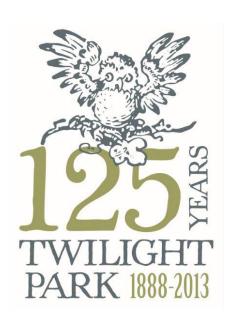
The Twilight Owl

14 June 2013 Issue 1



Welcome back! This season marks the 125th anniversary of Twilight Park. Many events will take place throughout the summer to celebrate this occasion and recognize the history of the Park. Independence Day weekend is not to be missed this season, as there will be a 125th anniversary parade, croquet tournament, picnic, games and other special events to celebrate Twilight Park. Practically every weekend in our calendars has an affair to honor this milestone summer.

We look forward to incorporating your submissions into each **Dwl** issue. In light of the anniversary year, consider writing a short history about your cottage, sharing an experience you had

in Twilight Park, how you discovered the Park or discussing how the area has evolved over the years. We hope to include the section titled "Remembrance of Things Past" in most issues, a space dedicated to exploring the history of both the Park and Catskill Mountains region. "Under Review" is another new segment of the newsletter committed to critiquing local restaurants, shops, happenings and towns. Feel free to share your ideas for either of these sections.

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Save the Date

July 4 - 7

125th anniversary events. The croquet tournament will start on Thursday, July 4th. Saturday, July 6th kicks off at Noon with the parade from Wingate Field, followed by a picnic and games from 1:00-4:00 at the Golf Course. The 125th Cottager Memorabilia and Poster Exhibition will take place from 12:00 to 4:00 (this exhibit will also be open on Sunday), and Saturday concludes with an open mic concert at 7:30PM in the Clubhouse. More details to follow.

July 10 Deadline for Art Show entries

Entry forms for the show can be obtained at the Haines Falls Free Library, Twilight Park's gatehouse, by calling Gracia Dayton (518.589.5119), or by visiting the homepage of the Twilight website: www.twilightpark.com and clicking on "ART SHOW." There will be no exceptions for late entries as the Program for the show must go to press.

July 12 Tri-Park Party @ 6:00PM in the Clubhouse

July 12 Lecture: "Early Images of Twilight Park" @ 8:00PM in the Clubhouse

July 19 Lecture: "The Prehistory of Twilight Park" @ 8:00PM in the Clubhouse

July 27 Tennis: Owl Matches

Classical Guitar Concert by Solomon Silber @ 4:00PM

July 28 Ping Pong: In Pursuit of the Twelka Cup

The finals of the ping pong tournament between Twilight Park and Elka Park will be held at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse. All Twilight Park denizens are cordially invited to attend this momentous battle of Mountain Top Ping Pong Titans. Refreshments will be served (provided <u>free</u> by the promoters).

August 3 Anniversary Gala, All Angels Benefit @ 6:00PM in the Clubhouse

August 10 - 11 66th Annual Art Exhibition

On Saturday, August 10th the judging will take place from 10:00AM until Noon; there will be a Gallery Walk at 4:00PM; followed by a reception from 5:00 to 7:00PM. The show will be open from 1:00 to 5:00PM on Sunday, August 11th, with an artist demonstration at 3:00PM. More details to follow closer to the date.

August 17 – 18 Tennis: Tarnowski Cup

August 24 – 25 Tennis: Women's Doubles

August 31 Family BBQ Dinner and Country Western Dance @ 5:00PM

From the 125th Committee | Saturday, July 6 Celebration: Parade, Picnic & Games

At Noon on Saturday, July 6th the anniversary parade will begin at Wingate Field. This is a costume affair! We encourage you to take advantage of a rare opportunity to flaunt your best Victorian attire. The occasion is complete with costume prizes awarded by uniquely qualified and experienced judges who will be scouting for creativity, authenticity (late 19th and early 20th century), Twilight spirit and sheer guts. 'Period dress' prizes will be awarded during the picnic at the Golf Course that follows the parade. A limited number of boating hats will also be available for purchase at \$5.00 each on a first come, first served basis. These boaters are similar to the centennial hats, but feature a special 125th commemorative band. They are perfect historical souvenirs for years to come, and an accessory that will certainly raise the stakes and increase yours odds at winning a prize in the costume contest. <u>Please Note</u>: <u>Parking will be limited on Saturday</u>. Please walk to Wingate field and the picnic by joining the parade or otherwise.

