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THE ARTS



Left to right: Yi-heng Yang; the 1826 Graf fortepiano, newly acquired by the Piano Performance Museum; Maria Rose

Catskill Mountain Foundation's Piano Performance Museum presents The Academy of Fortepiano Performance International Fortepiano Salon Series

Connecting fortepiano lovers from all around the world via Zoom

Salon #1: "Meet My Piano": Fortepianos in our living rooms and museums Saturday, January 30, 2021 8 pm EST (5 pm PST, 9 am China)

Hosted from the New York Catskills by AFP faculty members Maria Rose and Yi-heng Yang

The International Fortepiano Salon Series presents informal online performances and discussions with fortepiano students and professionals anywhere, hosted by AFP faculty and guest artists around the world.

The first International Fortepiano Salon, Meet My Piano, will be a free virtual gathering via Zoom on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 8 pm EST. Faculty members Maria Rose and Yi-heng Yang will moderate the hour-long event, starting with brief performances on different fortepianos from their own homes, and also introducing the newly acquired 1826 Graf Piano at the Piano Performance Museum in Hunter, NY. Following this introduction, selected participants will perform short pieces of their choice from their homes, or talk about their pianos. All attendees can submit written questions or ask them live during the Q and A portions of the Salon. Professionals, fortepiano students, and classical music lovers are invited to register for this informal workshop-setting and exchange of ideas at www.catskillmtn.org. Those who are interested in performing or presenting their own piano, please apply to academyfortepianoinfo@gmail.com with a brief bio and description of the music and piano to be presented. Participation is limited due to time restraints, but all are invited to apply. For more information, please visit www.catskillmtn.org or www.academyfortepiano.org.

The Salon Series will continue on a bi-monthly basis, with subsequent events in March, May, July, October, and December 2021, led by invited internationally renowned guest artists from, among other countries, China and Switzerland. Look for updates on www.academyfortepiano.org.

About the Academy of Fortepiano Performance

The Academy of Fortepiano Performance was co-founded by fortepianists Audrey Axinn, Maria Rose, and Yi-heng Yang in 2017 to provide an inspiring and practical immersion into the world of historical performance for students, professionals, amateurs, and audiences. Hosted by the Catskill Mountain Foundation Piano Performance Museum in the idyllic mountain setting of Hunter, New York, the intimate performance hall, impressive piano museum, and comfortable student lodging are all in close proximity to each other and just 2 1/2 hours north of New York City. The Academy is open to students, professionals, and adult amateurs. Auditors are welcome to attend all events. Visit catskillmtn.org for more information.

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The docent tour is approximately 30 minutes. Appointments are available for a maximum of three people at a time. Masks are required and temperatures will be recorded at the door and visitors will be asked to answer a short questionnaire related to Covid 19. During the pandemic, visitors will be asked not to touch the pianos or other artifacts on display in the museum. CMF staff have established healthful guidelines for your visit to the museum to provide as safe an environment as possible for visitors and staff. We welcome you and look forward to showing you our extraordinary collection of historical pianos from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

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Welcome to Minnewaska State Park Preserve



The Minnewaska State Park Preserve is located on the dramatic Shawangunk Ridge in Ulster County, New York. The Ridge, which rises more than 2,000 feet above sea level, dominates the Park Preserve and the pastoral valleys below it. Characterized by unique and sensitive environments, the Park Preserve is valuable for its many rare geological and ecological features. The terrain is rugged and rocky, blanketed by dense forests encircling four sky lakes. Clear streams cut into valleys, pour over sheer cliffs and ledges and emerge as waterfalls. The Park Preserve has an extensive trail network that traverses the landscape. This network includes 35 miles of carriage roads and 50 miles of footpaths that provide access to countless natural attractions. Minnewaska offers numerous recreational activities such as hiking, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Winter at Minnewaska

Winter is an excellent time to explore the Park Preserve, as the landscape changes and cross-country skiing opportunities are plentiful. The cross-country skiing opportunities at Minnewaska

are outstanding. Minnewaska offers over 26 kilometers of machine-groomed trails for all ability levels, providing both classic and skate skiing opportunities. The breathtaking vistas throughout the groomed trail network are amazing. Be sure to bring your camera to capture some of the unique winter landscapes, ice formations and animal tracks. Park Educators offer regularly scheduled winter ecology and recreational snowshoe outings throughout the winter, as conditions warrant. Numerous snowshoeing opportunities are available on footpaths and ungroomed carriage roads, but snowshoeing is not permitted on the groomed cross-country ski trails. Hiking, walking, dogs and fat tire biking are not allowed on Minnewaska's groomed cross-country ski trails. Minnewaska's new Visitor Center is open, offering a place to take the chill off while getting orienting to the park preserve.

For More Information

Minnewaska State Park Preserve is located at 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson, NY 12446. For more information, please call 845 255 0752 or visit parks.ny.gov/parks/minnewaska/details.aspx.



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SKI NY TO CONTINUE THE SKI & RIDE PASSPORT PROGRAM FOR THE 2020-21 SKI SEASON!

While other States have cancelled their program for this season, SKI NY continues to offer their Ski & Ride Passport program this ski season for the 21st year!

SKI NY will be offering the Ski & Ride Passport for third and fourth graders. This program entitles the child to a free lift ticket with an adult purchase of a lift ticket or with a season pass redemption!

