

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE – OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TRACKING

| Type of Outreach & Education  | Location & Short Description   | Date      | Number of Participants |
|---|--|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>1. Public Info Session</b>   | <i>City Hall</i><br>In-person educational meeting and Q&A session  | 2/6/2023  | 30                     |
| Flyers – January/February 2023 (Image A)<br>Newspaper ad in Hudson Valley One on 1/25/2023 (Image B)<br>Newspaper ad in Northern Dutchess News on 1/18/2023 and 1/25/2023 (Image C and D) |  |           |                        |
| <b>2. Public Info Session</b>   | <i>Adriance Memorial Library</i><br>In-person educational meeting and Q&A session  | 2/15/2023 | 1                      |
| Flyers – February 2023 (Image E)  |  |           |                        |
| <b>3. Posters</b>   | <i>Library/City Hall/Local Businesses</i><br>General program info, explain program benefits<br>(Posted on date and remained up through end of 60 days) | 2/27/2023 | -                      |
| (Image F)   |  |           |                        |


**Part 5 – Post Award Meeting**

Please populate the table below with all required additional post contract award outreach and education actions that have occurred within the municipality. If additional space is needed, please add rows to this table until fully captured. For new contracts that have the post award meeting detailed on the opt-out letter please provide the scheduled date/location of the meeting and the other mechanisms by which the meeting is being advertised. For contract renewals please provide the completed post award meeting information below.

| Location & short description   | Date     | Number of Participants | Date and method of advertisement  |
|--|----------|------------------------|---|
| 1. <i>City Hall</i><br>In-person educational session and Q&A session | 6/5/2023 | 14                     | Opt-out Letter notification, Flyers – Library/City Hall/ Local Businesses (Image G), Ad (Image H) |

**Images:**

Image A

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STEVE MASSARDO  
Saugerties

**Did you even ask?**

Frances Marion Platt's article about the dedication of the Town of Gardiner meeting room on December 20 was an inaccurate poor attempt at journalism. I am very certain Platt never spoke to (at the time the article was written) retiring Town Clerk Michelle Mosher. I know Michelle very well and her decision to retire has nothing to do with feeling unworthy as Platt incorrectly stated.

Michelle retired because she worked long and hard for the Town of Gardiner and earned her retirement. After over 30 years of working for the town, an article highlighting her career, the things she has done for the town and the legacy she will leave behind should have been the focus, not inaccurate speculation on why she was retiring. All Platt's "facts" in the article are far from that. Did you even talk to her before writing your article Frances Platt? I demand that you reach out to Michelle, get your facts straight and issue a correction to the article.

AMBER MOSHER  
Gardiner

PS: Congratulations on your retirement mom, it is well deserved. We are proud

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## Hudson Valley Community Power

### Electricity Supply Program



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## LongReach Arts exhibition to open Jan. 21 at Olive Free Library

The Olive Free Library Association will present the exhibition "I Dreamed a Garden," showcasing the works of the 15 member artists of LongReach Arts, a Hudson River Valley artist cooperative. The show, coordinated by Carol Pepper-Cooper from LongReach Arts and Linda Schultz from the Olive Library's Exhibition Committee, will run from Jan. 21 to March 4, with an opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. (snow date: Sunday, Jan. 22, 3-5 p.m.) and an artists' meet & greet event on Saturday, March 4, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Pepper-Cooper says about this exhibition, "LongReach Arts is a cooperative made up of artists of widely varying sensibilities. They did agree on the theme -- 'I Dreamed a Garden' -- but their approaches to it were strikingly different. Some took the theme literally, depicting gardens we can dwell in; some took it metaphorically, hinting at what the idea of garden means to them; and some -- perhaps reflecting an urbanite's point of view -- show the only bit of garden a city dweller can manage: a flower in a vase. What unites these artists is their passion for the work, and what distinguishes them is their skill in their respective modes of work. As Coordinator, I am pleased to share their worlds with you, and hope you enjoy them."