Calling Runners of All Ages! 1.7 Mile Twilight Park Race

Runners will set off from Wingate field. The race will take place on Twilight Park roads only. A short race for kids of all ages will take place as well.

Picnic Competition: RED, WHITE & BLUE

The Park has been divided into teams with the following team leaders: Red Team (Jon Dayton and Brit Fisher), White Team (BJ Weber and Bob Hersey), and the Blue Team (Danny Maurer and Jimmy Douglass). Check out the next **Oul** issue to see which team you are on!!!

Open Mic Night at the Clubhouse, 7:30PM

Greg Dayton will perform his new song in honor of Twilight Park, followed by an open mic night for all Twilighters who would like to participate. Linda Nicholls will provide piano accompaniment. Greg will be in the Park the week of July 4th; let him know if you are interested in participating. This evening event is BYOB.

Cut out the form below to purchase additional Gourmet Box Lunches for the picnic

A wonderful choice of Gourmet Box Lunches supplied by chef Christopher Douglass, along with drinks will be available at the Picnic.					
Each cottage will receive two free tickets for the Gourmet Box Lunches but must purchase tickets for additional Box Lunches. These tickets may be purchased by completing the form & attaching a check and leaving at the Gate House or handing to one of the Picnic Volunteers Sue Fisher, Teri Barrett, Sarah Post by June 28. If you will not be in the Park by June 28 th please e-mail Sarah Post spost123@aol.com to reserve your tickets.					
Name	Cottage Number				
Number of Additional Lunch Tickets Needed	at \$12.50 each.				
Make out check to <u>Twilight Cottagers</u>					

Time Capsule: Items Sought for 125th Anniversary Time Capsule

Be sure to submit items for the time capsule by June 16th. We are looking for objects that capture the spirit of Twilight today: audio tapes, photos, documents, recipes, invitations, programs from performances, etc. The capsule container is a polyethylene cylindrical pipe, measuring approximately 6" X 24". The capsule and its contents will be on display outside All Angels Church before and after the service on July 7th. Then the ends of the capsule will be formally sealed and delivered into Nathan's care for safe 25-year repose in the church basement. If you have items you would like to contribute, contact one of the Time Capsule Committee members: Bob Sheridan (chair), Barbara Swanson, Susan MacGahan, Annie Braunstein.

Exhibitions: July 6-7 and July 13-14, 12:00 – 4:00PM

Past History and Present Times: 125 Years of Twilight Park exhibit at the Mountain Top Historical Society. Please consider creating a poster for your cottage to include in this show. Posters and background papers are available at the gate house and at Mimi Haik's cottage. The posters can include how Twilight Park is special to you and your family. Mimi is also looking for loans of unique items to display in the exhibition – cooking utensils, door stops, walking sticks, fungi, fossils and photographs from the past.

The deadline is June 22nd; please contact Mimi Haik with further questions, 7040.

The Twilight Park Archives presents an interactive *Cabins Through Time* exhibition. Many Twilight Park cottages exist only in our memories or in legends: "The Ghost Cabin," where Bliss Carmen stayed, Judge Brennan's cabin above the third level, and the Olcott cottage. On display in the memorabilia exhibit at the Mountain Top Historical Society will be a scrapbook with maps, pictures, and stories illuminating the history of cabins from the past. You are invited to expand upon the show by incorporating your personal stories, legends and photographs. Please contact Bonnie MacKenzie at 6218 (after June 25th) with any suggestions or materials. Everyone is encouraged to participate in organizing this exhibition!!

The Mountain Top Historical Society is located in Haines Falls on Route 23A in Greene County, NY along one of New York State's most beautiful scenic byways. The 20-acre campus sits at the top of Kaaterskill Clove, the site of New York State's second-highest waterfall. The beauty of the clove and waterfall drew artists and writers of the 19th century and launched the Hudson River School. This historic location continues to draw thousands of visitors every year.