The Passport can be used up to three times at each participating ski area. The Passport is also valid Monday-Friday non-holiday periods. It is not valid on weekends or holiday periods including Christmas week (12/23-1/3/21), MLK Day (1/18/21) and President's week (2/13 – 2/21/21). Most Catskill Region ski areas require advance reservations: please check their websites for current COVID policies.

There is a \$31 processing fee for each Passport. Parents can apply at iskiny.com.

New this year is quicker access to the child's Passport card: once the application has been processed and approved, the parent will receive an email with their child's passport complete with their child's photo on it. The passport can be shown on the parent's phone or printed and brought with them to the ski area for redemption.

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MOUNTAIN STATS:

Longest Run: 12,024'
Vertical Drop: 1,404'
Total Skiable Acres: 175
Snowmaking: 96%
Uphill Lift Capacity: 12,980 people/hour

TRAILS, PARKS & GLADES:

50 Trails, 5 Glades, 1 Terrain Park,
1 Progression Park & 1 X-Course
22% Easiest Trails
58% More Difficult Trails
20% Most Difficult Trails

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON:

The recently expanded Discovery Lodge was a huge success last season. An additional 2,700 square feet of indoor space has been added to the third floor. The additional indoor area incorporates large windows that overlook the main floor. This allows for natural light and adds to the aesthetics of this "Great Lodge."

New pumps and a new compressor are being added to the snowmaking infrastructure. The pumps will boost pressure within the system allowing for increased snowmaking capacity and expanded water delivery. An energy efficient compressor is also being added to the system. Replacing old diesel units, the new compressor will help improve coverage and the time it takes to create spectacular snow quality.

Visitors can also expect to enjoy the mountain views from an **expanded outdoor patio space.** It will include fire pits, outdoor seating, and direct access to the Discovery Lodge. The patio will be the perfect place for enjoying the bluebird skies of the Catskills.

ORDA's new **RFID technology offers direct-to-lift access and online purchasing,** so guests can go directly from their car to the slopes. The lift ticket media can be renewed over several years, preventing waste and adding hassle-free convenience for customers.

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

Lodges: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Lifts: 9:00am - 4:00pm

All lift tickets, lessons, and rentals will be required to be booked this year online.
We will not have walk up (day of window tickets) available for purchase.



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MOUNTAIN STATS:

Base Elevation: 1,600' (above sea level)
Summit Elevation: 3,200' (above sea level)
Vertical Drop: 1,600'
Skiable Acres: 320 (up from 240)
Number of Lifts: 13 (up from 12)
Number of Trails: 67 (up from 58)
Number of Glades: 4 Gladed Areas
Number of Terrain Parks: 4 Freestyle Areas

PERCENTAGE OF TERRAIN:

Beginner: 25%
Intermediate: 30%
Advanced: 30%
Expert: 15%

WHAT'S NEW AT HUNTER MOUNTAIN THIS SEASON?

More snow for beginners!

We have added new 20 TechnoAlpin T40 Fan snow guns to two top-to-bottom trails in our Hunter East Terrain. These additional snow guns will allow us to open more beginner terrain earlier in the season than ever before, as well as give us the ability to rapidly refresh the snow surface as needed.



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The Northeast Value Pass gives you priority access to 18 Eastern resorts, starting as low as \$619 for the 20/21 Season. Note: This pass excludes holiday access to Okemo, Mount Snow, Hunter & Stowe. If your schedule is flexible the midweek-only Northeast Midweek Value offers the best value with pass prices starting at \$469. Resorts included on the Northeast Value Pass and Northeast Midweek Pass include:

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MOUNTAIN ACCESS:

Standard lift tickets are only available for purchase online this season. Lift tickets are limited, so lock in your days early to secure your spot on the mountain and for the best savings.

Lessons must be booked 48 hours in advance, and a pass or lift ticket is required for all lesson participants. Class size is limited to six people.

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MOUNTAIN STATS:

Elevation: 3,500'

Vertical: 1,100'

Number of Lifts: 4

Triple Chair, Double Chair, Two Carpet Lifts
(Learning Center and Tubing Park)

Longest Trail: 2 miles

Average Snowfall: 175"

Snowmaking: 75%

Terrain Park: 1

Number of Trails: 38

PERCENTAGE OF TERRAIN:

Easier: 20%

Difficult: 40%

More Difficult: 20%

Most Difficult: 20%



WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON:

- Widening and clearing of most of our beginner and intermediate trails.
- Installation of a brand new snowmaking pump and motor improving reliability of water supply to our main pumphouse which also received brand new automation for improved efficiency and snowmaking speed.
- Installation of wireless communication technology to our lifts and snowmaking monitoring infrastructure.
- The addition of a new "Platty Shack" featured on our outdoor deck with quick grab and go items available for sale as well as beverages
- An all new "order online" option in our cafeteria to allow for more options to order food.
- All new online shopping cart for ordering tickets and rentals, eliminating lines in the rental shop with online forms and preset gear

HOURS OF OPERATION

Skiing & Snowboarding

Friday-Sunday 8:45am-4:15pm

Christmas Holiday Week:

Open Daily 12/26/20-1/3/21

Martin Luther King Holiday:

Open 1/16/21-1/18/21

Presidents' Holiday Week:

Open Daily 2/13/21-2/23/21

Snowtubing

Saturdays & Sundays 12/26/20 - 3/14/21:

11am-5pm

Holidays: Open Daily

12/26/20-1/3/21

1/16/21-1/18/21

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All lift tickets, lessons, and rentals will be required to be booked this year online.