### About LongReach Arts

In the spring of 1982, a group of professional visual artists working in a variety of mediums and styles met to explore the idea of forming a cooperative gallery. Mutual respect for each other's works and recognition of the benefits in sharing ideas

and experience brought them together. When plans were being discussed for the future, the Mid-Hudson Arts and Science Center (MASC) invited the newly formed cooperative to present its first exhibition in MASC's large gallery for the duration of the summer. Inspired by the idea of beginning with a "group exhibit in the summer," the name "Summergroup" was unanimously adopted.

In 2007, to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the group decided to change its name to LongReach Arts, proud of its location near the Hudson River, and knowing that it has, from West Point northward, what sailors call a "long reach," a great length of river that can be sailed without having to tack. Today, this well known artist cooperative remains an important part of the visual arts in the Hudson Valley region. In addition to achieving recognition as a group, individual members' works are well known in the valley and beyond. They are represented in both public and private collections in the United States, Europe, and Israel.

Participating artists in this show are: Deborah Bein, David Curtis, Cynthia R Dill, Carolyn Edlund, Staats Fasold, Stacie Flint, Claudia Gorman, Trina Greene, Carol Loizides, Ellen Metzger O'Shea, Basha Ruth Nelson, Carol Pepper-Cooper, Nancy Scott, Marlene Wiederbaum, and Carole Wolf. Visit [longreacharts.com](http://longreacharts.com) for more information.

The Olive Free Library Association is at 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan. Call (845) 657-2482 or visit [olivefreelibrary.org](http://olivefreelibrary.org) with questions.



Featured works in the LongReach Arts exhibit include (clockwise from top) Claudia Gorman's "She Makes the Neighbors Smile." Photography, 11" x 14"; Stacie Flint, "Eden Dreamin." Acrylic, 24" x 18"; and Ellen Metzger O'Shea, "Sleep." Oil on canvas with transfer print, 8" x 8". Courtesy images



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**Upstate performing arts centers unite to seek state support**

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pandemic, when these and other performance venues were forced to shut down operations for more than a year, and for many months following were only allowed to reopen at a fraction of their capacity.

John Parkhurst, Chief Operating Officer of the Rochester Broadway Theatre League, commented, "The COVID-19 shutdown of nearly two years has impacted us greatly as an industry. We are coming back, all of us, but, frankly without this coalition it would have been much harder."

In a press release, the coalition stated: "In meeting with local legislators and the Governor's office, the response has been very supportive. The coalition is grateful for that response and hopes to reach all state elected officials to assure an annual appropriation that will allow its members continue to be part of growing upstate downtowns guaranteeing accessibility for all citizens for years to come."

Chris Silva, longtime Executive Director of the Bardavon 1896 Opera House in Poughkeepsie added, "This group of performing arts centers are economic, educational and cultural engines in Upstate. We are hoping the state can make a modest investment in us that will pay huge dividends."

Alive Downtowns! is an affiliate corporation to the Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame, established eight years ago in response to the establishment of casinos in the eastern and southern tiers of the state. More information about Alive Downtowns! can be found at [aifairgame.net](http://aifairgame.net).



The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie (above) and Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston (right) are part of a coalition of upstate historic performing arts centers seeking ongoing funding from New York State. Photos by Tim Lee



**HISTORICAL PROGRAM SET JAN. 27 VIA ZOOM**

On Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. on Zoom, the Rhinebeck Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting, which will include a presentation by Shannon Butler, "Historic Murders in Dutchess County."

Butler, the Historian for the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, will share her research of some of Dutchess County's most gruesome murders from the 18th through the early 20th centuries. Using court records, early newspaper articles, and pamphlets, she will examine several killers, including one of the first female serial killers, the horrible murder of a Poughkeepsie businessman in his own home, and several more bloody acts. If you love true crime and history, then this program is for you!

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82090300101?pwd=MSsyUzJkRGZqVUNaUjZMR05EcnBwZz09>  
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**Two county farms gain Century Farm designation**

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a Christmas tree operation that still exists today. Steven and his wife Patty manage the farm day to day. Their two sons help with tree planting and sculling during the holiday season. Now the grandkids are getting old enough to help out, as well.

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## City of Poughkeepsie Hudson Valley Community Power Electricity Supply Program in Our City



**What is CCA?**

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), is a state enabled program, which offers residents and small businesses the opportunity to receive more attractive electricity supply terms through the bargaining power of aggregation (group purchasing).