Ping Pong Tournament

During late June and July, dozens of Twilighters (men, women and children) will be furiously participating in a ping pong ladder tournament to determine the nine finalists destined to compete against Elka Park's nine finalists. The winning team will have its name inscribed on the vaunted Twelka Cup along with the winning score, and will also enjoy the right to display the trophy for one year at its home Park, for the world to see. The bragging rights that accompany a victory are incalculable!

John Gordon and Ellen Lasch, Twelka Cup Co-Captains

Pool

OPEN: Saturday, June 22nd CLOSED: Tuesday, September 3rd

Sunday – Thursday 8:30AM – 7:00PM Friday & Saturday 8:30AM – 8:00PM

Posters for Sale

Vintage! The following posters have been selected by the Art Committee and the 125th Committee for reproduction and sale. "Twilight Clove" by Joe Keiffer and "Twilight Owl" by Ed Shuttleworth are available for \$15.00 each, or \$25.00 for both. The posters are available for purchase at the Dayton's cottage; permission has also been granted to, politely, stop the Daytons in their van, as there is a small supply for purchase in their trunk ready to go. You must produce a check made payable to Twilight Cottagers with "poster(s)" in the memo line. Every cottage needs at least one, but don't forget to purchase for posterity too!





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NEWS FROM THE ALL ANGELS VESTRY

Thanks to all who joined the Vestry and Auxiliary in our "kick off" cocktail party on Memorial Day weekend! A great time was had by all, despite the less than sociable weather!

Sunday, June 30, 10:30 a.m. - Sunday services begin for the summer season and continue every Sunday through September 1. The Rev. Fred Burnham will officiate at the June 30 service, as well as our service on the weekend of the 125th Anniversary celebration, July 6. All are welcome!

Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m. - The All Angels choir is always looking for more song birds! Please join us for rehearsal Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., prior to worship.

Lemonade on the Lawn, Noon - Our first "Lemonade" social of the season starts at Noon immediately following the worship service. All are welcome, rain or shine. Whether you joined us for worship or if you are doing your morning run or tennis match, please drop by for some Lemonade and cookies!

NEWS FROM THE ALL ANGELS AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary met at the Rectory over Memorial Day weekend to plan for Summer Season 2013. We are excited about our 2013 Benefit - "Something Old... Something New" - under the artistic direction of Jim Martocci and Sally Maurer! This event will continue our celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Twilight Park. Delicious dinner AND spectacular entertainment by Twilight's Own - nothing can beat that! Mark the date, Saturday, August 3 - you will not want to miss out on the fun! Les Rogers Manix will be posting notices and mailing reservation forms to your boxes at the Gate House.

The next Auxiliary planning meeting is scheduled for June 29 at 11:30 a.m. Location -- Manix Cottage.

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Camp and Youth Program

Twilight Park Day Camp Grand Opening

Yes, that is correct... we are officially a New York State registered day camp, and our official name is Twilight Park Day Camp ("Twilight Camp" for short). The Youth Program mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, fun and educational environment for children of the Tri Parks in an effort to cultivate love and appreciation for our community and its heritage. We support *Twilight Park Youth Program (TPYP)* expenditures thru collection of participation fees and fund raising. Twilight Park Cottagers and the Board provide facilities & equipment, adult volunteers and encouragement.

Our Youth Programs this year include:

- Twilight Park Day Camp (ages 3-13): A private day camp that provides an age appropriate mixture of swimming, tennis, games, sports, arts and crafts with a special emphasis on nature, hiking and camping in a caring and nurturing environment. Our optional activities include archery, canoeing, extra tennis, gardening, field trips and community service projects. Supervision is provided by experienced adult educators and camp professionals supplemented by teens & young adult Counselors from our Park communities. Our Junior Leaders (the oldest Camper group) will participate in a number of additional activities and field trips.
- <u>Teen Leadership Program</u> (13-15+): A leadership development program with team building activities, leadership and counselor training, and hands-on experience with community projects and children supervision. Teen Leaders are led by adults who have experience with these initiatives in youth program settings.
 - Learn First Aid, Junior Life Saving, Child Care methods hands-on experience working with children
 - Acquire Camping, Canoeing, Hiking and Wilderness Skills multiple overnight trips planned
 - Enjoy Field Trips, Ropes Course & Social Events; Assist with Arts & Crafts, Tennis, Swim and Theater
- Evening & Weekend Youth and Teen Activities There will be evening activities planned by the Teens and their Helpers. What's summer without s'mores around the campfire, pool parties, campouts, movie night and other wholesome fun for children and adults alike? Each of these events has an individual, family or group sponsor. See the calendar for upcoming events, and if you have an idea or would like to be a sponsor contact Sarah Post, spost123@aol.com, or Paula Canning, Canningpaula@aol.com.

Youth Program Director: Mary Jane Meherg, mehergmj@centurylink.net Youth Committee Co-Chairs: Sarah Post (spost123@aol.com) and Anne Mack (amack00@gmail.com) www.Twilightpark.com

Date	Sponsor	Event	Location / Time
June 25 & 30	Youth Program Counselors	Open House (Parent Orientation)	Camp House 4:30 - 6:00PM
Thursday, July 4th	Janinne & Danny Maurer	Family Cook-out & Pool Party	Twilight Pool Noon - 3:00PM
Saturday, July 6	125 th Committee	125 th Celebration- Parade, Run & Picnic	Old Golf Course Noon - 4:00PM
Tuesday, July 9	Meyer Families	Bonfire/ S'mores / Field Games	Old Golf Course 6:30 - 8:30PM
Saturday, July 13	Dan Marcus Looking for other volunteers	Family Overnight Camp Out	Old Golf Course TBD

If you know any old Twilight Park/ Twilight Camp songs or traditions please tell Sarah Post. We would love to have our campers learn our old songs and traditions.

SENSES OF TWILIGHT

Carole Buffett

My thoughts of the place I love most, a place that fills up my senses..... Twilight!

Located in the eastern mountains of New York State, nestled on the northern slope of High Peak and Round Top Mountains at the head of Kaaterskill Clove, lies a magical natural kingdom. Hundreds of wooded acres are surrounded by the state forest preserve looking east over the Hudson River to the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. I have spent over 40 years there filling up *my senses*.

To the eyes, majestic panoramic views of what was once a primeval forest, Twilight still nourishes gigantic pine, maple and birch trees pruned by Mother Nature, not human hands. The trees form an outdoor canopy with an almost cathedral-like sanctity. Pleasing to the eye are colorful wildflowers: unholy jack-in-the-pulpit, pinky-blue or bluey-pink forget-me-nots, perky Indian paint brush, courtly Joe Pie weed, amusing foxglove and always the reliable day lily. Hard to miss along the meandering trails and roadsides are a myriad of fern, princess pine and woodbine. Assorted fungi pop up after heavy rain in unexpected places. Colors subtly expose themselves among the various greens of spring and summer, then more blatantly as fall approaches. Winter's colors are pure, crystal white but the streams and waterfalls, now frozen, are an icey aqua blue.

There are wonderful sounds in Twilight's forest, whispering pines, babbling brooks, thundering waterfalls, trilling bird songs, kettle drum thunder... a forest symphony.

My sense of smell tells me I'm in Twilight with just a whiff of fresh, clean air. Pine sap permeates the sacred woods. Fragrant flowering vines creep over stone walls and ledges. The most welcoming aroma is from wood smoke rising from a nearby cottage.

The smells of Twilight may also be attributed to my sense of taste. If Mother Nature coordinates her natural resources I might dine on a tasty ramp salad (onion-like) and a freshly caught Rainbow Trout sauced with local morels (edible mushrooms). Blueberries picked from the bushes at the back door would fill the pie for dessert.

To touch Twilight is to feel a great many different textures. Vast, rugged stone boulders, smooth rock ledges worn by the weather, and the velvety softness of clinging luxurious moss.