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MOUNTAIN STATS:

Top Elevation: 3,100'

Vertical Rise: 1,600'

Slope Length: 300-12,500'

Number of Trails: 54

Number of Lifts: 11

1 high-speed 6 passenger, 2 high-speed quads, 2 triples, 1 double, 5 surface

Uphill Capacity: 19,890 passengers per hour

Total Acres: 732

Trail Acreage: 285

Snowmaking Coverage: 97%

Terrain Parks: 6

Night Skiing: 45 acres on 9 trails

WINDHAM MOUNTAIN IN THE 2020-2021 SEASON:

Windham Mountain will approach the 2020/21 winter season strategically with guest and employee well-being as the driving force. A capacity calendar has been created to allow for anticipated State, local, and Federal guidance

that limit the number of guests Windham Mountain can accommodate during peak visitation periods. This "Red & Green" calendar has no anticipated capacity restrictions on "Green Days," and significant capacity restrictions in place for "Red Days" to help adhere to social distancing guidelines throughout the mountain. Visit windhammountain.com for more details.

Further improvements include ticket kiosks that will be available for redemption of first time lift ticket purchases. QR codes on confirmation emails may be scanned at self-service ticket kiosks, and guests having re-loaded tickets onto RFID cards may proceed directly to the lift.

New this year, Windham Mountain will be implementing cashless transactions in the interest of guest and employee safety. Credit/debit cards, Windham Gift Cards, and options to set up "resort charge" on RFID cards and season passes, along with reloading money onto all these products, are all acceptable options for payment. Guests that only have cash can place their currency onto a gift card at no extra cost.

Windham Mountain announced its new partnership with industry leader Centerplate as its new hospitality, catering and culinary partner, and will employ strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols to ensure a safe experience for all visitors. Advance reservations for indoor dining venues are required, and numerous food trucks and other outdoor dining options will be available as well, with patio heaters and heated benches to enhance the outdoor dining experience.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Skiing & Snowboarding

Monday through Friday

9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

8:00am - 4:00pm

Adventure Park

Fridays 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturdays 11:00am - 8:00pm

Sundays 11:00am - 4:00pm

With additional holiday hours.

Advance registration for indoor dining, adult and child lessons, and equipment rental are required. Please visit windhammountain.com for more details on advance reservations and details about the "Red & Green" calendar.

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My Snowboarding Journey

By Melissa Gibson,
USASA 50+ Snowboarding Champion

Standing atop the Gold Medal Boardercross podium at the 2015 USA Snowboarding Association Championships at Copper Mountain in Colorado was one of the highlights of my adult life. I was 50 years old and competing in the 50+ age group. After a few years of qualifying for the National Championships in the 40+ age group, but not having the time or funding to make it work, a 50th birthday present from my husband covered the trip and I embarked on an adventure that was equal parts anxious apprehension and excited euphoria. A season of training, competing and qualifying culminated in a three for three podium run at the USASA National Championships, with silver medals in both Slalom and Giant Slalom to go with my gold from the Boardercross. I was at Nationals as a representative of the Catskill Mountain Series Team, which included riders and skiers of all ages, serving Easter Regional athletes from Hunter Mountain, Windham Mountain, Catamount, Belleayre, Plattekill, and Campgaw.

My participation and performance at Nationals was actually a come-back story. A year prior, I suffered a Thyroid Storm from Graves Disease which weakened me, sidelined me from all activity for six months and catapulted me into full blown menopause. This was my third immune diagnosis (the others are Celiac and Lyme, that both began in my early 40s) and the symptoms rocked my world. I had been a competitive athlete in my youth as well as in my adulthood, and being physically active had always been central to who I am and how I live my life. The good news is that my recovery from these disorders involved a health-related journey that would lead me to a professional pivot, and the career I enjoy today, educating others about the power of the hemp plant. In the throes of the disease, I hadn't thought it wasn't possible to get back on the mountain, let alone win a National Championship a year later.

Belleayre is our home mountain. We've been season pass holders for the past 13 years and it is there that in addition to years of fun on the slopes, our family made friendships that will last a lifetime. The laid-back, family oriented Belleayre Mountain lifestyle fit us from the start, so after a couple of years riding only occasionally around NY, PA and MA, we found our place in the Catskill Mountains and we were hooked. In 2007, we enrolled our boys, then 7 and 11 in the Alpine Development programs and began commuting from our Long Beach home to Belleayre Mountain every winter weekend. While our kids were busy all day in their lessons, my husband and I got time to ourselves and were able to participate in a morning Adult Snowboarding Program, improving year after year with top-notch instructors.

We would leave Long Island either late Friday night or at dawn on Saturday morning, and drive up to spend two days of



Melissa receiving her silver medal at the USASA Awards Ceremony

riding and skiing at Belleayre, usually staying at the Starlite Motel in Big Indian. The rooms there had kitchenettes and included a morning basket with muffins, coffee, cereal and milk, so we didn't have to concern ourselves with preparing or procuring breakfast. This was key to minimizing the chaos of getting four people up and out the door each morning. Over the course of the weekend, we would load and unload three snowboards, one pair of skis, four pairs of boots, four helmets, four sets of goggles and gloves, winter jackets, hats, bags, food and games at least six times. But it was all worth it. Winters on the slopes opened a whole new world for our family. Sometimes I'd laugh at the absurdity of getting geared up and excited to go outside in single digit temperatures and blizzard conditions when most sane people would choose to curl up at home by the fire. .

