tadler...

The Tadler-Paterson crew of 4 (Diana Tadler's daughter, Ariana and her family) have had a whirlwind last few months since the summer wound down at Twilight. Carter Paterson embarked upon his college career at Washington University in St. Louis, where he promptly signed up for a multitude of activities. He was elected President of the Arts and Sciences School and is now an avid rock climber. Meanwhile, Decker Paterson secured the lead role of Cornelius in "Hello Dolly" and by all reports was both funny and charming. Ariana's husband, David Paterson successfully ran for reelection as the Manhasset Park District Commissioner and will serve another 3-year term. He also has a new movie, for which he is the screenwriter and a producer, The Great Gilly Hopkins, to be released in 2016. Ariana continues to practice law at her firm, having settled and secured positions in recent data breach and consumer cases, and in November launched a new business, Meta-e Discovery LLC, a data management and hosting company that provides solutions, including the application of technology assisted review (think artificial intelligence applications), to litigants and law firms in the management of discovery. We were all happy to have everybody home for 2 weeks to celebrate all that is Christmas with the extended TADLER clan and to just RELAX and RESET for 2016. Wishing all Twilights a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.



## News from the Daytons...



### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

- Sadly we celebrated the life of Gracia's cousin Roswell Farnham who passed away this year at age 96.
- Gracia continues active painting and exhibiting. Gracia is active as a Friend of the President of Skidmore College and on her Class Reunion Committee for 2016.
- Bruce, as President of his Williams Class, helped coordinate an off campus mini reunion at the Silverado in Napa Valley last May and looks forward to his 60th Reunion next year.
- Hendy, Jon, Heather and Dave hosted a party in the Dayton's Secret Garden for Greg's 50th birthday. Greg is working hard on a solo CD.
- Gracia and Bruce joined a Chilton Club organized tour to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit Chrystal Bridges Art Museum and, in particular, to see Durand's "Kindred Spirits". They will spend February & March in Vero Beach as they have in the last few years.
- Tucker, Grace and Tyler are all working and moving into apartments decorated with Gracia's paintings. Skyler looks forward to graduation from Whittier in May. Jackson, a junior at UVM, is Captain of the Soccer team that won Division 1 American East Men's Soccer Title. Jackson was named to the All East elite based on his academic standing. Noa continues her dance program at Alvin Ailey.
- As we go to press on this card the Wilson family as well as Gracia, Bruce and Greg will celebrate "Thanksgiving" in Scotland on a visit to Tommy who will be finishing a semester sponsored by Union College in York, England.

### CHRISTMAS 2015

## News from Terry Ellen Emmerich...

### WILDLIFE REMOVAL SERVICE

Every season we hear from neighbors who have uninvited guests living in their attics.

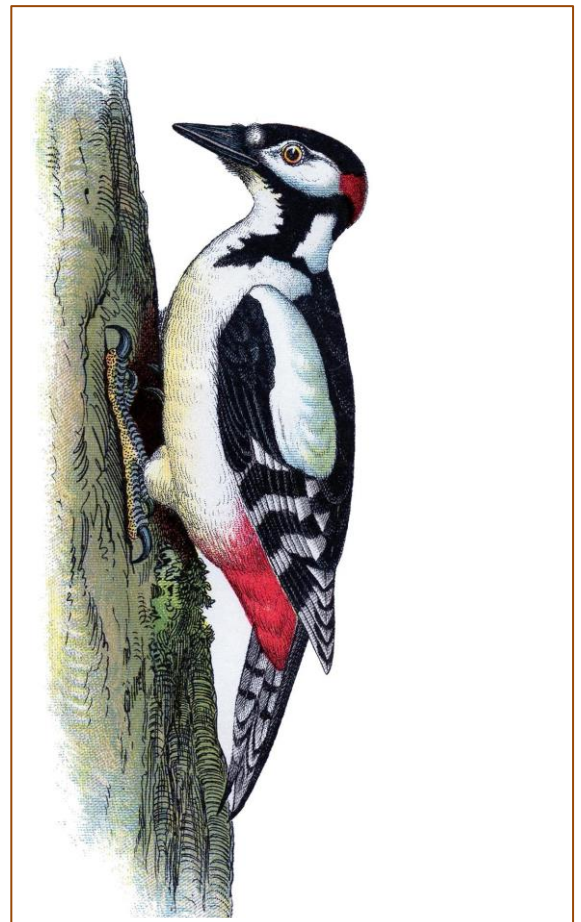
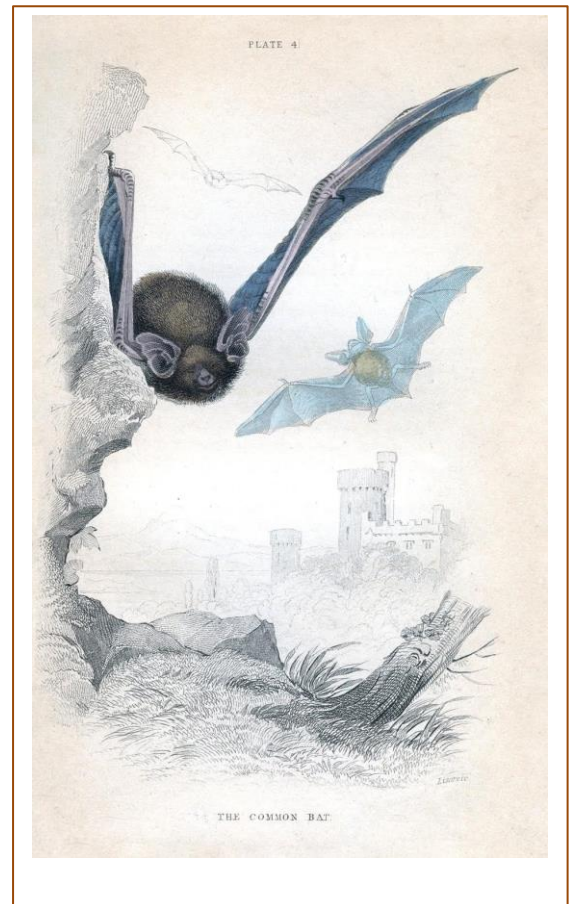
The Brown Bat family, Mr. & Mrs. Flying Squirrel and all their relations take up residence in cozy cottager attics with no intention of leaving, ever. FFF Wildlife Center's founder, Missy Runyan recommends HUDSON VALLEY WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS. Their website <http://hvwildlife.com/> has tips for preventing creatures from entering your cottage. However, once they have moved in, Hudson Valley Wildlife can evict them and prevent them (and their relatives) from coming back.

Sadly, animals that have the potential to contract rabies (bats, raccoons, skunks) must be euthanized once they've trapped them. Animals that can't contract rabies, such as flying squirrels, red squirrels, gray squirrels, may be trapped and released into the wild. (Chipmunks do not nest in houses, they dig underground burrows.)

What's different about their service (besides their humane approach) is that they will detect how the animals are getting in and make alterations to keep them out. Whether it's through an attic vent, a chimney, and roof intersections or by magic, they are also carpenters and can make a clean fix.

Woodpeckers are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, and so are their nests, eggs, and feathers. The NYS DEC advises to "live with the noise." HV Wildlife will use a repellant to deter them and has had success with that method.

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*Looking forward to a great 2016 season!*



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