Carole Buffett 2011

Remembrance of Things Past

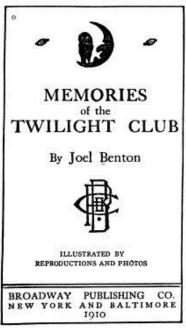
As part of this season's celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Twilight Park, the next several **(Du)** issues will highlight history of the Park and its surroundings. This installment illuminates Charles F. Wingate, a civil engineer and journalist, who founded Twilight Park in 1888. Prior to the Park, Wingate was the principal leader in conceiving an evening dining club in Manhattan with the mission to bolster spiritual and ethical awareness, thereby countering the "moral decline of society." The Twilight Club in Manhattan and Twilight Park in Haines Falls were never officially linked, but they coexist in history because both communities share a founder, namesake, and a philosophical foundation that was both unique and progressive for its time.

The Twilight Club was established in 1883 by Wingate and an eclectic group of businessmen, governors, writers, artists and labor unionists. Each individual represented a different thread in the commercial fabric of New York City, "millionaires and minnows in the financial current of the great city." The name of the club refers not only to the fact that their meetings were held at the twilight of the day, but also denotes the close of the 19th century and dawn of the 20th century. This was a period of immense change, where both society and industry were developing at a rapid pace, and Twilight Club members would gather after work to dine together and then engage in discussions of current events. In a book titled *Memories of the Twilight Club*, published in 1910, author Joel Benton describes the character of Wingate, and also offers an account of the activity and mission of the Club. "It was instituted and perfected by a group of intelligent and sincere men, who wished to assemble rare minds and personalities on the simplest terms." The philosophy of the organization was rooted in the effort to escape conventional formality in the club domain - for instance, formal dress, dues and by-laws were forbidden. Fees were nominal, and essentially only paid for supper. The Club had no clubhouse; the group would meet at various hotel dining rooms in the city, and frequently at the old St. Denis Hotel at Eleventh Street and Broadway "from about half-past 6 to 10 o'clock on Thursday evenings." While the members certainly engaged in a thoughtful approach to the discussion of major topics facing society, Mr. Benton clearly demonstrates that the Club also cultivated a sense of humor and was not lacking in joviality. All members of the Club were invited to lead discussion depending on their personal interests and professional expertise. The surviving documentation of dinner topics suggests the breadth of interests harbored by these members. Wingate presided over the following dinner subjects in 1892 - 1893:

> 7 January 1892: Have Workingmen a real Grievance? 4 February 1892: What shall we do with the Public Schools? 17 November 1892: The meaning of the Election 1 December 1892: What shall we do with the Slums?

9 February 1893: Shall we annex Hawaii?

"Within a stone's throw of Grace Church, on Broadway, in the colonial dining room of the St. Denis Hotel, just across the street, the various-membered and historic Twilight Club was for many years accustomed to meet, in its most active period – fortnightly – for eight months in the year. The Club has held no gatherings of late years, on account of its founder's now fatally terminated illness, although the memories of it are widespread and live with inextinguishable activity. I do not assume to be fully equipped as the historian of it. No one, perhaps, except its brilliant and lamented founder, Mr. Charles F. Wingate, could be. But I am able to supply here some few reminiscences should someone venture upon such an undertaking in years to come." Joel Benton, Introduction, 1910.



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Charles F. Wingate was a man who operated from an intrinsic obligation to uplift humanity. Described as an idealist and an altruist by his contemporaries, Wingate felt stifled by conventional society, including his desk job as a journalist in Manhattan. He became a sanitary engineer because he "wanted to get out doors, away from desk-work." Shortly after the Twilight Club was established, a convention on Sanitary Engineering brought him to Haines Falls in 1887. While walking through the undeveloped, forested milieu of his hotel, Wingate discovered a sheep pasture for sale – clear land that could be transformed into a utopian retreat from the city. The community that stemmed from this pasture emphasized physical and intellectual attainment, rather than purely social and financial pursuits. In his mission statement, Wingate articulated his intentions for what became the Twilight Park that we still enjoy today:

"We are creating a community in which the interests of each are the concern of all... Our scheme is based not upon ideal human nature, but on human nature as it is, taking enlightened self-interest as the cornerstone, and for the pillars of our structure the love of home, the love of children, and the desire for wholesome recreation, the need of rest and refreshment for tired city residents and then enjoyment which comes from simple comfort, congenial society and beautiful surroundings."