In 2010, after three years of traveling every winter weekend to the Catskills, we doubled down on our commitment to a winter life of outdoor activity and made the decision to put down roots a mile outside of Woodstock, and only a 35 minute drive from our beloved Belleayre Mountain. They say that if you can master the conditions on the East Coast, you can ride anywhere, but that the reverse is not the case. Yes, we sometimes deal with icy slopes and must rely on snowmaking to get through the season in the Catskills, but there are enough of those perfect days—blue-


bird skies and powder runs—to keep us coming back for more. And with the family of friends we have made over the years, even the worst days at the mountain make memories that feed the soul.

I am grateful to snowboarding for enriching my life. Folks are surprised to find out I first stepped on a snowboard at age 40. I did not grow up on the slopes. From 7th grade through my first year in college, I was on the Winter Track team, and my coaches forbid us to ski (snowboarding wasn't much of a thing then). I think I went a handful of times after that until our kids were 4 and 8 and we wanted (needed) to get out of the house in the winter months. The learning curve for an adult snowboarder can be dramatic. You have to go fast enough to control the board, but your instincts tell you to slow down, which leads to falls that are quite memorable. But pushing past those first seasons was the best gift I could have given myself. As I take in the view at the mountaintop, confident enough in my skills to overcome the protective signals my lizard brain is sending my body, I feel invincible. Although I have enjoyed racing, the truth is that I prefer to take my time going down. I make many wide and narrow turns, savoring my ride, looking for moguls where my board can dolphin over and around the bumps, my legs acting as pistons as I absorb the snow under my boots.




Melissa Gibson is a USASA 50+ Snowboarding Champion who learned to ride and race at Belleayre Mountain in the Catskills. After a serious health scare,




Melissa founded her company Hemp & Humanity in 2016, and in the Fall of 2020, she opened a shop in the heart of Woodstock where she educates folks about the healing properties of the hemp plant, and helps clients find a CBD regimen that's right for them.



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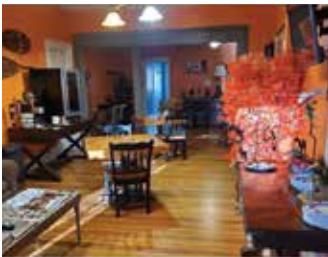
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THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE CATSKILLS

By Jeff Senterman

So far winter in the Catskills has been off to a shaky start and we've been more likely to come across mud rather than much ice or snow on the trails. Sadly, this just one more example of our increasingly chaotic weather patterns due to climate change.

We hope that as we get further into the winter, the colder weather will settle across our region, allowing our local ski areas to open more terrain and have more snow for backcountry skiing, and many of our hiking trails will turn into great snowshoe and cross country ski routes as natural snow piles up in the mountains. Instead of staying in, winter in the Catskills is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the mountains.

If you are going to be spending some time in the great outdoors this January there are some common sense things you can do to make your activities more enjoyable. Each year around this time, I like to go over these tips to maximize my own enjoyment of the outdoors in the winter and hopefully maximize your enjoyment too.

Some Tips for Enjoying Outdoor Sports in the Winter

Hikes, cross country ski trips, and snowshoe trips can all be fun, adventuresome and beautiful in the winter, but they do require advance planning as there is less room for mistakes and errors on a winter excursion because of the cold temperatures, generally higher winds, snow, ice and limited daylight hours.

Keeping Warm: You should always be prepared on any hike, ski or snowshoe trip to keep warm and sheltered with nothing more than what you are carrying with you. You should not count on a campfire or stove to keep you warm. You should learn how to layer your clothing to maximize warmth. You must always stay alert to the dangers of hypothermia and frostbite—know the signs on both and learn how to treat them.

Daylight: Unlike the long hours of daylight for hikes in the summertime, winter days are very short and darkness can easily surprise anyone in the woods with its quick arrival. Always plan out your trips to maximize your use of daylight. Always carry a flashlight and headlamp in case you are stuck in the darkness and still need to make your way out to the trailhead.

Skiing and Snowshoeing: Hiking in the snow takes a lot of effort since most often hikers without snowshoes “post-hole” their way along a trail. That is, with each step, a hiker sinks into the snow creating what looks like a hole for a post with every step. Cross country skis and snowshoes, on the other hand, keep you on top of the snow and let you travel further with less energy than trying to hike on your own. Skiing and snowshoeing open up a whole



new way to look at the trails of the Catskill Mountains too, with adventures around every corner.

Trail Markers: Luckily in the Catskills we do not have white trail markers, but even so, the familiar red, blue and yellow trail markers may be hidden by deep snows, especially on mountain summits. Having a map and compass is always a good idea, but it is a necessity in the wintertime to make sure you do not lose your way. Get yourself a printed map from the Catskills Visitor Center's gift shop for your hikes and don't rely on battery powered devices—cold weather causes them to lose a charge much faster.

Tips and Tricks for Enjoying the Outdoors in the Winter

Here are some additional ideas, tips and suggestions for winter hiking, skiing and snowshoeing trips:

Stay dry and waterproof. Make sure you manage your core temperature while hiking to prevent sweating, which gets your clothes wet and limits their insulative value. Wear gaiters to help keep your legs dry, and pop your hood over your head when trekking through overhanging trees to prevent snow from getting in at the neck and getting you wet.