**What is the Municipality's Role?**

The City enabled CCA through a local law and selected a program administrator.

**Who is the CCA Administrator?**

Joule Community Power, a division of Joule Assets, who has been authorized by the state to administer CCA programs in New York.

**Does this program replace my utility company?**

No, Central Hudson will still be responsible for billing and responding to power outages.

**Can I participate if I already have rooftop solar or community solar or hydro?**

Yes, you can participate!

**How will my bill look?**

You will still receive one bill from Central Hudson, but the supply section of your bill will show the name of the alternative supplier/CCA Administrator.


**What is Opt-Out Enrollment?**

Opt-out enrollment means that you will automatically be enrolled to participate in the CCA program unless you are already receiving supply service from an alternative supplier, have a block on your account, or take action to opt-out of the program. There is no fee or penalty for opting out. Not sure if you'll be automatically enrolled? Contact us!

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**To learn more, join our in-person info session:**  
Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5 pm  
City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
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# Millbrook Rotary to open Community Fridge as part of international event on May 20

by Rich Thomaselli

Circle May 20 on your calendar. It's a day of helping and giving. Mostly with your time.

More than 500 Rotary clubs, over 15,000 Rotarians, and thousands of volunteers spanning five states and three countries will join forces on Saturday, May 20 to tackle wide-ranging projects from collecting clothing for those experiencing homelessness and refurbishing long-neglected parks to feeding those with food insecurity.

The Millbrook Rotary is just one of several clubs worldwide that will participate in the event.

"Rotarians are known for their tireless efforts to help those in need, but the 2023

Day of Service event will be the single largest coordinated multi-District Rotary community volunteer effort we've ever held in our region," said Drew Kessler, Rotary International Director for Rotary Zones 28 and 32 in the Northeast.

The Millbrook Club will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the Millbrook Community Fridge located at the Millbrook Library by hosting a food drive event on May 20 at the Millbrook Library AND in front of Marona's Market from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. accepting food donations both fresh and shelf stable. They will be joined by Lyall Food Pantry and Comida de Vida Food Pantry to share resources and more ways to support neighbors in need.

Everyone is welcome, everyone is

invited to stop by – donate – and say hello.

The Rotary Day of Service isn't just for Rotarians.

Anyone who wants to "Get Behind the Wheel" and give back to their own communities can visit [RotaryDayOfService.org](http://RotaryDayOfService.org) and click on the

'Register to Volunteer' tab for information. Once registered, local clubs will contact volunteers and provide details.

For more information on Day of Service projects, visit <http://rotarydayofservice.org> and for information about the Fridge, follow @millbrookcommunityfridge on Instagram.

## NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be an early press schedule for the May 31 issue of Northern Dutchess News. The deadline for all advertising and editorial copy is Thursday, May 25.

Email [cschmidt@dutchessnews.com](mailto:cschmidt@dutchessnews.com) for more information.

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and never looked back," said Mount, who has Miller, a six-year-old German shepherd and Buster, a 19-month-old German shepherd.

Mount stated, "The program is great. I came for a class in 2018 and never looked back. Nose work, particularly with this methodology, opens a whole new world and relationship for dogs and their humans."

According to Mount, "For my dog Miller, I can honestly say Nose Work saved his life. He had such confidence issues that manifested in inappropriate behaviors. He is so much more balanced and gets to exercise his brain in a sport he loves."

One caveat though for the program is there is a limit to the number of participants that can be in a class.

"In order to give the dogs and handlers proper attention, the average class is limited to 6 teams per class," said Tetrault. The program is offered at Top Notch Dog Training's training center in Wappingers Falls.

Holic said, the program "really helps with confidence for shy timid dogs or even for mental stimulation for more active dogs." She added, "It's so rewarding to watch your dog succeed and grow as a team together."

Mount said, "In nose work, your dog is the lead, and you are the supporting cast. It is amazing to watch them problem solve and work out scent puzzles. I loved it so much. I went through the instructor certification program and now get to share my passion for nose work with student teams."

Top Notch Dog Training also offers the sport of K9 Nose Work. For more information on that program, visit

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**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm on Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/HVCPMay27>)**

**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in Poughkeepsie City Hall**

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