John A. MacGahan, *Twilight Park* (1888-1998)

In a memoir of Charles Wingate included in *Memories of the Twilight Club*, Benton describes the founder of both Twilight communities as broadly sympathetic and tolerant, unselfish and completely dedicated to elevating society. "His was the song, too, of human betterment, as well as that of Beauty. In his worldly relations he was full of sunny radiance. He had a good word for all – and most of all for those who most needed it. To harbor a sense of wrong was not in his nature; and one cannot think of his having had an enemy." The facts of his life are well summarized in the following newspaper notice of his death:

"He was born in Manhattan, March 5, 1847, his parents being Charles and Mary Phelps Robinson Wingate. He was educated in the public schools of Manhattan and at Cooper Institute. He married Miss Florence A. Dimond in 1874. He was for six years a ship broker, twelve years in journalism, and since then a sanitary engineer. He was the founder of and the secretary of the Twilight Club, an organization for the discussion of current questions of importance, in 1883. They afterward established Twilight Park in the Catskills, of which he was the principal since its foundation in 1887. He was a voluminous writer and author, his principal works being, 'Views and Interviews on Journalism,' and 'What Shall Our Boys Do for a Living?' He also wrote many articles for periodicals and magazines on landscape gardening and sanitary subjects, and interested himself in sanitary aid for the Ghetto in Manhattan. In politics he was an independent and was a member of the Unitarian Church. Twilight Park, which was intended to be a home for artistic and literary people with quiet tastes, gradually grew to be one of the most important fashionable resorts in the Catskills." The *Brooklyn Eagle*, 1909.

Charles F. Wingate died at Twilight Park, September 1, 1909 and was buried in the Park three days later. Cottagers from Twilight, Santa Cruz and Sunset Parks and many of the permanent residents of Haines Falls attended the service in the Park's chapel. Carpenters, plumbers, masons and others who worked in the park since its inception requested to be the casket bearers. Reverend Richard Kinkelham presided over services in the chapel, which was decorated with evergreen boughs, Autumn leaves and white wildflowers. The people of Haines Falls considered erecting a monument to Wingate and discussed various projects. One of the most popular suggestions was a drinking fountain for men and animals.

IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES F. WINGATE
Founder of the Twilight Club; Social
and Civic Reformer; Altruist;
and a true Disciple of
the Spirit.

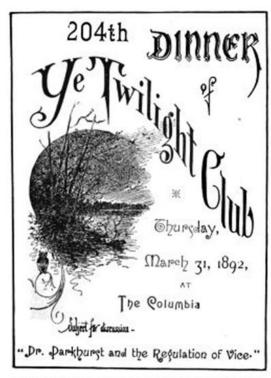
Under Review

Circle W - A Twilight Staple

On the way in, out, and to many places in between, Circle W Market has become a standard stop to many Twilight Park cottagers. The business's close proximity may bring you in, but its selection, quality and atmosphere will keep you coming back time and time again. The Circle W is a General Store in every sense of the term. It's a reliable shop to pick up the basic, specialty and organic items on your list while also grabbing your favorite sandwich, a cappuccino, and fistful of fresh-cut blooms for the dinner table. Owner Patricia Harvey and her incredibly welcoming staff have a mission to serve "lovingly prepared wholesome food & locally sustainably sourced products." And their loyal base of returning customers seems to agree. New additions for this summer season include an expanded outdoor patio and Jane's Ice Cream to order. If you have not yet stopped in to the Circle W, do yourself a favor on your next trip up or down "the hill."

Editors' favorite sandwiches - the Pine Grove, La Belle, and every soup du jour we've ever tasted.

CIRCLE W MARKET 3328 Route 23A, Palenville, NY 12463 518-678-3250 HOURS: Mon - Sat: 8AM - 6 PM (Kitchen closes at 5) Sunday: 8AM - 3 PM



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What dinner conversation would you lead at the Twilight Club?

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