Winter is the wrong time to think you need to pack lightly.

Carry many insulating layers including a spare set of long underwear tops and bottoms: putting on dry, cold clothes may shock the system initially but you will feel warmer quickly.

Make sure your equipment works. Finding out your water bottle is cracked when it is 10 below at lunchtime is the wrong time to learn about it.

Be aware that solid food items freeze. Cut up those Snickers bars ahead of time ... even cold cuts can freeze!

Drink constantly. You will not feel as thirsty in cold weather as you do during summer activities.

Know how to repair snowshoe and crampon/creeper bindings. A broken binding can become an emergency deep in the woods.

Don't use those ski pole wrist loops. A downhill fall can wrench a shoulder if you go one way and your ski pole stays put.

Ideally know your winter hike ahead of time. Trail finding is tricky with deep snow so knowing the route well is a good idea.

Favor hikes with few stream crossings. Crossings are dangerous as both a water hazard and possibly soaking everything you are



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wearing and carrying. Even just getting your snowshoes wet can result in heavy globs of ice stuck on.

If you're hiking with a dog: check their paws for icing, make sure they are staying adequately hydrated and are staying warm.

Be especially careful if conditions are icy. Crampons and creepers only work if you stay on your feet.

If you are a beginner winter hiker, consider a group hike to learn more about trail conditions and preparation.

With proper planning, the right skills and the right equipment, winter is a great time to get out and enjoy the Catskills. One of the best ways to fight off cabin fever is to get out of the cabin and get into the woods!

Visit the Catskill Park's Visitor Center

Located at 5096 Route 28 in Mount Tremper, the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) is the official visitor center for the Catskill Park. Operated and managed by the Catskill Center, staff are available at the CVC with information, maps and all the advice needed to plan a Catskill adventure. A walk-up service window at the building is now open every day except for Wednesday, from 10 am to 3 pm. Visitors who wear a mask and follow social distancing protocols can get their Catskill questions answered in person, receive tourism literature and make purchases at the CVC's shop. The CVC building, including the restrooms inside, are not yet open to the public, but a port-a-john is available in the parking area.

CVC staff are also available to answer questions about the Catskills and the Catskill Park via email at info@catskillcenter.org or phone 845 688 3369.

In addition to the walk-up service window, 1.5 miles of trails on the CVC's grounds, including the (roughly) 0.5 mile ADA accessible Interpretive Loop Trail, are open to the public daily. The 80-foot tall Upper Esopus Fire Tower, which was constructed and opened last fall, will also be open daily to visitors. Picnic tables are available on site for those who wish to enjoy a picnic lunch.

Visitors can explore the ever expanding resources available online for the CVC on the web at catskillsvisitorcenter.org and on the CVC's Facebook page at facebook.com/catskillsvisitorcenter.

Catskill Park Day Coming in February Help Support the Catskills!

Organized annually by the Catskill Park Coalition, which is co-chaired by the Catskill Center, the 2021 Catskill Park Day will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. This day is an opportunity for supporters of the Catskills to have their voice heard in Albany and

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Catskill Park Updates now Available for the Catskills Online

Local recreational opportunities are always changing and by visiting the Catskills Visitor Center's Trail Conditions blog you can now see updates related to the Catskill Park, Catskill trails, Catskill campgrounds and camping, Catskill boating, skiing, and more at catskillsvisitorcenter.org.

Catskill Park Advisory Committee

The Catskill Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) was established to facilitate communication within the Park. Chaired by the Catskill Center, it consists of representatives from local governments and organizations and provides a forum for communities, user groups, and stakeholders of the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed to discuss issues of regional importance. The purpose of the Committee is to provide assistance, advice, and guidance to the DEC, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other land managers in the management of the New York State Forest Preserve, the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed.

Meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public. If you'd like to learn more, join the mailing list or attend the next meeting, please contact the Catskill Center at 845 586 2611 or email them at cccd@catskillcenter.org with CPAC in the subject asking to be added to the mailing list. Please note that for the time being CPAC meetings will be held virtually. You must be on the mailing list to receive the email to register for the virtual meeting.

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To support the work of the Catskill Center, become a member online through their website at catskillcenter.org/membership or donate by mail: Checks made out to the "Catskill Center" can be mailed to Catskill Center, PO Box 504, Arkville, NY 12406.



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Science from Lyndon State College and worked for many years as an Environmental Planner in New England before coming back to New York and the Catskills in the nonprofit sector. To learn more about the work of the Catskill Center in the Catskills, visit www.catskill-center.org.

#RecreateResponsibly in the Catskills

As the Catskills get busier, it can be confusing to navigate this "new normal" in terms of how to recreate responsibly in the era of COVID-19. The #RecreateResponsibly guidelines give some sound advice on how to get outdoors right now.

When you choose to recreate responsibly, you are doing your part to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.

Know Before you Go: Check the status of the place you want to visit. If it is closed, don't go. If it's crowded, have a plan B.

Plan Ahead: Prepare for facilities to be closed, pack lunch and bring essentials like hand sanitizer and a mask.

Stay Close to Home: This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. Most places are only open for day use.

Practice Physical Distancing: Adventure only with your immediate household.

Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others space. If you are sick, stay home.

Play It Safe: Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury.

Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained.

Leave No Trace: Respect public lands and communities and take your garbage with you, including disposable gloves, and masks.

We all have a shared responsibility to care for these places and ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy.

Lead by example and join the Catskill Center and the Catskills Visitor Center in learning how to

#RecreateResponsibly at recreateresponsibly.org.

POETRY

Curated by Robert Tomlinson

We asked a few poets to write a poem to look forward to 2021 ...

The Gleaning

The Master said to his harvesters, "Let her gather among the sheaves and do not reprimand her. Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up...."

The Book of Ruth, 2:15-16

The muddy soft rows
Are frosted with an icy lace
As the orange sun reaches with small
Fingers through the dark gray dawn
And the short tawny bristles
Sprout like large match sticks,
From the dirt, Sharp and brittle.
Stalks of hay scattered on the ground
Are a cats cradle laid by a child.

Our collective breathes form a fog,
A too late harvest, that seemed
To never come, delayed, careless,
Postponed, and A reminder
that the calloused fist of winter
is not far off.

Mothers, sisters, the old,
Forage up and down the rows
Each to our business with the earth
Scratching in the cold mud
Some to gather that which was spilled
Others to cut what escaped the
reapers scythe. Small stands,
at the far corners of the field.
The master's discards promised
To us by Ruth and her mother.

My daughter's Small hands, nicked,
Scratched, do rough work.
I wince as she toils without complaint.

Tying anemic sheaves of wheat
To dry off in the afternoon sun
From the leftovers, from the discards,
The droppings, we will winnow
The chaff from the rough wheat.

I stand up to relieve the pain
That bolts up my back
And stare into the slight warming sun
Diminished as it is this chill morning
The solstice is not far off
The snow's slow, arduous return
And in the new year we will bake
Thick bread, kneaded with
Love, and hope, for those
Who have not. We will taste
It's goodness, it's richness, and
remember our struggle,
And warmly embrace.

—Carlo DeVito

Today and Tomorrow

Next on the agenda
Is to clean up cat piss

When I'm done
I'll move on to mouse droppings

Now that I cleaned up my act
I'll love my neighbor

And eat the bread of life
The holiest snack

Tomorrow is wide open
What a relief

Open the windows
Set the ghosts free

—*Brian Dewan*

Victory Dance

After the empire is defeated
After the ogre is returned to the underworld
Then rebels rejoice and heroes receive medals
Then they have to face themselves or else
Become ogres and empires.

That said -
Tears of joy!
Fireworks!
Victory dance!
A good night's sleep.

—*Rodney Alan Greenblatt*

Rose Hips and Hickory Nuts

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dropping nuts feeding the ground
as if a tree forgets
being round
what's on the other side

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how one thing on the table
led to another? a camera
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a bowl filled with acorns
I sometimes say hello

dried tendrils
fruit of a rose
train station without a train
intention is a barrier to affection
the trying stops the going
stem of actions

split in half
What do you need? make a list
don't forget sun
the mind draws lines between things
but the whole can't be siphoned
into tiny bits

a field is a field
but the bits are there
I remember
hunting on the ground for hickory nuts
walking on a quiet street
I never thought I'd *blank*

cupped hands rough barked
the morning in pieces
picking up my phone putting it down
turning pieces over
expecting nuts but finding
just shells

—*Karen Schoemer*

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN REGION GUIDE

ARTIST FEATURE

Curated by Robert Tomlinson

ANA DELGADO

anadelgadoart.com

I am an artist who works in photography and mixed medium paint.

My work deals with memory, family, displacement, and my visceral connection to nature.

Born in Cuba and immigrating to the United States at a young age, I have always had strong ties to my family and my Cuban roots. At home it was Cuba, outside it was America.

Much of my work is about human interaction, the flow from one to another, the closeness of familial bonds, loss of place, and the importance of home.

My work centers around the female perspective in the family relationship and the unique connection to nature that women have. This is of personal importance to me, as I have always had a very strong connection to nature.

Even as a child I would spend hours playing in the woods around our house creating stories, building houses, and making food for the family.

Today I am often drawn to the presence of trees, rocks, and landscapes. They are like friends and personalities that I come to know and love through photography.

As my recent work grows more abstract, colors, shapes, and their relationship to each other have become more important. The essence of things, I find, speaks more accurately of what they are than their factual representation. The interplay and flow between the forms are like a Cuban dance or a connection to a favorite place in nature.

Art to me is a visual language.

I use shapes, forms, colors, and light to communicate.

I think of my process as an expression of the moment.

I look, I see, I make.

I push, erase, cover and expose until there is something revealed.

It's like magic.



Ana Delgado, "Flirt"
Acrylic and oil on canvas
48x48 inches, 2020



Ana Delgado, "Birthday"
Acrylic and oil on canvas
48x48 inches, 2020



Ana Delgado, "Pep Talk"
Acrylic and oil on canvas
60x60 inches, 2020



Ana Delgado, "I am here"
Oil and Oil Stick on paper
14x16 inches, 2020



Ana Delgado, "Untitled"
Acrylic and oil on canvas
40x60 inches, 2020



Ana Delgado, "Lingering"
Ink jet print with digital drawing
11x17 inches, 2019



Ana Delgado, "Untitled"
Ink jet print with digital drawing
11x17 inches, 2019

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A Greene County Garden in January

By Margaret Donsbach Tomlinson

A garden starts with seeds. Within its outer coat, every seed contains a living embryo. Their outer forms have evolved to help them disperse. Dandelion seeds have a feathery “pappus” to catch the breeze and float away. Burrs hitch a ride on animal fur or human clothing. *Hura crepitans*, the “dynamite tree” of the Amazon rain forest, can hurl its seeds 100 feet or more at a speed up to 160 miles per hour. Other seeds hide within delicious fruits that entice us to collect and eat them.

Our human ancestors selected seeds from plants with desirable characteristics and pampered them in rich seed beds. Over time, the stringy, tough roots of wild carrots turned into our juicy, crisp modern versions. Wild *Brassica oleracea*, growing on chalky seaside cliffs, became today’s marvelously varied brassicas: kale, cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts and more.

Some seeds stay alive for extraordinary lengths of time. Researchers have successfully sprouted an ancient variety of date palm from 2,000-year-old seeds found at an archaeological site in Israel. Bean seeds from a 1,500-year-old clay pot in Folsom, New Mexico, have also been grown. At the opposite extreme are short-lived seeds of herbs like angelica and shiso, which should be sown within a few months of harvest. Carrot and onion seeds germinate reliably for only a year or two. Most seeds, though,

stored at a moderate temperature in a dry container, will stay viable for several years. Seed banks like the Millenium Seed Bank of the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in London preserve the seeds of rare and endangered wild plants from around the world, storing them deep underground at sub-freezing temperatures. Gardeners, meanwhile, preserve heirloom vegetable varieties by growing them and saving the seeds year after year.

You might like to experiment with heirloom vegetables from native tribes of the Northeast, like Haudenosaunee Skunk beans (grown by the Iroquois and available at fruitionseeds.com), Canada Crookneck squash (another Iroquois vegetable, available at greatlakesstapleseeds.com), and Abenaki Calais Flint corn (a restored variety of the corn grown by the Abenaki for cornmeal, available at fedcoseeds.com). Growing beans, squash and corn together follows the Native American “three sisters” technique, which takes advantage of the complementary growth habits of these vegetables.

January is not too early to explore seed catalogs and start placing orders. Last year, seed suppliers were caught by surprise by a pandemic-inspired enthusiasm for home gardening. Ordering early helps avoid disappointment if the seed of your heart’s desire runs short.

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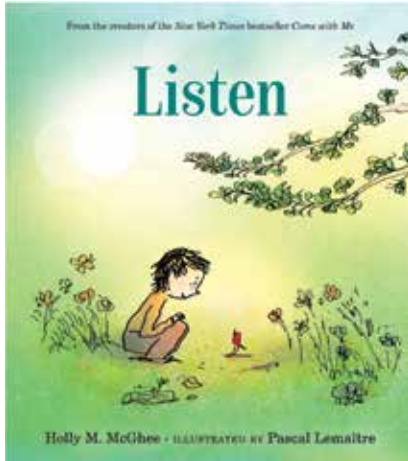
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PREPARING FOR 2021

Kindness and the Art of Listening

By Robert Tomlinson

“...artists’ lives do not necessarily parallel their art, or even indirectly cause it... It’s a misapprehension to read by their deaths—or even by their lives, in many cases. To read them by their journeys, by how their art grew and changed over the course of their writing lives, tells us a great deal about what they made and why.”

—from *We Begin In Gladness*, by Craig Morgan Teicher

Creating a work of art is not only about actively doing something. It’s very much about pausing and patiently listening. I think of listening as an act of kindness—to oneself and others. Patient listening involves showing up and paying attention, bringing your best self forward and being open to receiving new information and insights. If you are at all like me, this is a highly intuitive process.

What new journeys will we embark on in 2021? What goals shall we establish for our collective selves and what role will kindness play?

Here are some things that artists know:

- To explore new territory, you have to go where to where you don’t know what you are doing. It’s kind of like intentionally getting lost. This is when discoveries are made. You have to let go of what you think you know in order to make something new. This is where learning occurs.
- You have to not look away. There is a relationship between what you ask for and what you receive. This is about being vulnerable. And then you have to be willing to be alone with yourself in a deep way, to digest what is coming to you.

Attention is the natural prayer of the soul.

—Nicolas Malebranche, 17th century philosopher

- And finally, you have to feel the full range of your feelings in order to gain access to the depth of yourself in order to know what you are capable of, to arrive at your potential.

Many of us are exhausted by the pandemic and politics, filled with grief and anxiety as we live with so much uncertainty. Finding gratitude helps me refocus away from what is frustrating or hurting and opens up resetting my emotions onto a new platform that is calmer and open to giving rather than receiving, listening rather than talking (or screaming) and moving with kindness and generosity, not fear.

What will you be listening for in 2021? What acts of kindness will you generate and with whom? Please consider that every act of kindness promotes empathy and today’s compassion builds trust for a tomorrow that is stronger, safer and more loving.

Need a jolt of joy? Listen to Choir Choir Choir with Patti Smith singing “People Have the Power” on YouTube. You won’t regret it.



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2021 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON SNEAK PEEK

*There are many unknowns as we plan our 2021 season. We will continue to work with our artists to offer virtual, recorded performances throughout the year. We are hoping to present *The Nutcracker* live in the Orpheum in December 2021.*

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November 2021

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Three stories from the Brothers Grimm

A FEW LAUGHS GO A LONG WAY

*Tune in for staged readings of a pair of short theater comedies
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Wanda's Visit, by Christopher Durang

Featuring Darcy Dunn, Dayna Kurtz,

John McCaffrey, and Mark Singer

January, 2021

In this madcap farce, a married couple in a stale marriage host an unexpected visit from the husband's old girlfriend, and she turns out to be the guest from hell.

The second play in this series has yet to be chosen.

FOR DANCE LOVERS

We continue to do everything we can to support dance artists who seek safe studio and theater space to continue their dancing. Dance residencies will be hosted at our facilities in the winter and spring of 2021.



*Works & Process at the Guggenheim,
Peter B. Lewis Theater. Photo: Robert Altman*

ZviDance Residency

Zvi Gotheiner, choreographer

Three Weeks in January, 2021

Films of the dancers in residence will capture their experience of working in the Catskill Mountains. Final performances will be available later in the year on WNET.

Guggenheim Museum Works & Process Dance Residencies

Directed by Duke Dang

Six Two-Week Residencies from January through May, 2021

Works & Process, the performing arts series at the Guggenheim, will incubate six new dance commissions shaping a more inclusive and representative world. These projects will be developed as part of a series of bubble residencies, a model pioneered by Works & Process, where artists can safely gather, create, work and perform. Each residency will feature a digital program that will allow audiences to go behind the scenes to gain insight into the creative process.

Orpheum Dance Program Performances

Directed by Victoria Rinaldi and featuring dancers from the Community Ballet program as well as students and professional dancers from other schools and dance companies in the Northeast.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

August, 2021

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The Nutcracker

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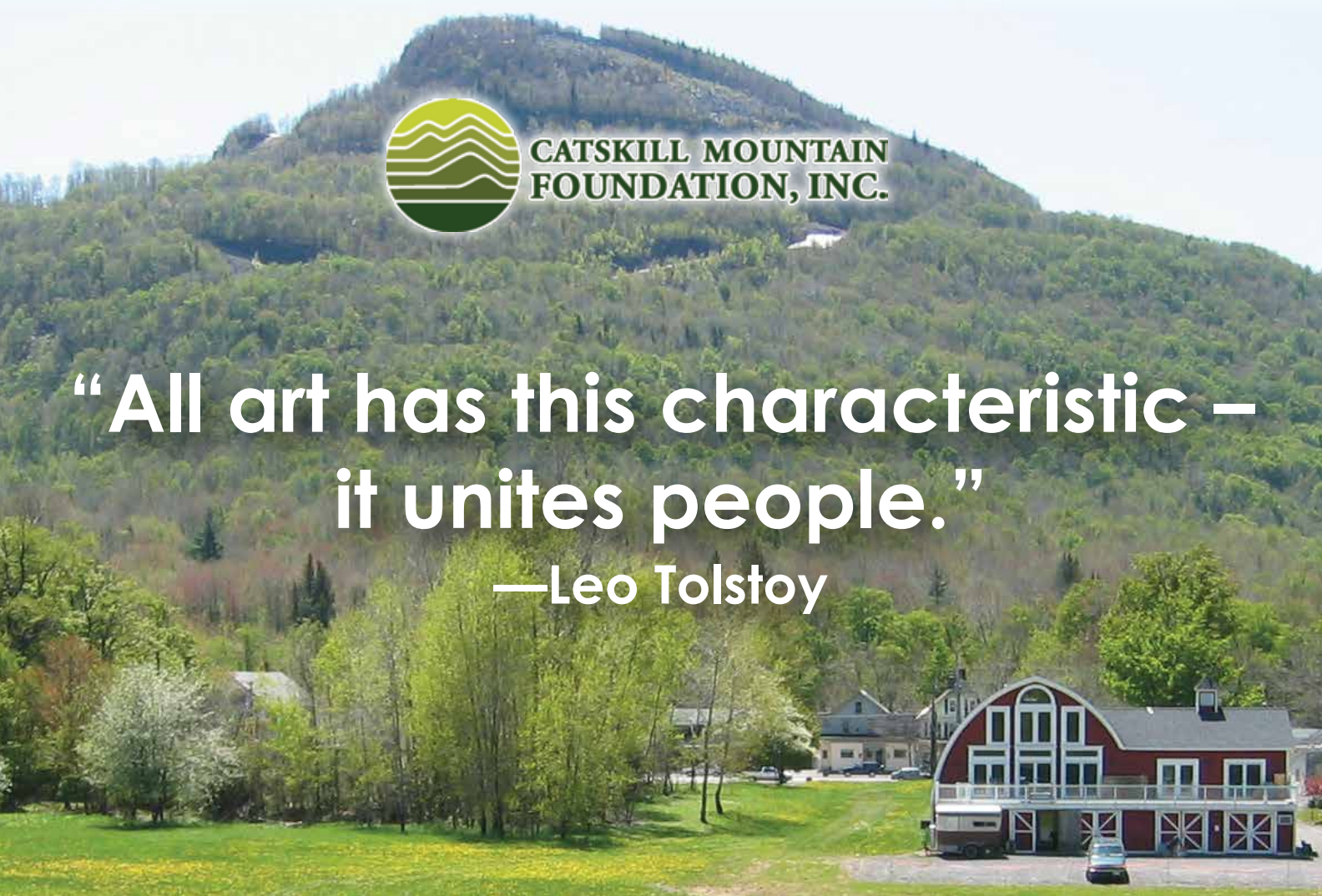
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